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OPEN-AIR PROPAGANDA IN BATTERSEA PARK.—On Sunday, July 12th, meetings at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., near the band stand.—A. M. R.

SPIRITUAL ATHENÆUM, 113, EDGWARE-ROAD, N.W.—On Tuesday next, at eight, Mr. A. F. Tindall will read a paper on 'Occult Experiences.' On Sunday next, Mr. Horatio Hunt will give an inspirational lecture at 7 p.m.—A.F.T.

DAWN OF DAY SPIRITUAL SOCIETY, 85 (LATE 81), FORTRESS-ROAD, KENTISH TOWN, N.W.—On Sunday last Mrs. Spring gave clairvoyant descriptions. Mrs. Bingham gave an address. Next Sunday Mr. Dale, of Stockwell, will give an address.—M. RORKE, Hon. Sec.

EDMONTON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, BEECH HALL, HYDE-LANE.—On Sunday last Mr. Banyard gave an address upon 'The Discerning of Spirits,' which was appreciated by an attentive audience. Our Children's Lyceum has commenced, and we shall be pleased if friends in the neighbourhood will send their children. Next Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Brechley.—A.W.

CARDIFF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, ST. JOHN'S HALL.—On Sunday last we were privileged to listen to an excellent address by Mr. G. E. Aldridge, who very kindly came over from Weston-super-Mare. The subject, 'Spiritualism a Reformer—Law the Regenerator,' was very ably treated. Mrs. Dowdall's control, 'Snowflake,' who has so successfully laboured to supplement our work here, afterwards gave several clairvoyant descriptions. Speaker next Sunday, at 6.30 p.m., Mr. E. Adams.—E. A.

NORTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, WELLINGTON HALL, ISLINGTON, N.—On Sunday morning last, the meeting in Finsbury Park was addressed by Messrs. Schackwitz, Davis, Jones, and Brooks. In the evening, at Wellington Hall, Islington, Mr. Rodger, in the chair, read 'Spiritual Universalism' from 'LIGHT,' which served as the text for addresses by Messrs. Davis, Jones, Edwards, and others. Mrs. Jones, under influence, controverted the dogma of the natural depravity of man.—T.B.

SURREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD, S.E.—On Sunday last the officers of the mission conducted our meeting. The subject of 'Immortality' was ably dealt with by Messrs. Beel and Boddington. We hope all members will attend the half-yearly general meeting next Sunday at the Surrey Masonic Hall, after the service. Special meeting of the Temperance branch July 12th, at 10.30 a.m. Next Sunday, W. E. Long. Our annual excursion to Keston Common by brakes next Monday; tickets 3s. 6d., including tea. Apply secretary.—W.P.

STRATFORD SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS, WORKMAN'S HALL, WEST HAM-LANE, E.—During the past month Mr. Ronald Brailey's guides have been giving a series of most interesting and instructive lectures upon 'Mediumship.' We are pleased to state that Mr. Brailey's guides will give a course of lectures during July and August, on Thursday evenings, commencing at eight o'clock; clairvoyance and psychometry afterwards. On Sunday last Evengel gave a discourse to a large audience. Mr. Ronald Brailey next Sunday. Our excursion to Epping Forest by brakes, on Saturday, August 22nd; tickets, 2s. 6d., and 1s. 6d. for children.—THOS. MCCALLUM.

CAVENDISH ROOMS, 51, MORTIMER-STREET, W.—On Sunday evening last Miss Rowan Vincent occupied the platform here with an address, followed by clairvoyance. The address, which was entitled 'The New Science and the Old Faith,' drew the distinction between psychical science which establishes the existence of the unseen world on a basis of fact, and the faith which relies for the most part on ancient records and traditions and the teachings of ecclesiastical authorities. A number of effective points were made, and the whole subject was handled with ability and insight. The clairvoyance which followed was markedly successful, and well exemplified the versatility of the speaker. During the evening a duet, 'Cleansing Fires,' was pleasingly rendered by the Misses Bessie and Florence Cooper, two members of the choir, already favourably known as accomplished vocalists. Mr. W. T. Cooper occupied the chair. Next Sunday Mr. J. Allen (hon. secretary of the Spiritualists' Corresponding Society) is announced to deliver an address on 'The Mission of Spiritualism.'—G.

CHEIRO, the Palmist, has returned to London from America, and will be here for a short season at 157, New Bond-street, W.

ALWAYS the unseen will be more than the seen; always the unknown will encompass and interfuse the known; always we must walk by faith more than by sight. The higher we aspire and reach, the further will the idea recede; the purer and truer we become, the more commanding will be our sense of right, and the more sweet and strong will be the attractions of the true, the beautiful, and the good.—REV. CHARLES G. AMES.

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On Tuesday evening last Mr. Slater gave a public séance at Daulby Hall, Liverpool. The audience numbered upwards of two hundred persons. After a short speech from Mr. S. S. Chiswell, who acted as chairman, Mr. Slater gave between thirty-five and fifty of the most remarkable tests he has ever given in this country, giving one lady thirteen different full names of her relatives and friends who had passed out of the body. Mr. Slater, in his closing remarks, said that he felt this was the best meeting, as regards tests, that he had given in this country.

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CARDIFF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, ST. JOHN'S HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. A. Longville gave an able address, in which he contrasted the teachings of Christendom and Spiritualism upon various fundamental tenets. Mrs. Dowdall ('Snowflake') kindly followed with clairvoyant descriptions. Speaker next Sunday, at 6.30 p.m., Mr. E. G. Sadler.—E. A.

EDMONTON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, BEECH HALL, HYDE-LANE, ESSEX.—On Sunday last Mr. A. Lovell gave an interesting address upon 'Faith Cure,' to a good audience. Our tea and concert on the 7th inst. was a great success; eighty sat down to tea, and in the evening the hall was crowded. We have to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for the success of the concert: Mrs. A. Brailey, Miss Ray, Miss Nice, Mr. Gozzett, Mr. Parry, and Mr. Greenwood. Next Sunday, Mr. R. Brailey.—A. W.

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NORTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY.—The heavy rains on Sunday prevented any meetings in Finsbury Park. In the evening, at Wellington Hall, Mr. Jones presided, and we had just commenced the service when a messenger arrived with the news that Mr. A. M. Rodger had died suddenly of apoplexy during the afternoon whilst at a lecture at the Unitarian Church, Islington. Mr. Rodger was one of the oldest open-air workers we had in London. He was known to every society here, and was ever ready to do his best for one and all. The loss to our society is great, but to his own family it is greater. He was a good husband and a loving parent, and we all unite in deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.—A. W. J.

BATTERSEA PARK OPEN-AIR WORK.—Our 'Temperance' meetings on Sunday were eminently successful. The evening meeting presented the somewhat unique spectacle of an animated crowd of umbrellas. The speakers were protected by a large tree from the rain, which came down heavily nearly all the time. Our esteemed co-worker, Mr. G. D. Wyndoe, has been forced to leave the park, owing to his employers near-by objecting. Having lost two situations previously for similar reasons, he takes our sincerest sympathies with him to fresh fields and pastures new. Over 300 copies of 'LIGHT' and 'Two Worlds' were distributed, with 'M.A. (Oxon.)'s 'Hints to Enquirers' enclosed. Our thanks are due to Mr. Dawson Rogers for the special and gratuitous printing of these valuable pioneer leaflets. Next week, at 3.15 and 6 p.m., the usual workers.—H. B.

GLASGOW.—On the occasion of Mrs. Brigham's visit to this city a highly successful meeting was held at the Waterloo Rooms. After the able address, which was delivered with all the charm which especially characterises Mrs. Brigham's discourses, Mr. Thos. Wild, of Rochdale, gave some clairvoyant descriptions, most of which were recognised. Mr. Wild explained to the audience that it is the spirit of his brother who chiefly controls him. To this brother, he said, he was physically united at birth, but they were subsequently divided by a surgical operation, which, however, his brother only survived about three weeks. A clairvoyant who was present could see Mr. Wild's spirit standing aside whilst his brother had control. On Sunday last our hall was crowded to hear Mr. David Anderson. Next Sunday Miss McCreadie will occupy our platform, and Mr. G. H. Bibbings on the 27th inst.—J. R.

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BATTERSEA PARK OPEN-AIR WORK.—Although the weather was somewhat boisterous, we had a goodly number present, some of whom were already waiting for us to begin. The speakers were Mr. Adams and Mrs. Boddington. Next Sunday, afternoon only, at 3.15.—H. B.

STRATFORD SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS, WOMAN'S HALL, WEST HAM-LANE, E.—On Sunday last 'Evangel' again occupied our platform and spoke on 'Spiritualism and the Armenian Question.' On Sunday next, Mr. J. Allen. Mr. Ronald Brailey, every Thursday, at 8 p.m. Members' developing circle every Monday; Lyceum and public circle, at 13, Fowler-road, Forest Gate, every Sunday and Tuesday.—T. McCallum.

NORTH LONDON SPIRITUALISTS' SOCIETY, WELLINGTON HALL, BILDRINGTON.—On Sunday evening last, though the rain was falling fast, the large hall was well filled with a sympathetic audience, the occasion being a flower and memorial service in remembrance of our late co-worker, A. M. Rodger. A large number of beautiful flowers and fruit were brought by the friends. Mr. Andrew Glendinning kindly and ably officiated as chairman. The invocation was offered by Mr. Brailey, and short addresses were given by the chairman, Messrs. Emma, Jones, Wallace, Brailey, Kinsman, Drake, and Davis; by Mrs. Boddington (representing the Battersea Park open-air speakers), and also by our friend Mr. Rodger, through the mediumship of Mrs. Jones. Our hearty thanks are given to all who took part in this service, as it was harmonious and successful from first to last. Mrs. Foster kindly offered to see to the delivery of the flowers, &c., to the hospital and infirmary. Madame Lowe kindly sang a solo, and a few of the friends gave 'Vital spark of heavenly flame'—T. B.

SERREY MASONIC HALL, CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—On Sunday last the guides of Mr. W. E. Long continued their valuable and instructive series of addresses upon 'Jesus: His Mission and Its Fulfillment.' Taking as the basis of their remarks 1 Cor. xii., they showed from the words, 'No man can say Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost,' that 'The Lord,' 'The Spirit,' 'The Christ,' and 'The Holy Ghost' were understood by the people of the time as embodying practically one meaning. In cases where either term would not be properly applicable, it is invariably qualified, such as 'Evil Spirit,' the opposite to the 'Holy Spirit or Ghost'; or the 'very Christ,' indicating the Spirit of Truth. The speaker argued for the Divinity of 'Jesus,' the 'God' manifested in Man by the development of the spiritual powers, and also asserted the divinity of all men, who became more God-like as they evolved the virtues and powers inherent in their nature. Next Sunday, at 6.30, trance address, by Mr. W. E. Long. At 8.15, Station-road, Thursdays, at 8.15, class of instruction in the spiritual philosophy; questions answered and discussion allowed. Inquirers heartily welcomed. A social party will be held at the Masonic (Pillar) Hall, on Monday, October 12th, at 8.15. Tickets (6d. each) may be obtained of Mr. R. Boddington, general secretary.—R. B.

MRS. E. H. BRITTEN IN LIVERPOOL.—Last Sunday afternoon, at Daulby Hall, that phenomenal mouthpiece of the spirit world, Mrs. Britten, replied to questions from the audience in her usual terse and concise manner. In the evening the hall was crowded by a most attentive audience, who listened with rapt attention to one of the finest orations ever delivered by this gifted lady, the subject being 'The Experiences of a Celebrated Preacher in Search of God—A Spirit's Personal Narrative.' After a few preliminary observations by Mrs. Britten, the spirit of the once preacher took control and delivered one of the most thrilling narratives of personal experiences in earth life and spirit life ever listened to. Graphic descriptions were given of the difficulties encountered by a conscientious man who was called on to preach to others doctrines of the soundness of which he was not by any means satisfied in his own mind. Having discarded the orthodox view of God, he studied patiently and carefully the various systems of religion and philosophy, but to no purpose, till at last, weary of the quest, he fell asleep. But his awakening to the realities of the real life in the realms of the spirit, and his acquisition of a knowledge of the problems which he sought in vain to unravel while on earth, must be left till an opportunity occurs to have the address taken by a shorthand writer, should the narrative be again delivered in public—as we hope it will.—J. L.

CAVENDISH ROOMS, 51, MORTIMER-STREET, W.—On Sunday evening last a cordial greeting was given to Mrs. Green (of Heywood) by a numerous audience. An effective address was delivered, dealing with the continuity of life after physical dissolution and the duties of the life that is. Then followed nine vivid descriptions of spirit people whom Mrs. Green saw standing by various members of the audience, each description being recognised at the time of giving, two of them being

especially satisfactory, once again effectually disposing of the assumption that all clairvoyance is merely the reading by the sensitive of the thoughts of the person or persons addressed. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Miss Jessie Dixon, who was to have rendered two solos, but the severe weather, doubtless, prevented this lady, as it did many others, from attending. The rooms were, however, nearly full, only about two dozen seats being vacant. Next Sunday evening at 7, p.m., Mr. G. Horatio Bibbings, B.A., will deliver a trance address, the title of his subject being, 'Was, is, and shall be.' This gentleman comes to us with the warmest recommendations from friends in all parts of the country that he has visited, and we hope for a good attendance. Miss Florence Morse has kindly consented to sing a solo on this occasion.—L. H.

CARDIFF PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, ST. JOHN'S HALL.—The long-looked-for privilege of listening to the inspired utterances of our gifted sister, Mrs. Helen T. Brigham, of New York, was enjoyed on Sunday last, which will be remembered as a red-letter day by us. It would be impossible to give any idea of the addresses here, more than to say that the easy fluency, lucidity, richness of illustration, logical treatment and quiet eloquence were each alike remarkable, and such as to carry home to all her hearers with convincing force the lofty lessons of her revered inspirers. The subject of the address in the morning was 'The Progress of Humanity,' which was followed by charming poetical improvisations upon 'The Message of the Skies on a Starlit Night,' 'The Influence of Childhood's Love,' and 'Angels' Whispers.' In the evening there was a packed audience, numbers being unable to gain admission. The subject of the address was 'Spirit and its Possibilities,' followed by poetical improvisations (the topics being suggested from the audience) upon 'There are Rivers which Roll on Golden Strands,' 'The Wanderer there may find a Home,' 'The Land of the Blest,' 'Our God,' and 'The Spirit Land.' Before the evening address Miss Cushman very kindly recited a beautiful poem received by her inspirationally, describing 'A Spirit's Experience upon Leaving the Physical Body.' The meeting this (Monday) evening is anticipated with much interest, and we have only one deep regret, which is that there is no prospect of again listening to this charming and cultured lady at an early date. Speaker next Sunday evening, Mr. G. E. Aldridge, of Weston, 'Action versus Faith.'—E. A.

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On lifted hill, that looks away
O'er wood and fertile lands,
In lowly grandeur, grim and grey,
The crumbling castle stands.
Or from some cliff, that to the sea
Descends with sudden fall,
Rises in silent majesty
The crumbling castle wall.

From those grim heights what welcome met
The fierce attacking foe,
And how those dungeons echo yet
The sighs of long ago.
Within those walls what gibe and jest,
What dance and song had sway!
They're past—and passing like the rest,
The crumbling walls decay.

With dismal groan no longer swing
The heavy dungeon doors,
And mail-clad feet no longer ring
On polished oaken floors.
Time's democratic hand has thrown
The proudest bastion low;
The moat, with daisies overgrown,
No longer stays the foe.

Over the fast decaying wall
That yields to Time alone,
The curtain of the ivy falls
In proud protection thrown,
As though to hide from vulgar eye
The loss of former grace;
As did imperial Caesar die,
His mantle o'er his face.

And yet a hundred years from now
Some stones shall mark the site,
To tell our children's children how
We're marching from the night.
And when the last is lost to sight,
Beneath the sweet, green sod,
The world shall dwell in broader light
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