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(*A Supplement to the "Supremacy of Man."*)

"Καὶ τὴν πόλιν τὴν ἁγίαν, εἶδον καταβαίνουσαν ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἡτοιμασμένην ὡς Νύμφην."

JOHN PULSFORD.

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1881

TO MY READERS.

If the Author's desire and purpose are in any measure realized, the following work will supply the service of a temporary Bridge, over the gulf, between the shallow beliefs and chaotic doubts of our closing Age, and the entire Humanness, the Divine Humanness, of our New Age.—A temporary bridge, because Heaven will provide a much more complete, yea an irresistible way over.

His former books kept in view a new evolution of Humanity, as the end of God, and the hope of man; but the dual completeness and unity of man, with God insphered in that unity, as the sun of the world, was not yet risen above the horizon. It rises now; and it is Revelation. The word by which God expressed Himself in the beginning, was the living organic form of His man-woman offspring. His end, is His beginning confirmed, magnified, glorified, and established for ever. The summer of humanity is at hand. What were latent germs of promise, are becoming flower and fruit.

To his friends and blood-relatives, and to all sympathetic readers of "Quiet Hours," "Christ and His Seed," and "The Supremacy of Man," the writer commends this Testimony of his full age. This half century past, we have been slowly approaching the City of Humanity: now we enter it, at the rising of the sun. And lo, verily, it is a City worthy of God. "Glorious things have been spoken of thee;" but now that the veil is being withdrawn, we behold the glories, not in words, but in humanity, restored to Divine order. It outgrows from God; it in-

volves and evolves His nature and character; it represents His fulness; and provides the required, long-waited-for conditions of unfolding the harmonies and the delights of His Love. O City of God! City of our Dual Humanity! In thee God shall dwell quite otherwise than in traditions, stone-temples and sacraments. In thee shall shine the reflection of His own "Perfection of Beauty." God shall be "admired" in thee, literally "glorified" in thee.

A clearer Light, and the heat of a more fervent Love, have been stirring and quickening the hearts and minds of men; venerated shadows flee away; old idols of doctrine and ritual are resigned to moles and bats. Instead of mental religiousness, and the solemnity of ceremonial, the Divinely vitalized forms, new man and new woman, are being built for the inhabitation of God.

Every foretold sign announces that the foreglow of the Second Coming of Christ is invading the world, and stealing into the souls and bosoms of all aspiring and sensitive people. They are literally travailing in birth, with the Humanity of the future. An intimation will be found somewhere in these pages that Electricity as a new light and a new medium of universal communication, should be hailed as a most significant sign. The nerves of men are undergoing a corresponding magnetic refinement, their minds are strained to a new tension, and a new Chemistry is at work in the atmosphere. Secret ways are being mined, and grooves opened, for the influx of a new measure of the Life of God and the Glory of Heaven, into our planet.

The writer is certain that to many, the reading of this book will be like a new birth. They will begin to see that the dream of their nature, which they have never found courage to utter, is both more real, and more Divine, than any thing which they have found either in the fiction of the world, or the abstract, prose-Christianity of the Church.

If you ask him how he *knows* this, he replies: The things which are herein submitted to others, have already given immense joy to him, and as he is man, and a brother, there must be men and women, who, in a special

sense are his kindred, who will enter into his joy, and their joy. New pleasure from hidden wells, ineffable pleasure, and ineffably pure, will pulse through and through their whole spirit, soul, and body.

"See, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, since I tasted a little of this Honey."

The book cannot be referred to the poetry, sentimentalism, or imagination of the writer. For it is based on the central, organic, and crowning Fact. *Humanity is*, and is God's supreme effect and manifestation. Man is the summing up of the universe, the son-daughter, the daughter-son of the Infinite. All that is in God, all that is in Nature, and all that is in Scripture, make a unity in Man. From such a ground and basis, very naturally, love and reason, poetry and art, multiplicity and harmony, beauty and bliss, become bloom and experience. Man, being an organism that takes hold of the Creation, of his fellow-man, and of God, leaves nothing unrepresented. All effects range under him, and all vital, and Most Vital Causes, minister to him. He is the Heart and Face of the infinite universal Fact.

The bond which will bind East and West, North and South together, is our common humanity. The sanctity and the strength, the glory and everlastingness of the bond is God.

The closed gate of our Paradisal human life, at length opens. In coming to ourselves we come home, and finding God in our home, we find a strictly universal Religion, and come into universal sympathies. East and West will shortly embrace each other, and celebrate the marriage of heaven and earth, of God and man. Asiatics and Europeans will not lose their distinctions, but they will lose their prejudice and their division; and find their unity, in the bosom of their common nature. In our long lost, newly found joy, we re-enter Eden.

After the notes of this preface were already written, it gave us no little pleasure to read the following pas-

sage, reported from Mr Keshub Chundar Sen's last address in Calcutta. I quote from the current number of "The Contemporary Review."

"Let Europe enter into the *heart* of Asia, and Asia enter into the *mind* of Europe; and let us realize a European Asia, and an Asiatic Europe. We say to the Pacific, 'Pour thy waters into the Atlantic,' and we say to the West, 'Roll back to the East.'"

"Cultivate this communion my brethren, and continually absorb all that is good and noble in each other. Do not exclude others, as sectarians do, but include and absorb all humanity and all truth. Let the embankment which each sect, each nation, has raised, be swept away by the flood of cosmopolitan truth, and let all the barriers which separate man from man be pulled down, so that truth and love and purity, may flow freely through millions of hearts, and through successive generations from country to country. Thus shall the deficiencies of individual and national character be complemented, and humanity shall attain a fuller and more perfect standard of religious and moral life."

"There is no reason, my European friends, why you should move eternally in your narrow groove, rejecting everything which is Eastern and Asiatic. Why should you not add to your national virtues those of the East? Why should you not add to your philosophy, science, and civilization, the faith and poetry of Asia?"

I stretch out both arms of my spirit and embrace thee brother, and Asia in thee, and say: Unity is coming, Humanity is coming, the Kingdom of Heaven is coming. Lord Jesus, and with Him, myriads of our race above are saying, 'Let us go down to our children and brethren;' and we, with our bosoms kindling for the meeting, are saying, 'Come.'

EDINBURGH,
Close of 1881.

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