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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. Horace Leaf delivered a stirring address before a large and appreciative assembly. Mr. George Craze presided. For next Sunday see front page.—N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Morning, Mr. Ernest Meads spoke on "Milestones and Landmarks"; evening, Mr. E. W. Beard gave an inspirational address on "The Passing Year." For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Forceful inspirational addresses by Mrs. Fairclough Smith; evening subject, "The Prophecy of Peter." Mr. Harold Carpenter gave a fine recitation of a poem written by himself. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., service for our fallen heroes; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Fairclough Smith will reply to written questions.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5. BROADWAY).—Earnest New Year's address by Mr. Charles Sewell. For prospective announcements see front page.—B.

STRATFORD.—*IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.*—Mr. J. W. Wrench gave an address, followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mr. T. Olman Todd. 14th, Mr. A. Vout Peters. Lyceum every Sunday at 3.—A. G. D.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—*PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.*—Mr. D. J. Davis gave an address. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. E. Neville, address and clairvoyance.

CROYDON.—*GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.*—Inspiring address by the president. Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Percy O. Scholey. Services of intercession on behalf of sailors and soldiers every Sunday.

CLAPHAM.—*HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson; evening, address by Mr. G. Prior. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Annie Boddington. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. 14th, Mr. Horace Leaf.—F. C. E. D.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT, OPPOSITE THE PUBLIC BATHS.*—Address by Mr. A. J. Maskell; good psychometry by Mrs. Graddon-Kent. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mr. G. R. Symons. Wednesday, at 7.30, Mr. H. Ernest Hunt.

BATTERSEA.—*HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.*—Morning, usual circle; evening, Mrs. Boddington gave an address and descriptions. Sunday next, 11 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 5, tea; 6.30, service. Tuesday, 8, developing circle. Thursday, 8.15, Miss Poncella.—N. B.

BRIXTON.—143A, *STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.*—Mrs. Maunders gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, president's annual address. 14th, Mrs. Neville. Saturday, 13th, grand New Year's Social. All circles as usual.—H. W. N.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—*SURREY MASONIC HALL.*—Morning, service conducted by the members of the church; evening, eloquent address by Mr. H. Boddington. Sunday next, 11 a.m., address by Mr. H. Ernest Hunt; 6.30 p.m., address and clairvoyance by Mrs. A. de Beaurepaire.

FOREST GATE, E.—*EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.*—Address by Mr. Geo. Tayler Gwinn, "The Pages of the Book of Life." Sunday next, 6.30, Mr. Geo. Tayler Gwinn (Small Hall). Annual Festival, Earlham Hall, January 5th, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 6d. each.—F. S.

HOLLOWAY.—*GROVEDALE HALL, GROVEDALE-ROAD.*—Morning, Mr. A. Vout Peters, New Year address and clairvoyance; evening, Mr. R. Boddington, address. Sunday next, 6.30, Mr. A. Punter. 10th, 8 p.m., annual general meeting; members only.—J. S.

HACKNEY.—240A, *AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.*—Mr. Dougall gave an address on "Things that Matter," and Mrs. Sutton well-recognized descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Podmore, address and clairvoyant descriptions. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Green, psychometry. Tuesday, 7.15 (healing), and Thursday, 7.45, members only, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

MANOR PARK, E.—*STONE-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.*—Morning, healing service; evening, address by Mr. Mead. Sunday next, 11, spiritual healing service; 3, Lyceum (Mr. Jas. Macbeth Bain); 6.30, Miss V. Burton. Church renovation cards and subscriptions should be sent to secretary by January 7th.

PECKHAM.—*LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.*—Morning, address by Mr. Cowlam; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. E. Neville. 28th ult., Rev. W. J. Piggott gave some of his experiences in Spiritualism. Sunday next, 11.30, address; 7 p.m., Mrs. M. E. Orlovski. Thursday, 11th, 8.15, Mr. Cowlam. 14th, 7, Mr. R. Boddington.—T. G. B.

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BRIGHTON.—*WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.*—Addresses and clairvoyance by Mrs. Curry, morning and evening. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7 p.m., papers by members. Tuesdays, at 3 and 5 p.m., circles. Thursdays, at 8, public circle.—M. E. L.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Mr. G. R. Symons gave an address.—D. H.

SOUTHPORT.—*HAWKSHEAD HALL.*—Miss A. A. Barton conducted all the meetings, including the Watch-night service.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—*UNITY HALL, EDGCUMBE-STREET.*—Addresses by Mr. Watkins to appreciative audiences.—C. J.

FULHAM.—12, *LETTICE-STREET.*—Mrs. M. Gordon gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions, solo by Mrs. Rycroft.

PAIGNTON.—*MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.*—Inspiring address by Councillor H. P. Rabbich, clairvoyance by Miss M. J. King.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—*BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.*—Address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Jamrach.—M. W.

BOURNEMOUTH.—*WILBERFORCE HALL, HOLDENSTREET-ROAD.*—Morning, Mr. Howard Mundy; evening, Mr. D. Hartley, clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Martin.—D. H.

TORQUAY.—*SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, ELM-COMBE.*—Trance address by Mrs. Thistleton, followed by clairvoyant descriptions and messages. Watch-night service.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Lifting address by Mr. Smith; clairvoyance by Mrs. E. Marriott.—E. M.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—*VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.*—Mr. Frank Blake, of Bournemouth, gave addresses and clairvoyant descriptions. At the morning service he also dedicated the children.—J. McF.

READING.—*SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Addresses by Mr. P. R. Street on "A Wondrous Dawn" and "What of the Day?" Clairvoyance by Mrs. Street. Watch-night service.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.—The Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists, Manor Park, held a well-attended Christmas social and dance in Hall of the Public Library, on the 30th ult. The programme, which was greatly enjoyed, consisted of songs by the Misses Goode, Bell and Doris Bell, Mrs. Thurston, Mr. Watson and Corp. R. Randall, a recitation by Mr. Pleasant, and fancy dancing by Doris Bell. The dances were highly appreciated. Mrs. Wheeler officiated at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Jamrach, M.C., the artistes, the pianist, and all who helped to make the evening such a success.—E. M.

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SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, JAN. 7th, &c.

MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. J. J. Morse delivered a valuable inspirational discourse entitled "The Survival of Man: What Does It Mean?" On Saturday last at 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, "The Strolling Player," through the mediumship of Mr. J. J. Morse, was at his best, his wise and quaint sayings being greatly enjoyed. On Monday, the 1st inst., Mr. Horace Leaf gave convincing clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Leigh Hunt presided at these meetings. For next Sunday see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13b, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Morning, Mr. P. E. Board spoke on "The Hour of Opportunity"; evening, Mr. E. W. Board delivered an address.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith conducted a service for our fallen heroes in the morning, and gave most interesting and instructive replies to written questions in the evening. Sunday next, morning, address on "Colours"; evening, trance address, "The Value of Mediumship to a World in Tears."

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Powerful New Year's address by the president. Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Robert King.

STRATFORD.—**IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.**—Mr. T. Olman Todd gave address. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mr. A. Vout Peters. Thursday, at 8, church workers. Lyceum every Sunday at 3.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5 BROADWAY).—Excellent address by Dr. W. J. Vanstone. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Neville. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mr. G. R. Symons, address.

FOREST GATE, E.—**EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.**—Service conducted by Miss E. Shead, address by Mr. Geo. Tayler Gwinn, "Beyond Death." Sunday next, in Small Hall, Mrs. Maunders. Please notice service starts at 6.30 p.m.

RICHMOND.—14, **PARKSHOT, OPPOSITE THE PUBLIC BATHS.**—Good address by Mr. G. R. Symons. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mr. A. T. Kirby. Wednesday, at 7.30, Mrs. Mary Gordon on "Conscious or Unconscious Immortality."

HACKNEY.—240a, **AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.**—Mrs. Podmore gave an address and well-recognised descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, address and descriptions. Circles: Monday, 8 p.m., public; Tuesday, 7.15, healing, and Thursday, 7.45, members only, Mrs. Brichard.

BRIXTON.—143a, **STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.**—Mr. Payn, Mr. Nuthall, and Mrs. Maunders addressed the meeting on the past year's work. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Neville, address and clairvoyance. Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st, Mrs. Harvey, of Southampton. Circles as usual.

BATTERSEA.—**HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.**—Morning, usual circle; evening, address and good descriptions by Mrs. E. Sutton. Sunday next, 11 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Jamrach. Circles: Tuesday, 8, developing; Thursday, 8.15, clairvoyance.—N. B.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Morning, splendid address by Mr. H. E. Hunt on "Looking Forward"; evening, inspiring address and good clairvoyance by Mrs. A. de Beaurepaire. Sunday next, 11 a.m., church service; 6.30 p.m., Dr. W. J. Vanstone. 21st, Anniversary Services.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, **UPPER NORTH-STREET.**—Morning, helpful circle conducted by Mr. Rhoades; evening, address by Mr. Gurd, clairvoyance by Miss Fawcett. Sunday next, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. Freer, addresses and clairvoyance; 3 p.m., Lyceum. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.—R. G.

BRIGHTON.—**WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.**—Morning, open circle; evening, Mr. Ray gave an instructive address on "The Bible and Spiritualism." Sunday next, 11.15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. Clempson; 3 p.m., Lyceum. Circles: Monday, at 8; Tuesdays at 3 and 8, and Thursday at 8.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE HALL, GROVEDALE-ROAD.**—Addresses and clairvoyance, in the morning by Mr. A. V. Peters; in the evening by Mr. A. Punter. Saturday, 12th inst., at 7 p.m.; Sunday, at 11.15 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., and Monday, at 8 p.m., Mrs. L. Harvey, psychometry and addresses. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Podmore. 21st, 6.30, Mr. Harold Carpenter.

PECKHAM.—**LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.**—Morning, Mr. C. J. Williams conducted the meeting; evening, Mrs. M. Orlowski gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions. 4th, address and descriptions by Mr. Angus Moneur. Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., usual meeting; 7 p.m., Mr. R. Boddington. 18th, 8.15, Mrs. Turner. 21st, 7, Miss Violet Burton.—T.

MANOR PARK, E.—**STRONG-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.**—Morning, healing service; evening, trance address, "Inspiration and Discipline," by Miss V. Burton. Sunday next, 11 a.m., spiritual healing service; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Alderman D. J. Davis. Renovation cards and contributions to Mr. A. H. Sarfas, 84, Hall-road, East Ham.

CLAPHAM.—**HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.**—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson. Evening, address on "Recognition, Reform and Religion," and demonstration by Mrs. Annie Boddington, whose descriptions were all recognised. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Horace Leaf. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. 21st, Mrs. de Beaurepaire.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH (LATE STOKES CROFT), 42, UPPER MAUDLIN-STREET.**—Inspiring address by Mrs. Baxter on subjects chosen by audience. The morning address was followed by clairvoyance by Mrs. Baxter and Mr. Williams. Sunday next, at 11 a.m., members' service; 6.30 p.m., public service. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., developing class. Wednesday, 7.30, members' service.—A. R.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—**BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.**—Address by Mr. G. Prior.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—**UNITY HALL, EDGECUMBE-STREET.**—Address by Mr. Johns, clairvoyance by Mrs. Short.—C. A.

EXETER.—**MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.**—Afternoon and evening, addresses by Mrs. Grainger and Mr. J. Hill; clairvoyance by Mrs. Grainger.—P. G.

TORQUAY.—**SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, ELLA-COMBE.**—Address by Mr. E. Rugg-Williams, clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Thistleton.—R. T.

FULHAM.—12, **LETTICE-STREET.**—Alderman D. J. Davis gave an address on "1917" and answered questions. Mr. Daniels addressed the Liberty Group.—V. M. S.

SOUTHEND.—**CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DRIVE, WESTCLIFF.**—Mr. Smith, the new president, gave an excellent address.—W. P. C.

BOURNEMOUTH.—**WILBERFORCE HALL, HOLDENHURST-ROAD.**—Morning, Mr. A. E. Taylor; evening, Mr. D. Hartley, clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Martin.—D. H.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STOKES CROFT.**—Morning and evening meetings conducted by Mr. Woodland, of Cardiff. Other usual meetings.—W. G.

SOUTHPORT.—**HAWKSHED HALL.**—Miss E. Sarney paid her first official visit, addressing large audiences, and giving clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Beardsworth read a paper.—E. T.

MANOR PARK, E.—**THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, address on "The Birth of the Christ," also successful clairvoyance by Mrs. Alice Jamrach. 1st, ladies meeting, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Hayward. 3rd, 7.30, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Podmore.—E. M.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—**VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.**—Mr. Howard Mundy, of Bournemouth, gave addresses on "Looking Backward" and "Looking Forward," also several clairvoyant descriptions of spirit people. On the 3rd inst. Mrs. Bruns and Mr. Tulley gave clairvoyant descriptions at a public circle.

CHILDREN'S NEW YEAR TREAT.—The first New Year Treat in connection with the Spiritual Temple Church, 42, Upper Maudlin-street, Bristol, was held on Jan. 3rd, and proved the greatest success. Nearly a hundred children were entertained to a good tea and took part in games. Owing to the strenuous efforts of the ladies' guild we were able to distribute one hundred and thirty-one warm garments amongst the children. In addition, they were able to take home oranges, cakes and toys. The committee wish to express their thanks to all members and friends, who not only contributed so freely in money and goods, but also assisted in the entertaining of the children.—A. B.

MR. R. BODDINGTON AT WISBECH.—The secretary of the Wisbech Society writes: "Last Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of this society. We had the privilege of a visit from Mr. Richard Boddington, a member of the Executive of the S.N.U. In the morning he dealt with the threefold aspect of Spiritualism as scientific, philosophic and religious. At the evening meeting he addressed a large audience in the Public Hall on 'Primitive Christianity and Modern Spiritualism—a Comparison and Contrast,' showing the essential identity and unity that existed between the practices of the past and the present. As a result of the visit, we feel convinced that the society is in for a new lease of active healthy life, and trust that when he next comes he will find we are no longer on the unaffiliated list, but a recognised unit of the S.N.U."

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SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, JAN. 14th, &c.

Prospective Notices, not exceeding twenty-four words, may be added to reports if accompanied by stamps to the value of sixpence.

MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. E. Haviland's address on "Life" was exceptionally interesting and instructive. The singing of two solos by members of the association was much appreciated. At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on Monday, the 8th inst., Mr. Leigh Hunt gave successful descriptions of spirit people. Mr. George Craze presided at both these meetings.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Addresses by Mr. Percy R. Street: morning subject, "The Larger Hope," evening, "The Faith of the Realist." For Sunday next see front page.—I R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave an inspirational address on "Colours" in the morning, and at the evening meeting a trance address on "The Value of Mediumship to a World in Tears." Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith: morning, on "Visions"; evening, continuation of trance address on "The Value of Mediumship to a World in Tears."

STRATFORD.—*IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.*—Mr. A. Vout Peters gave a splendid address, followed by well-recognised clairvoyance. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. 28th, Mr. Angus Moncur. Lyceum, every Sunday at 3.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—*PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.*—Address by Mr. G. R. Symons. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. Podmore, address and clairvoyance.

CLAPHAM.—*HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Morning, circle conducted by Mr. Lovegrove; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mr. Horace Leaf. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. de Beaurepaire. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. 28th, Mrs. Podmore.

BRISTOL.—*SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH (LATE STOKES CROFT), 42, UPPER MAUDLIN-STREET.*—Morning and evening, impressive addresses by Mrs. Baxter. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., services. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., developing class. Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., service.—A. R.

HOLLOWAY.—*GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.*—Morning, debate, Messrs. Parry, Brenchley, and others; evening, Mr. J. Sims. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., Mr. T. Parry; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Harold Carpenter. Wednesday, 24th, Mrs. E. Neville. Saturday, 27th, members' social.

BRIGHTON.—*WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.*—Mrs. Clempson gave inspiring addresses, morning and evening, followed by good clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15 and 7, and Monday, at 8, Mrs. Jennie Walker; 3 p.m., Lyceum. Circles: Tuesday, at 3 and 7.30; Thursday, at 8.—J. J. G.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *UPPER NORTH-STREET* (close to Clock Tower).—Excellent addresses and clairvoyance by Mrs. Freer. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. A. Jamrach, addresses and clairvoyance; also Monday, 8 p.m.; Lyceum, 3 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.

CROYDON.—*GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.*—Address by Mr. Robert King upon "Body, Soul and Spirit," greatly appreciated. Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Julie Scholey. Gifts of flowers for soldiers' ward gratefully received.

BRIXTON.—143A, *STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.*—Address by Mrs. Neville on "Where is Heaven?" and convincing clairvoyance. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 11.15 and 6.30, Mrs. Harvey, of Southampton, address and clairvoyance. 28th, Mr. G. R. Symons. All circles as usual.—H. W. N.

HACKNEY.—240A, *AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.*—Mr. W. F. Smith gave an appreciated address on "The Future," and Mrs. Smith descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon, address and descriptions. Circles: Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Sutton; Tuesday, 7.15, and Thursday, 7.45 (members only), Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—*SURREY MASONIC HALL.*—Morning, service conducted by the members; evening, eloquent address by Dr. Vanstone on "What does Spiritualism Offer to the Honest Seeker?" Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., thirtieth anniversary services; evening speaker, Mr. R. Boddington.

BATTERSEA.—*HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.*—Morning, well-attended circle; evening, Mrs. Jamrach gave an address on "The Elimination of Fear," followed by good clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. M. Stenson. Tuesday, 8, developing circle. Thursday, 8, Mrs. N. Bloodworth.—N. B.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH.—73, *BECKLOW-ROAD.*—Mr. and Mrs. Gribble gave trance addresses. Sunday next, 11 a.m., public circle; 7 p.m., Mr. Symons. Thursday, 8 p.m., public meeting.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Good address by Mr. A. T. Kirby and well-rendered solo from Miss D. Ford. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Graddon-Kent. Wednesday, 24th, at 7.30 p.m., public circle conducted by Mr. A. J. Maskell.

PECKHAM.—*LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.*—Morning, Mr. Jackson led a discussion on "Universalism"; evening, Mr. R. Boddington gave an address and answered questions. On the 11th Mr. Cowlam gave an address and Mr. Moncur psychometric readings. Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., address; 7 p.m., Miss Violet Burton. 25th, 8.15, public circle. 28th, 7, Mr. Robert King.—T. G. B.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.R.).—Afternoon, children's service; evening, Mr. L. I. Gilbertson, F.J.I., gave his fourth address in "The Initiation of Christ" series. On 9th, discussion on "The Place of Jesus Christ in Spiritualism." Sunday next, 3.15 p.m., children's service, Mr. R. T. Hutchfield; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. A. Henry. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Mrs. A. Henry. 28th, Mr. J. Harold Carpenter.—C. E. S.

PAIGNTON.—*MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.*—Address by Miss Cordelia Addison; Councillor Rabbich presided.

FULHAM.—12, *LETTICE-STREET.*—Mrs. Graddon-Kent gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Connor addressed the Liberty Group.—V. M. S.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—*VICTORIA-ROAD, SOUTH.*—Addresses and descriptions by Mrs. Podmore, who had also given several clairvoyant tests on Saturday.—J. McF.

EXETER.—*MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.*—Afternoon and evening, Mr. W. H. Watkins, of Plymouth; clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. M. A. Grainger.

SOUTHPORT.—*HAWKSHED HALL.*—Mrs. Renshaw paid her first official visit and addressed large meetings. Mr. Beardsworth read papers. Mr. H. S. Rowlandson presided.—E. T.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—*UNITY HALL, EDGUMBE-STREET.*—Address by Mr. Webb on "The Laws of Nature"; solo, Miss Rawlinson; clairvoyant descriptions by Mr. Dennis.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—*BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.*—Mrs. M. Gordon addressed a large and interested audience afterwards giving clairvoyant descriptions.—M. W.

READING.—*SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Addresses by Mr. H. Ernest Hunt on "Imagination" and "Troubles."

BRISTOL.—*SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STOKES CROFT.*—Morning and evening service conducted by Mr. Eddy. Lyceum annual meeting in the afternoon. Other usual meetings.—W. G.

PORTSMOUTH.—311, *SOMERS-ROAD, SOUTHSEA.*—Morning, public circle, conducted by Mrs. Farr; clairvoyance by Mrs. Farr and Mr. Evans; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Farr, of Portsmouth.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, uplifting address and successful descriptions by Mrs. Annie Boddington. 8th, ladies' meeting, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Edith Marriott. 10th, address and good clairvoyance by Mrs. Neville.—E. M.

MARYLEBONE ASSOCIATION.—There was a pleasant gathering at an At Home held at the Assembly Rooms, 77, *New Oxford-street, W.*, on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., by invitation of the President and Council of the Marylebone Spiritualist Association. General regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. Cooper owing to illness, and a resolution to this effect, also expressing hearty thanks and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper for their work in connection with the association, was passed with acclamation. An interesting musical programme was performed and Mrs. Wesley-Adams gave many accurate clairvoyant descriptions, after which the guests were invited to give five-minute addresses on personal experiences; among those who responded were Mrs. Cannon and Mr. Horace Leaf, who both gave amusing examples of the humorous side of Spiritualism. Mr. Haviland's protest against a certain type of pseudo-clairvoyants who degraded the movement by practising fortune-telling received unanimous support. Mr. Lovegrove gave an interesting account of how he had been enabled to get *en rapport* with his soldier son at the front during periods of hard fighting, and to assist him in moments of peril. This was confirmed by the fact that Mr. Lovegrove, jun., was conscious of his father's presence. Mrs. Cooper, who acted as hostess, made a sympathetic accompanist at the piano.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembridge Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. H. G. Beard spoke in the morning on "The Great Geometrician"; Dr. W. J. Vanstone in the evening on "Can Spiritualists Afford to Ignore Jesus?" For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave in the morning a powerful address on "Vision," and in the evening a *resumé* of the previous Sunday's trance address on "The Value of Mediumship to a World in Tears," which evoked keen interest. Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith: morning, "Spiritual Perception"; evening, "Mental Attainment."

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5 BROADWAY).—Fine trance address by Mrs. de Beaurepaire. For prospective announcements, see front page.—R. A. B.

CROYDON.—GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.—Address by Mrs. Julie Scholey, highly appreciated. Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. H. Ernest Hunt. Services of intercession on behalf of sailors and soldiers every Sunday.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, at 7, Mrs. Podmore, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. E. Marriott, address and clairvoyance.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.R.).—Afternoon, children's service, Mr. R. T. Hutchfield; evening, Mrs. A. Henry gave an address on "Right and Wrong." 16th, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. A. A. Hayward.—C. E. S.

FOREST GATE, E.—EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.—Service conducted by Miss E. Shead; address by Mr. Sarfas, "A Panoramic View of the World," followed by good descriptions. Sunday next, at 6.30, in Small Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward.—F. S.

PECKHAM.—LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.—Morning, open circle; evening, address by Miss Violet Burton. 18th, address by Mrs. Turner; clairvoyance by Mr. C. J. Williams. Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Still; 7 p.m., Mr. Robert King. February 1st, 8.15, Mrs. Podmore. 4th, 7, Mr. H. Boddington.

HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.—Mrs. Mary Gordon gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. E. Neville, address and descriptions. Circles: Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Brookman; Tuesday, 7.15, and Thursday, 7.45 (members only), Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

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BRIGHTON.—WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.—Mrs. Jennie Walker gave excellent addresses morning and evening, followed by descriptions and messages. Sunday next, at 11.15 and 7, and Monday, at 8, Mrs. Harvey.

CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. de Beaurepaire; solo by Miss Nelly Dimmick. Sunday next, at 11.15, public circle; 6.30, Mrs. Podmore; at 8, Annual Meeting. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting.—F. C. E. D.

STRATFORD.—IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.—Mr. Smith spoke on "Spiritualism, a Need to Evolution," and Mrs. Smith gave clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, Mr. Angus Moncrie. Wednesday, January 31st, at 3, ladies' meeting, Mrs. Wake. Thursday, February 1st, at 8, Mr. Wrench. February 4th, Mrs. E. A. Cannock. Lyceum, every Sunday at 3.—A. G. D.

RICHMOND.—14, PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).—Mrs. Graddon-Kent gave an interesting address and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mr. H. Boddington. Wednesday, at 7.30, Alderman D. J. Davis.

BATTERSEA.—HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.—Morning, well-attended circle; evening, in the absence of Mrs. Stenson, through illness, Mdme. Zitta kindly gave an address and descriptions. Sunday next, 11 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Miss Violet Burton. Tuesday, 8, developing circle. Thursday, 8.15, Mrs. George.—N. B.

MANOR PARK, E.—STRONE-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.—Morning, healing service; evening, address, "Paramount Importance of Spirit Life," by Mr. G. T. Gwinn. Sunday next, 11 a.m., spiritual healing service; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. A. H. Sarfas. February 2nd, 8, members' circle. 4th, 6.30, Mr. George Prior.

BRIXTON.—143A, STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.—In the absence of Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Wesley-Adams kindly gave an address on "Seek and ye shall Find," and followed with descriptions and messages. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. G. R. Symons, address. February 4th, Mrs. Jamrach. Circles: Monday, 7.30, ladies'; Tuesday, 8, members'; Thursday, 8.15, public.—H. W. N.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Thirtieth Anniversary; morning, most enjoyable service, conducted by Mrs. E. M. Ball; evening, good address by Mr. R. Boddington, followed by general meeting, re-election of officers, &c. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Mr. Horace Leaf, addresses and clairvoyance.

FULHAM.—12, LETTICE-STREET.—Mrs. Neville gave an address on "Where is Heaven?" and clairvoyant descriptions.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.—Mr. H. E. Hunt gave an interesting address on "Imagination."

TOTTENHAM.—684, HIGH-ROAD.—Mrs. Florence Sutton gave an address, "Man and his Bodies," followed by clairvoyant descriptions.—D. H.

SOUTHEND.—CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DRIVE, WESTCLIFF.—Mrs. E. A. Cannock gave an excellent address, following with descriptions and messages, fully recognised.

PAIGNTON.—MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.—The Rev. Todd Ferrier gave an uplifting address entitled, "On the Threshold."

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—UNITY HALL, EDGUMBE-STREET.—Address by Mrs. Gale. Mrs. Pearce sang "Abide with me." Chairman, Mr. Martyr. Large attendance.—C. F. A.

TORQUAY.—SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, ELLA-COMBE.—Excellent address by Mr. C. Instrell on "Brotherhood," followed by clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Thistleton.

SOUTHPORT.—HAWESHEAD HALL.—Address by Mr. J. J. Morse, preceded by the reading of a poem, entitled "My Creed." Clairvoyante, Mrs. Beardsworth.—E. T.

EXETER.—MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.—Mrs. M. A. Grainger devoted the afternoon to clairvoyance. In the evening, Mr. J. Hill gave an address on "Critics and Spiritualism."—P. G.

Bristol.—SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STOKES CROFT.—Morning, service conducted by Mr. Eddy; Lyceum at 3; evening, address by Mr. Fare on "Theism." Other usual meetings.—W. G.

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SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, JAN. 28th, &c.

MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mrs. Cannock gave many striking clairvoyant descriptions of spirit people. A solo ("The Lost Chord") was sung by one of our members. Mr. George Craze presided.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on the 22nd ult., Mr. Horace Leaf gave clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Leigh Hunt presided. Sunday next, see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Addresses: Morning, "Spiritualism: Is it Hindrance or Progression?" by Mr. E. W. Beard; evening, "Response" by Mr. G. Prior. For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith delivered two stirring addresses; in the morning on "Spiritual Perception," and in the evening on "Mental Attainment." Sunday next, morning, service for our fallen heroes; evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith will reply to written questions.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, Mrs. E. Marriott, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum memorial service for a member; 7, address by Mr. Wilkins.

PECKHAM.—**LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.**—Morning, a circle; evening, address by Mr. Robert King. Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., Mrs. Still; 7 p.m., Mr. H. Boddington. Thursday, 8.15, Mrs. Mary Gordon. 11th, 7, Mr. Angus Moncur.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5. BROADWAY).—Interesting address by Mr. Smith, clairvoyance by Mrs. Smith. For prospective announcements, see front page.—R. A. B.

BRIGHTON.—**WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.**—Mrs. Jennie Walker gave excellent addresses morning and evening, followed by well-recognised descriptions. Sunday next, 11.15 and 7, and Monday, at 8, Mrs. Neville.—J. J. G.

HACKNEY.—240A, *AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.*—Mrs. Neville gave an address on "Sowing and Reaping," and convincing descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Maunder, address and descriptions. Circles: Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Brookman; Tuesday, 7.45, and Thursday, 7.15 (members only), Mrs. Brichard.

BRIXTON.—143A, *STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.*—Mr. G. R. Symons gave an address on "Man, the Builder." Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Jamrach, address and clairvoyance. 11th, Mr. George Prior. 10th, Grand Social. All circles as usual.—H. W. N.

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Powerful address by Mr. H. Ernest Hunt on "The Judgment Book." Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Percy Scholey. Donations to flower fund gratefully received. All flowers conveyed to Soldiers' Hospital Ward.

STRATFORD.—**IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.**—Mr. Angus Moncur gave an address followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mrs. Cannock. Wednesday, 7th inst., at 3, ladies' meeting, Mrs. Marriott. Thursday, at 8, Mrs. Jamrach. 11th, Mrs. Neville. Lyceum every Sunday at 3.—A. G. D.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Splendid time with Mr. Horace Leaf both morning and evening. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Thomson, address, "Man's Mission"; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Beaumont-Sigall, address and clairvoyance.

CLAPHAM.—**HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.**—Morning, circle conducted by the President (Mrs. Clempson); evening, address and descriptions by Mrs. Podmore, followed by annual meeting of members. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 5 p.m., annual tea; 6.30, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Symons. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting.—F. C. E. D.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *UPPER NORTH-STREET (close to Clock Tower).*—Morning, public circle, Mr. Everett gave a helpful address; evening, clairvoyance by Miss Fawcett. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. A. Boddington, address and clairvoyance; also Monday, 8 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.—R. G.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.**—Morning, Mrs. M. Brookman, and Miss E. Boulter, vocalist; evening, Mrs. A. Boddington. Sunday next, 11.15, Mr. E. Haviland; 7 p.m., Mrs. Podmore, clairvoyance. 7th, Mrs. Maunder. 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Filby. All come and bring inquirers.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Sunday next, at 7 p.m., public circle conducted by Mr. A. J. Maskell. Wednesday, February 7th, at 7.30, Mr. H. Leaf.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH (LATE STOKES CROFT), 42, UPPER MAUDLIN-STREET.**—Inspiring addresses were given in the morning and evening by Mrs. Baxter on subjects chosen by the audience. Sunday next, 11 a.m., members' service; 6.30 p.m., public service. Tuesday, 7.45, developing class. Wednesday, 7.30, members' service.—A. R.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.R.).—Afternoon, children's meeting; evening, Mr. J. Har Carpenter spoke on "Education." On the 23rd Mrs. Har answered written questions. Sunday next, 3.15 p.m., children's service, Mrs. L. Pitter; 6.30 p.m., Miss Charlotte Wood. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Rev. A. H. Biggs.—C. E. S.

BATTERSEA.—**HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.**—Morning, well-attended circle; evening, Miss Violet Burton gave an address. An appeal was made for the fund being raised for the benefit of Mrs. Craft, whose husband and child were killed and her home wrecked in the recent munition factory explosion. The sum of £1 ls. was collected, with promises of further donations. Sunday next, 11 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Zitta, Thursday, 8.15, clairvoyance.—N. B.

FULHAM.—12, *LETTICE-STREET.*—Mrs. Orłowski gave an address and clairvoyant descriptions.—V. M. S.

EALING.—95, *UXBRIDGE-ROAD.*—Very able address by Mrs. Brownjohn, who also gave clairvoyant descriptions; all recognised.—E. H.

SOUTHAMPTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, CAVENDISH GROVE.—Morning and evening, addresses by Mr. Howard Mundy, of Bournemouth, who also gave clairvoyant descriptions.—J. H.

READING.—**SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAgrave-STREET.**—Mr. P. R. Street gave addresses on "The Communion of Saints" and "What Spiritualism Really Is."

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—**BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.**—Mrs. M. Davies gave an address, followed by a few clairvoyant descriptions.—M. W.

SOUTHEND.—**CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DRIVE, WESTCLIFF.**—Mrs. de Beaurepaire gave an address and descriptions.—W. P. C.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Mrs. Maunder spoke on "What is the Use of It?" and subsequently gave several clairvoyant descriptions.—D. H.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—**UNITY HALL, EDGECUMBE-STREET.**—Meeting conducted by Mr. Arnold, address by Mr. Wall on "Influence," clairvoyance by Mr. Dennis, soloist.

SOUTHPORT.—**HAWKSHED HALL.**—Mrs. Turner gave addresses and clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Beardsworth presided.—E. T.

PAIGNTON.—**MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.**—"Patience" was the subject of an address by Miss Mills, F.T.S., who also gave clairvoyant descriptions.

BOURNEMOUTH.—**WILBERFORCE HALL, HOLDENHURST-ROAD.**—Addresses, morning and evening, by Mr. J. G. MacFarlane, of Portsmouth. Clairvoyant descriptions by Mr. T. Blake.

MANOR PARK, E.—**THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, address and clairvoyance by Madam Beaumont-Sigall. 22nd, address and psychometry by Mrs. Briggs. 24th, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Maunder.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STOKES CROFT.**—Morning, service conducted by Mr. Watkins; evening, controlled address through Mr. W. E. Jones, Cardiff.—W. G.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—**VICTORIA-ROAD SOUTH.**—Mrs. Alice Jamrach spoke on "The Root of all Evil" and "The Resurrection of the Dead." She gave many striking clairvoyant tests after each address, and also on the 27th and 29th. On the 24th Mrs. Gutteridge gave descriptions in a public circle.

CLAPHAM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Clapham Spiritualists' Society was held on January 28th. The committee's report for 1916 showed an increase in members from thirty-three to sixty-five. Notwithstanding the remission of subscriptions of members on active service with H.M. Forces, the balance carried forward, £6 18s., was higher than last year, and the Building, or Removal, Fund, started six months ago, amounted to £10 4s. A more suitable hall was greatly needed, but as yet none had been to let in the district, and therefore it had not been possible to start a Lyceum, which, for structural reasons, was not practicable in the present hall. Public services had been well supported, and a good syllabus of speakers and demonstrators for the coming year issued in a form convenient for distribution. The report was received and thanks accorded to the officers and committee. Mrs. Mary Clempson was again re-elected president.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mrs. M. H. Wallis delivered an excellent inspirational address entitled "Man: What? Whence? Whither?" Mr. Leigh Hunt presided.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on Monday, the 29th ult., Mrs. Cannock was most successful in describing spirit friends present. Mr. George Craze presided. For Sunday next see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. Ernest Meads spoke in the morning on "The Call of the Past to Us of To-day," and Mrs. Mary Davies in the evening on "Whence, and Whither?" For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith conducted a service in the morning for the advancement of our fallen heroes, and in the evening gave instructive replies to many interesting questions from the audience. Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith. Morning, on "The Aura"; evening, on "Healing."

FOREST GATE, E.—EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.—Service conducted by Mr. Mead. Sunday next, Mrs. Marriott, at 6.30, in Small Hall.—F. S.

CROYDON.—GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.—Inspirational address by the president. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; at 6.30, Mrs. Mary Davies.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5. BROADWAY).—Inspiring trance address by Miss Violet Burton. For prospective announcements, see front page.—R. A. B.

HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.—The morning address was by Mr. E. Haviland, and the evening by Mrs. S. Podmore. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., Mr. W. F. Parry; 7 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Tilby, clairvoyance. Inquirers invited. Saturday, 10th, Lyceum Social.—J. S.

MANOR PARK, E.—STRONE-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.—Morning, healing service; evening, address, "Response," by Mr. G. Prior. Sunday next, 11 a.m., spiritual healing service; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. 18th, Mr. R. S. Whitwell.

STRATFORD.—IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.—Mrs. Cannock gave an address, followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, 6.30, Mrs. Neville. Wednesday, at 3, ladies' meeting, Mrs. Hayward. Thursday, at 8, church workers. 18th, Mrs. A. Boddington. Lyceum every Sunday at 3.—M. D.

PRECKHAM.—LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.—Mrs. Still spoke in the morning on "The Fiery Furnace," and Mr. H. Boddington in the evening on "The Real Heaven." Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., usual meeting; 7 p.m., Mr. Angus Moncur. 15th, 8.15 p.m., Mrs. M. E. Orłowski. 18th, Lyceum day.

HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.—Mrs. Maunder gave an address and descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mr. A. H. Sarfas, address and descriptions. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. F. Green. Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m., Mrs. Brichard (healing); Thursday, 7.45 p.m., Mrs. Brichard (members only).—N. R.

BRIXTON.—143A, STOCKWELL PARK-ROAD, S.W.—Mrs. Jamrach spoke on "The Conquest of Death and our State in the Future Life," and also gave clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. George Prior, address. 18th, Mr. Hamilton. Circles: Monday, 7.30, ladies'; Tuesday, 8, members'; Thursday, 8.15, public.—H. W. N.

CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson. Annual tea well attended. Evening, address by Mr. G. R. Symons. Demonstrations by Mrs. Beatrice Moore. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Alice Jamrach. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. 18th, Miss Violet Burton.—F. C. E. D.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Morning, inspiring address by Mrs. Thomson, clairvoyance by Mr. Ball; evening, uplifting address on "Healing" by Mrs. Beaumont-Sigall, and well-recognised clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Beatrice Moore, address and clairvoyance; 6.30 p.m., Mr. G. T. Brown, address, "Problems after the War."

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, UPPER NORTH-STREET (close to Clock Tower).—It was deeply regretted that Mrs. Boddington was unable to be with us owing to indisposition. A circle was held in the morning; in the evening Mr. Gurd gave an address, and Miss Fawcett clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. M. H. Wallis, addresses, clairvoyance and answers to questions; 3 p.m., Lyceum. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.—R. G.

EALING.—95, UXBRIDGE-ROAD.—Address by Mr. Lovegrove on "Moslim"; sole by Mrs. Freeth.—E. H.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.—Mr. R. King gave an address on "Mediumship" to an interested audience.

TORQUAY.—SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, BELL COMBE.—A trance address by Mrs. Thistleton, followed by recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—R. T.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.—Mr. P. R. Street gave addresses on "Life and Power from Within" and "Spiritualism and Fortune-telling."

SOUTHEND.—CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DRIVE, WESTCLIFF.—Mr. H. E. Hunt gave a very excellent address, large after-circle.—W. H. C.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—UNITY HALL, EDGCOMBE-STREET.—Meeting conducted by Mr. Johns, of Exeter; address by Mr. Philip Webb; clairvoyance by Mrs. Short.—C. F. A.

PAIGNTON.—MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.—Afternoon, clairvoyance by Mrs. Trueman, of Plymouth. Evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Trueman. Councillor Rabbich presided.

FULHAM.—12, LETTICE-STREET.—Mr. Wilkins read passages from the utterances of Abraham Lincoln, upon which he subsequently based his address. He also addressed the Liberty Group.—V. M. S.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—VICTORIA-ROAD SOUTH.—Mrs. Clara O. Hadley gave clairvoyant descriptions and messages in the morning and an address and descriptions in the evening. On the 3rd she devoted the evening to psychometric delineations. January 31st, Mr. Marlowe and Mrs. Farr gave clairvoyant readings.—J. McF.

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SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, FEB. 11th. &c.

MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. H. Ernest Hunt delivered an instructive and inspiring discourse on "The Power of Sympathy"; a solo was sung by a member.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on Monday, the 5th inst., Mrs. Cannock's descriptions of spirit people were very successful. These meetings for members and associates are well sustained. Mr. Leigh Hunt presided at both meetings. Sunday next, see front page.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. E. W. Beard spoke in the morning on "The Charm of Spiritualism"; and Mr. E. Haviland in the evening on "Lest we Forget." For Sunday next, see front page.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith delivered impressive addresses: Morning subject, "The Aura"; evening, "Healing." Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith will deliver inspirational addresses, both morning and evening.

BRITTON.—143A, *Stockwell Park-road, S.W.*—Mr. G. Prior gave an address to an enthusiastic audience. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Maunders, address and clairvoyance. 25th, Mr. Horace Leaf. All circles as usual.

CROYDON.—*Gymnasium Hall, High-street.*—Address by Mrs. Mary Davies upon "Mediumship" much appreciated. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; at 6.30 p.m., Mr. Robert King.

WIMLETON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5 BROADWAY).—Good address by Mr. Orłowski, in place of Mrs. Orłowski (indisposed). For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—*PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.*—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, Miss V. Burton, address. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Cannock.

BATTERSEA.—*HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.*—Morning, usual circle; evening, good address and clairvoyance by Mrs. F. Sutton. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. S. Fielder.

RICHMOND.—14, *Parkshot (Opposite Public Baths).*—Interesting circle conducted by Mr. A. J. Maskell. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Neville. Wednesday, at 7.30, Mr. Horace Leaf.

STRATFORD.—*Idmington-road, Forest Lane.*—Mrs. Neville gave an address followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, at 6.30 p.m., Mrs. A. Boddington. Wednesday, at 3, ladies' meeting. Thursday, at 8, church workers. 25th, Mrs. Orłowski. Lyceum every Sunday at 3 p.m.—M. D.

MANOR PARK, E.—*STRONG-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.*—Morning, spiritual healing service; evening, address by Mr. Smith, clairvoyance by Mrs. Smith. Sunday next, 11 a.m., spiritual healing service; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. R. S. Whitwell. 25th, Mrs. E. Neville.

BRISTOL.—*SPIRITUAL TEMPLE CHURCH (LATE STOKES CROFT), 42, UPPER MAUDLIN-STREET.*—Instructive addresses by Mrs. Baxter on subjects chosen by the audience. Sunday next, 11 a.m., members' service; 6.30 p.m., public service. Tuesday, 7.45, developing class. Wednesday, 7.30, members' service.

HACKNEY.—240A, *AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.*—Mr. Sarlas gave an impressive address on "The Meaning of Spiritualism," and descriptions. Sunday next, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Jamrach. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Wilson. Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Richard. Wednesday, 21st, 8 p.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon, lecture on "Numbers and Names: Their Value and Meaning."—N. R.

HOLLOWAY.—*GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.*—Morning, Mr. W. F. Parry and Mr. A. Vout Peters; evening, Mr. and Mrs. Tilby, clairvoyance and address. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., and Wednesday, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Fanny Taylor. Saturday, 24th, members' social. Sunday, 25th, Madame A. de Beaurepaire.—J. S.

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CLAPHAM.—*HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Morning, circle conducted by the president (Mrs. Clempson), who also gave the evening address and demonstrations in the absence of Mrs. A. Jamrach. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Miss Violet Burton. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. 25th, Mrs. Maunders.—F. C. E. D.

CAMBERWELL, NEW-ROAD, SURREY.—*MASONIC HALL.*—Morning, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Beatrice. Evening, address by Mr. Brown on "The War," much appreciated. Sunday next, 11 a.m., church service; 6.30 p.m., Podmore, address and clairvoyance.

PECKHAM.—*LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD, S.W.*—Mr. Jackson opened a discussion on "Universal Brotherhood" in the evening. Mr. Angus Moncur gave an address and clairvoyance. On the 8th, Mrs. Mary Gordon gave an address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.30, 3, and 7, addresses by Lyceum. 22nd, 8.15, public circle. 25th, 11.30, Mr. G. W. Lee.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.).—Afternoon, children's service; evening, Mr. L. I. G. continued the fourth stage of "The Initiation of Christ." On the 6th, the Rev. W. H. Biggs spoke on "The Ideal in Manhood." Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., meditation service; 3.15 p.m., school; 6.30 p.m., Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn. Tuesday, 7.45, Mrs. Marriott. 25th, Miss C. D. L. McGivray.—C. E. S.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, in the absence of Mr. Carpenter, Mrs. Watson gave an interesting address. 5th, ladies' meeting, address and psychometry by Mrs. Tilby. 7th, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Edith Marriott. Sunday next, address by Mr. R. Boddington. 19th, 3 p.m., ladies' meeting. 21st, 7.30, Mr. Watson, address; 24th, social and dance.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Mr. Richard Boddington gave an interesting address on "Mediumship."

EXETER.—*MARKEE HALL, FORD-STREET.*—Afternoon, evening, addresses and good clairvoyances by Mr. S. Spence.

FULHAM.—12, *LETTICE-STREET.*—Mrs. M. Gordon gave an address on "The Promise of Life," and clairvoyant descriptions solo by Mr. Drew. Mrs. Gordon addressed the Liberty Group.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—*BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.*—Mrs. Beaurepaire gave an interesting address followed by clairvoyance.—M. W.

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SOUTHPORT.—*HAWKESHEAD HALL.*—The local workers, Mr. Mary Wood and the president, Mrs. Edmeline Beardsworth, conducted the services. Mr. Beardsworth read a paper, "Whence Came We and Whither are We Going?"—E. T.

FOREST GATE, E.—*EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.*—Service conducted by Mr. G. T. Gwinn. Address by Mr. Marriott on "Consciousness," followed by several well-recognized descriptions.—F. S.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—*UNITY HALL, EDGUMBE-STREET.*—Meeting conducted by Mr. C. F. Arnold; address by Mr. Johns, on "Revelations"; clairvoyance by Mrs. Downing soloist, Miss Brock.—C. F. A.

TORQUAY.—*SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, ELM-COMBE.*—Excellent inspirational address was given by Mr. C. Instell on "Immortality"; recognised clairvoyant descriptions by Mrs. Thistleton followed.—R. T.

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PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—*VICTORIA-ROAD SOUTH.*—Mr. F. Blake, President of Southern Union, gave addresses on "The Best to Solve Life's Problems" and "The Freedom of Spiritualism or the Bondage of Churchianity?" He also gave recognised clairvoyant readings. At 3 p.m. he formally opened the new Lyceum. 7th, Mr. Marlowe gave well-recognized clairvoyant descriptions.—J. McF.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. A. Vout Peters delivered a most useful and inspiring address on "Death." Mr. G. Craze presided, and a member kindly sang a solo. Crowded audience.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on Monday, the 12th inst., Mrs. Marriott gave very successful descriptions to members and associates. Mr. Douglas Neal presided. Sunday next, see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Baywater, W.*—Morning, Mrs. Mary Gordon gave an address on "Power"; evening, Mr. P. E. Beard answered written questions. For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave powerful addresses, her evening subject being "Spirits in Prison." Sunday next, morning and evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, inspirational addresses.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5. BROADWAY).—Fine address by Mr. George Prior. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Address by Mr. Robert King on "Occult and Mystic Paths," greatly appreciated. Sunday next, 11 a.m., service and circle; 6.30 p.m., Mr. George Prior.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, Mrs. E. A. Cannock, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mr. H. E. Hunt, address.

RICHMOND.—14, *Parkshot (Opposite Public Baths).*—Sunday next, at 7 p.m., public circle conducted by Mr. A. J. Maskell. Wednesday, at 7.30, Mr. Horace Leaf, on "Psychic Experiences."

STRATFORD.—**IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.**—Mrs. A. Boddington gave an address, followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mrs. E. Orłowski. Wednesday, at 3, ladies' meeting, Mrs. Maunder. Thursday, at 8, Church Workers. March 4th, Mr. and Mrs. Pulham.—M. D.

MANOR PARK, E.—**STONE-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.**—Morning, spiritual healing service; evening, address by Mr. Mead. Sunday next, 11 a.m., spiritual healing service; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. E. Neville. March 4th, Mr. R. H. Boddington.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Morning, service conducted by Mr. R. Boddington; evening, helpful address and excellent clairvoyance by Mrs. Podmore. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mr. A. Bailey, address; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Annie Boddington, address and clairvoyance.

BATTERSEA.—**HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.**—Morning circle well attended; evening, in the absence of Mrs. Fielder, local friends conducted the service. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. G. Symons. Thursday, 8.15, psychometry.—N. B.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *Upper North-street (close to Clock Tower).*—Morning, helpful public circle; evening, address by Mr. R. Gurd, clairvoyance by Mrs. Mansell. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., services conducted by the Lyceum members; 3 p.m., Lyceum. Special session. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.—R. G.

BRIGHTON.—**WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.**—Mrs. Orłowski gave addresses, followed by clairvoyance, morning and evening. Sunday next, 11.15 and 7, Miss Violet Burton, addresses. Circles: Tuesday at 3; Thursday at 8. Class, Friday, at 8.—J. J. G.

CLAPHAM.—**HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.**—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson; evening, address by Miss Violet Burton on "Thou Shalt not Steal." Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Maunder. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. March 4th, Ald. D. J. Davis, J.P.—F. C. E. D.

HACKNEY.—240A, *Amhurst-road, N.E.*—Mrs. Jamrach gave an address on "Primitive Christianity and Spiritualism," and descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Beaumont-Sigall, address and descriptions. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Sutton. Tuesday, 7, healing, and Thursday, 7.45, members only, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.R.)—Morning, meditation service; afternoon, children's service; evening, Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn, address and answers to questions. On the 13th Mr. G. F. Tilby, address, and Mrs. Tilby clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., meditation; 3.15 p.m., Sunday School; 6.30, Miss C. D. L. McGrigor. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., discussion meeting.—C. E. S.

BRIXTON.—143A, *Stockwell Park-road, S.W.*—Mrs. Maunder spoke on "The Questions of Life," and gave clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Horace Leaf, address and clairvoyance. March 4th, Mrs. Neville, No meeting March 1st. Other circles as usual.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.**—Morning, discussion by Miss Hall, Messrs. Syme, Parry, Sims, Forsythe, &c.; 7 p.m., address by the Vice-President. Sunday next, 11.15, Mrs. Brookman, address; Mrs. E. Boulton, vocalist; 7 p.m., Mdm. Alice de Beaurepaire. Wednesday, 28th, Mrs. Mary Gordon. Saturday, 24th, members' social. All come.—J. S.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *High-road.*—Mrs. Mary Davies spoke on "Mediumship" and gave clairvoyant descriptions.—D. H.

EXETER—MARKET HALL, FORE-STREET.—The afternoon address was by Mrs. L. Davy and the evening by Mr. J. Hill.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—**BISHOP'S HALL, THAMES-STREET.**—Address and clairvoyance by Mr. H. Leaf.—M. W.

TORQUAY.—**SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, ELLACOMBE.**—Excellent inspirational address by Mr. E. Rugg-Williams; well-recognised descriptions by Mrs. Thistleton.

PAIGNTON.—**MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.**—Miss Mills, F.T.I., of Torquay, gave an educational address, followed by clairvoyance.

SOUTHEND.—**CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DRIVE, WESTCLIFF.**—Mrs. M. H. Wallis gave a very excellent address, following with clairvoyant descriptions and messages.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—**UNITY HALL, EDGUMBE-STREET.**—Trance address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Short. Soloists, Misses N. and D. Tripp.—C. F. A.

READING.—**SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.**—Mr. Percy R. Street gave addresses on "The Pilgrimage" and "Work for a World."

FULHAM.—12, *Lettice-street.*—Mr. Symons gave an address, and Mr. Ashley clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Wilkins addressed the Liberty Group.—V. M. S.

SOUTHAMPTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, CAVENDISH GROVE.—Mr. Geo. F. Tilby conducted a healing service in the morning and an ordinary service in the evening.—J. H.

EALING.—95, *Uxbridge-road.*—The service took the form of a memorial to our late member, Mr. Eliot. Miss Douglas Fox spoke upon "Life's Possibilities" and Mr. Powe sang a solo.

FOREST GATE, E.—**EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.**—Service conducted by Miss Shead. Address by Mr. Sewell. "Are they not all Ministering Spirits?" and answers to questions.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STOKES CROFT.**—Morning, usual service conducted by Mr. Eddy; evening, inspirational address and clairvoyance by Mr. Watkins. Other usual meetings.—W. G.

BOURNEMOUTH.—**WILBERFORCE HALL, HOLDENHURST-ROAD.**—Mr. F. T. Blake gave addresses and clairvoyant descriptions; evening subject, "The Freedom of Spiritualism or the Bondage of Churchianity."—D. H.

MANOR PARK, E.—**THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, uplifting address by Mr. R. Boddington. 12th, ladies' meeting, address and psychometry by Mrs. Briggs. 14th, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Edith Marriott.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—**VICTORIA-ROAD SOUTH.**—First visit of Mrs. Jennie Walker. Good addresses on "Healing Power" and "The Value of Spiritualism" and very accurate clairvoyant descriptions. Large audiences. On 19th and 20th Mrs. Walker also conducted meetings. 14th, Miss Beaty Fletcher and Mrs. Farr rendered valuable help in a public circle.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Mr. Robert King's address on "What is Spiritualism?" was of great service. With power, point and lucidity he showed the true beauty and religious and moral power of Spiritualism.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, on Monday, the 19th ult., Mr. A. V. Peters described spirit friends to members and associates. Mr. George Craze presided at both meetings. Sunday next, see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Dr. W. J. Vanstone gave an address on "The Radiant Spirit Within," and Miss McCreadie spoke on "Steadfastness." For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave very fine addresses, her subject in the evening being "Judgment." Sunday next, morning, service for our fallen heroes; evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith will give answers to written questions.

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Address by Mr. George Prior on "Dwelling Places." Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; 6.30, Mr. Percy Scholey. Gifts of flowers gratefully received and conveyed to Soldiers' Hospital.

WIMBLEDON (THROUGH ARCHWAY, BETWEEN 4 AND 5 BROADWAY).—Most interesting address by Mr. E. W. Beard. 21st ult., exceptionally successful clairvoyance by Mr. Fitch-Ruffle. For prospective announcements, see front page.

RICHMOND.—14, *Parkshot (Opposite Public Baths).*—Good circle conducted by Mr. A. J. Maskell. Sunday next, at 7 p.m., Mr. H. Ernest Hunt. Wednesday, at 7.30, Mr. A. T. Kirby.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, Mr. H. Ernest Hunt, address. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. Mary Gordon, address and clairvoyance.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH.—73, *Becklow-road.*—Mr. Cox gave an address on "Spiritual Progress." Sunday next, 11 a.m., public circle; 7 p.m., Mr. A. Moncur. Thursday, at 8, public meeting.—M. S.

BATTERSEA.—**HENLEY HALL, HENLEY-STREET.**—Morning, usual circle held; evening, Mr. G. Symons gave an address to an appreciative audience. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. A. T. Connor. Wednesday and Thursday, 2 p.m., Bazaar and Sale of Work.—N. B.

BRIXTON.—143A, *Stockwell Park-road, S.W.*—Mr. Horace Leaf gave an address on "Justice," and followed with clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Neville, address and clairvoyance. No meeting Monday. Tuesday, 8 p.m., members. Thursday, 8.15, public circle.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Morning, address by Mr. A. Bailey; evening, splendid address and good clairvoyance by Mrs. Annie Boddington. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon, address and clairvoyance; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Maunders, address and clairvoyance.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *Upper North-street (close to Clock Tower).*—Helpful and instructive papers by Lyceum members, followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, Mrs. Jennie Walker: 11 a.m., address and clairvoyance; 7 p.m., special lantern lecture, "The Advent of Modern Spiritualism"; also Monday, 8 p.m.—R. G.

BRIGHTON.—**WINDSOR HALL, WINDSOR-STREET, NORTH-STREET.**—Miss Violet Burton gave excellent inspirational addresses, both morning and evening. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mrs. Mary Davies. Monday, 7.30, social evening. Circles: Tuesday, 3 and 7.30; Thursday, 8. Class, Friday, 8.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.**—Morning, discussion by Messrs. Brechley, Jones, Parry, Sims, and others; evening, Mrs. Alice Beaurepaire, crowded meeting. 24th ult., very successful Social. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., Mr. E. Haviland; 7 p.m., Mr. W. F. Parry. 11th, Mr. H. E. Hunt.

STRATFORD.—**IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.**—In the absence of Mrs. Orłowski, Mr. A. G. Dennis gave a reading and Mrs. Greenwood clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mr. and Mrs. Pulham. Wednesday, at 3, ladies' meeting, Mrs. Goode and Mrs. Prince. Thursday, at 8, Mr. Martin. March 11th, Mr. A. H. Sarfas.—M. D.

GOODMAYES AVENUE (OPPOSITE GOODMAYES STATION, G.E.R.)—Morning, meditation service; afternoon, Sunday School; evening, Miss C. D. L. McGrigor spoke on "Service" and answered questions. On the 20th, open discussion on "Where are the Dead?" Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., meditation service; 3.15 p.m., Sunday School (Pearl Sunday); 6.30 p.m., Mr. George Prior. Tuesday, 7.45 p.m., Mrs. Hayward. 11th, Mr. L. I. Gilbertson.—C. E. S.

FOREST GATE, E.—**EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.**—Service conducted by Mr. F. Stidston. Address by Miss Shead, "Divine Love." Sunday next, at 6.30 p.m., Mr. Maunders, in the Small Hall.—F. S.

CLAPHAM.—**HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.**—Morning, circle conducted by Mrs. Clempson; evening, address and demonstrations by Mrs. Maunders. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., answers to questions; 6.30 p.m., Ald. D. J. Davis, J.P. Friday, at 8, inquirers' meeting. March 11th, Mrs. Mary Gordon.

HACKNEY.—240A, *Amhurst-road, N.E.*—Mrs. Beaumont Sigall gave an address on "Spirit Identity" and clairvoyant descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., address by Mr. Bryceson, descriptions by Mrs. Brookman. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Brookman. Tuesday, 7.15, healing, and Thursday, 8 p.m., members only, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

PECKHAM.—**LAUSANNE HALL, LAUSANNE-ROAD.**—Morning, Mr. Leach gave an address on "Life"; evening, Mr. Fielder spoke on "The Freedom of Truth and the Truth of Freedom." Sunday next, 11.30 a.m., Mr. Leach; 7 p.m., Mrs. Alice Jamrach. Thursday, 8th, 8.15, Mr. Ernest O'Connell. Sunday, 11th, 7, Mr. Tayler Gwinn.—T. G. B.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *High-road.*—Mrs. A. Jamrach spoke on "Man," and afterwards gave several clairvoyant descriptions.

PAIGNTON.—**MASONIC HALL, COURTLAND-ROAD.**—Council meeting. Rabbich gave an interesting address. Mr. Ashurst presided.

BRISTOL.—**SPIRITUAL CHURCH, THOMAS-STREET, STURGEON-CROFT.**—Morning, meeting conducted by Mr. Eddy; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Bewick, of Cardiff.—W. G.

TORQUAY.—**SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PRINCES-ROAD, BILCOMBE.**—Trance address by Mrs. Thistleton on "In Tune with the Infinite," followed by clairvoyant descriptions.

MANOR PARK, E.—**STRONE-ROAD CORNER, SHREWSBURY-ROAD.**—Morning, spiritual healing service; evening, address "God is All-Powerful," followed by descriptions, by Mrs. Neville.

SOUTHAMPTON SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, CAVENDISH GROVE.—Mr. S. H. Penton gave addresses and clairvoyant descriptions, morning subject, "On Active Service"; evening, "Light."

EALING.—95, *Uxbridge-road.*—Address by Mrs. Blomworth, entitled "Review of Spiritualism"; Miss Golding sang a solo.—E. H.

FULHAM.—12, *Lettice-street.*—Mr. Dimmick gave an address on "Aims and Ideals," and Mr. Connor on "Futures"; Mr. Drew sang a solo.—V. M. S.

READING.—**SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.**—Mr. P. R. Street gave addresses on "The Value of the Collective" and "The Task for the Times."

SOUTHEND.—**CROWSTONE GYMNASIUM, NORTHVIEW DAM, WESTCLIFF.**—Address by Mr. A. Punter, followed by recognised clairvoyant descriptions.—W. P. C.

STONEHOUSE, PLYMOUTH.—**UNITY HALL, EDGCUMBE-STREET.**—Address by Mr. Johns, clairvoyance by Mr. Dennis; soloists Mrs. Pearce and Miss Webb. Good attendance.—C. F. A.

PORTSMOUTH.—311, *Somers-road, Southsea.*—Morning, public circle, conducted by Mr. F. T. Blake, of Bournemouth. Mr. Blake gave the evening address and clairvoyant descriptions.

SOUTHPORT.—**HAWKSHED HALL.**—In the absence, through indisposition, of Mrs. Fox, the appointed speaker, addresses were delivered by Mesdames Wood, Beardsworth, and Grimshaw.—E. T.

MANOR PARK, E.—**THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Polmore. 19th ult., ladies' meeting, address and psychometry by Mrs. Greenwood. 21st, address by Mrs. Alice Jamrach, clairvoyance by Mrs. Marriott.—E. M.

PORTSMOUTH TEMPLE.—**VICTORIA-ROAD SOUTH.**—Inspirational addresses and clairvoyance by Mrs. Mary Gordon. 21st, Mrs. Jennie Walker concluded a most successful mission with a splendid lecture on "The Voices of the Past," followed by clairvoyant readings. Her addresses were of a high intellectual order, well delivered, and flawless in elocution. Return visits have been arranged.—J. McF.

LITTLE ILFORD CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALISTS.—This society held its annual general meeting in its rooms in Church-road, corner of Third-avenue, Manor Park, E., on the 20th ult. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mr. Watson; vice-presidents, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Lund; secretary, Mrs. Marriott; treasurer and organist, Mrs. Watson; stewards, Mr. Marriott and Mr. Hodges; Lyceum conductors, Mr. Radford; Lyceum secretary, Miss Tutt; committee, Mesdames Jamrach, Self, Tutt, Fray, Hodges, and Lund; auditors, Mr. Parker and Mr. Vandenberg; delegate, Mrs. Jamrach. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Jamrach and the other officers for their good work in the past year, also to Mr. Gwinn, who occupied the chair, and to the auditors.—E. M.

A WAR PROPHECY.

The story that holds pride of place as a prophecy of this war is that of the experience of the first German Emperor William at a soothsayer's in 1849. As William was leaving the soothsayer the woman called to him and said, "I will tell you one more thing. What year is it?"

"1849," answered the King.

Add 1 and 8 and 4 and 9 together, and add it to 1849. It will be the year of your kingdom's greatest triumph."

"1871? Perhaps," said William, and once more prepared to go. Again the soothsayer recalled him.

"Do you want to know the date of your own death? Treat the figures of 1871 in the same way."

The King did so. "1888? A long enough life, in all conscience."

A third time the woman called him back. "If you wish to know the year in which your great kingdom will totter to its fall, do the same to 1888."

And in 1913 the great European treason was devised and inaugurated by the fatal demand of Austria that Italy should help her to crush Serbia out of existence."—"Daily Telegraph."

TRANSITION OF MR. J. W. MAHONY.—We learn from Birmingham of the passing to the higher life on the 24th ult. of Mr. J. W. Mahony. To the older generation of Spiritualists Mr. Mahony was well known throughout the country as a speaker of marked ability and one of the earliest and most self-sacrificing of lecturers and debaters in the cause. He had been in feeble health for some months but the end came rather suddenly. His remains were interred at Handsworth Cemetery. All who knew him will wish him God-speed on his entry into that spiritual realm he did so much for, both by word and deed.—W. H.

LIVES SAVED BY A PRESENTIMENT.—While a maternity nurse attending Mrs. Addison, sub-postmistress of Griffithstown, Monmouthshire, was walking home yesterday (says the "Daily Mail" of the 28th ult.), she had a presentiment that her patient and the child were in danger. Hurrying home, she prevailed upon her husband, a member of the local fire brigade, to go to the post office, where he found the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Addison and her baby to be on fire. He removed the mother and child and extinguished the fire, which had originated in a wooden beam near the fireplace.

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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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"One day Lord Hardinge, Hobhouse, and a friend of theirs were all three on outpost duty. Their friend was about two miles from where they were having luncheon, but they kept a chair for him, the empty chair being between them at the table. As he did not come, the two men began their luncheon without him.

"In the middle of it he came in, sat down for a moment, and immediately got up and went out again. It afterwards turned out that the man they thought they saw sit down at table with them was at that very moment shot dead at his post two miles off. In impressive tones Lord Hardinge, in telling me the story, said, 'I demand that people shall believe me, for I have never to my knowledge uttered an untruth.'"

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I have been asked by the members of our Study Group to send a report of our work, which is carried out according to the system proposed by the S.N.U., and under the leadership of Mr. R. A. Owen. We have held weekly meetings since October 27th, 1916. The enrolled members number sixteen, two of whom have since been called to military duties; the attendance and interest are well maintained. The book at present under study is "Spiritualism: A Philosophy of Life," by Mr. W. H. Evans, which affords ample opportunities for meditation, concentration and discussion. All work together harmoniously, and conditions seem likely to prove a great help in the development of psychic gifts. From our experience we can well recommend the formation of Study Groups on the lines laid down by the S.N.U. We would be pleased to exchange views and experiences with other groups for our mutual benefit.

GLASGOW ASSOCIATION.—On the 19th Mrs. Jennie Walker, of Essex, and late of Canada, completed a two weeks' engagement with the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists. Her addresses, delivered on the Sundays, morning and evening, were clear and well reasoned, and were listened to by large and appreciative audiences, while her clairvoyant descriptions and messages were in practically every case recognised. During the week nights private circles were held, all of them being fully attended. The visit, which was Mrs. Walker's first to Glasgow, created a very favourable impression.

THE "Daily Mail," as many of our readers are aware, has published a series of articles exposing the methods of Mr. F. L. Rawson. But as no one would suppose from reading these, and a leading article entitled "A Psychic Bucket Shop," that Mr. Rawson's methods have long been severely criticised by Spiritualists, and his pretensions exposed in our contemporary, the "Psychic Gazette," we hasten to record the fact. When the "Daily Mail" pays our movement the scant justice of making some serious inquiry into it, it may be able to observe the necessary distinctions between "charlatans, Spiritualists and fortune-tellers," whom at present, under the influence of "war nerves" apparently, it lumps together indiscriminately. There is really no need for all this panic and frenzy. There are sharks and sharpers in our own community as in every other, but to "run amok" in the effort to exterminate them is the act of a fanatic and not of a sane and practical reformer.

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SPIRITUALISM AND THE CHURCH.—On Sunday afternoon, January 21st, in connection with the Men's Club at St. Michael's, Bedford Park, a meeting was held in the Church Hall at which Mr. H. Ernest Hunt spoke on the subject of Spiritualism. Touching upon the unfoldment of psychic faculties and the evidence derived therefrom, he pointed out that the conviction of survival after death, reached by this method of research, substantiated the teaching of the Church. The similarity between modern psychic phenomena and that portrayed in the Bible was also brought under notice, and stress was laid upon the fact that, with death and survival as the focus point, a direct line towards the living of the spiritual life here and now was the essential teaching of Spiritualism. The Rev. T. P. Stevens presided, questions were invited and answered, and so much interest was aroused that another date in February for the continuance of the subject was forthwith arranged.

"THE LONDONER" IN HIS HUMOUR.—"The Londoner," in his Gossip Column in the "Evening News," indulges in some amusing persiflage on the Brockway case, in the course of which he recalls the very summary methods employed by the people of the Middle Ages in dealing with wizards and witches. He agrees that the leading counsel for the defence, Mr. Ernest Wild, found the right word when he said that "it is impossible to get the proper atmosphere for the trial of this case." "Certainly," says "The Londoner," "he could not get it in any London police-court . . . it was a case that should have been tried at midnight in a ruinous crypt before a jury of master-magicians, which is, I suppose, what the learned gentleman meant by 'a proper atmosphere.'" This is "Londoner's" chaff. What Mr. Wild really meant was clearly the atmosphere of ignorance and prejudice—which in his view was evidenced in the stigmatising as "ridiculous" facts well known to all investigators of psychic phenomena. At the close of his article "The Londoner" remarks very truly that if the mere persuading of silly people to part with their money be an offence in the eyes of the law, the dock ought to be thronged with offenders. "The Futurist painter, asking and getting a hundred guineas for his 'Sunrise in the Main Sewer at Barking,' which is a wild smear of paint without top or bottom to it, may stand up beside the necromancer. Indeed, I fancy that the learned professions would suffer under that harsh law. It would be easier to admit, courteously, that a medium who says that he has dealt with the dead has really been at such grisly work. Then, of course, the magistrate might take time to consider whether the offender should be condemned to burn at the stake or to lecture at the British Association Congress."

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Under the heading "Ghost" that Answers Queries," the following appears in the "Daily Chronicle" of the 25th ult.:-

Some uncanny stories are being told and much speculation has been aroused by a continued series of mysterious knockings at a house in Kidwelly, near Carmarthen. The knockings have been heard nightly for the past three weeks between 8 and 11.30, and it is even said that by means of "reply" knocks, on a system arranged in some mysterious way, between the occupant of the house and the ghostly visitant, a fragmentary conversation has been kept up. By means of this code, simple questions have been put and answered. In reply to one question the "ghost" is said to have given correctly the number of persons in a room.

I FEAR that even yet too many of us are putting an undue amount of trust in chariots and horses. A serious determination on the part of the nation to seek and deserve Divine help would, we may hope, enable us to take a true perspective of the war, and it would undoubtedly furnish valuable help to our gallant sailors and soldiers at the front as well as lighten the heavy burden of responsibility now carried by the various authorities at home and abroad.—GENERAL SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

PROFESSOR WILLY REICHEL sends us a cutting from an American newspaper giving an account of a message alleged to have been received from the late Professor Munsterberg, of Harvard University. In this message the American professor of psychology represents that he is still living, and is now convinced of the possibility of communication between the two worlds. But there is no satisfactory evidence of the reality of the communication. The medium was Miss Caroline T. Pillsbury, editor of "Boston Ideas," and formerly assistant editor of the "Boston Times." Professor Munsterberg died on December 16th last.

THE "REVIEW OF REVIEWS."—The man of the hour—in this country at least—is Mr. Lloyd George, a fact of which the "Review of Reviews" shows its appreciation by giving a leading place in its January issue to extracts from a character sketch of that statesman written in 1904 by the late Mr. W. T. Stead. This is followed by an interesting study by Mr. Charles Dawbarn of the character and career of the great French general, Marshal Joffre. In an indignant protest against the Medical Faculty's treatment of Mr. Barker, the bone-setter, the hope is expressed that the letters signed by eminent doctors and the leading articles which have recently appeared in "The Medical Press" mean vindication at last for Mr. Barker and his manipulative powers. The digests of leading articles in the reviews and of the contents of magazines, the diaries on "The Progress of the World" and "The Progress of the War," the quotations of foreign opinion on the war, and other features complete an excellent number.

THE DIRECTION OF LIFE.—Although there are guides in plenty for most journeys that we are likely to undertake, there are few, comparatively speaking, for the most important journey of all—that of life itself. In "The Practical Affairs of Life" ("Financial News," 2s. 6d. net) Mr. Ellis T. Powell, LL.B., D.Sc., offers his services in this respect. Sane common-sense is the keynote of the book, which is appropriately described by its author as "an utterly unconventional guide to spiritual 'poise' and to intellectual and physical efficiency." It possesses the additional interest of coming from a man who has made for himself a position in the world of affairs, and has touched life at many divergent points. If you want advice on marriage, investments, business correspondence or health, if you wish to know how to deal with "bores," or blackmailers, or are in doubt as to your last will and testament or your religious faith, you will find good counsel in this invaluable little book. Particularly interesting are the chapters on "Religion and Spiritual Poise" and "Death and Eternity," as showing how a modern business man, while fully alive to his spiritual development, and with a thorough appreciation of the unseen world and its invisible intelligences, still maintains a firm grasp on the practical side of life. An interesting feature of the book is the author's unconscious revelation of himself. In his effort to be of service to others he all unwittingly allows us to glimpse an attractive personality, and to become aware of the idiosyncrasies of an able and original mind. There are, we venture to think, but few travellers along life's highway who would not benefit from an acquaintance with such a guide.—A. B.

TRANSITION OF MR. P. GERALD SCHOLEY.—All the friends of those active workers for Spiritualism, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scholey, of Croydon, will feel deeply for them in the great shock they have just sustained by the receipt from Scotland of the news of the sudden passing hence at the age of twenty-five of their son, Mr. Percy Gerald Scholey. Less than two months ago Mr. Scholey was transferred by the War Office to an officers' training camp, and just before Christmas he was removed to hospital suffering from neurasthenia, but the fatal termination of his illness was quite unexpected. He was a young man not only of very great promise but with considerable performance to his credit, being possessed by the highest ideals and a strong sense of duty. Only last October we printed in our columns a thoughtful and well argued article from his pen on "Christianity and Spiritualism," pleading for a recognition of the underlying unity between the two phases of faith.

"ARLEY LANE" devotes his usual article "Pulpit and Pew" in the "Birmingham Illustrated Weekly Mercury" of the 20th ult. to "The Spiritualists." He begins by alluding to the fact that Madame Brockway has been "heavily fined and recommended for deportation, nominally 'for telling fortunes,' apparently for acting, or pretending to act, as a medium between the spirit world and humanity." He points out that "mediums have been so acting, or pretending so to act, for a generation at least," and asks, "What of the mediums utilised by Sir Oliver Lodge? . . . There may be true and false mediums, but how is the untutored outsider to know which is which?" "Arley Lane" proceeds to describe a Spiritualist meeting he had attended and with which he was evidently favourably impressed. He next quotes the Report of the Council of the London Dialectical Society on its investigations, and concludes: "As there were and are frauds in Christianity, so there were, and probably are, frauds in Spiritualism. But, in my judgment, the moral character and the mental grasp of the people of the Spiritualist Church are at least equal to those of the average member of the Christian churches popularly esteemed as orthodox."

"WHERE IS HE?"—Very pathetic is the little play which follows Pinero's still delightful and amusing "The Amazons," at the Royal Court Theatre. The scene is the kitchen in a miner's cottage in Glamorganshire, the time late autumn. The children have been put to bed. Their mother sits staring with wide, unseeing eyes into the fire. In the next room lies the dead body of her husband, who has been killed by the collapse of part of the roof of the pit in which he was working. Another man injured in the same accident has not yet recovered consciousness. The one overwhelming trouble of the bereaved woman is expressed in the pitiful question she puts to all callers, "Where is he now?" She was herself a devout believer, but Gitto (her husband) was an agnostic and never went to church. A kindly old neighbour, faced with the question, opines that if Gitto has gone to the ill place, he will be busy helping somebody there in bigger need than himself. She does not doubt that Gitto is all right. Simon Morris, the creed-bound deacon, is not so sure. He is, besides, much scandalised, because Marged (the widow) refuses to have a prayer meeting held in the cottage. Her husband had always respected her beliefs: she will respect what she knows would be his wishes. Happily the newly-appointed minister is of broader mind than the deacon. To him the spirit of a man's life is more than subscription to any form of words. News arrives that the injured man has recovered consciousness and has revealed the fact that Gitto lost his own life in warning him of danger. That is enough for the minister. Marged's doubts may be finally set at rest, for "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

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MYSTERIOUS RAPPINGS.

The "rapping ghost" is not only nocturnal, but also as Charles Lamb would say, "knock-eternal." Last week we recorded a case in Wales. We have now received from the Rev. C. L. Tweedale, of Weston Vicarage, Otley, Yorks, several cuttings from the "Yorkshire Evening Post" with respect to the remarkable rappings which have occurred in an old house in a certain Yorkshire town at intervals ever since last August. For seventy or eighty years the building in question served as a manse for the ministers of the local Wesleyan Circuit, till a year or two ago when the Guardians converted it into a children's home under the care of two ladies. The noises, which have usually begun about half-past five in the evening, and sometimes lasted till past midnight, have occurred on or in the wall which divides the boys' bedroom from that of one of the ladies. At first the boys were naturally suspected of playing pranks, but the sounds have since often been heard when the lads were nowhere near the spot. Four of the Guardians went to the trouble of investigating the matter for themselves, with the result that they were completely mystified. It is stated that on two occasions, in the presence of a person reputed to be a psychic, the rappings answered questions. The sequel has been that at a recent meeting the Guardians, with only one dissentient, decided to vacate the house, the Chairman being careful to explain that their action was due not to any belief in the supernatural but to the feeling that they could not allow the children to continue in the terrified condition they had endured for months. Among the correspondence in the "Post" evoked by these occurrences is a letter from a Mr. J. H. Priestley recalling the fact that nearly forty years ago, when his parents were living next door to the house in question, the housekeeper of the minister then in residence in the manse was rendered prostrate with fright by mysterious tappings and knockings which convinced her that burglars were breaking in. Mr. Tweedale also wrote to the "Post" narrating experiences of rappings in his own house.

Those who have read Mr. Ernest Hunt's book on "Nerve Control" will recognise that the subject embraces many practical aspects of life. Mr. Hunt, as will be seen from our advertising columns, is announced to deliver an open lecture upon the subject in the Hall of the Art-Workers' Guild, Bloomsbury, on Monday evening the 19th inst. The lecture is introductory to a course of six weekly lectures to be given subsequently at the same address. The series has already been given with success a number of times in the suburbs, and will now be available in the metropolis. Full particulars will be found on another page.

At this time of national strain and stress the service to the Empire performed by that noble woman Miss Agnes Weston, of the Royal Sailors' Rest, Portsmouth, must make a wide appeal to our sympathy. She has recently been interviewed by Miss Felicia R. Scatcherd, who gives in the "Christian Commonwealth" of the 31st ult. her impressions of Miss Weston, together with many interesting details of her forty years' work in the Navy and the great dimensions which that work has now assumed. The article is accompanied by a fine portrait of its subject.

A Lively Controversy.—The "Reading Observer" contains three columns of a trenchant reply by Mr. Percy R. Street to some hostile and erratic criticism from the pulpit by the Rev. I. Siviter at Reading. Mr. Siviter is an intrepid and, as it seems to us, a very rash warrior. He has had the temerity not only to assail Spiritualism, but to "take on" also Socialism and Christian Science. The results of this adventure (which is much more creditable to Mr. Siviter's courage than to his judgment) are rather comparable to the case of the person who in pursuit of gnats stirs up a hornets' nest. His temerity reminds one of the French general's verdict on Balaklava, "It is magnificent, but it is not war!" The "wild charge," or, rather, the wild charges, made by the reverend gentleman have led to return fires that have fairly "volleyed and thundered" around him. And it has become apparent too (to pursue the Tennysonian parallel) that someone has blundered. By this time he has doubtless discovered to his astonishment that neither Spiritualism nor Socialism are outside the pale of his church as far as adherents of both are concerned. We know nothing of Mr. Siviter, but one would imagine him to be very young.

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Not knowing the legend whence and how it came,
Nor having eyes unveiled to see its charm.
And that and that shall lightly sell perchance,
Marvel the price, and rail on reckless fools,
But I am gone, a fool and well content.

These served their turn and must remain; the books
I take, some few, well knit into my soul,
Friends who would gladly venture forth with me
Knowing well the way and talking of high things.
Leave all the rest, and richer for the loss
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THE "Thames Valley Times," a Richmond paper, reports a lecture of Mr. Robert King, given a few days ago to the local branch of the Theosophical Society on "The Mystic Aspect of Colours." Mr. King pointed out that each of the primary colours had a different effect upon the nerve centres of the body. Wherever there was colour we were in the midst of vibrations with which we might harmonise or not. For instance, a room papered and furnished in red would help a person who was depressed, while it would be unsuitable for a person of a nervous disposition. Blue would be better. This would show how very important it was from a health point of view that we should live in our own colour. Everyone was born in a certain ray, a definite colour, which was the key colour of his temperament.

MR. E. M. DAKEN, the New Zealand weather expert, some of whose predictions have appeared in LIGHT, is now visiting New York, from which place, writing to us in December, he made the following prognostication: "In January the weather in England will be bitterly cold; there will be fierce storms and heavy falls of snow. In February there will be bitter local storms, particularly along the West Coast, with rough seas; and this kind of weather may be expected right up to April 6th, during which time the North Atlantic Ocean will feel the full force of terrific gales, and will be lashed into fury. The British Isles will suffer severely as they lie right in the track these storms may be expected to follow." Our correspondent, it will be noted, does not include Easter in his forecast. He probably thinks that by that time we shall be quite indifferent as to what befalls us.

WE have scant sympathy with the medieval theology of Dante's "Purgatorio" with its doctrine of irrevocable doom, which consigns even the poet's faithful guide through the infernal regions, the gentle Virgil, to spend his eternity in Limbo. Nevertheless, the darkness is illumined by stars, and in "Corona Stellata: Thoughts from Dante's Vision" (Heath, Cranton, Ltd., 2s. net), the author, Ida J. Postgate, finds in this great though sombre poem many wholesome and helpful lessons, some of them especially applicable to the present time. Here is one drawn from the pilgrim's terrible experience at the gates of the infernal city, Dis: "It was when the reek of hell was densest that the celestial champion appeared. Could we but see them, what legions of heavenly helpers would be visible in the thickest of the fight! Never let us lose heart. The dark hour will pass, and we shall rise up strong to beat off the poisonous reek, and to see once more above us the blessed blue of God's heaven and His angels standing by." The illustrations, which are the work of a young soldier artist serving at the front, are delicately conceived and quite in keeping with the text.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.*—Interesting address by Mrs. Susannah Harris.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C.*, 5th inst., meeting of members and associates. Mr. Geo. Craze presided on both occasions. Sunday next, see front page.—D. N.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. Percy Beard spoke on "The Voice of God," and Dr. W. J. Vanstone on "Spiritual Sustentation." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave in the morning an illuminating address entitled "God shall wipe away all tears," and in the evening replies to questions from the audience. Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, morning and evening, inspirational addresses.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Interesting address by Mrs. Cannock. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Address by Miss Violet Burton highly appreciated. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle. At 6.30, Mr. Robert King.—C. B.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.**—Saturday, 17th, Social, 7 p.m. Sunday next, 11.15, Mrs. Brookman; 7 p.m., Mrs. A. Jamrach. Wednesday, 21st, Mrs. E. Marriott, address and clairvoyance. All invited.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *UPPER NORTH-STREET* (close to Clock Tower).—Sunday next, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Mr. E. W. Oaten (President, S.N.U.), addresses. Also Monday and Friday, 8 p.m. Lyceum, 3 p.m.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, Mr. G. Prior, address. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mr. B. Wilkins, address.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Splendid address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Annie Boddington. Sunday next, Miss Violet Burton. Wednesday, Mr. A. J. Maskell.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Morning, service conducted by members; evening, Mr. G. F. Tilby, address; Mrs. Tilby, messages. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mr. H. Ernest Hunt; 6.30 p.m., Mr. W. J. Vanstone, Ph.D.

HACKNEY.—240A, *AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.*—Mrs. A. de Beaurepaire gave an eloquent address on "Spiritual Science and Religion." Miss Bolton sang a solo. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Alderman D. J. Davis and Mrs. Brookman. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, usual meetings.—N. R.

READING.—**SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.**—Mr. P. R. Street gave his farewell addresses prior to joining the army, on "Valedictory" and "And with us is the Spirit of God."

THE Committee of the Spiritualists' National Union, Ltd., is asking all societies affiliated with the Union to adopt the following suggestions: (1) That in view of the necessity of amending the law relating to Spiritualistic phenomena special reference be made to the matter from the platform of every society on the evening of Sunday the 25th inst., that being the nearest date to the anniversary of modern Spiritualism; and (2) that on the first Sundays in April and May every society join for three minutes in united concentration on the men at the front, the idea being that every Spiritualist congregation in the land shall be engaged at about the same moment (say 7 to 7.3 p.m.) in radiating thought forces of love and helpfulness to those in need of encouragement and sympathy.

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MR. JAMES DOUGLAS, in reviewing a novel in the "Star" of the 10th inst., twice goes out of his way to drag in sneers at Sir Oliver Lodge. In one place he alludes to Sir Oliver's "credulous loquacity." The charge of "loquacity," in the mouth of such a master of exuberant language as Mr. Douglas, is amusing. As for the charge of credulity, that merely means that Mr. Douglas is probably so prejudiced against Sir Oliver's conclusions that he has never had the patience to weigh dispassionately the evidence by which they are supported.

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PREACHING AND PRACTICE.—"Rita," in the "Sunday Times" of the 4th inst., remarks: "It is one of the puzzling inconsistencies of this 'World Conflict' that it was inaugurated by a professedly religious nation to whom we owe one of the world's greatest religious reformers, from whose colleges and universities we have had the largest amount of Biblical criticism and explanation that have enriched our theological libraries. In looking over a published list of theological works I find scarcely anything but German names and German translations." To "Rita" it is a little amusing to find Dr. Adolph Harnack, of Berlin University, lecturing a few years ago on the "love of our neighbour" as true religion, and declaring the true Church to be a "spiritual community of brothers and sisters held together by the Holy Ghost and by Faith." "How," she asks, "does that view apply to things now? What power or meaning lives in such declarations when tested by the tragedy of a World War?"

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THE CHRIST SPHERE.

Among the questions put to the inspirer of Mrs. M. H. Wallis recently in the rooms of the Alliance was one regarding the expression "The Christ Sphere." Was there such a place, and, if so, what was its relation to other spheres? The control's reply made it clear that he regarded the Christ spirit as the spirit of sacrifice for the good of others, quite apart from any form of creed. Taking this view, it might be claimed that the Christ spheres were those whose inhabitants were ever ready to help and strengthen their fellows. There could not, and should not, be any monopoly in Christ influence, either on this plane of being or the next—any claim that it was to be found only in such and such a Church or in such and such a sphere. Rather, it was universal; its power permeated and radiated through many spheres. It was the evidence of the Divine presence itself, vivifying and strengthening all who were attuned to receive it and even influencing those who as yet were not so attuned. It shone in dark places like a ray of Divine light cutting the gloom. We might all become Christs in so far as our lives were keyed to the spirit of love and self-sacrifice.

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The current issue of the "Review of Reviews" deals attractively with a number of important subjects. Mr. Charles Dawbarn describes the romantic career of M. Briand, the French statesman, and there is an article which comes at an opportune moment on the Anglo-Russian Bureau in Petrograd, by Mr. Robert Birkmyre. Miss Felicia Seatcherd gives a quick, clear-cut sketch of Dr. John Pollen, so well known for his splendid work in India and Russia. There is also a bright and informing little article, "A Spirited Controversy," by "A Member of the S.P.R." The Review, in short, is fully up to its usual high standard.

SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, MAR. 18th. &c.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W.—Address by Mrs. Mary Davies. Mr. Leigh Hunt presided.—At 77, New Oxford-street, W.C., 12th inst., meeting of members and associates. Mrs. Jamrach, clairvoyance. Mr. Geo. Craze presided. Sunday next, see front page.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembridge Place, Bayswater, W.—Mr. Ernest Meads spoke on "Inspiration," and Mr. E. W. Beard on "Man, the Interpreter." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.—Both the morning and evening services were taken by Mrs. Fairclough Smith, who delivered stirring addresses, subjects, "The Two Worlds" and "Power." Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, morning and evening.

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RICHMOND.—14, PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).—Miss Violet Burton gave inspirational address to a large audience. Sunday next, 7 p.m., Mr. G. Prior. Wednesday, 28th inst., 7.30, Mrs. Jamrach.—B. S.

STRATFORD.—IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.—Mr. Prior gave an address; after service, successful open circle. Sunday next, 6.30, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Good Friday, 5.30, tea meeting and circle in aid of building fund.—M. D.

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WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.—Afternoon, Lyceum; evening, address by Mr. B. Wilkins. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7 p.m., Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn, address.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Inspiring addresses by Mr. H. Ernest Hunt and Dr. W. J. Vanstone. Sunday next, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Mr. Horace Leaf, addresses and clairvoyance.

HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.—Impressive address, "Personal Conviction," by Alderman D. J. Davis; Mrs. Brookman, descriptions; solo by Miss Reynolds. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mr. Dougall. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Sutton. Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION), N.—Morning, Mrs. Brookman; evening, Mrs. A. Jamrach. Sunday next, 11.15, open discussion; 7 p.m., Mrs. M. Brookman, address and clairvoyance; soloist, Miss E. Boulton. Members' circle, Mondays, 8 p.m.

BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Note change of address.—Sunday last, Mrs. Bloodworth gave address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 6.30 p.m., service. Opening day, Sunday, April 8th. Tea at 5 p.m.; 6.30, Mr. J. Adams and several speakers. Easter Monday, 7 p.m., Social. Admission, 6d.—N. B.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAgrave-STREET.—Mr. Howard Mundy, of Bournemouth, gave addresses on "The Hidden Pathway" and "The Inner Sacredness of Life."

Mr. JOHN BURNS writes that we misunderstood his suggestion with regard to the withdrawal of mediums' advertisements. He favoured either raising the price of LIGHT, asking for voluntary contributions, or inserting only the advertisements of mediums whom the Alliance could guarantee. It should be observed, however, that such a guarantee would be a very difficult matter to undertake.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembridge Place, Bayswater, W.—Morning, Mr. G. Prior spoke on "The Resurrection of Religion"; evening, Mr. G. R. Symons delivered inspirational address. For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.—Both services were conducted by Mrs. Fairclough Smith, who delivered beautiful addresses. Sunday next, morning, for our fallen heroes; evening, inspirational address.

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HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.—Mr. Dougall gave an address, "More Evidence Required." Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Orłowski. Monday, 8 p.m., Mrs. Brookman. Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

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STRATFORD.—IDMISTON-ROAD, FOREST LANE.—Mr. Smith gave an address and Mrs. Smith convincing clairvoyance. Good Friday, 5.30, tea meeting and circle in aid of Building Fund. Sunday next, at 6.30, Mrs. Maunders.—M. D.

CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—Sunday next, at 11.15 a.m., Answers to Questions; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Miles Ord. Monday, 2nd, at 8 p.m., Mrs. B. Moore. Friday, at 8. April 8th, Mrs. M. Clempson.—M. C.

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BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Note change of address.—Earnest address by Mr. F. J. Eveleigh. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 6.30 p.m., service. Opening day, April 8th, circle, 11.15; Lyceum, 3; tea, 5; 6.30, Mr. J. Adams, and several speakers. Easter Monday, 7 p.m., Social.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.—Addresses were given by Mrs. M. H. Wallis.

HUSK FUND.—Mrs. Etta Duffus, of Penniwells, Elstree, Herts, acknowledges with thanks the following contribution: "Edna," £2.

RICHMOND SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the above society was held on the 14th inst., when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. A. J. Maskell; vice-president, Mr. C. J. H. Stockwell; treasurer, Mrs. Topham; secretary, Mrs. C. J. H. Stockwell; pianist, Miss L. Maskell; librarian, Mrs. Critchley; steward, Mr. Bidmead; sick visitors, Mesdames Doczy, Maskell, Yealland, Longman, and Miss Kingsbury; committee, all officers and Messrs. Braund and Burgess, Mrs. Burgess and Miss Crosby.

THE TIMELESS PEACE.

The initials A. B. O. W. attached on the title page to two little works which have lately reached us—"Light on the After Life" and "The Invisible Near City" (obtainable of all booksellers, 2s. and 6d. net respectively)—are those of a well-known and greatly revered Church of England divine who has but recently passed on. They are described as "transmitted through a personal friend." The foreword to the larger work is by Mr. James Rhoades, that to the smaller by Sir Oliver Lodge. Mr. Rhoades writes: "I consider the contents of this consoling little book most characteristic of the author to whom it is ascribed and they seem to offer convincing evidence that he has fulfilled his written promise to return and communicate through the transmitter." Sir Oliver, with the scientist's caution, expresses no opinion. He is told that the "Invisible Near City" is "a Christmas message from my good friend B. W. to mourners and that he would like a foreword from me," and he simply complies, with a few kindly words. Whether or not the style of expression is that of the reputed author, the thoughts conveyed may well be inspired by him. Readers may be able to judge from the following quotation from "Light on the After Life." The writer is speaking of the peace that characterises that life in its higher aspects:—

I believe it is felt more when we first arrive than afterwards; it is such a contrast after earth's turmoil. I am sure half the effect of this peace is due to there being no time here, no need for us to cram occupations into a given time, for all eternity is ours. This is a most restful thought, especially to us who have led active and full lives. The soldiers after battle find this peace and absence of hurry a great comfort to them. Everything makes for peace here; we have no storms or tempests; it is a great calm, and it heals our souls after the stress of battle and soothes us indeed. I believe it is on account of this great calm and peace that we lose all our earthly infirmities and the marks Time has written on our faces and hair, and so return to our prime; for I suppose you know that everyone who comes over here old, goes back to his prime, and all children grow up to theirs.

MEDIUMS AND THE LAW.—Mr. Ernest W. Oaten, president of the Spiritualists' National Union, is taking an active part in the campaign for the amendment of the Vagrancy and Witchcraft Acts. On Wednesday, the 21st inst., he delivered an address in Brighton which the "Brighton Herald" reports to the extent of nearly a column.

MR. FREDERICK C. E. DIMMICK has resigned his position as secretary of the Clapham Spiritualists' Society, having been called for military service. He is now a probationary Second-Lieutenant of the Royal Flying Corps. We wish him every success in his new sphere of activity, and compliment him on the excellent record of loyal service to the society with which he has hitherto been associated.

THE MARYLEBONE ASSOCIATION.—It is pleasant to hear that the Marylebone Association, which is holding its evening services at the Steinway Hall, is doing good work and reports satisfactory progress. It has won by its earnestness and the unselfish devotion of its workers the sympathy and co-operation of many persons who are new-comers to the movement. While we do not take a propaganda point of view we can cordially appreciate such work as that undertaken by the Marylebone Association which, as many of our readers know, is the oldest society in the metropolis, having been established in the year 1872. It was registered under the Companies Act in 1905.

"THE QUEST" for April (J. M. Watkins, 21, Cecil-court, W.C., 2s. 6d.) is a solid and scholarly number. Professor J. E. Carpenter, discussing the "Aspects of Theism in Hinduism and Judaism," points out that while the Hindu was thrown back upon himself for the ultimate grounds of his belief, the religion of the Hebrew was a mode of conduct and feeling, not a quest for truth. Mr. E. E. Kellett, M.A., in a critical interpretation of Shelley's "The Witch of Atlas," contends that the poem is not a mere play of fancy, but an expression of Shelley's views concerning imagination. Miss E. M. Caillard writes upon "Self-restriction and Self-realisation," and in the course of her article reminds us that before the war we frequently talked of "the simple life" and conspicuously failed to live it. We are now called upon, by force of circumstances, to make a practical trial of it. Among other noticeable contributions are "A World in Search of its Reason" by the Editor, and "The Roar Behind the Hills," a mystical study of the scenery of the South Downs, by G. W. St. George Saunders, M.A.

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Mr. H. Withall, Mr. F. W. Thurstan, and Mr. H. Biden Steele, retiring members of the Council, who had been nominated for re-election, and Mr. D. Gow, who had been nominated to take the place of Mr. J. A. Wilkins, resigned, were, in the absence of other nominations, declared duly elected.

In proposing that the report and accounts be adopted, the Chairman said that his hearers would be struck by the fact that it was a most satisfactory report at a time when things were very unsatisfactory. In spite of many withdrawals in the early months of last year, they had at the end of the year more Members and Associates than at the beginning. Still they had found it necessary to cut down expenses as far as possible. They had effected a considerable saving by reducing the number of lectures at the Salon and had been fortunate in obtaining several donations. The dividends received on investments had also been very satisfactory.

Col. C. Macdonald seconded, and the motion was carried.

After considerable discussion regarding suggested methods of further curtailing the expenses of the Alliance, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the unseen helpers, as well as to the chairman and the members of the staff.

The following is a brief summary of the chief points in the report:—

The Council records with pleasure the fact that the Alliance passed through the year without serious difficulty and with only a comparatively small curtailment of its regular programme, that is to say, that the meetings held at the Salon of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk-street, were given monthly instead of fortnightly, a change warranted not only by the need for economy but also by the darkened streets and the Zeppelin dangers. But even these perils did not prevent the mustering of large audiences on several occasions, while at the meetings held in the rooms of the Alliance itself there was no falling off in numbers, but in some cases a distinct increase in the attendance and interest shown. After recalling the variety of ways in which, during the year, our subject was brought prominently before the public, instancing especially the appearance of Sir Oliver Lodge's "Raymond, or Life and Death," and the discussion and criticism evoked by that now famous book, the Council refers to the strong opposition developed towards the close of the year in the form of a newspaper campaign and police activity against professional mediums or persons posing as such. It admits that there was need for scavenging work, but as this was undertaken by persons absurdly ignorant of the whole subject, and in many cases bitterly prejudiced against it, little or no discrimination was shown, and genuine and reputable mediums were classed in wholesale fashion with the rogue and the adventurer.

"The need for some modification" of the obsolete statutes under which prosecutions are undertaken was never so plainly shown, and the Council has discussed the measures to be taken to bring about a change—in the present troubled conditions it is not possible to do much more than prepare the ground for effective work when peace is restored." The report proceeds to enumerate the names of some of the more prominent persons associated with the psychic movement whose transition took place during the year—among them Lady Crookes, Archdeacon Wilberforce and Mrs. Verrall. In conclusion the Council records its opinion "that the recent outbreak of hostility, marked frequently by attempts to burke free discussion of the subject, and to snatch at every pretext to suppress it, is a tribute to the power of the truth which underlies our movement. The contest in essence is one between Knowledge and Ignorance, and Ignorance will assuredly not have the best of it. But the struggle promises to grow in intensity, and the Council asks for the help and co-operation of all who have benefited by the facts and philosophy for which the Alliance stands and for which its founders and supporters, now gone from our midst, worked so ardently and fought so well."

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembroke Place, Baywater, W.—Mr. P. E. Beard spoke on "Some Thoughts for Eastertide," and Mr. E. W. Beard on "Revolution, War, and the Spiritual Resurrection." Sunday next, see front page.

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It is felt by many of the more active spirits in our movement that an important part of the work entailed in obtaining an amendment of the antique and effete legislation which places the Legislature in the position of denying the existence of any other world than the present one, should take the form of public meetings of protest. A mass meeting is therefore being arranged to take place on Monday, the 30th inst., at 8 p.m., at the South Place Institute, Moorgate-street. It is expected that several distinguished figures in the movement will be amongst the speakers or present to support them on the platform, but further particulars on this point will be given later. In the meantime information on the subject of the gathering may be gathered from the following resolution which it is proposed to put to the meeting:—

Resolved that this Mass Meeting of Psychic Students and Spiritualists, convened by the Spiritualists' National Union, the London Spiritualist Alliance, the London Union of Spiritualists, and associated Societies and Churches in the Metropolitan area, Protests against the retention on the Statute Book of enactments making illegal the proper use of psychic faculties, thereby hindering progress in the science of psychical research. And Further Resolved that while expressing our abhorrence of the use of the psychic faculty for purely mercenary purposes or for the exploitation of the public, and declaring our willingness to support the Government in the elimination of all forms of charlatanism, we Demand such amendment of the Vagrancy and Witchcraft Acts as will allow the honest investigator and the adherent of Spiritualist religious organisations the right to employ such faculties as part of their legitimate activities.

THE PROSECUTION OF MR. HORACE LEAF.—Mr. F. J. Ball, secretary, Church of the Spirit, Camberwell, sends us some testimony which should have appeared in conjunction with the letter from Mr. Leaf in *LIGHT* of March 10th (p. 79). It seems that a letter from Mr. Ball, which contained this, mis-carried, and after a reference to the fact Mr. Ball writes: "Mr. Leaf gave a lecture on Dr. Crawford's book, 'The Reality of Psychic Phenomena,' not on clairvoyance as stated by the police spy. His lecture was much appreciated by the audience at Camberwell. After the address Mr. Leaf gave several clairvoyant descriptions and helpful messages, which were very successful. It is regretted by the members at Camberwell that Mr. Leaf should have been the victim of a police spy."

MR. RALPH SHIRLEY'S editorial notes in the April "Occult Review" consist of an appreciation of the teachings of Plotinus (though he does not think that philosopher solved the riddle of the Sphinx), a brief biographical sketch of the late W. J. Colville, illustrated with an excellent portrait of its subject, and some reflections on Astrology and the War. Dr. Helen Bouchier relates her early psychic experiences, which appear to have been of a rather nerve-shaking character. H. G. B. heads an article on "Lycanthropy" with the definition taken from a popular dictionary—"a species of insanity in which the patient imagines himself to be a wolf and acts and howls like one"—but proceeds to show that it does not cover the ground. "An Adventure in Wonderland," by Mr. David Gow, is a travesty on recent events in connection with the persecution of psychics, the quaint and inconsequent methods of the characters of "Alice in Wonderland" furnishing an effective vehicle for the satire. In "The Doris Case: a Study in Multiple Personalities," Mr. A. E. Waite sets out and examines the facts in a very strange but well-vouched-for story. He regards it as "the most remarkable record we have of the persistence of personality."—R.

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Mr. W. H. Robinson writes:—

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READING.—*SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Morning, address by Mr. William Ford on I. Cor. ii. 12; evening, address by Mr. George Woodward Saunders on "The World We Live In."—T. W. L.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL MEETING.—On Saturday, the 28th ult., the Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists held a "social" and dance in the hall of the Public Library, in aid of their New Church Fund. The excellent programme of songs, &c., was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Miss Stella Thompson's humorous ditties caused much laughter. The songs by Miss D. Goode, Miss Louie Watson and Mr. Arthur Belling were greatly appreciated. Miss Donnie Gleve (gold medallist) recited with much feeling and expression. Pianoforte solo by Master Leslie Fray, and fancy dances by Miss Eileen Willis and Miss Winnie Gibbons. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Jamrach for organising the social and acting as M.C., and to the artistes, the helpers at refreshment stall, and Mrs. Grace Wheeler, pianist.—A. J.

A SLANDER REFUTED.

An American correspondent tells us that in attacks upon Spiritualism in America, a German emissary of Roman Catholicism supports his assertion that mediumship invariably leads to the asylum or the sanitarium by affirming that Sir William Barrett has stated that he had "observed the steady downward course of all mediums who sit regularly in séances." On our referring the matter to Sir William, he informs us that the statement is quite untrue. On the contrary, he has declared in his book "On the Threshold of a New World of Thought"—and reaffirms the declaration in his new work—that no reliable evidence has ever been adduced in support of the charges against Spiritualism of creating insanity and fostering immorality. Sir William adds:—

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"THE REVIEW OF REVIEWS" for April contains articles on "The Meaning of the Russian Revolution," by Charles Sarolea, "Democracy and the Commonwealth," by Joseph Thorp, and "The Criminal Law Amendment Bill," by E. M. Goodman—three subjects of paramount interest. In the notes on "The Progress of the World," Miss Estelle Stead makes a pathetic allusion to her father and his keen interest in Russia, expressing a wish that he "were here wielding his pen as of yore." The intensity of the problems of the time is reflected in the "Review's" notices of current magazine literature.

FROM THE BORDERLAND.—Mr. E. H. Sothorn, second son of Edward Askew Sothorn, of "Dundreary fame," relates in his entertaining book, "My Remembrances: the Melancholy Tale of 'Me,'" a remarkable psychic experience which happened to him when he was studying art in London. He was anxious to speak French well, and a certain M. La Tappy came regularly to his rooms for conversation. They used to talk of many things and became great friends. One wet afternoon Sothorn was expecting La Tappy, and, sitting by the fire, fancied he must have slept, for there was the old Frenchman, with his back to Sothorn, looking out of the window. They chatted in customary fashion, but La Tappy was not, as usual, trying to be gay. He left in a strange fashion, and whilst Sothorn was wondering what had become of him, a man came to the door. "I am M. La Tappy's son," he said. "My father had an appointment with you at four, but I have come to tell you he can't be here; he died at three o'clock."

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mrs. Mary Gordon spoke on "The Communion of Saints." Mr. Ernest Meads on "Inspiration and Spirit Control." For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Morning, service for our fallen heroes; evening, Mrs. Fairclough-Smith, address on "Colours." Sunday next, Mrs. Fairclough-Smith: morning, "Christ Within"; evening, "Spiritual Gifts."

CROYDON.—GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.—Eloquent address by Mr. Percy Scholey, "What is Spiritualism?" Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; 6.30, Mr. Robert King.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Interesting address by Mrs. Mary Davies. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

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RICHMOND.—14, PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).—Mr. Maskell's control answered questions, followed by psychometry. Sunday next, Mr. E. Hunt. Wednesday, Mrs. Gordon.—B. S.

CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. B. Moore, address and clairvoyance. Friday, at 8, public meeting. May 20th, Mrs. Neville.—M. C.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Morning, Miss V. Burton, address; evening, Mrs. A. Boddington, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Thomson; 6.30 p.m., Mr. R. Boddington.

HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.E.—Mrs. A. de Beaupaire gave an impressive address on "The Soul's Awakening" and descriptions. Sunday next, Mrs. Podmore. Monday, 6.30, Mrs. Sutton. Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

MANOR PARK, E.—THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.—Uplifting address by Mr. Todd. Sunday next, 6.30, Mrs. Marriott, address and clairvoyance. 14th, 3 p.m. (ladies), address and clairvoyance. 16th, 7.30, Rev. Biggs, address.

TOTTENHAM.—684, HIGH-ROAD.—Mr. H. Gillespie gave an interesting address on "Does Death End All?" Sunday next, at 7 p.m., address and clairvoyance by Mrs. E. Marriott; Lyceum at 3 p.m.—D. H.

BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Morning, circle; evening, Mrs. Beaumont-Sigall, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., circle; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. Olman Todd. Thursday, 8.15, clairvoyance. Doors closed 8.30.—N. B.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAgrave-STREET.—Mr. Howard Mundy gave addresses, morning and evening.

EXETER.—In connection with the Exeter Centre of the Order of the Star in the East a meeting was held on the afternoon of the 4th inst. at 31, Longbrook-street, when Mrs. Richards, of Silverton, gave an interesting address on "Psychic Experiences." The chair was taken by Mrs. Goss, Group Secretary of the Order. Mrs. Richards spoke of her first introduction to Spiritualism through Vice-Admiral Osborne Moore twelve years ago, and of the help he had ever been ready to give her in her search for truth. After giving many details of personal experiences in her early life abroad she went on to refer to her sittings with various well-known mediums, particularly Mr. Cecil Husk and Mrs. Wriedt, the trumpet medium, and said that in all her experience of sittings she had never come in contact with evil or lying spirits. Friends long passed over had come with messages of love and help, and others who had passed away more recently had sent through her words of comfort to dear ones left behind. She felt sure that all who approached Spiritualism with an unselfish mind and a real desire to know the truth and to be of help to others need have no fear of encountering those difficulties which might otherwise lurk in their path.

HOW LONG?

We have received the following letter from "Bidston":—

How long will the world tolerate the present un-Christian, barbaric and insane manner of settling national disputes? How long will it be before the human race awakens to the realisation that it has a right to live out its earthly course; that the Creator intended it to do so; and that the earth life is a useful preliminary experience in man's progress from ape to angel, which ought not to be prematurely cut short in order to gratify the ambition of rulers? But instead of avowing the iniquity of war, some are labouring to justify it, and even endeavouring to see in it great good.

Miss Bates is quoted in *LIGHT* (p. 136) as saying: "May it not mean that special souls . . . have reached a point in their evolution when this physical sacrifice alone was necessary as a testing-time before such spirits could gain access to the next step in their evolution?"

Truly, God's ways are not our ways, but I cannot believe they are worse than ours, or that any spiritual advance is to be gained by rousing the devil in man and bidding him do his worst. Presumably man is still too uncivilised to abolish war, but we need not seek to justify it, although we may well be humiliated and ashamed of its continuance in the year of our Lord 1917.

AMULETS AND TALISMANS.

Meeting recently Mr. W. T. Pavitt, the joint author with Mrs. Kate Pavitt of the book "Talismans, Amulets, and Zodiacal Gems"—perhaps the best work on the subject ever produced—the writer asked him whether the public taste for amulets was as strong as ever. He replied that there was no diminution of the demand for articles of personal jewellery having an occult or symbolical meaning. He pointed out, however, that this taste was not to be confused with the more popular rage for mascots of the "goliwog" order. The people who attached importance to jewels having a symbolical meaning were mainly those who took a serious interest in the subject, who were impressed with the classical and philosophical side of the study of gems, their powers and meaning. It is hardly necessary to refer to the many examples of this in ancient writings—as, for instance, the jewelled breastplate of the Israelitish high priest. A more modern illustration is found in Mr. David Wilson's experiments in connection with psychic telegraphy. Mr. Pavitt produced some exquisite pieces of jewellery engraved with astrological and sacred devices, or worked into symbolical forms. Amongst these were seals cunningly fashioned as lilies, the lily being represented by a tiny crystal. Some of them were superb reproductions of antique work of the hammered variety. Those who read Mr. Percy Street's address at the Suffolk-street Salon on "Precious Stones: their Therapeutic Value," or have listened to Dr. W. J. Vanstone, will have learned that there is a solid foundation for some of the beliefs, ignorantly classed as superstitions, concerning the powers of gems, and Mr. Pavitt pointed out that amulets designed with careful application to the characteristics of the wearer seemed to possess distinct influence on the life. Possibly some students may be inclined to attribute this purely to the power of suggestion, although any device which has the effect of calling latent psychic powers into action is worthy of serious consideration. Certainly the cultivation of the "occult" in connection with pieces of jewelled work of rare and delicate craftsmanship is deserving of respect. "A thing of beauty," as the poet tells us, "is a joy for ever," and the influence of beauty is a very real one. It has doubtless a subtle action upon the deeper side of the nature, so that it is of little importance whether it is described by such labels as "psychic," "occult," or merely "aesthetic."

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.—Mr. P. E. Beard spoke on "The Divine Purpose." Mr. Peckham gave an inspirational address. For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.—Mrs. Fairclough Smith gave illuminating inspirational addresses on "Christ Within" and "Spiritual Gifts." Sunday next, morning, inspirational address, "The Sacraments"; evening, one of the guides will describe her work on the spirit side.

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HACKNEY.—240A, AMHURST-ROAD, N.—Mrs. Podmore gave an address and recognised descriptions. Sunday next, 6.30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Hayward. Monday, 8 p.m., Miss Gibson. Tuesday and Thursday, Mrs. Brichard.—N. R.

MANOR PARK, E.—THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.—Mr. Lund, address; Mrs. Jamrach, clairvoyance. Sunday next, 6.30, Mrs. Edith Marriott; 21st, 3 p.m., ladies, Mrs. Maunders; 23rd, 7.30, Mr. Wright: addresses and clairvoyance.—E. M.

CROYDON.—GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.—Address by Mr. Robert King highly appreciated. Sunday next, 11, service and circle; 6.30, Mr. G. R. Symons. No phenomena in public; seances by arrangement.

RICHMOND.—14, PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).—Mr. E. Hunt gave an address. Sunday next, Mrs. Miles Ord, address and clairvoyance. Wednesday, Mrs. Brown, of Kingston.—B. S.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Addresses: morning, Mrs. Thomson; evening, Mr. R. Boddington. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon, address and clairvoyance. 6.30 p.m., Miss Violet Burton, address and questions.

BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Mr. Olman Todd spoke on "The Beauty of Spiritualism." Sunday next, 11.15, Mrs. Neville; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mrs. Podmore. Thursday, 8.15, Mrs. N. Bloodworth. Doors closed 8.30.—N. B.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.—Mr. F. T. Blake, of Bournemouth, gave addresses in the morning, afternoon and evening. Much appreciated.

We learn that Alderman D. J. Davis, whose name is well-known on Spiritualist platforms, has just been elected President of the British Phrenological Society (Incorporated), London. Alderman Davis has filled many influential public positions in the district in which he lives—West Ham, London, E. In addition to being an Alderman, he has occupied the position of Deputy-Mayor, is a Justice of the Peace, secretary to Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., and hon. secretary of the South-West Ham Socialist and Trades Council Parliamentary Committee.

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All that he could wish for ourselves was that we might catch the spirit of the men at the front, and that we should be worthy of the men in the trenches. Let us be neither too much elated by success nor too much depressed by the ill-fortune which came now and then. Let us be patient and constant in the cause we were fighting for. Silent invisible forces were fighting on our side, and when the end came it would be realised that it was not so much our valour or the strength of our armies, but far greater and deeper forces that had carried us to victory. It was because of the inspiration that came to us from the consciousness that our cause was greater than ourselves and that our cause was our greatest strength that he laid so much stress on it.

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, W. 1.*—Instructive address, "Spirit," by Mrs. Mary Davies, pianoforte selection by Mr. Field.—At 77, *New Oxford-street, W.C. 1.*—21st ult., Mrs. Florence Sutton, clairvoyance. Sunday next, Mr. Horace Leaf, see front page.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.—Address, "The Human Aura," by Mr. Horace Leaf; inspirational address by Mr. E. W. Beard. For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Elevating address by Rev. Wm. Garwood. For prospective announcements, see front page.—R. A. B.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Mr. Ernest Meads gave an address on "Spiritualism." Sunday next, conference with the Union of London Spiritualists, 3 and 7 p.m.—D. H.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—*PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.*—Address by Mr. B. Wilkins. Sunday next, address by Miss Violet Burton.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Mr. Stockwell gave an address; violin solo by E. Seller. Sunday next, Mrs. Neville. Wednesday, Mrs. Maunder, address and clairvoyance.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—*SURREY MASONIC HALL.*—Morning, Mrs. E. M. Ball; evening, Mr. H. Ernest Hunt, on "The Day of Pentecost." Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mr. G. T. Brown; 6.30 p.m., Mr. W. J. Vanstone.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Address and clairvoyance, Mrs. Briggs. Sunday next, 6.30, address and clairvoyance, Mrs. Jennie Walker. 4th, 3 p.m., address and clairvoyance, Mrs. Podmore. 6th, 7.30, address and clairvoyance, Mrs. Podmore.—E. M.

READING.—*SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Mr. E. B. Deadman gave addresses, morning and evening. Sunday next, Mr. J. J. Morse.

Writing from Adelaide, a correspondent asks if we can give him any information concerning a writer named Edmunds, who, he believes, was a young poet and Spiritualist in 1882-83. We infer from our correspondent's letter that Mr. Edmunds was living in England at that time.

FAITH is not a bull-dog holding on to creeds we have outworn or convictions we have lost. Faith is a willingness to receive God's truth however it may come to us. Faith is a readiness to change one's conviction the moment it has died. God teaches us anew every day.—E. S. STEVENS.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.—On Whit Monday a well-attended and most successful Social and Dance in aid of the Parliamentary Fund was held by the Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists. Thanks are due to the following artists: Mrs. Agnes Watson, Miss Doris Hall and Mr. Watson (songs); Mrs. Marriott and Mr. Pleasance (recitations); Mrs. Wheeler (pianist). Dances were indulged in and were thoroughly enjoyed. All arrangements were carried out by Mr. Watson (president), who also acted as M.C.—E. M.

THE name of Mrs. Philip Champion de Crespigny will be well known to readers—to some as a contributor to *LIGHT*, to many others as an accomplished novelist and painter. Mrs. de Crespigny has just published a book of short stories—"Stories of To-day and Yesterday" (Mills & Boon, 6s.). Sunny and humorous sketches, they are well calculated to afford relief to those over-taxed by the tribulations of the time. They may even prove in some cases a welcome distraction to readers who seek a temporary change from too much psychic literature!

GARDEN CITY LECTURES.—At the evening service last Sunday at St. Jude-on-the-Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb, the Rev. B. G. Bourchier, M.A., the vicar, announced two lectures on "The Life Beyond" by Dr. Ellis Powell, to be given at the Institute, in the Garden Suburb, on the 5th and 12th of June, at 8.30 in the evening. The lectures are primarily intended for churchpeople who desire to know something of the latest achievements and conclusions of psychic research and to obtain the information from one of themselves, for Dr. Powell is a member of the Anglican communion. Tickets and further details can be had from the churchwardens at St. Jude's.

Just before the outbreak of the great war, the German Socialist journal "Vorwärts" said, "England is right. At the point we have reached, the decision depends on Wilhelm II." And in that fatal August of 1914, Maximilien Harden, at that time the most famous and feared of German journalists, made the following candid avowal, "What is the use of miserable excuses? Yes, we have provoked this war. We rejoice in it. We have provoked it because we are sure of victory."

"HEALTH WITHOUT MEAT," by Mrs. Eustace Miles (Methuen and Co., Ltd., 1s. net) is a reissue, revised and enlarged, of a work entitled "Economy in War-Time," based on her husband's well-known dietetic principles, which was first published by the authoress in September, 1915. As explained in the introduction Mrs. Miles writes less for the food-reformer than for the meat-eater who is obliged to give up meat because of its present scarcity and high price, her main object being to suggest what to eat instead of meat, and how to cook it. The book contains a hundred and sixty recipes (including new ones) besides many useful culinary hints.

In the introduction to her little book, "Seven Visions of the Coming of Christ" (R. H. Allenson, Ltd., 1s. net), Mrs. R. J. Fox tells us that these visions came to her in May, 1911, on seven nights in succession, while she was staying at Bristol, where she had gone for healing treatment for rheumatism in her right arm, and that on awaking from each vision she wrote out what she had seen and heard, using her right and left hand alternately. Those of our readers who agree with the ideas so eloquently expressed in the Rev. F. Fielding-Ould's recent address at the Salon will probably sympathise with the following statement taken from one of the messages Mrs. Fox received: "The time is very near when the truth will be known that the division between the two worlds, visible and invisible, is very thin; but unless men see the spiritual connection with Jesus Christ, the knowledge will do them harm and make them proud and self-sufficient."

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembridge Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. Peckham spoke on "Human Personality," and Mr. P. E. Beard on "The Changing World." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Morning, helpful meeting for our fallen heroes; evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, fine inspirational address. Sunday next, morning, open meeting; evening, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, replies to written questions.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—PERSEVERANCE HALL, *VILLAGE ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.*—Address by Miss Violet Burton. Sunday next, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Sharman.

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CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, *WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Sunday next, at 11.15, public circle; 6.30, Sergt. Meadwell. Friday, at 8, public meeting. 17th, Mrs. Mary Clempson.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Mrs. Neville gave trance address and splendid descriptions. Sunday next, Mr. H. Boddington, address. 13th, Mrs. Neville, address and clairvoyance.—B. S.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Conference with Union of London Spiritualists. Speakers: Messrs. Gwinn, Williams and Connor. Sunday next, 7 p.m., Mrs. Florence Sutton; 3 p.m., Lyceum.—D. H.

BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *UPPER NORTH-STREET* (close to Clock Tower).—Sunday next, Mr. G. Tilby: 11 a.m., healing service; 7 p.m., address: Lyceum, 3 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m., public meeting for inquirers.—R. G.

MANOR PARK, E.—THIRD AVENUE, *CHURCH-ROAD.*—Uplifting address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Jennie Walker. Sunday next, 6.30, Mrs. Jamrach; 11th, 3 p.m., ladies' meeting; 13th, 7.30 p.m., Mrs. Ord: addresses and clairvoyance.

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CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Morning, splendid address by Mr. G. T. Brown; evening, inspiring address by Dr. W. J. Vanstone. Sunday next, 11 a.m., church service; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Robert King.

BATTERSEA.—45, *ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.*—Address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Maunder. Sunday next, 11.15, Mrs. Bloodworth; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. A. T. Connor, address and discussion. Thursday, 8.15, clairvoyance; doors closed 8.30.—N. B.

READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, *BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Mr. J. J. Morse gave eloquent addresses morning and evening, and named the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pocock.

SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION, LTD.—Mr. Hanson G. Hey (30, Glen-terrace, Clover Hill, Halifax), secretary of the above Union, sends us the following list of nominees for election at the annual general meeting to be held in Liverpool on the 7th of July next. There are four officers and five councillors to be elected. With the exception of Mrs. Butterworth all the names are those of the present holders of the offices for which they are now nominated: President: Mr. E. W. Oaten (Sheffield); Vice-President: Mr. J. J. Morse (Manchester); Treasurer: Mr. T. H. Wright (Sowerby Bridge); Secretary: Mr. H. G. Hey (Halifax); Council: Mr. A. G. Newton (Southampton); Mrs. H. Butterworth (Barrow-in-Furness); Mr. R. Boddington (London); Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool); Mr. A. E. Hendy (Southampton); Mr. H. J. Webster (Sheffield).

Mr. E. M. DAKEN, of New Zealand, whose weather predictions were referred to in *LIGHT* of February 17th, and who foretold with considerable accuracy the weather conditions for the first quarter of the present year, has kindly provided us with a forecast for the coming summer, which may be briefly summarised as follows: June, wet and unsettled; July, unsettled for the first ten days, then fine until the end; August, fine and hot, except from 10th to 17th, when heavy rains may be expected; September opens with "scattered showers," then fine and warm until the last week, when stormy weather is indicated. In a postscript Mr. Daken says: "The rainfall in Australia, south of the Tropic, will be excessive, while the United States will experience drought." Mr. Daken is at present in New York endeavouring to interest American meteorologists in his system of forecasting.

"DREAMS AND VISIONS OF THE WAR," by Rosa Stuart (C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd., 1s.), is a book of light reading fairly well described by its title. It gives in a popular way records of telepathy, prophecies, apparitions, premonitions and other supernatural happenings in connection with the war. The book contains a preface by Miss Estelle Stead, and will doubtless afford entertainment to many quite outside psychical circles. There are some old stories in it but also some that are new.

Mrs. C. C. CURRY writes that in view of the prosecutions under the fortune-telling section of the Vagrancy Act, the Brighton Progressive Spiritualist Society, of which she is president, has dissociated itself from all meetings held by any of its members outside its hall in Windsor-street; also that until further notice no meetings of any kind will be held at the hall, except the usual meetings on Sunday at 11.15 a.m. and 7 p.m. All communications for the society should be sent to Mrs. Curry at her address, "The Alve," 7, Vine-place, Brighton.

THE "Strand Magazine" for June gives prominence to an article by Sir Oliver Lodge, entitled "How I became Convinced of the Survival of the Dead." It is in the nature of an autobiographical sketch, giving in brief outline an account of the successive stages by which Sir Oliver obtained conviction on the subject. He began by being "probably as contemptuous and superior as other young men of science." It was a meeting with Edmund Gurney in the 'seventies that first turned the current of his thoughts. Subsequently he met F. W. H. Myers and afterwards Sir William Barrett. It seems that some of the strongest evidences in Sir Oliver Lodge's case were furnished through the mediumship of Mrs. Piper, of whom a photograph is given. We found the autobiographical passages intensely interesting, and it is to be hoped that Sir Oliver will yet give us a volume of reminiscences, putting on permanent record his recollections and impressions of men and events. He has lived so intensely, known so many of the great men of his time, and seen so much, that such a book would be a valuable and inspiring record.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Excellent addresses by Mr. Ernest Hunt and Dr. W. J. Vanstone. For Sunday next, see front page.

CHURCH OF HIGHER MYSTICISM: 22, *Princes-street, Cavendish-square, W.*—Morning, successful open meeting; evening, in absence of Mrs. Fairclough Smith through sudden indisposition, Mr. Harold Carpenter gave a most interesting address on "Job." Sunday next, see advt.

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TO TEST MEDIUMISTIC DESCRIPTIONS.—The painstaking and methodical way in which the American Society for Psychical Research conducts its investigations is well shown by the long questionnaire which it is now sending out, with the view of obtaining one thousand replies. There are in the document no fewer than one hundred and five questions, such as "Is your father dead?" "Have you a deceased sister Annie?" "Did you have a cousin of the name of Robert H. McClellan?" In a circular which accompanies the questions, Dr. James H. Hyslop, the secretary, explains that they are sent out with a view to a study of two points in the records of mediumistic phenomena, viz., chance coincidence and guessing or inference. There is no way to do this but by the methods he has adopted, the questions being based on actual records of mediumistic experiment. We can easily understand that an analysis of the answers, which will probably run into many thousands, will call for a vast amount of labour and critical ability.

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CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, *WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Sunday next, 11.15, circle; 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., Conference with Union of London Spiritualists: Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn, Mr. and Mrs. Tilby. Friday, 8, public meeting. July 1st, Mr. Leaf.—M. C.

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OUR Chicago contemporary, "The Progressive Thinker," has suffered a great loss by the transition, on the 9th ult., of an old member of its staff, Mr. James C. Underhill, who was not only a valued friend and helper of the present editor, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, but was also associated with the paper for many years when it was carried on under the editorship of the late Mr. J. R. Francis. One of the pioneers of Spiritualism in America, he is described as a man of gentle but brave spirit, whose pen "sent his message broadcast in happy, inspiring verse."

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CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Morning, Mrs. B. Moore, address and clairvoyance; evening, Mrs. Wesley Adams, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mr. H. Ernest Hunt; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Beaumont-Sigall.

MANOR PARK, E.—THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.—6.30, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Briggs. Sunday next, 6.30, address by Mr. G. Prior. 2nd, 3 p.m., ladies, address and clairvoyance. 4th, 7.30, address by Mr. Connor.—E. M.

TOTTENHAM.—684, HIGH-ROAD.—Mrs. Alice Jamrach gave an address on "The Mission of Spiritualism," followed by clairvoyance. Sunday next, 7 p.m., Mr. T. Olman Todd will give the address.—D. H.

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READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.—Addresses were given morning and evening by Mr. Howard Mundy; afternoon, Lyceum anniversary, address by Private Richard Churn.

THE SPIRITUALIST EDUCATION COUNCIL.—We have received a report of the above institution, from which we learn that on the 20th inst. the Council held its final lecture and developing classes of the second session, and adjourned till the first Wednesday in October, when the third course will commence. The phenomenal success that attended the early efforts of the Council continued without break to the end, the audiences during the spring being as large and gratifying as at any other time. The Council was fortunate in procuring the services of such capable and well-known lecturers as Dr. Ellis Powell, W. J. Vanstone, D.Ph., Robert King and Horace Leaf. In his lectures Dr. Powell emphasised the fact that the time for apologising for Spiritualism has now passed, it is a firmly established scientific truth, and whoever denies it is uninformed. Although the youngest of the sciences it is the most important, linking religion and science and extending the realm of science indefinitely, vast and wonderful though its present borders are. There was a slight decline during the last half of the second session in the attendances at the developing classes, due no doubt to the exceptionally good weather and the Easter and Whitsuntide holidays; nevertheless the average for the two classes—the advanced and elementary—was between forty and fifty. The loss was more than counterbalanced by the large and regular attendance at the healer's class, ably conducted by Mr. C. J. Sander. In this class theoretical and practical instruction was given in psycho-therapeutics. On Saturday, June 23rd, a large number of students and friends spent a pleasant afternoon together at Kew Gardens, fittingly completing a most profitable and enjoyable session. Announcements of the forthcoming meetings will appear in the columns of the various Spiritualist journals.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembridge Place, Bayswater, W.*—Addresses by Mr. J. J. Morse at both services. He dealt with "The Message of the Spirits to Man." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTEAD.—**PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.**—Address by Mr. G. R. Symons. Sunday next, address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Jamrach.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Excellent address by Mr. John Kelland. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

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RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Mrs. A. Boddington gave an address and clairvoyance. Wednesday, August 1st, Mrs. Clempson, address and clairvoyance, 7.30.—B. S.

CLAPHAM.—*HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.*—Sunday next, at 11.15 a.m., circle; 7 p.m. (instead of 6.30), Miss V. Burton. Friday, at 8, public meeting. August 5th, Mr. G. Prior.—M. C.

CROYDON.—**GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.**—Address by Mr. G. Tayler Gwinn much appreciated. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; at 6.30, Mr. George Prior. Circle after evening service.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Interesting address by Mr. F. Miles on "Spiritual Gifts," with special application to healing. Sunday next, 7 p.m., Alderman D. J. Davis; 3 p.m., Lyceum.—D. H.

CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—**SURREY MASONIC HALL.**—Morning, helpful address by Mr. Love; evening, uplifting address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Podmore. Sunday next, 11 a.m., church service; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Tayler Gwinn.

BATTERSEA.—45, *ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.*—Address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Sutton. Sunday next, 11.15, circle service; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. Wright. Wednesday, 8.15, developing circle. Thursday, 8.15, Mrs. Maunders. Doors closed 8.30.—N. B.

MANOR PARK, E.—**THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.**—Address and clairvoyance by Mrs. Briggs. Sunday next, 6.30, address, Mr. Watson; clairvoyance, Mrs. Marriott. 30th, 3 p.m., ladies' meeting. August 1st, 7.30, address and clairvoyance.—E. M.

HOLLOWAY.—**GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).**—Morning, open circle, short address by Mr. W. J. Parry, followed by ex-Vice-President (Mr. Thompson), Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Symonds; evening, Mr. H. E. Hunt, on "Two Worlds"; large audience. Saturday, 28th, 7.45, séance by Mrs. Harvey. Sunday, 11.15 and 7 p.m., special flower services, conducted by Mr. Harvey (Southampton). Gifts of flowers thankfully received and afterwards distributed amongst the sick. Monday, 3 p.m., special séance. Wednesday, August 1st, Mr. T. A. Connor, on "Spiritualists' Philanthropic League."—R. E.

READING.—**SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.**—Mr. Howard Mundy, of Bournemouth, gave addresses, morning and evening.

NATIONAL UNION FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—The hon. financial secretary, Mrs. M. A. Stair (14, North-street, Keighley, Yorks), acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions received in June: Miss K. Newman, 2s. 6d.; the late Mrs. Bailey (Edinburgh), collection at circle, 13s. 9d.; Members and Delegates, Midland District Union, £1; Mr. A. W. Orr, £1 1s.; Mrs. Dowdall (circle), Cardiff, 10s.; Krugerdorf (South Africa) Society's Monthly Collection, 13s. 6d.; Mrs. Crane (quarterly), 2s. 6d.; Councillor John Venables, £1 1s. Total, £5 4s. 3d. The month's disbursements amounted to £15, but Mrs. Stair has in hand from the last annual effort and the income for the last six months £26 9s. Last month's disbursements are the lowest for two years, the committee having had to discontinue some grants and reduce others owing to lack of support.

SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION.

Mr. Hanson G. Hey, secretary of the Spiritualists' National Union, sends us a copy of the interim report which he presented to the Union at the annual general meeting in Liverpool on the 7th inst. The report calls attention with regret to the continued shrinkage of the general account and with even greater regret to the declining income of the Fund of Benevolence, which in the last half-year totalled only £32 18s. 11d., against an expenditure of £102. The income of the Literature Department, on the other hand, was the largest ever experienced in the half-year, though the higher cost of material and production had left a margin short of what might have been expected. Dr. Ellis Powell's pamphlet on "Psychic Science and Barbaric Legislation," published in March, had a gratifying sale, and the Union hoped that the next edition would meet with an equal welcome. Miss H. A. Dallas's pamphlet, "The Bridge of Death," was in the press and would shortly be issued. Owing to the adverse influences above referred to, together with scarcity of labour and shortage of money, other projects had been held up. The various committees were doing good work, and propaganda had been actively pursued during the six months. Alluding to the agitation for the amendment of the law, the report states that up to June 30th £258 had been raised towards the £3,000 required. If only enthusiasm could be maintained the end would be achieved. The most gratifying feature of the six months had been the entry into the Press of able and distinguished people to answer the recent attacks made upon Spiritualists. The mass meeting in South Place Institute is referred to as the *pièce de résistance* of the half-year. "It was a heartening meeting; it articulated the demand for religious freedom—it did more, it bound more closely than ever the bonds of fellowship, it dispersed the mists in which parochialism had enshrouded us, and it allowed us to see our movement in its majesty." The number of members on the roll (including societies, unions, honorary members and ordinary members) is given as 504.

NEW PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

"The Economic Anti-Christ." By the REV. W. BLISSARD, M.A. Cloth, 6s. net. Geo. Allen and Unwin, Ltd., Ruskin House, 40, Museum-street, W.C.

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HUSK FUND.—Mrs. Etta Duffus, of Penniwells, Elstree, Herts., acknowledges with thanks the following contribution: Mr. J. H. McKenzie, £1 1s.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL MEETING.—The Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists held a well-attended and most successful social meeting in its hall on the 21st inst. in aid of the Parliamentary Fund. Thanks are due to the following artistes: Miss Hall, Mrs. Watson, jun., and Mr. Watson (songs), Mr. L. Fray and Mr. G. Watson (duet), Master Fray (pianoforte solo), Mrs. Jamrach, Mrs. Marriott and Mr. Pleasence (recitations), little Gladys Tutt for a pretty dance, and little Jangre Long for sailor's hornpipe. Mrs. Wheeler presided at the piano, and dancing was indulged in during the evening. Mr. Watson (president) acted as M.C. and carried out all arrangements.

MINISTERING SPIRITS.—Charles Beecher [brother of Henry Ward Beecher] on February 22nd, 1863, preached in the Salem-street Church, Boston, his sermon being founded on the text, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb. i. 14). Mr. Beecher related an incident which occurred in his father's family, illustrating his view of the meaning of this passage. He said his mother was frequently absent-minded, and would do strange and unaccountable things, and wonder why she had done them. Once, while sitting quietly in her room, she felt impelled to leave her chair and open a door. Having done so, she waited a moment, and then felt a second impulse to open an outside door. Having done this, she ran rapidly to an old carriage house, and arrived just in time to save the life of her youngest child, who had fallen through an old carriage top, and was caught in such a way that he could not extricate himself, and must soon have strangled.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Addresses: Mr. H. E. Hunt, "Two Worlds"; Mrs. Mary Gordon, "Led by the Light." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Alderman D. J. Davis spoke on "Some Aspects of Revelation." Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. Edith Marriott, address and clairvoyance.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Helpful address and good clairvoyance by Mrs. Maund. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

RICHMOND.—14, *PARKSHOT (OPPOSITE PUBLIC BATHS).*—Mr. H. E. Hunt gave an instructive address. Sunday next, Mrs. Neville. Wednesday, no meeting.—B. S.

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BRIGHTON SPIRITUAL MISSION.—1, *UPPER NORTH-STREET* (close to Clock Tower).—Mr. J. G. McFarlane gave addresses. August 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, Mrs. Jennie Walker, addresses, clairvoyance, answers to questions, &c.—H. J. E.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Interesting address by Mr. Watson (president); clairvoyance by Mrs. E. Marriott. Sunday next, 6.30, Mr. Smith, address; Mrs. Smith, clairvoyance. 8th, 7.30, Mrs. Ord, address and clairvoyance.—E. M.

BATTERSEA.—45, *ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.*—Morning, service; evening, Mr. H. Wright. Sunday next, 11.15, circle service; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. Meadwell. 8th, 8.15, developing circle. 9th, 8.15, clairvoyance. Doors closed 8.30. 11th, Lyceum outing.—N. B.

HOLLOWAY.—*GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).*—Mrs. Harvey, of Southampton: Saturday evening, special séance; Sunday, addresses, auric readings and clairvoyance; most satisfactory. Hall beautifully decorated with flowers and plants, which were afterwards sent to hospital. Sunday next, 11.15, Mr. and Mrs. Pulham; 7 p.m., Mrs. Podmore. Wednesday, 8th, Mrs. Brookman.—R. E.

SEEKER.—Letter received; but the recipient is not sanguine of results.

We have received a copy of the Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ending June last of the "W. T. Stead" Library and Bureau, a perusal of which shows that much useful work has been done by this institution. It is noted that in April it was found necessary to remove from Bank Buildings to the present room at 71, Avenue Chambers, Vernon Place, Southampton Row, W.C. 1. It is regretted that the receipts have not covered expenses, and had there not been a balance in hand from the amount kindly contributed by Mrs. Bayley-Worthington, the Library would have had to face a serious loss. Miss Stead, who signs the report, asks for donations or guarantees to enable the work to be carried on.

MOTHER'S DAY.—Next Wednesday, the 8th inst., will be the second annual celebration of Mother's Day, a fact of which we are reminded by the receipt of a circular letter from the secretary, Mr. J. P. H. Bewsher (173, St. James-road, Croydon). The idea of this excellent movement, founded last year by Mr. J. A. Whitehead, of Richmond, is to mark the occasion by doing some small thing to make someone else's mother happy, and to do it in honour of one's own mother. That is all. No appeal is made for money, and the execution of the ideal is left to the personal inclination of the individual man, woman or child. As Mr. Bewsher points out, there are many sad-hearted mothers to-day who would appreciate some delicately tendered word or deed of kindness.

THE S.N.U. ANNUAL MEETING.

On page iii. of our last issue we gave some particulars of the interim report presented by the secretary, Mr. Hanson G. Hey, at the Union's annual general meeting held on the 7th ult. at Daulby Hall, Liverpool. Considering the fact that in accordance with legal advice this year's meeting only took the form of a business conference the Council considers that the attendance afforded gratifying evidence that the movement was with them in the course they had felt it necessary to adopt, and they ask us to assure the members of their grateful recognition of this fact. Special attention was drawn at the meeting to the deficit in the Fund of Benevolence, Mrs. Stair stating that £5 per month extra would be required for the next three months to tide matters over till the annual collection was due. A list was read of twenty-two names of persons to whom it was proposed by the Exponents Committee to issue diplomas. The secretary's report (above referred to), together with other reports and balance-sheets, was adopted, and Mr. James Knight, of Bolton, who had done much good work on the Union's committees, was elected an honorary member. If conditions permit, next year's meeting will be at Bournemouth; if not, the Council is left to decide the venue. In the course of a touching reference to those members who since the last meeting had been called into the fuller life (a list of whom was read by the secretary) the president, Mr. J. J. Morse, said:—

These friends are passed from our midst, it is true, but they have not dissociated themselves from our work. Some of them I knew personally and I miss their physical presence, but they are only gone one step ahead, they are having a taste of that joy which will be ours some day, and our hearts are gladdened even now, so clear is our knowledge of the truth that man never dies, that we know they are with us here and now. . . . Let us, then, unite not in sadness but in gladness in assuring our dear ones that we have not forgotten them, nor their work, and that we will keep our eyes to the light and work for the movement which blends the two worlds into one.

In accordance with the suggestion thus conveyed members stood awhile in silence, and shortly afterwards the meeting closed.

A SUNDAY WITH THE READING SOCIETY.

Last Sunday the speaker at the Reading Spiritual Mission, Blgrave-street, was Mrs. M. A. Stair, of Keighley, Yorkshire. In her morning discourse, which was entitled "The Eternal Why," Mrs. Stair discussed the question as to why the unseen world came so insistently into the affairs of this. It was not merely a matter of demonstrating the continuity of life, but of bringing an influx of light and power which should permeate every condition of life and help humanity on its upward march. It had thus its application to religion, science, politics, social work, every form of work designed for the amelioration of earthly conditions. This involved an explanation of the propagandist attitude, since it meant that many whose lives had been quickened and uplifted by the revelation of power and beauty which had visited them were impelled to pass on to others something of the inspiration which they had received, for some were naturally gifted to be the avenues of life and service to their fellows. In her evening address, Mrs. Stair spoke impressively on the spiritual aspects of religion, and at the close made a strong appeal on behalf of the National Fund of Benevolence, and described the work it had done and was doing. The visit of Mrs. Stair to the Reading Society has been greatly appreciated by its many members and friends. For the information of visitors, it should be mentioned that the Sunday morning and evening services are held respectively at 11.30 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. There is also an afternoon meeting for members of the society at 3, conducted by Mrs. Street and others.

PROPHETIC.—The mighty future fight will not culminate in the great European war, nor in the "Yellow Peril." When things are calmed down after those great issues, there will come that mighty war which will decide whether this earth is to become an Earthly Paradise or to be something else—an earth of a more degraded humanity, of a still lower Fall.—From "Super-humanity," by MADAME ISABELLE DE STEIGER (printed in 1912).

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MARYLEBONE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION.—*Steinway Hall, per Seymour-street, W. 1.*—Instructive address by Mr. Horace af; excellent attendance.—77, *New Oxford-street, W.C. 1.*—Sunday, July 30th, successful clairvoyance by Mrs. Annie ittain. Sunday next, see front page.—G. C.

LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, *Pembroke Place, Bayswater, W.*—Mr. Peckham, "The Art of Self-Instruction." Mr. P. E. Beard, "The Great Adventure." For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Mrs. Marriott gave an address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 7 p.m., Mr. G. R. Symons; 3 p.m., Lyceum.—D. H.

WIMBLEDON SPIRITUALIST MISSION.—Uplifting address through Miss Violet Burton. For prospective announcements see front page.—R. A. B.

CROYDON.—*GYMNASIUM HALL, HIGH-STREET.*—Address by the president much appreciated. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; 6.30, Mrs. Julie Scholey. Circle to follow evening service.

MANOR PARK, E.—*THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.*—Address by Mr. Lund. Sunday next, 6.30, address by Mr. Todd. 13th, 3 p.m. (ladies), Mrs. Greenwood. 15th, 7.30, Mr. Connor.

BATTERSEA.—45, *ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.*—In the unavoidable absence of Sergeant Meadwell Mr. Scott, Mr. Love and our president gave short addresses. Sunday next, 11.15, circle service; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, Mr. Love. 16th, 8.15, Mrs. Fielder. Doors closed 8.30.—N. B.

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CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—*SURREY MASONIC HALL.*—Morning, Mr. Brown, address, Mrs. Ball, personal messages; evening, Mrs. Mary Gordon, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. Annie Boddington; 6.30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Tilby.

HOLLOWAY.—*GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).*—Morning, interesting address by Mr. Pulham on "Healing"; excellent clairvoyance by Mrs. Pulham; evening, Mrs. Podmore, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15, the first of a series of lectures by Mr. T. O. Todd, on "The Great Renunciation: The Prophet"; 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7 p.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon. Wednesday, first visit of Miss Susan Tyne, of Leeds.

READING.—*SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Mr. Brett gave able addresses, morning and evening. Meetings at 11.30 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.—M. C. S.

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Before us, as we write, lies a cheap reissue of a psychic novel by Victoria Cross entitled "Evelyn Hastings" (T. Werner Laurie, 1s.), which we are told in a forenote gives some of the author's own experiences. She specially vouches for the incident of the heroine's child-life narrated in the prologue, which indeed is of a type not uncommon in the annals of psychic research, and is far less incredible than the tale of how in her school days the girl is locked up for the night by a cruel governess in a small dark, damp room in which she has to fight for her life with rats. No clue is afforded to the identity of the respectable seminary for young ladies where this happened, and we cannot but regard it as a nightmare of the writer's imagination. But the main interest of the story centres in the dreamland meetings between Evelyn and her soldier husband who had been wounded and is reported dead—meetings which not only assure her of the falsity of the report but enable her to foresee to a minute the exact time of his return, with the result that when the "dead" man finally arrives she scandalises her mother by taking his appearance as a matter of course and refusing to swoon or show any sign of unusual emotion. The worst of facts embodied in fiction is that one can never be quite sure where the facts end and the fiction begins.

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In our advertisement columns will be seen an announcement of the re-opening on Wednesday, October 3rd, of the lectures and classes of the Spiritualist Education Council at 77, New Oxford-street, W.C.

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SOCIETY WORK ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 2nd &c.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 132, Pembroke Place, Baywater, W.—Mr. Ernest Meads spoke on "Construction and Reconstruction"; Mr. P. E. Beard answered written questions. For Sunday next, see front page.—I. R.

WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTAD.—PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTAD.—Mr. Wilkins, address. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. Orlovski, address and clairvoyance.—J. M. P.

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CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Morning, Mrs. Moore, address and clairvoyance; evening, excellent address by Mr. A. Bailey. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mrs. E. Ball; 6.30 p.m., Mrs. Mary Davies.

BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Morning, well-attended circle; evening, Mr. Connor, address. Sunday next, 11.15, circle service; 3, Lyceum; 6.30, service. Thursday, 20th, 8.15, Mrs. George. Closed, 8.30.—N. B.

HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).—Morning, Mr. Todd's third lecture, "Light of Asia"; evening, Mrs. E. Marriott, address, "Soul," also splendid clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15, Mr. and Mrs. Pulham; 3, Lyceum; 7 p.m., Madame de Beaurepaire. Wednesday, 19th, Mrs. Maunder.

NATIONAL UNION FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—The hon. financial secretary, Mrs. M. A. Stair (14, North-street, Keighley, Yorks), acknowledges, with thanks, the following subscriptions received in August: Miss Blythe, 5s.; Sowerby Bridge Lyceum (Sunday morning circle), 5s.; Keighley Society, £1 1s.; Princess Hall, Manchester, £2 9s.; sale of Mrs. Green's effects (per Mrs. Jamrach), £6 10s.; I. W. H., 5s.; Rothesay Circle, £2 10s.; household effects left for fund by Mrs. Setcliffe (one of the old pensioners), £7, and part grant returned, 15s.; Krugersdorp Society, South Africa, £1 5s.; Oldham Wakes, 2s. Total, £22 7s. Mrs. Stair is deeply grateful that the difficulties in the way of continuing grants are less than they were two months ago.

JENNENS MEMORIAL PSYCHO-THERAPEUTIC INSTITUTE.—Under this title Miss L. E. Jennens, of 14, Osney-crescent, Camden Road, N.W. 5, who, we understand, possesses considerable psychic healing power, has opened an institute at the above address, in memory of her father, the late Mr. Samuel Jennens, to whose generous donations and long and active service in support of the Spiritualist movement we have referred on more than one occasion in these columns. A few patients have already been treated at the Institute with encouraging results. Among the friends who are assisting Miss Jennens in her work is the lady who contributes to our columns under the pen-name of "Jey." No charge is made for treatment, but contributions are accepted to defray expenses.

A MALIGNED TIMEPIECE.

On doubtful matters there is nothing like inquiry at headquarters. Mr. R. A. Bush, of Morden, Surrey, has done this in regard to the reported stoppage of the old astronomical clock at Hampton Court Palace and the legend that it ceases to strike during the passing of anyone who has long resided in the precincts. The result of his inquiry has been a courteous reply from Mr. Preedy, the Resident Clerk of Works at the Palace, from which we are permitted to quote: "The old clock," Mr. Preedy says, "is still going, but like most pieces of mechanism it requires occasional overhauling, and has lately been undergoing a process of cleaning. During the cleaning of the actual movements the clock was of necessity out of action. One feels it to be a somewhat ungracious act to throw doubt on an interesting legend such as that referred to in your letter, but as you have put the question to me, I am bound to say that, so far as my experience goes, the cold fact remains that whatever the old clock may have done in the remote past, it has failed in more modern times to act the rôle assigned to it by legendary lore."

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL GATHERING.—The Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists, Church-road, Manor Park, E., held a well-attended and enjoyable social meeting in their hall on the 6th inst. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Ormes, Miss Parish, Mrs. Watson and Mr. Watson; recitations by Mrs. Marriott and Miss Jangie Long; pianoforte solos by Master Leslie Fray. Mrs. Watson officiated at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Watson (president), the artistes, and all who helped to make the evening such a success. The proceeds go to the Parliamentary Fund.—E. M.

LIEUT. CUTHBERT LODGE.—The death in action has been announced of Lieut. Cuthbert Lodge, son of Sir Richard Lodge, Professor of History in the University of Edinburgh, and nephew of Sir Oliver Lodge. He was a stalwart young fellow, 6ft. 8in. in height, strong and of sunny disposition. He had recently entered for a university career, but volunteered for military service when war broke out, along with his brother, Lt.-Col. Wilfred Lodge; and they have been through three strenuous years. Cuthbert was acting as company commander and had led his men in a successful attack on the German trenches in France, which they occupied and held, when a German shell struck and killed him, to the great grief of his companions in the Royal Scottish. He had had adventures before, and on one occasion had seized and held a trench with a few men in advance of the main body. When the rest came up through the barrage they expected to find them annihilated, but not so: Cuthbert was sitting in the trench opening a tin of bully-beef and encouraging his men by his nonchalant manner and mirth. He was of the type of the finest young fellows that this war is sacrificing so freely, men who are willingly giving their lives and all that earth holds dear, in the cause of truth and freedom and human honour.

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READING.—SPIRITUAL MISSION, 16, *BLAGRAVE-STREET.*—Services, 11.30 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. Addresses by Mrs. A. Boddington. Sunday next, Mr. H. Mundy.—S. W. L.

CROYDON.—GYMNASIUM HALL, *HIGH-STREET.*—Uplifting address by the President. Sunday next, at 11, service and circle; at 6.30, Mrs. Julie Scholey, service and circle.

TOTTENHAM.—684, *HIGH-ROAD.*—Anniversary service, followed by annual general meeting. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7 p.m., address by Mr. G. T. Gwinn.—D. H.

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CAMBERWELL NEW-ROAD.—SURREY MASONIC HALL.—Interesting morning with Mrs. Ball's guides. Evening, helpful address by Mrs. Mary Davies. Sunday next, 11 a.m., Mr. A. Bailey; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Nickels, trance address.

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HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).—Excellent addresses and clairvoyance: morning, Mr. and Mrs. Pulham; evening, Mrs. Alice De Beaurepaire. Today (Saturday), 7.45, Monday next, 2.45, and Wednesday, at 8, Mrs. Crowder (Sheffield), special séances. Sunday, 11.15, Mr. T. O. Todd on "The World's Speechless Interpreter"; 7 p.m., Mrs. Crowder.

WE are asked to state that the Exhibition of Mystical Art at the Seth Gallery, 47, *Albemarle-street, W. 1.* closes on Saturday, September 29th. Admission is free.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists, Church-road, Manor Park, held their Harvest Festival on the 16th inst., the hall being beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, vegetables, &c. Thanks are due to the friends who so liberally contributed (many bringing fine specimens of their own growing) and to those who helped in the decoration. Mrs. Alice Jamrach's address and clairvoyance were much appreciated by a large congregation.—E. M.

ACTING on information received from some of our readers, we have taken from its shelf our volume of Longfellow's poetical works and discovered in the first sonnet in Part II. of "A Book of Sonnets" the poem for whose authorship we inquired in last week's Notes. It is entitled "Nature." In the fourth line the word "leaves" should be "leave," as is evident from the previous line. The child is "half reluctant" to "leave his broken playthings." The last line in the original reads: "How far the unknown transcends the what we know."

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MANOR PARK, E.—THIRD AVENUE, CHURCH-ROAD.—Address by Mr. Symons. Sunday next, 6.30, Mr. Smyth, address. Monday, 3 p.m., ladies, Mrs. Greenwood. Wednesday, 7.30, Rev. D. Stewart, address. October 6th, 3 p.m., social and dance.

BATTERSEA.—45, ST. JOHN'S HILL, CLAPHAM JUNCTION.—Morning, good circle; evening, Mrs. Brittain, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 11.15, circle service; 6.30, Mr. Wright. October 4th, 8.15, Mrs. Fielder. Sunday, 7th, tea and harvest festival.—N. B.

FOREST GATE, E.—EARLHAM HALL, EARLHAM GROVE.—Address by Alderman D. J. Davis highly appreciated. Sunday next, Mr. Conner. Miss E. Shead, 30, Thornhill-road, Leyton, is now acting as secretary.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH.—73, BECKLOW-ROAD.—Mr. F. Eveleigh addressed a crowded audience. Sunday next, 11 a.m., public circle; 7 p.m., Mr. Symons. Thursday, public meeting.—M. S.

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HOLLOWAY.—GROVEDALE-ROAD (NEAR HIGHGATE TUBE STATION).—Morning, Mr. T. O. Todd's fine lecture, "A Speechless World's Interpreter"; evening, Mr. H. Boddington, inspiring address. Sunday next, Harvest Festival: 11.15, Mrs. Adams, address; 3 p.m., Lyceum (all welcome); 7, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. A. W. Parry, and others. Gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables thankfully received.

CLAPHAM.—HOWARD-STREET, WANDSWORTH-ROAD, S.W.—Sunday next, 11.15 a.m., public circle; 7 p.m., Mrs. Mary Gordon. Friday, at 8, public meeting. October 7th, Mr. H. Wright.—M. C.

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WOOLWICH AND PLUMSTAD.—PERSEVERANCE HALL, VILLAS-ROAD, PLUMSTEAD.—Mrs. Maunder, address and clairvoyance. Sunday next, 3 p.m., Lyceum; 7, Mrs. Clempson, address and clairvoyance.—J. M. P.

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STUDIES IN SPIRITUALISM.

Mr. W. H. Robinson, who is popularly known as "the Father of Spiritualism in the North," has, we regret to hear, been ill, and consequently forced to cancel some of his lectures. He delivered his last address on the 16th inst., at Gateshead, under the auspices of the Advanced Spiritualist Society, and a report appeared in the Newcastle-on-Tyne "North Mail" of the next morning. Taking for his subject "Studies in Spiritualism," Mr. Robinson said that Spiritualism was not modern; it was simply a reinauguration of what was known in ancient times. It was practised in India thousands of years ago, and also in China; it had been borrowed by the Egyptians, and the Hebrew philosophy had been taken from Egypt. Since then the movement had spread. Mediumship was a fact of Nature, and, therefore, ought not to be ridiculed, but reverently treated. The philosophy of Spiritualism was not salvation in the orthodox fashion; it was the development of the will in the direction of human progress and righteousness. In the course of his lecture Mr. Robinson showed several photos of "materialisation" of spirits taken in Newcastle and London, and he pointed out that spirit photography was a scientific fact.

The "Review of Reviews" for September contains Miss F. R. Scatterd's fourth article on the solution of the Russian problem. In this she deals with "Russia's Own Contribution." The cause of the lack of organisation and system which constitutes the Russian crisis lies, in Miss Scatterd's opinion, in the fact that under the domination of the bureaucracy the people were free to think but never to act, with the consequence that the organs of national and individual life became atrophied. This lack of freedom is especially illustrated by the dependent position of women in Russia. The needs of Russia which must be met by herself are (a) the achievement of national unity, and (b) education and technical training. Mr. Joseph Thorp's article on "America and the Settlement" will also well repay perusal. The usual features of the "Review" are maintained at their customary high level. For frontispiece the number has an illustration of the Journalists' Memorial to Mr. W. T. Stead, which has been executed by Sir George Frampton and is to be erected on the Victoria Embankment.

ONE of our correspondents having asked that those who have had any definite vision of the Christ-presence should share their experience with others, Mrs. R. J. Fox sends us, by leave of the writer, a copy of a letter from a lady describing a two-fold vision which came to her one afternoon while sitting alone in her room. First she saw a huge grey cross and on it, with drooping head, the figure of the Crucified One. She closed her eyes to shut out the awful spectacle, and when she reopened them it was to see before her a cross of golden light and standing by it a glorious being, clad in a robe of dazzling whiteness, his face illumined by love, pity and compassion. Ever since this experience Mrs. Fox's correspondent has felt confident that Jesus is moving among us, striving to clear away the darkened conditions which surround our planet at the present time.

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SOCIAL MEETING.—The Little Ilford Society of Christian Spiritualists, Church-road, Manor Park, E., has held a social and dance at the Lecture Hall, Public Library, in aid of the new church fund. Owing to the recent air raids the number present was not large, but those who met had a real good time. Thanks are due to the following artistes: Miss Hatch for pianoforte solo, Miss Moore, Mrs. Randle, Mr. D. Randle and Mr. Watson for songs, all being much appreciated. Dances and games were much enjoyed; Miss Hatch officiated at piano. At the close we all joined in "Auld Lang Syne." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Jamrach and all who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.—E. M.

FROM Mr. R. A. Owen (19, Chatsworth-avenue, Aintree), we have received a copy of the syllabus of Wednesday evening lectures for the three months' session ending December 19th, arranged in connection with the Liverpool and District Spiritualist Institute No. 1, of which he is secretary. They cover a wide range of subjects of interest to students of psychical science and phenomena. The Institute has secured more congenial quarters for its meetings at 22, Whitechapel (near Church-street), and Mr. Owen states that the session has started with excellent prospects of support by Spiritualists and inquirers. He also sends a list of the speakers engaged for the Sunday services of the Society of Spiritualists meeting at Daulby Hall, amongst which we recognise several names very familiar to us. We are glad to hear that the society is "going strong."

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At an inquest at Clerkenwell on the 6th inst., on the body of a man named Denton, the widow stated that on the morning of the 3rd she dreamt that he was dead. The dream was repeated the same night, and as he did not return home she went with the police to his engineering workshop in Central-street, St. Luke's, where he was found on the floor with one end of a piece of gas tubing in his mouth and the other fixed to a gas bracket.

HUSK FUND.—Mrs. Etta Duffus, of Penniwells, Elstree, Herts, acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of £3, proceeds of concert given by the Women's Guild of the Dundee Spiritualist Society.

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MIDLAND DISTRICT UNION.—Mr. B. P. Membury, hon. secretary of the Midland District Union of Spiritualist Societies and Spiritualists, sends us an account of the Union's annual gathering and propaganda services, which took place on the 30th ult. in Birmingham Town Hall. In the morning Mr. Ernest Keeling (Liverpool) addressed an audience of some three hundred on "Spiritualism: Its Message and its Mission," and Mrs. E. A. Cannock gave clairvoyant descriptions: in the afternoon Mrs. Cannock addressed a still larger audience on "The Coming Religion," and in the evening Councillor J. Venables presided over a mass meeting of more than three thousand at which Mr. Keeling was again the speaker and Mrs. Cannock the clairvoyant, the accuracy of the lady's descriptions greatly impressing her hearers. Mrs. G. M. Roe sang beautiful solos at the morning and evening services, and at each service the amalgamated choir rendered an anthem. Mr. Wilfred Green ably presided at the organ. Altogether, Mr. Membury reports, it was a great day for the workers and the cause.

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LONDON SPIRITUAL MISSION: 13B, Pembroke Place, Boylston-street, W.—Mr. Peckham, on "Human Personality"; Mr. G. Prior, on "The Inspiration of Fellowship." For Sunday next see front page.—I. R.

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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 sance.

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.

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