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PART ONE

1. Introducing Elder Raymond

There was no doubt that Elder Raymond could produce the most enchanting music from the Bible. I refer to its various teachings which, in capable hands, can be rendered exquisitely rhythmic, balanced and orderly.

It was my sister Grace who first told me, in the presence of Kenneth our brother, about this unusual personality. She had been invited to a gathering of friends who had met in the lounge of one of the larger houses. There she discovered Elder Raymond, the magnetic centre of a group, answering question after question with a facility which took the bulk of those present by surprise.

"Edmund," she said, "it was an unforgettable experience!" There was a glow on her face which revealed that what she heard had captivated her as nothing else had done before. Her interest stimulated my interest, for she was no superficial thinker. Moreover her whole personality was charged with a virtue in harmony with her name. It was she who had efficiently taken charge of our household since our sad bereavement which involved the loss of our parents.

2. Where are our dead?

She said that the question of the condition of those who had passed away had arisen. Among those present was a Mr. Mackerton, who was a fluent speaker in religious circles. He spoke of friends and relatives who had died and who were now invisibly surrounding their loved ones, encouraging and aiding them in all manner of ways.

"What a comfort this is," he reiterated, "and what advantages we, who belong to the Lord, have over unbelievers!"

The speaker appeared to know nothing of Elder Raymond, because he showed some surprise when the gathering, led by the host and hostess, turned their gaze towards a quiet, unobtrusive man of mature years, as though expecting him to say something. The words that followed were spoken quietly and in tones of complete assurance.

"It was the Apostle Paul," he said, "who spoke of the God of all comfort! Why anyone should deem it comforting to think of their dead friends and relatives hovering around them baffles me! I ask, is not the great Creator the grand Source of every good and perfect gift? Should we not look to Him, first, last and all the time, for truth and consolation? It is when we come to that stage of spiritual development that we *know* Him, know the real worth of His character as revealed by His sovereign purposes, that we begin to realize in the words of the poet, that: *'All lesser light will darken quite, all lower glories wane; the beautiful of earth will scarce seem beautiful again!'*"

3. The Testimony of Job

Elder Raymond paused as though he would give Mr. Mackerton and others an opportunity to express themselves. In the absence of response he continued:

"Allow me, please, to deny that our loved ones are with us after death. I could quote many Scriptures, but here is one which aptly describes the state of the dead. It is found in the book of Job. His words came in the wake of terrible afflictions: loss of children, loss of wealth and himself smitten with an excruciating malady.

"'Why died I not from the womb? Then would I have *lain still* and been *quiet*. I should have *slept* and been at *rest* with kings and counsellors who have built sepulchres for themselves. There the wicked *cease* from troubling and the weary are *at rest*. There the prisoners *rest* together: they *hear not* the voice of the oppressor. The small and great are there. The servant is free from his master.'" (Job 3.)

4. Why death?

Grace said that it was just here that the hostess asked:

"Elder Raymond, would it not be interesting and instructive to say something about why people die?"

"Yes, I was coming to that. To begin with, one cannot help realizing the importance of keeping doctrines harmoniously balanced with every other doctrine. The one before us is basic! If we would know the truth, we must be consistent. Remember, therefore, that the sentence passed upon father

Adam was death: 'dying thou shalt die.' It was to be death because he had misused the power of life which had been so graciously bestowed upon him by his Maker. Instead of living for all time in an earthly paradise, we read: '*And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years and he died*' (Gen. 5:5).

"The apostle declares that the seeds of death were then planted in Adam's progeny. He says: 'By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned' (Romans 5:12). In consequence of this, death is manifesting itself unto this day. Every ache and pain, every ignoble thought and word, every procession to the lonely grave, are evidences of original sin and ultimate corruption. To say that when one dies he is more alive than ever before, reverses that verdict. Remember that one must have a body to wander in and out of the avenues of life. One must have a brain to receive and direct thought and action. Stop, therefore, the pulsations of the heart, annul the capacity of the brain and one ceases to exist. Hear now the words of the Psalmist as he pondered over human frailty: 'His breath (*spirit of life common to every form of animal creation*) goeth forth; in that very day his thoughts perish.' Even that creed which says: 'I believe in the resurrection of the body' rightfully asserts itself, declaring the need of a body for the resumption of existence."

5. The answer of Spiritism

"It was just here," continued Grace, "that there arose the shrill voice of a girl, who cried loud enough for all to hear: 'Why, my Aunt Bessie told me only the other day that she often sees her boy who had passed away seven years ago!'

The effect on the gathering was electrical! There was generated an atmosphere of hushed wonderment! Who on earth had the solution to a phenomenon which was by no means rare in its occurrence? Even Mr. Mackerton smiled, Elder Raymond, however, continued with unruffled calm:

"Here now is something which appears to conflict with what I have been saying. Even so, I repeat that death means death and that when the heart stops beating life and intelligence disappear just as completely as the blowing out of a candle flame! I also make bold to declare that those who have died are in hell: not the hell of false creed and dogma, but the Bible hell which carries the thought of oblivion. Indeed 'oblivion' is the best interpretation of the word hell. It conveys the thought of an entire absence of consciousness: *oblivious to everything* as it were. That it carries this implication is shown constantly throughout the Bible. The afflicted Job cried: 'O that thou wouldest hide me in the *grave* until thy wrath be past!' That word grave is from the Hebrew *sheol*, from which the word *hell* is derived (Job 14:13).

6. Fact or fancy?

"But what shall we say with regard to Spiritism? Is it fact or is it fancy? That something supernatural so often takes place at their gatherings cannot be denied, but may I remind you of at least one evil spirit who so often transforms himself into an angel of light. I refer to the one who told Eve that if she ate the forbidden fruit '*Ye shall not surely die!*' Since then that same falsehood has been perpetuated in every age and clime. Apart from Christendom, the heathens likewise have woven this teaching into their strange beliefs. Do we wonder, therefore, at the words of the Master with respect to the Devil: '*He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth. He is a liar and the father of it*' (John 8:44; Gen. 3:4; 2 Cor. 11:14).

"It is on record that many an angel, led by the example of Lucifer, fell from Divine grace before the flood. They became demons. These are they who have been pestering mankind ever since. Time will tell to what degree they have urged men to crime and war. They have certainly led the way to false doctrines which have been variable enough to fit in with the many-sided inclinations of man (1 Tim. 4).

"One bypath is spiritism. Possessing powers above human, these fallen spirits know all about those who have lived upon the earth. They can therefore simulate voices, mannerisms and even appearances which assume spectral shapes. Sometimes their words, expressed through mediums, are cunningly smooth and subtly comforting, at other times they are foolish and bewildering. Coming now to the case of that boy who we are told has been seen by his mother after a lapse of seven years. I ask

is he still a boy? Has there been no kind of development or growth? Surely this cannot stand the light of reason, especially when we take into consideration that human anatomy is adapted to earthly conditions. We certainly know nothing of the shapes and sizes of spirit beings. We must therefore conclude that gross materializations have taken place and that such testimonies do not savour of the truth."

7. Wizards that peep and mutter

Grace at this point of her narrative, paused for the sake of recollection. Presently she resumed by saying:

"Yes, it has come to me now. It was at this juncture that Mr. Mackerton was heard exclaiming with some heat:

"'Chapter and verse!'"

But Elder Raymond replied courteously as follows:

"I thank you, Brother Mackerton. We certainly agree that we cannot over-estimate the value of our Lord's written testimony! We may philosophize! We may accept a particular creed, but unless substantiated by the reasonable deductions of God's word, we would be building our structures on sand.

"Allow me therefore to quote a passage which reveals God's attitude to spiritists and to those who seek their services. Moses addressed Israel thus: '*There shall not be found among you any one that useth divination, as an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer; for all these things are an abomination unto the Lord*' (Deut. 18:10-12).

"Then there is that warning in the eighth chapter of Isaiah which proclaims the secretive nature of those contacts: '*Bind up the admonition, seal the teaching among my disciples. And when they say unto you: Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto wizards that peep and mutter, then shall ye answer: Should not a people seek unto their God? The living rather than to the dead! To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*'"

8. For every man!

Grace went on to say that the crowning feature of Elder Raymond's remarks came when he discoursed on the far-reaching effects of redemption. He said that it was because Jesus had died on behalf of His fallen brother Adam, that Adam and all in Adam were promised a resurrection. The apostle records this thus: "*For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.*" This is borne out by the declaration that Jesus by the grace of God tasted death for every man and that He died as a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:3-6; Romans 5:19.

He further stated that the return from the dead mainly involves two classes. Firstly those who during the reign of sin have been justified by faith and which particularly includes those who have been following in the Master's footsteps during the past 2,000 years. The second is the world of mankind whose judgment day is to last a thousand years. Though the latter will come back with their sinful propensities unchanged, nevertheless they will be given an ample opportunity to learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9; Rev. 20:4; 2 Peter 3:8; Zech. 3:9).

"That will be a wonderful time!" he continued. "A time of refreshing and blessing such as earth has never known! But let us ever remember that this is based upon atoning values. Jesus Christ died at great cost to Himself! His sufferings and death were no make believe! They were real factors in the just transaction of a perfect human life for a human life. God so loved the world that he gave the best He had. 'Scarcely,' said the apostle, 'for a righteous man will one die, but God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:7, 8). Let us become acquainted, dear friends, with the wisdom of our God. He has permitted evil for the highest good of His creatures. Happy are those who courageously enter through the portals of life eternal! Each one so doing will appreciate Him in no other way. His ways are best and His will alone makes for the peace and harmony of His universe. How true are those words:

God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.
He plants His footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs and works His sovereign will.
His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower.
Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter and He will make it plain."



Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth—Zech. 8: 3.

PART TWO

9. A critical time!

The foregoing is a brief report of what Grace heard on the occasion of her memorable visit. She was left with an unforgettable impression that there were truly enlightened Christians to be found here and there in this dark world of sin.

Then the war came and the memory of Elder Raymond, with all that he stood for, was imperceptibly thrust into the background. Soon the weeks melted into months, and months into that dread period when we used to sit in our shelter wondering, in the midst of the ominous sound of aeroplanes and quakings of earth, whether the next moment would be our last. Those days were trying in the extreme. Days when Britain appeared to stand alone in her warfare against a foe whose humanity had turned into devilish brutality.

It was on such a day as this that Grace sprang a pleasant surprise. She had been shopping and on her return she said somewhat breathlessly: "I have just met Elder Raymond! And he has promised to pay us a visit next Saturday afternoon!"

Though we said but little yet from that moment each of us began to ponder deeply, and this went on until our trio had been quadrupled by the presence of one who was especially entitled to respect and hospitality. When we had settled ourselves before a cheerful fire, Grace said to our visitor:

"I believe you understand how we feel. Speaking for myself I ask is it compatible for a God of love, possessed with supreme power, to allow so many atrocious crimes and for the innocent to cruelly suffer?"

"Moreover," interjected Kenneth, where's the sense? There's enough to meet the needs of all in the shape of food and clothing, enough space upon this revolving planet for all to move about, hence why should we be called upon to endure the murderous assaults and nonsensical whims of low-bred scoundrels who are not fit to live!"

I am afraid that Kenneth is often inclined to use strong language. But I have noticed that Grace usually possessed the happy art of soothing his mind and moderating his speech.

10. Will evil be overthrown?

It was I who spoke next: "You see, Elder Raymond, the state of our minds! Be assured that we have faith in the existence of Almighty God; but we are perplexed. Our burning questions are: Is mankind travelling an endless road of misery and shame? Will they for ever go on suffering as they do? Is the tomb to be their goal for time and eternity? And will they continue to descend lower than brute beasts in their destruction of one another?"

"Yes!" cried Kenneth, "will they never cease torturing their fellows? None of us asked to come into the world! A curse; a curse I say on this so-called civilization!"

As Grace laid a gentle hand upon the arm of Kenneth, Elder Raymond gazed at each of us in turn and calmly said: "I quite understand! There are things happening today which do not harmonize with a power which could be utilized only for supreme good. At times you feel as though you would like to see all evil obliterated and righteousness established no matter what the means used to accomplish this end. You have rightly contrasted the waywardness of man with that which is often discerned in the realms of nature. The birds have told you in melodious song, how much they enjoy their existence. The flowers have revealed a Designer who appreciates beauty and who is infinitely greater than that of man. The sun, moon and stars have proclaimed vast and amazing potentialities all responding to a single control. With these things before you, you have affirmed God's existence even though some things are wrapped in clouds of mystery!"

"Yes, yes!" we all agreed.

11. Peace on earth

"Well, shall we not go further and heartily accept that angelic message which was addressed to the shepherds of Israel: 'Fear not, for behold I bring you *good tidings of great joy* which shall be unto all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.' Recall how this same message thrilled a multitude of the heavenly host who sang *'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'* The implication is that of universal tranquillity and blessing which is to take the place of sorrow, crying and dying through the power and authority of One who was once a Babe born of a virgin at Bethlehem."

"You speak confidently," murmured Kenneth.

At these words Elder Raymond closed his eyes and paused. Then he slowly turned and fixed his gaze on Kenneth, saying:

"I speak confidently because these things are true. It was for this cause that Christ died. His own resurrection guarantees the resurrection of the entire human family. The Scriptures have been providentially arranged to plant faith and hope in our souls as well as an appreciation of Divine goodness. Unless we are willing to behold that goodness, we shall be deprived of His favour. Meanwhile we gain nothing by giving vent to rash unreasonable words."

Kenneth was subdued. He bowed his head and covered his eyes to hide his distress. While doing this he murmured: "I'm sorry! I do not know what comes over me at times! Owing to sleepless nights, my nerves are all on edge!" Then after a degree of silence he resumed: "Seeing that Jesus died so long ago why the delay? Is Utopia a long way off?"

This change of attitude served to put us all at our ease. In quiet tones Elder Raymond answered: "Your question is important. In the first place we must remember that what appears a long time to us, is really a brief period compared to eternity. With regard to times and seasons, we can only do our stumbling best to fathom His ways. Meanwhile let us be thankful that, be the time long or short, His gracious far-reaching promises will surely be fulfilled: *'My Word shall not return unto Me void'* (*Isaiah* 55).

12. Nearing the end!

Elder Raymond continued: "Here let me say that there are a few things which indicate that the end is by no means far away. It has been said that we are living, we are dwelling, in a grand yet awful time! Present conditions are so clearly portrayed in the Scriptures, that they cannot fail to awaken our interest. This because their fulfilment could only arise in the wake of modern discovery and invention.

"We read that the Lord will *'gather the nations.'* We are reminded that peoples are now so closely linked together, that what occurs in one part of the earth may be known in the other in the matter of seconds. With regard to traffic, we learn that they shall *'run like lightnings'* and appear as *'flaming torches.'* Think of it: it was only a few hundred years ago that the horse was the speediest method of travelling. Now, in the language of Scripture, they *'rage in the streets and jostle against one another in the broadways.'* We also read that 'many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased,' conditions which are said to accompany *'a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation'*" (Daniel 12; Nahum 2:3, 4; Zeph. 3:8, 9).

"Signs that the end is indeed near!" I exclaimed.

"Yes, Edmund," came the gracious response. "And when this is linked with the time features of the Bible, a double emphasis is imparted. The law given to Israel was a shadow of good things to come. That people were told to work during six days and to rest on the seventh. In it they were to do no manner of work. It may at first seem strange that that commandment was given as a *sign*, but this is so mentioned. We are told that a day with the Lord is as a thousand years. All we need to do, therefore, is to think of six consecutive days of one thousand years each. This makes a total of 6,000 years during which mankind is toiling on and on, giving vent to their own desires. They thus continue until brought face to face with the Lord of the Sabbath Who will reign a thousand years, offering peace, happiness and righteousness to the willing and obedient (Isaiah 9:6, 7; 11:1-10; Mark 2:28; Rev. 20:2-4; Exodus 31:12-18; 2 Peter 3:8).

"That's wonderful!" murmured Grace.

13. Will wars end ?

" By the way," interjected Kenneth, " I want to be quite sure of this: will wars completely be brought to an end? "

Elder Raymond smilingly answered thus: " War will become unthinkable! Each human being will be as precious as a ' golden wedge of Ophir.' To bring this about, men's hearts will be ennobled with grace and truth. Today they resemble wild beasts! At that time ' a little child shall lead them.' Here is a prophecy which awaits fulfilment: ' Many people shall go and say, Come: let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob! He will teach us His way and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people ; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more ' " (Isaiah 2:3, 4 ; 11:1-10 ; 13:12).

" Hallelujah! " cried Kenneth, " and what about sickness? "

" That too will pass away. ' The inhabitant shall not say I am sick.' It will therefore be an era in every way different from that now prevailing. Today, disease is rampant, but at that time, tribulations will affect the evil doer only. The apostle speaks of times of restoration which God has spoken by the mouth of holy prophets since the world began. Jesus declared that He had come into the world to seek and to save that which was lost " (Matt. 18:11 ; Acts 3:19-23 ; Isaiah 33:24).

14. Paradise restored

Elder Raymond went on to say that it was immediately after his disobedience that Adam commenced to lose his faith, his health and his mental serenity. Turned out of the fruit-laden Garden of Eden, wherein grew sustenance which completely met his physical needs, he and his wife began to lose their lovely perfection. Food was now impoverished. This, and much more, will be restored in the new age. There will not only be the right kind of dietary, but the very elements breathed in by man will probably become more perfectly balanced, as will climate as a whole. We recall that after the flood, longevity was greatly reduced: We have a hint of speedy fermentation through the effect of wine upon Noah (Gen. 9: 20, 21).

" Concerning health," he continued, " is it not true that the spirit of cheer accompanying this, is indescribable in the exquisite pleasure it brings! The nearest approach is that of happy, healthy and confident children. At that time, people, instead of getting old and decrepit, will find themselves becoming strong and nimble. Looking back they will realize that suffering and death were the most unnatural things which had ever come to pass. Instead of depositing the remains of loved ones in the tomb, they will be receiving them back in answer to prayer. Speaking parabolically of the future age, Jesus said, ' I was in prison and ye came unto Me! ' There will be no prisons in the ordinary sense of the word ; He therefore referred to the prison house of death which one can only visit through the avenues of prayer. Recall the words: ' Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded: *they shall come again from the land of the enemy*! ' ' The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death ' " (1 Cor. 15:26 ; Jer. 31:16 ; Matt. 25:36).

15. Science to the forefront !

" Magnificent! " ejaculated Kenneth, " what a dream picture! By the way, how will modern science play its part? "

" Naturally this will be used, not to the detriment of one's fellows, but for their uplift. ' *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,* for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.' Science and invention have come to stay. Take the radio, for instance: we can well imagine coloured stereoscopical scenes being reproduced and sent from one end of the earth to the other.

" With regard to aeroplanes, their efficiency combined with equable atmospheric conditions, will rule out mishaps. The Bible prophetically records these at a time when they were inconceivable: *"Who are these that fly as a cloud and as doves to their windows?* Throughout that empire, work will be rhythmic and enjoyable: this because that dread sentence is lifted: ' In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread until thou turnest unto the ground ' (Gen. 3:19 ; Isaiah 25:5-9 ; 60:8).

" Utopia at last! " exclaimed Kenneth.

" Yes, but obedience will be essential. Remember that life is reserved for those who delight themselves in God. There is this note of warning in that enthralling Psalm 145: 'The Lord preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.' "

" Whom will they obey? " I asked.

" We are told that the saints will judge the world. They will be immortal, hence invisible to the human race. They once existed in the flesh seeking to do the will of God under adverse conditions. Misunderstood and maligned like their Master, they developed strong, purposeful and sympathetic characters. The Lord loved them dearly: '*Strength and beauty are in thy sanctuary*. Their future work will be one of uplifting, encouraging, blessing and fair dealing which knows no other course than that of righteousness. Their earthly representatives will be those men and women of faith who lived prior to our Lord's earthly ministry." (Heb. 11.)

16. Return of the prominent

Grace, who had been quietly and intently listening to all that was being said, suddenly broke into her reverie by saying: " Wonderful! Amazing! Glorious! I presume that this also means the return to earthly conditions of the prominent people of the past? "

" Yes," agreed Elder Raymond. " Drawing a veil over those who have wrought so much evil and who will be brought forth to 'shame and contempt' until they perchance 'learn righteousness,' there will be others of outstanding merit and ability.

" Regarding scientific research, what shall we say of men like Newton, Stephenson, Faraday, Edison and Baron Rutherford, who on coming forth will see a development surpassing everything which took place in their former lives? Combining praise and worship, there will be labours suited to their particular bent. Achievement will be added to achievement, until paradise interweaves with fascinating human ingenuity.

" Coming to poetry, we may think of Whittier, Longfellow, Wordsworth and Fanny Crosby, who will find a beauty of expression beyond their former dreams. Of authorship, there come to mind Shakespeare, Dickens and the Brontës, who will discover maturity of thought and a flow of speech eclipsing everything that had gone before. Then there are artists and sculptors — men like Michelangelo, Raphael, Turner, Watts and Dicksee —who are likely to create yet greater things to the glory of God and for the well-being of their fellows. Additionally, the enthralling tones of joy, appreciation and thankful love will be the key-notes and furthered by men like Mozart, Mendelssohn, Handel and Bach. From end to end, the whole earth will ring forth the praises of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords until sorrow, sighing and crying will give place to righteousness, peace and blessing.

" At that time, men and women like Abraham Lincoln, Florence Nightingale, Lord Shaftesbury, Elizabeth Fry, David Livingstone and Nurse Cavell will find their ardent desires for better conditions eclipsed a thousand-fold! They will look up and discern the fountain of mercy, goodness and benevolence: One who is resolutely just in His wise control. When the Queen of Sheba came to Solomon to behold his majesty, she declared that the half had never been told. How much more will it be when the world is brought face to face with One who is greater than Solomon? Bearing in mind these things, we can say from our hearts: '*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!*' "

" How lovely! " murmured Grace. " Oh, if we could always keep these things in mind! "

" Yes! " observed Kenneth. " The prospect is simply grand! "

" And to think that *these things shall be!* " I affirmed. " No wonder we are exhorted to pray: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth even as it is done in heaven.' "

With this we broke into a thankful song of praise:

When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys:
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love and praise!
Oh, how can words with equal warmth, the gratitude declare,
That glows within my inmost heart? But thou canst read it there.
Through all eternity to thee, a grateful song I'll raise;
And my eternal joy shall be to herald wide thy praise!

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THESE things shall be: a nobler race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise,
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.
They shall be gentle, wise and strong
And spill no drop of human blood:
But dare to plant abiding good,
Where once was war and fire and flood.

THESE things shall be: the Christ enthroned
Will bless mankind with grace and truth;
And one and all shall then receive
The secrets of eternal youth.
Back from the dead shall they come forth,
No longer subject to decay:
And peace and joy shall fill the earth
In that fair sweet Millennial Day.

THESE things shall be: yea, man with man
Unharmed shall live as comrades free.
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.
New arts shall bloom of finer mould,
And lovely music thrill the skies:
And every life shall be a song
When all the earth is paradise.

THESE things shall be: this moving globe
Enriched by mercy, truth and praise;
A thousand things displayed to view
Mid charm and grace and kindly ways.
And this through One who came to save
The weeping world of fleeting breath,
The One who flew to our relief
To give us life in place of death.