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*Sweet voices from the upper spheres,
Breathe over earth their thrilling lays,
Their soothing tones have banished fears,
And filled the soul with fervent praise.*

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PREFACE.

The poetry, thus presented to the public, has been published in obedience to the directions of its authors

It has been given, from time to time, to Circle A. of Philadelphia, by Spirits of the Second Sphere, through the alphabetic card, and has been printed without alteration or correction—in most cases, it has been received so rapidly as to render it impossible for an expert penman to transcribe it in full; the medium has never written poetry, and has been repeatedly surprised at the ease and rapidity, with which she now receives it.

In some instances, tunes have been proposed by members, and, in a few minutes, words were received adapted to them—such, and some other familiar tunes, have been designated, for the purpose of assisting Circles in the selection of music.

It is well known to all friends of the Spiritual or Harmonial Philosophy, that *ringing* is an essential aid in the promotion of harmony—our instructors have desired that these odes should be published for the use of circles, as they have, in them, embodied sentiments proper to be cherished by all seekers after the wisdom, love, and truth of the higher spheres of existence, now being revealed by the angelic dwellers of those celestial habitations.

W. J. R. 19 FEB '36

TO THE UNINITIATED IN THE BEAUTIES
OF
SPIRITUAL INTERCOURSE.

MORTALS, arise, for the day of truth is dawning. Why slumber in darkness when the bright luminary of truth sheds its beams in your midst? Why seek ye not the intercourse with spheres above? Why strive ye not to draw down the wisdom from on high? Many seek not, because they deem the subject enshrouded in mystery, and that some outward association is necessary to open the gates, and allow the spiritual visitors to enter into earthly homes. Be ye wise, and understand that it is not outward assistance that renders communication possible, but know that the true initiation is the growth, the harmonious expansion of the interior principle of man—his spirit; through its development, he shall gather heavenly treasures.

Harmony is the essential principle of all associations—the law of affinity is active throughout all portions of creation, therefore harmonious beings cannot be attracted where discord exists. With this lesson of truth for the foundation of your action in seeking light from spiritual spheres, ye may hope for success to crown your efforts. It needs not that a developed medium should be in your midst, but it is generally necessary that harmonious minds, having aspirations for truth, should be gathered into one holy bond of union.

It is better, not to have the circle exceed fourteen in number, but it is not necessary that there be that many—if that number of candid seekers for truth can not be found, it is well to begin with a few, and gradually increase, as harmonious individuals are attracted towards you. To ensure rapid progression, it is requisite that the circle should meet as frequently as possible—at least, once in each week; each member should feel it a duty to be present regularly, at the appointed time. To render harmony complete, the members of the circle should be seated closely together, therefore, if there be but few, it is well to dispense with the use of a table, and to sit closely, as possible, and at equal distances.

The next essential principle; minds must be concentrated upon the same subject. Singing is an important harmoniser of the feelings, for music awakes a ready response in every soul. The reading of spiritual communications will also be found effective, in bringing the mind to a proper state of exaltation and harmony—general conversation on spiritual subjects should be free, but all discussion must be avoided.

There should be no fear, but a passive feeling should be induced, that the physical and spiritual systems may be moulded by the gentle influence of the Spirit Land—yield willingly to that influence in whatever way it may be experienced, for it will adapt itself to the peculiar organism of the subject to be controlled.

Be assured, if these directions be followed, wisdom and peace shall envelope you with their holy atmosphere, and the heavenly dew of love be showered on your souls.

When communications be at first received, be cautious in giving them full weight, until the medium is brought under our control—mediums, in the early stages of development, are, in many cases, excitable, and there is much probability that the communications will be tinged with their own prejudices and affections. When communications are received on important subjects, it is well to submit questions in relation to them, to different, well-developed mediums; thus, by comparison, shall the light be perceived.

Reason must not be laid aside, in the investigation of this all important subject; infallibility is claimed not by spirits of the second sphere, therefore, say they unto you,—reason on all things, and receive that, which is in harmony with the principles of Nature.

It is the mission of angels to point out the duty of mortals, and to assist in its performance, and it is the duty of mortals to strive to know the object of their existence, and to fulfil its requirements, therefore, let all haste to partake of the knowledge which shall truly bless them.

This communication we desire to have published with the poetry, designed for the use of circles; we have deemed it well, that the conditions on which intercourse depends should be made known therewith, that, wherever that book may find its way, there may also be scattered the seeds of knowledge, from which, shall spring up plants, laden with the fruits of Heaven.

PRAYER.

Oh Father, thou art the Source of Life : thou art the Giver and the Creator of all things ; thou alone art the Disposer of the events of the Universe itself ; thou hast dispensed thy glory in every particle of the illimitable world ; no portion is void of the divine radiance that beams around the influx of the Holy Spirit that pervades every particle of Creation. Thou hast studded the sky with worlds of beauty, but far more glorious are the gems thou hast imbedded within the soul, created in thy own image and likeness. Thou hast created all things in accordance with thy infinite wisdom, and thou hast judged all things with the judgment of love and mercy.

We thank thee for the divine beauties and creations that surround our path ; we joy in the bliss, that thou hast made dependent on the action of the healthy soul.

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We, in accordance with the light that we perceive, will endeavor to glorify thy Holy Name by living in harmony with those principles of divine love, which are implanted within our very nature, and in all things strive to discern the light, which beameth from thy habitation.

We glory that we have all been created dependent beings, and that we will be enabled through our opening and unfolding perceptions, to fulfil the commandments thus made binding on all—as we perceive thy blessings descending, like the dew on the earth, alike to all the race of mankind, whether in the spirit-spheres or upon the rudimental, so shall our hearts, as we progress in the love of thy Spirit, embrace all nations and kindreds, and our love shall flow forth in works of goodness and charity to all beings. We pray not that thy Spirit should be shed abroad over the spheres of existence, for we know that that which is needed shall be granted, but we desire that by our progress, we may be brought to see thy glory, which even now pervades all the creations of the universe.

This is the time for action, and as our feelings work in hope for the good of mankind on Earth, we