

## SOCIETY WORK.

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ACTON AND EALING.—21, UXBRIDGE-ROAD, EALING, W.—On Sunday last no service was held. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mrs. H. Ball, address.—S. R.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM.—OLD COUNCIL ROOMS, WAKEFIELD-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. T. O. Todd spoke instructively on 'The Spiritual Training of Children.' Sunday next, Mr. J. Kelland; Mrs. French, clairvoyante.—A. H. S.

BRIGHTON.—MANCHESTER-STREET (OPPOSITE AQUARIUM).—On Sunday last Mrs. A. Boddington gave excellent addresses and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, at 11.15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mr. Dudley Wright on 'The Kingdom of God' and 'The Virgin Birth.' Mondays, at 8, Wednesdays, at 3, clairvoyant descriptions.—A. C.

BRISTON.—8, MAYALL-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mrs. Webb gave clairvoyant descriptions and Miss F. Payn rendered a solo. Sunday next, at 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 7 p.m., Mrs. Wesley Adams, address and clairvoyant descriptions. Monday, at 7 p.m., ladies' circle. Thursday, at 8.15, circle.—W. Y.

HACKNEY.—SIGDON-ROAD SCHOOL, DALSTON-LANE, N.E.—On Sunday last Mrs. Wesley Adams gave an address on 'Awakening' and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., London Union speakers: Mrs. Ord, Messrs. J. Adams, Tayler Gwinn and Kelland.—N. R.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH.—73, BECKLOW-ROAD, ASKEW-ROAD, W.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. Whimp gave clairvoyant descriptions and Mrs. Springthorpe conducted a circle. Sunday next, at 11 a.m., public circle; at 6.45 p.m., Mrs. Neville. Thursday, at 7.45, Mrs. Atkins. Wednesdays and Fridays, at 8, members' circles.—J. J. L.

HOLLOWAY.—49, LORRAINE-ROAD.—This society will hold its services, from Sunday next, in Grovedale Hall, Grovedale-road, Upper Holloway.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mr. England conducted the service. In the evening Mr. J. A. White spoke on 'Children in the Summerland' and gave clairvoyant descriptions.

BRISTOL.—49, NORTH-ROAD, BISHOPSTON.—On Sunday last Mr. W. Gregory spoke on 'Researches in Spiritualism,' and Mrs. Bartlett gave clairvoyant descriptions with messages.

SOUTHSEA.—1A, WATERLOO-STREET.—On Sunday last, morning and evening, Mr. Punter spoke on 'Is it right to Communicate with Spirits?' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. On December 24th a tea was given to 150 poor children.—W. F.

SOUTHPORT.—HAWKSHED HALL.—On Sunday last Mrs. Whittaker delivered addresses on 'Reminiscences' and 'Ring out the Old, Ring in the New.' Mrs. Scholes and Mrs. Whittaker gave clairvoyant descriptions, the latter also on Monday.

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If you wish to see whether Spiritualism is really only jugglery and imposture, try it by personal experiment. If you can get an introduction to some experienced Spiritualist on whose good faith you can rely, ask him for advice; and if he is holding private circles, seek permission to attend one to see how to conduct séances, and what to expect. There is, however, difficulty in obtaining access to private circles, and, in any case, you must rely chiefly on experiences in your own family circle, or amongst your own friends, all strangers being excluded.

Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.



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CROYDON.—PUBLIC HALL LECTURE ROOM, GEORGE-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Frederic Fletcher replied to questions. Sunday next, Mrs. Effie Bathe on 'Psychometry.'

CHISWICK.—56, HIGH-ROAD, W.—On Sunday last a thoughtful address was given by Mr. T. O. Todd on 'God.' On Monday Mr. Friehold lectured on 'Remarkable Experiences of Forty Years Ago.' Sunday next, at 11 a.m., circle; at 2.45 p.m., Lyceum; at 7 p.m., Mr. P. Smyth on 'Religion and Reason.' Monday, Mrs. A. Webb, clairvoyante.—H. S.

CLAPHAM.—RICHMOND-PLACE, NEW-ROAD, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—On Sunday last Madame Zeilah Lee gave psychometric delineations, and an illuminated address from members and friends was presented to her by Mrs. Scott, president. Sunday next, at 11 a.m., circle; at 6.45 p.m., Mr. Macdonald. Monday and Thursday, at 8 p.m., Friday, at 2.30, circles. Saturday, at 8, prayer.—C. C.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH.—73, BECKLOW-ROAD, ASKEW-ROAD, W.—On Sunday evening last Mrs. Neville, under control, spoke on 'Experiences in the Spirit World,' and gave clairvoyant and psychometric delineations. Madame Stenson and Mr. Eveleigh conducted the after-circle. Sunday next, at 11 a.m., public circle; at 6.45 p.m., Mr. T. F. Matthews. Thursday, at 7.45, Mrs. Podmore. Wednesday and Friday, at 8, members' circles.—J. J. L.

MANOR PARK AND EAST HAM.—OLD COUNCIL ROOMS, WAKEFIELD-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. J. Kelland gave an address and Mrs. French clairvoyant descriptions. At the annual general meeting held on January 1st it was decided to change the title of the society to 'The Manor Park Spiritual Church.' The balance-sheet and building fund report showed a successful year's working, with substantial balances in hand. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. T. Brooks; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Cockman; secretaries, Messrs. A. H. Sarfas and C. W. Turner; building fund secretary, Mr. J. Coote.—A. H. S.

NOTTINGHAM.—MECHANICS' LECTURE HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. John Lobb addressed large audiences.

LUTON.—35, ADELAIDE-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. A. Punter spoke on 'A Tale that is Told' and gave clairvoyant descriptions.

SOUTHSEA.—1A, WATERLOO-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Smith spoke on 'Looking Back,' and Mrs. Wilson conducted circles.—W. D. F.

SOUTHSEA.—LESSER VICTORIA HALL.—On Sunday last Mrs. Agnew Jackson answered questions and gave an eloquent address on 'Opportunities.'—J. W. M.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday last, at the anniversary meetings, Mr. W. E. Long gave an able address. Mr. England conducted circles.

PORTSMOUTH.—VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.—On Sunday last Mr. Hector Lacey replied to questions on 'Prayer,' and gave psychic readings. Mr. Frank Pearce spoke on 'Spiritualism.'

LIVERPOOL, SOUTH.—On Sunday last Mr. E. Spencer gave an excellent address on 'Ask, and ye shall Receive' and clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. A. J. Stuart presided.—S. B. J.

EXETER.—MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Rowland spoke on 'Thanksgiving.' Miss Harris sang, and Mrs. Grainger and Mr. Rowland gave clairvoyant descriptions.—H. L.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—On Sunday morning last Mr. W. E. Long gave a New Year's greeting and message. In the evening members spoke on 'The Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.'—E. S.

SOUTHPORT.—HAWKSHEAD HALL.—On Sunday and Monday last Mr. W. E. Leaver delivered addresses on 'Reminiscences' and 'The New Birth,' gave clairvoyant and psychometrical delineations, and addressed the Lyceum.—B.

UPPER HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE HALL, GROVEDALE-ROAD.—On Sunday morning last, at the opening service, Mr. Baxter spoke on 'Healing.' In the evening Messrs. Baxter, Swift, and Cockren gave short addresses and Mr. Baxter clairvoyant descriptions.—F. A. H.

LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF CHURCH-ROAD AND THIRD-AVENUE, MANOR PARK, E.—On Sunday last Mrs. Effie Bathe lectured instructively on 'Colour and Form Produced by Thought Vibration,' illustrated by thirty original paintings, and replied to questions. On New Year's Eve a social meeting was held.

BIRMINGHAM.—30, JOHN-STREET, VILLA CROSS, HANDSWORTH.—On December 27th a special musical service was rendered by Messrs. Watton, Lloyd and Ross, Mrs. Ross and daughter, Mrs. Watton and Miss Moon; violin solo by Mr. H. T. Ellis. Miss Colebourne gave recognised clairvoyant descriptions. On Sunday last the president spoke on 'The Decay of Orthodoxy and Progress of Spiritualism.' Mr. Smith and Miss Penn rendered sacred solos.—D. M. L.

BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday last Mr. Walker spoke on 'Heaven and Hell, Where are They?'—*Wilberforce Hall, Holdenhurst-road.*—On Sunday last Mr. F. T. Blake spoke on 'Glad Tidings' and gave clairvoyant descriptions.—M. D.

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**LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF CHURCH-ROAD AND THIRD-AVENUE, MANOR PARK, E.**—On Sunday last Miss Violet Burton spoke on 'Hallowed Want.' Mr. Abel conducted a large after-circle. On the 20th Mr. Stebbens spoke and Miss Brown gave clairvoyant descriptions.—M. C. A.

**SOUTHPORT.—HAWKSHEAD HALL.**—On Sunday last Mr. E. W. Wallis's addresses on 'Spiritual Gifts Explained' and 'Spirit Teachings on Important Subjects' gave universal satisfaction. Mr. W. Garnett Flynt presided. Mrs. Scholes gave clairvoyant readings. On Monday Mr. F. Rimmer conducted a meeting.—E. B.

**BIRMINGHAM.—30, JOHN-STREET, VILLA CROSS, HANDSWORTH.**—On Sunday last Mrs. Cannock gave a powerful address on 'Spiritualism—Past and Present,' and beautiful clairvoyant descriptions from flower emblems, all fully recognised. Miss Gertrude Danks rendered sacred solos. On Monday Mrs. Cannock gave psychometric readings for invalids.

**CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—On Sunday last, at the twenty-second anniversary services, Mr. W. E. Long spoke encouragingly on 'Looking Backward and Forward.' In the evening, to a large audience, Mr. W. E. Long gave advice and assurances of sympathy from the spirit world. At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected. The collections amounted to £5 8s. 6d.—E. S.

**LONDON UNION OF SPIRITUALISTS.**—On the 13th inst., at the annual meeting of members and delegates, officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Mr. G. T. Gwinn, president; Messrs. John Adams and T. Brooks, vice-presidents; Mr. G. T. Brown, treasurer; and Mr. Geo. F. Tilby, hon. secretary. On the motion of Mr. T. Brooks, it was decided that a social meeting should be held during March by the Union in Farnival-street, Holborn. Full particulars will be duly announced. The meeting closed with the usual complimentary thanks.

**BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.**—On Sunday morning last a public circle was held. In the evening Mr. E. W. Beard spoke on 'Spiritualism: its Revelations.' Mr. J. Walker gave clairvoyant descriptions.—*Wilberforce Hall, Holdenhurst-road.*—On Sunday morning last Mr. E. W. Beard related his experiences. In the evening Mr. F. T. Blake spoke on 'The Naturalness of Death,' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. Speaker on Sunday next, Mr. E. W. Wallis.—At the annual business meeting on the 21st inst., officers and committee were elected, viz.: Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, F.R.S., O.M., and Mr. J. W. Sharp, M.A., Honorary Presidents; Mr. F. T. Blake, President; Messrs. J. Herbert and W. Street, Vice-Presidents; Mr. J. Walker, General and Financial Secretary, and Miss Dancaister, Corresponding Secretary, 'Blythswood,' Green-road, Bournemouth; and a committee of three. Retiring officers were thanked for their services, and regret was expressed that Mr. V. N. Turvey, the last President, had resigned owing to ill-health.—M. D.



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PLYMOUTH.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL, MORLEY-STREET.—On Sunday last Mrs. Trueman gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Cann rendered a solo. On the 3rd, at the Lyceum annual tea, the children gave an excellent concert.

UPPER HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE HALL, GROVEDALE-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Baxter gave an address on 'The Beatific Vision' and successful clairvoyant descriptions. On the 4th Mr. Nicholson spoke on 'The Thought World.'

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EXETER.—MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mr. W. H. Evans gave an address. In the afternoon he conducted the funeral of Mr. Mark Letheren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Letheren, at which white flowers were worn. In the evening Mr. Evans spoke at the memorial service, Mrs. Grainger and Mr. Rowland gave clairvoyant descriptions, and Mrs. Battishall rendered the 'Dead March in Saul.'—H. L.

BIRMINGHAM.—30, JOHN-STREET, VILIA CROSS, HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday last Mrs. Place-Veary delivered an address on 'If a Man Die shall he Live Again?' and gave clairvoyant descriptions, all fully recognised. Miss G. Danks rendered solos. In the afternoon Mrs. Place-Veary inaugurated the Lyceum and named it the 'Star of Hope,' and on Monday she gave psychometric readings and clairvoyant descriptions.—D. M. L.

CAERAU, BRIDGEND.—On Sunday last Mr. Connely dealt with questions from the audience on 'Christianity and Spiritualism.'—G. H.

BOURNEMOUTH.—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday evening last Captain Greenaway addressed a large audience on 'A Spiritualist among Orthodox Thinkers,' and related his experiences as a healer. Mr. F. T. Blake gave clairvoyant descriptions.—Wilberforce Hall, Holdenhurst-road.—On Sunday morning last Captain Greenaway spoke on 'Signs of the Times.' In the evening Mr. T. Walker spoke on 'Life in the Spirit World,' a subject chosen by the audience.—M. D.

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WALTHAMSTOW.—182, ST. JOHN'S-ROAD, FOREST-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Smith, of Woodford, spoke on 'The Power of Thought,' and Mrs. Smith gave clairvoyant descriptions.—J. A. N.

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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—MILTON-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. Podmore gave an address and psychometric readings. In the evening Mr. Murrow spoke on 'The Atonement' and Mrs. Podmore gave clairvoyant descriptions. Mrs. McPherson rendered a solo.

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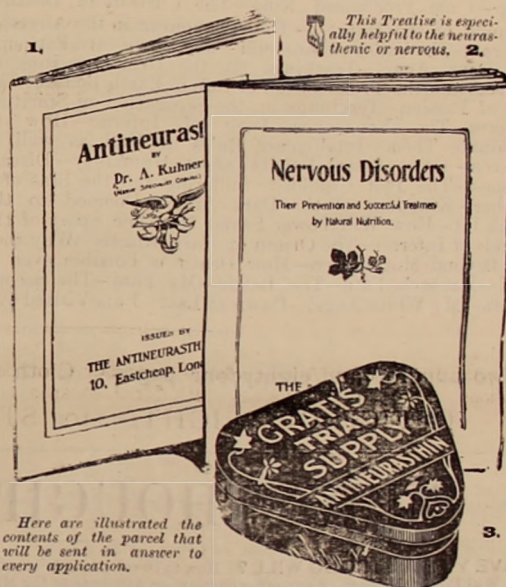
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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit, positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.

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The flowers and plants were afterwards taken, by members of the audience, to the Middlesex Hospital, to assist in cheering the many sufferers in that institution, and much gratitude was expressed at the hospital for the gift. The Association desire to thank sincerely all friends who assisted, and the several supporters whose donations led to the platform being tastefully adorned.—W. T. C.

#### SPIRITUALISM AT MANOR PARK.

The opening meetings and dedication service of the new Spiritual Church at Manor Park, on Saturday and Sunday, April 3rd and 4th, were well attended. The opening ceremony was conducted by Mr. John Lobb, F.R.G.S., Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn presiding. Mr. Lobb in the course of an earnest, common-sense address, related experiences showing that the spirit-people help those who seek the truth and try to spread it abroad.

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**BRADFORD.**—**194, LEGRAM'S-LANE.**—From Good Friday to Easter Monday special services were conducted by Mr. A. Punter, of Luton, who gave advice on health, clairvoyance, &c., and delivered addresses on 'God is Love' and 'The Risen Christ,' the latter being highly appreciated by many visitors. On Monday he gave advice to investigators and forty clairvoyant descriptions, of which thirty-eight were recognised.

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SOUTHAMPTON.—TOWN'S BAND ROOM, ONSLOW-ROAD.—On Sunday last Mr. Nicholls gave an address on 'Omissions of Spiritualists, and Spiritualism.' An after-circle was conducted by Mr. Harvey.—W. J. H.

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presentation of a banner to the Stratford Centre Lyceum, which had been subscribed for by friends and made by a lady member. The lady, when presenting the banner to the Lyceum, gave encouraging advice to our Lyceumists, and William Wilmot, in receiving it, suitably replied. At 7 p.m., after prayer by Mr. Clegg and a few words from Mr. Gwinn, earnest impromptu speeches were delivered by Mr. Harry Boddington, Mr. T. Brooks, and Mr. John Adams.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.



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**SOUTHSEA.**—1A, WATERLOO-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Albert Blackman gave stirring addresses and psychometric delineations. On the 7th Mr. James and Mrs. Mary Davies officiated. With regret we announce the transition of Mr. Whiteman.—W. R. D.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.—On Sunday morning last Mr. Lacey spoke instructively on 'The Deepening of the Spiritual Life.' In the evening Mr. Frank Pearce gave an intellectual address on 'The Nature and Destiny of Man,' and Mr. Lacey gave clairvoyant descriptions. On July 7th Mr. Waterfield spoke on 'Occult Symbolism.'—G. McF.

**BOURNEMOUTH.**—ASSEMBLY ROOMS, TOWN HALL-AVENUE.—On Sunday last Mr. W. J. Colville gave addresses on 'The Problem of Good and Evil,' 'Theosophy and Mental Science,' and 'The True Christ, or the Light Within'; also answered questions and gave impromptu poems on subjects chosen by the audience.—M. D.

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SOUTHAMPTON.—VICTORIA ROOMS, PORTLAND-STREET.—On Sunday last Mr. Frank Pearce, of Portsmouth, gave an address on 'Growth in Silence' and Mrs. Harvey gave clairvoyant descriptions.—W. J. H.

EXETER.—MARLBOROUGH HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. Elvin Frankish spoke on 'The Influence of the Spirit World upon the Affairs of Men.' Mrs. Letheren gave clairvoyant descriptions.—E. F.

BRISTOL.—28, BATH-BUILDINGS.—The meetings held by Mrs. Powell Williams in the large I.L.P. Hall, King Square-avenue, have been so successful that they are to be continued for two weeks.—A. C. O.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—On Sunday morning last interesting teaching was given. In the evening Mr. W. E. Long spoke instructively on 'Preaching the Gospel to the Dead.'—E. S.

NOTTINGHAM.—MECHANICS' LECTURE HALL.—On Sunday last Mrs. Batie, of Halifax, delivered two eloquent addresses and Miss Evelyn Armstead admirably rendered a solo.—T. L. R.

BRADFORD.—TEMPERANCE HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. Clayton opened a discussion on 'Should Spiritualists Attend Orthodox Places of Worship?' Mrs. Sawyer, Mr. Hayton and others gave clairvoyant descriptions.—W. G.

EXETER.—MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. Grainger replied to questions. In the evening Mr. G. West spoke on 'Brotherhood,' and Mrs. Grainger gave clairvoyant descriptions.—H. L.

WINCHESTER.—ODDFELLOWS' HALL.—On Sunday last Mrs. A. Boddington gave two stirring addresses on 'Concerning Spiritual Gifts,' and 'Spiritual Gifts must be Spiritually Discerned,' and clairvoyant descriptions.—F. E. C.

LITTLE ILFORD.—CORNER OF CHURCH-ROAD AND THIRD-AVENUE, MANOR PARK, E.—On Sunday last Mr. Snowdon Hall gave an instructive address. Mr. Abel rendered a solo. On the 14th Mrs. Laws gave good psychometric delineations.

SOUTHPORT.—HAWKSHEAD HALL.—On Sunday last Mr. W. J. Grindley delivered inspiring addresses on 'Spiritualism and Christianity' and 'Life after Death.' Miss Hurst gave psychic readings. On Monday Mrs. Crompton gave clairvoyant psychometric delineations.—V. M. S.

READING.—NEW HALL, BLAGRAVE-STREET.—On Sunday last, morning and evening Miss Florence Sainsbury spoke on 'Let There be Light' and 'The Power of Thought' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. The usual week-night meetings were held.—A. H. C.

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BIRMINGHAM.—30, JOHN-STREET, VILLA CROSS, HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday last Mr. P. R. Street, of Reading, delivered an interesting address on 'Religion and the Man' and gave clairvoyant descriptions. On Saturday Mr. Street gave psychometric and clairvoyant delineations. On Monday he lectured on 'Psychic Aura,' with demonstrations.—D. L.

#### SPIRITUALISM IN DEVONSHIRE.

The seventh annual conference of the Devonshire and District Spiritualists' Union, held at Teignmouth, was well attended. The President, Mr. Marshall, of Plymouth, welcomed Mr. Hanson G. Hey, of the National Union, whose practical advice was very helpful. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Marshall (Plymouth); vice-presidents, Mrs. Grainger (Exeter), Mr. H. P. Rabbich (Paignton); treasurer, Mr. A. W. Clavis (Plymouth); general secretary, Mr. W. H. Evans (Plymouth). The evening meeting was well attended; Messrs. Hey, Clavis, Evans, and Prince delivered addresses, and Mrs. Short and Mrs. Grainger gave clairvoyant descriptions.—W. H. E.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.



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His propositions were as follows:—

I.—The phenomena cannot result from the blind forces of Nature, because they are unmistakably controlled by intelligence.

II.—The intelligence is not that of the medium, nor of any person in the circle, since it is frequently given through agencies which they have no means of controlling, and has, in thousands of cases, evinced a knowledge not possessed by any of them, often giving replies to questions directly in opposition to the current of all their thoughts.

III.—There can be no source of intelligence but that of conscious thinking beings.

IV.—As the intelligence displayed in the spirit-circle springs from conscious beings, and these not forming a part of the sitters, they must either be outside the circle or present at it in some other than the ordinary material form which distinguishes the sitters.

V.—They cannot be persons in the ordinary condition of material existence outside the circle, for they hold converse with, and even read the thoughts of those who are present in it, with no means of communication beyond the walls of the house in which they may be sitting.

VI.—There must, then, be conscious, thinking, intelligent beings present in the circle who do not belong to the number of the sitters.

VII.—The sitters comprise all the persons present in the material condition in which human beings are met with here, therefore there must be intelligent existences present in some other than the ordinary material form.

VIII.—There must then be spiritual existences of some kind or other.

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**SCOTTISH SPIRITUALIST ALLIANCE.**—On the 11th inst., at the quarterly committee meeting held in Dundee, representatives from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Dunfermline, Motherwell, Bonnybridge, and Scottish Mediums' Union being present, tours for 1910, with English workers, were arranged, propaganda work mapped out, and it was agreed to hold the annual meeting at Falkirk in January, 1910.—J. M. S.

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**PECKHAM.**—LAUSANNE HALL.—On Sunday morning last Mrs. Roberts, of Leicester, gave clairvoyant descriptions, also in the evening, after an address. Miss Smith rendered a solo. On the 7th members related their experiences. Sunday next, at 11.30 a.m., Mr. Winbow; at 7 p.m., Mrs. Place-Veary, clairvoyante; silver collection. 21st, Miss Ryder; 24th, Mrs. Petz. Collection for Fund of Benevolence.—C. J. W.

**CROYDON.**—SMALL PUBLIC HALL, GEORGE-STREET.—On Sunday last Miss Chapin gave an excellent address and good clairvoyant descriptions with spirit messages.—M. T.

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**BRADFORD.**—TEMPERANCE HALL.—On Sunday last several friends spoke on 'The Good we May do Here.' Mrs. Mogson, Mr. Waddington, and others gave clairvoyant descriptions.

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**PORTSMOUTH.**—1A, WATERLOO-STREET.—On Sunday last Mrs. W. Edwards, of Reading, spoke encouragingly; Mrs. Davies held a public flower séance; and on Wednesday gave an address and psychometric delineations.—G. E. R.

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**FULHAM.**—COLVEY HALL, 25, FERNHURST-ROAD, MUNSTER-ROAD.—On Sunday last, at the seventh anniversary and harvest festival, Mr. Kelland gave a splendid address on 'Let not your hearts be troubled.' On Monday, after a social tea meeting, Messrs. John Adams, W. E. Long, and Richard Boddington delivered interesting addresses.—W. T.

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**PORTSMOUTH.**—VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.—On Sunday last, at the Harvest Festival, the church was tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers, &c. Mr. Imison spoke in the morning on 'Life and Its Manifestations,' and in the evening on 'Spiritual Perception.' Mrs. Imison gave clairvoyant descriptions and messages. A special hymn composed by the secretary was sung. On the 6th Mr. Lacey and Mr. Jupp spoke on 'How to Make Conditions,' and 'Knowledge is Power.'—G. McF.

**WINCHESTER.**—Public meetings are shortly to be commenced in the Masonic Hall. Assistance from good speakers (for expenses only) would be welcomed.—E. BARTER, 4, Andover-road, Winchester.

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SOUTHSEA.—LESSER VICTORIA HALL.—On Sunday last, at the harvest thanksgiving services, the hall was beautifully decorated. In the morning Miss F. Fogwill gave an instructive address, and Mr. A. Punter convincing clairvoyant descriptions. In the afternoon Mr. Punter and Mrs. L. Harvey conducted a circle. In the evening Mr. W. Underwood delivered a stirring address on 'The Soul's Garner,' and Mrs. Harvey gave excellent clairvoyant descriptions. Miss F. Fogwill finely rendered a solo.—J. W. M.

## DIET V. DISEASE.

Dr. Robert Bell, the cancer specialist, lecturing on the 18th inst., before the Psycho-Therapeutic Society at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on 'Diet and Hygienics versus Disease,' said that erroneous modes of life gave disease every encouragement. The physiological requirements of man were identical with those of all vertebrate animals, yet wild animals were free from disease. Man loaded his stomach with food, deprived of two-thirds of its nutritive value and of its saline constituents. This devitalised food, consumed in large quantities, passed into the colon, where it underwent rapid decomposition into poisonous matter, which was absorbed by the blood and carried to every cell and organ of the body. Health could only be assured by supplying the tissues with the vital element contained in the products of the vegetable kingdom, to which might be added milk, eggs and cheese. This vital element consisted essentially of nuclein, but it had been found that uncooked ripe fruits and seeds also contained radio-active elements, which, however, were nullified by cooking. Scientific men recognised the utility of nuclein obtained from the glands of dead animals, but instead of attacking disease by this roundabout way it should be prevented by following the mode of life indicated by Nature. Dr. Bell stated that he had known cases of habitual drunkenness completely cured by abstinence from flesh food, and the same course enabled persons to control their otherwise violent temper. Since he commenced his medical career, the importation of meat had risen from five or six pounds to fifty pounds per head, and cancer had increased in a similar proportion. According to his thirty years' experience, it was those who indulged in the carnivorous habit who were attacked, and he was unable to recall a single instance where it had occurred in those who were content to subsist upon natural food.

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MEETINGS have recently been held on Sunday evenings by Unitarians at Wentworth Hall, Ballards-lane, Finchley, and on Sunday last the Rev. J. Arthur Pearson discoursed on 'Is there a Life to Come?' He dealt with the question in a liberal and broad-minded manner, his sympathetic references to Spiritualism being much appreciated by the Spiritualists present. At a subsequent meeting, to consider the desirability of continuing the services in Finchley at some other hall, out of the eight speakers who joined in the discussion four were Spiritualists.

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KENTISH TOWN.—17, PRINCE OF WALES'-CRESCENT, N.W.—On Sunday evening last Mr. Stebbens spoke on subjects chosen by the audience: 'Body, Spirit, and Soul,' 'The Hope Within Us,' 'The Utility of Prayer.' Miss Brown gave successful psychometric delineations.—C. G. C.

BIRMINGHAM.—30, JOHN-STREET, VILLA CROSS, HANDSWORTH.—On Sunday morning last Mr. F. London spoke on 'Spiritualism in the Bible,' and in the evening Miss Florence Morse delivered an address on 'The Ministering of Angels.' Solos were rendered by Miss Moore. On Monday Miss Morse gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions.—D. L.

PORTSMOUTH.—VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.—On Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Adams delivered addresses on 'Why We Became Spiritualists,' and 'Work in Spirit Spheres.' Mrs. Wesley Adams gave clairvoyant descriptions, and on Saturday conducted a circle. On the 8th Mr. Lacey gave clairvoyant and psychometric delineations. Sunday next, Mrs. M. H. Wallis.—G. McF.

HIGHGATE.—Mr. W. D. Santos-Brown, President of the North London Spiritualist Association, acknowledges receipt of the following subscriptions for propaganda work in reply to Mr. Swainson's attacks on Spiritualism: 'Colonel,' 10s.; 'Nurse Oriel,' 1s.; 'Anti-Swainsonian,' 5s.

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Form a circle of from four to eight persons, half, or at least two, of negative, passive temperament and preferably of the female sex, the rest of a more positive type. Sit positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, round an uncovered table of convenient size. Place the palms of the hands flat upon its upper surface. The hands of each sitter need not touch those of his neighbour, though the practice is frequently adopted.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. Avoid dispute or argument. Scepticism has no deterrent effect, but a bitter spirit of opposition in a person of determined will may totally stop or decidedly impede manifestations. If conversation flags, music is a great help, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sensitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short intervals, before anything occurs. If after such a trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful séance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are not aiding its motions. After some time you will probably find that the movement will continue if your hands are held *over*, but not in contact with, it. Do not, however, try this until the movement is assured, and be in no hurry to get messages.

When you think that the time has come, let someone take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirable, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated, at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express doubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and if not, what order you should take. After this, ask who the Intelligence purports to be, which of the company is the medium, and such relevant questions. If confusion occurs, ascribe it to the difficulty that exists in directing the movements at first with exactitude. Patience will remedy this. If you only satisfy yourself at first that it is possible to speak with an Intelligence separate from that of any person present, you will have gained much.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, use the same code of signals, and ask as the raps become clear that they may be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the Intelligence use its own means. It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous and even tricky.

Should an attempt be made to entrance the medium, or to manifest by any violent methods, ask that the attempt may be deferred till you can secure the presence of some experienced Spiritualist. If this request is not heeded, discontinue the sitting. The process of developing a trance-medium is one that might disconcert an inexperienced inquirer.

Lastly, try the results you get by the light of Reason. Maintain a level head and a clear judgment. Do not believe everything you are told, for though the great unseen world contains many a wise and discerning spirit, it also has in it the accumulation of human folly, vanity, and error; and this lies nearer to the surface than that which is wise and good. Distrust the free use of great names. Never for a moment abandon the use of your reason. Do not enter into a very solemn investigation in a spirit of idle curiosity or frivolity. Cultivate a reverent desire for what is pure, good, and true. You will be repaid if you gain only a well-grounded conviction that there is a life after death, for which a pure and good life before death is the best and wisest preparation.

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