

EXCUSE PLEASE

"Unforeseen mechanical delays" explain the late appearance of this first issue . . . It can't happen again! !!

In Ephrata for Week

Leaving Boston on the 8th, after a month's engagement, Mrs. Ethel Post-Parrish, one of the most famous of materialization mediums, and her noted cabinet assistant, Mrs. Lena Barnes Jeffs (who has written many distinctive booklets on Spiritualism), spent last week at their Camp Silver Belle quarters in Ephrata, Pa., before leaving yesterday for the South, to make preparations for opening their Institute of Universal Science for winter classes in St. Petersburg, Fla. (2800 Central Ave.), on Dec. 7th:

Margery Passes

"Margery" (Mrs. Mina S.) Crandon, joining her brother (and "control") Walter, and her husband, Dr. Le Roi G. Crandon, in spirit November 1st, is expected to help materially in the large-scale program of demonstrating survival and communication, now emanating with renewed vigor from the unobstructed phase.

Since the passing of Dr. Crandon in 1938, "Margery" had become despondent, gradually failing in health and in psychic activity.

Daughter of a Picton, Ontario, Canada farmer, "Margery" first came into prominence in 1924, and controversies raged among psychic research societies for years over her demonstrated powers, which continuously increased in complexity and impressiveness.

Dr. John H. Crandon, a son lives in Boston,—where "Margery" passed into spirit; and a sister, Miss Clara M. Stinson, lives in Belmont.

Ectoplasmic fingerprints of Walter, produced in a seance room through "Margery's" mediumship, and apported rings of wood, are perhaps the demonstrations that precipitated the most discussion.

Organizes Kansas

Coffeyville, Iola, Chanute, and Parsons, in Kansas, and Nevada, Missouri, will have new Spiritualist societies organized in the near future, through the efforts of Rev. Nelle McElroy. They will later become chartered churches. Mrs. McElroy is Kansas state organizer for the Advanced Spiritual Church, Inc., and founder of Camp Doe-Wah-Jack. ((named for one of her guides)):

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DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE?

Leader Establishes "Spiritual Postoffice for Earth"

Developing a new phase of proof for survival and communication, Dr. Cushman and his band of spirit helpers, through the mediumship of the world-famous Alexander DeChard and his independent slate-and card-writing gift, will conduct a weekly feature in the LEADER.

Ordinary 4x7 absolutely untreated blank white cards are placed between slates, which Mr. DeChard holds for about five minutes,—while the messages are being written or quickly hand-lettered by spirit entities: All such letters, and the psychic pictures which accompany them at times, are on file in the LEADER'S studio-office, and will be sent to the "owners" when claimed.

Direct messages can be arranged through the Leader, for forwarding to Medium DeChard, who travels extensively in answer to calls for public and private engagements in demonstration of slate-writing phenomena.

Mr. DeChard holds classes, and seances, at his home in Palmyra, New York, by appointment, and during summer seasons is also featured at Spiritualist camps.

WILBUR HOME, of LEOMINSTER

My dear Wilbus,—how grand and glorious is this arisen stage: To be with you through this paper does my soul so much good. So, dear husband, after such a long and fatigue suffering from all manner of conflicts in the Earth world, my heart ceased its beatings, the veil of mortality dropped from my eyes, and in a breath I was the new-born being of immortality; and as my eyes opened to view my surroundings I felt as if I had awakened from a troubled dream. How long I rested after death I do not know: I was recalled to consciousness by the perfume of flowers. Before my vision passed a busy life in a world of wondrous beauty, and myself an individual in the world of God's boundless universe. But I had to come to Earth, back, as it were, to shake off the earthly:

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Slate-writings, through DeChard's mediumship, will be featured in each issue of the Leader.....Please write "if you recognize these".....

Messages received for Mrs. Mayer, School of Advanced Philosophy, New York City—from Khmartz; for Dr. John Thompson of Watertown, New York, from his mother; for Flora Laughlin of Pittsburgh, Pa., from Dr. Simpson; for Dr. George Foden of Detroit, from his brother and from Pat; and for Mrs. Mabel Todd of Akron, Ohio, from her husband, Joe; will be printed in the Nov. 16th issue:

THORNE APPORTS

ASTOUND STUDENTS

Red rose-petals (as the apport-gift of The White Sister), literally "rained" over the entire 32 ft. length of the seance room, at the October 30th session, of Rev. E. L. Thorne's advanced development class, in New York City.

Five trumpets levitated simultaneously, and three voices (one in German) were distinctly heard speaking at the same time. Two of the voices were of guides, one from the 5th plane, the other from the 7th, talking to each other,—while the third voice, in German, was that of the father of one of the students.

Among the apports received at recent class seances, was an orchid, brought to one of the students by her "first beau", in spirit, in memory of having given her on Earth, during his courtship, her first orchid. This has since crystallized and seems "permanently preserved".

In remembrance of the green onyx which abounds near her former home in Italy, another of the students received an apported heart, carved from green onyx.

Wong, Chinese guide, brought through a Chinese coin, as a demonstration of apport phenomena.

Van Walt and Haas Talk on Research

Tuesday night (Nov. 11), Dr. Harry VanWalt, from the wealth of his 32 years of psychic research work, lectured on "What is Life", under the auspices of the Institute of Hyperphysical Research: at the studio of Evelyn Sutta, 33 West 67th St., New York City.

Lectures are scheduled at the same place for each Tuesday evening, at 8:15 during November, as an activity of the Institute of Life division of the Hyperphysical Research organization.

Dr. George C. O. Haas, speaking on "Invisible Factors in a War-torn World", will feature the Nov. 18th meeting of the Institute. "Thought,—Its Culture and Control" is the subject chosen for Dr. Haas' lecture the week following (Nov. 25th).

Guests are always welcomed,—and incidentally their contributions at the door. Monthly membership in the Institute is \$1 (\$10 a year). Offices are at 62 William St., New York City.

Another dinner conference is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 28th, first since the Halloween dinner at the India-Ceylon Inn, 148 West 49th St., New York City.

Dr. Van Walt's addition to the staff of the Institute as a research associate was celebrated at the first dinner conference of the season, October 8th. Other speakers besides Dr. Van Walt and Dr. Haas at the time included Judge Jean H. Norris, and Sidney Rosenbaum, Atty.

From Pearl, a guide, a beautiful mother-of-pearl carved medallion, came through for her "medie".

TWICE, AT CLASS SESSIONS, AN ORDINARY ELECTRIC BULB HAS BEEN LIGHTED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, solely through the combined power of the circle, holding hands and marching about the long room to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers".

Following the demonstration of a bulb lighting, repeated the third time for 60 seance

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Shea Shares Time With Bostonians

Rev. Evan Shea, who was a feature writer for True Mystic Science magazine,—which during its life printed so much of interest on psychic research and experiences,—will have regular features in the **Leader**.

Dividing his time between Boston, Mass: (1st and 3rd Sunday evenings each month at the Hotel Wtstminster on Copley Square), and New York City, where he conducts services each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening at the Church of Spiritual Commune, 1947 Broadway,—Rev. Evan Shea's time is well occupied. Message circles are also held in his farm-home near Boston on the Saturday nights preceding Boston meetings.

Private groups call Rev. Shea for demonstrations of clairvoyance and psychometry regularly, and numerous private consultations fill in a busy schedule, due to an unfailingly sympathetic ear for the trials of his clients, many of whom have been coming month after month for years without his even knowing their names. He never asks, and prefers not to know.

Correspondence from questioners all over the country greets Rev. Shea on every mail, and his advice and messages seem to always give satisfaction,—judging from verified messages.

Explain This One

There certainly must have been mediumship powers in one of the guests at a pre-Halloween party where each in turn punched a number on a "fortune-telling" game, and the 'fortunes' strangely coincided with possible facts,—even if a mischievous "spirit" happened by at the time.

Miss Florence Willis, of 46 West 71st St., New York City, reports that one, whose husband really does own a 'dead' gold mine drew:—"Wealth will come to you through a gold mine."

Another, who is charming and much loved, drew:—"Your only drawback is your stale jokes". And she really tells old, old jokes!

A third drew, "Your only claim to distinction is your forbear's name"; and she has a really distinguished ancestor.

The only man in the group was told, "Join the Navy", which he, being religious, interpreted to mean, "Sail with God, the seas".

Trans-Atlantic News

"Do you act as though the unsurpassed joy, comfort, and consolation afforded by and through Spiritualism is worth less to you than a simple pleasure?" is suggested by an English correspondent as a good question to ask readers. In his church, he says, the average contribution is 3-pence (about a nickel),—and he wonders whether collection-plates in America average better.

"Developing circles should have a leader who is in the world all the time,—not a psychic",—according to discussions at a zone meeting at Eltham, England, recently, when representatives of seven churches debated a wide range of controversial subjects, led by F.N. Banks, of the Eltham church.

"They should be held in connection with a church, and they need a powerful medium present", these same debaters brought out. "Also, it is necessary for mediums to remain much longer in developing circles before starting public work (which automatically places a protective canopy around them, preventing further development)".

In discussing the youth problem, Percy Wilson was the leader. Only three of the seven churches had ever had a Lyceum, and these had closed because of the war.

Meetings are held in rotation at the various churches whose representatives attended:

Next to his work as an engineer, J. Brown, President of the Peterborough Church, England, loves his church. At their recent Harvest Festival, when local mediums gave their services, nearly 120, (almost \$100) was "bagged" (each member being given a little silk bag to put his contribution in).

More than 200 attended the Ilford, (England), Church Harvest Festival services conducted by Horace Leaf,—who is considered one of the greatest authorities on mediumship in the world today. Leaf makes a specialty of psychic development by mail.

It may cheer, those who imagine that war-time conditions in England have adversely affected Spiritualism, to know that in aid of the Lord Mayor's Air-Raid Distress Fund, in Ilford, 20 guineas was raised (almost \$100), through a special concert by the organist and choir.

"Sitting in darkness, subdued light, or red light, hoping for something to turn-up,—or else driven to table phenomena, or semi-automatic devices" delays the individual development according to John F. Justice, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, England. "Turn to psychometry", Justice suggests, and tells of the first attempt along this line made by his small home circle, which meets once or twice a week.

A trigger mechanism of an old flint-lock firearm found in his back yard, was wrapped in several layers of tissue-paper to completely disguise its feel and shape,—then given to Edward H. Johnson, a young psychic (interested in Spiritualism only four years), to psychometrize. Sitting in the red light, Johnson held the small package to his forehead for a few minutes, and an incident of the English Civil War of Cromwell's time was unearthed by psychic means. They were fully an hour in getting the whole story through,—and both Justice and Johnson have been anxious to get confirmatory results through a trained psychometrist.

Charles Richard Cromwell, who took over the editorship of *Light*, 60 years old Spiritualist weekly publication in England, just two months ago, has changed the editorial policy somewhat, veering more to news than magazine style. George H. Lethem, for 10 years the *Light* editor, resumed work on his old paper, the *Yorkshire Post and Leeds Mercury*.

Cromwell's interest in *Light* dates from April 1931, when he was about to leave London for his home in Geneva, Switzerland, and was halted by an intense desire to return to Scotland. Detained, he then received a letter urging him to call on David Gow, then editor of *Light*, who had reviewed a volume of his poetry. At the interview a clairvoyant was also present, and gave him a message (from an identity described as his Godmother):—"You have been thinking of going to Scotland. You MUST go". Whereupon a chain of events started, leading direct to the editorship of *Light*,—first through his connection as co-editor of the occult magazine, *Atlantis Quarterly*, with Lewis Spence, researches for which led to Spiritualism. His lectures brought him to London, led to his appointment as associate editor of *The Connoisseur*, then to *LIGHT*.

Psychological reactions of a medium of intelligence and culture towards the phenomena which took place through her agency, are for the first time in book form describing in Eileen Garrett's striking autobiography, "My Life as a Search for the Meaning of Mediumship." A reduced price is advertised by the publishers, Rider, of London, Eng., —5/-net (about \$1.).

"There is a future which is now determined by the present and the past,—but it is not inexorably fixed and unalterable", says H.F. Saltmarsh in his recent book on "Foreknowledge".

"It can be modified by actions that we initiate, as beings with some degree of freedom of choice".

"It is time we emancipated our minds from the deadening effects of thinking we are in the midst of evil seeking to destroy us", says W. H. Evans.

"To hold such views is to reduce man to a puppet.... It is a moral weakness for a man to say he was influenced by an evil spirit to do so-and so."

"The noble mind knows that it is its own thought and action for which it is responsible."

Readings by sensitives not Spiritualists, revealed as clear knowledge and understanding as those by Spiritualist mediums, in a series of extra-sensory perception experiments recently concluded by W. Harrison in England.

Mediums gave the names of spirit people, detailed descriptions including the nature of their last illness and passing, etc., to identify them with certainty, and gave definite messages on the problem concerned.

"Functioning is independent on the psychic plane", says Harrison. "Clairvoyance is not in any way dependent on the agency of spirits, though spirits can and do manifest their presence, and render aid on many occasions."

The Hindu control of one mediums explained, "We contact your aura through the article held by one through whom we work, and since all that has been is recorded there, for those who know how to read it,—working on the same vibration it can be deduced what will be, from what has been".

"Free will is operable, and a factor in life incalculable with any degree of precision, and can in certain circumstances completely frustrate the fulfillment of a prediction dependent upon the human will", Mr. Harrison concludes.

"Spirit Return" Comedy Clicks

"Blithe Spirit", Noel Coward's comedy on "spirit-return" which has caused so much comment in London, opened fittingly as a benefit for the "American Theater Wing of the British War Relief Society for civilian relief in Great Britain." Nov. 4th in New York City.

Following the benefit preview, "Blithe Spirit" opened for a long run at the Morosco Theater in New York City Wednesday with reviewers dubbing it:—the "most deliberately impudent item of the Coward comedy series, and one of his most ingenious plots (Burns Mantle).—('Hilarious hocus-pocus that kept us all in stitches' (Walter Winchell). — "gayest tomfoolery, due to delight Broadway for at least a year" (Louis Sobol).

Leanora Corbett, fresh from London, plays the part of the lovely ghost who materializes in luminous gray, "with Coward wit and a mischievous sense of fun".

Mildred Natwick plays the medium, whose control, "Little Daphne", engineers the hilarious happenings.

Clifton Webb plays the role of Charles, novelist whose wife returns from spirit to annoy his second wife with talk of their happy days and nights.

While London Spiritualist publications decried the Lord Chamberlain's permitting public performances of "Blithe Spirit", as an insult to mediums and a burlesquing of spirit-communication, many American Spiritualists feel that millions will be brought to a realization that such phenomena are well-known to Spiritualists the world over, and a source of endless comfort. Further personal investigations will naturally follow.

Also, while films, in England, are not licensed that offend the religious feelings of Spiritualists, in America it seems definite that "Blithe Spirit" will be picturized, since George Cuker, ace director, says it is "definitely film material."

Kline Here Few Days

Maude Kline, known universally as one of America's outstanding blindfold billet readers, and as a direct-voice medium, who was featured at Lily Dale, N.Y., camp this past summer, is stopping in New York City for a few days after a flying tour in which she has served numerous churches. It is expected that she may join forces with Frank Decker for a series of demonstrations through the East.

Offers New Services

For the first time in the vicinity of Rochester, N.Y.: Sunday morning services have been opened to the public, at the Divine Inspiration Church, 27 Appleton St.,—with Sunday school at 10:00, followed at 11:00 by morning worship:

Not long ago Rev. Frances Adam started another new type of service to Spiritualists of the community, in a message circle preceding Sunday evening meetings, with silver offering for the medium: So successful was the plan that others have followed a similar procedure:

Writes Pamphlets

A series of pamphlets bearing on Spiritualism, designed especially for use in the various churches and camps, is under way from the pen of Rev. Geraldine Wood, resident pastor of the Spiritualist Temple in Ashtabula, Ohio: Her work will also appear in the Leader in abridged form.

Attend Memorial Banquet in Canada

Among the 140 present at the Britten Memorial Church, Toronto, 20th anniversary banquet, Oct. 25th, and at the memorial unveiling on Sunday of the beautiful portrait painting of the church's founder, Rev. M. S. McGuire,—were Rev. Sarah Cushing of Miami, Fla. (in charge of the unveiling ceremony), Mr. and Mrs. W. Yendley Burton of Hamilton, Canada, Rev. E. Fisher of Buffalo, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pressing (Psychic Observer editors) of Lily Dale, N.Y., Mrs. G. Gurd of Toronto, Wm. J. Wadsworth (Controller) of Toronto, Fred Simpson (Secretary of the church), and Rev. M. Potts, Pastor.

Banquet tables were spread in the Lyceum School hall which had been lavishly decorated with flags and flowers, and a musical program later was followed by dancing.

Special message services followed on Monday and Tuesday nights, and a social adieu party on Wednesday evening.

Each Saturday night there is a seance service in the Britten church, and message- and healing services are held each Tuesday and Thursday evening, besides other regular church and social meetings.

Experiments Continue

Experiments in demonstrating direct-voice phenomena in red light are being carried out by Frank Decker in New York City, with the help of a Bell Telephone company engineer:

Gleaned Down By-Ways

Stead Helps Leader

Wm. Thomas Stead, the famous English journalist, (whose transition occurred when the Titanic sank).—whose direct-voice appearances at Mrs. N.S. Themelis' (Cecil Cook) Sunday evening meetings in New York City in particular, are so cheering,—has written a 67-page booklet from spirit on "Communication With the Next World,—the Right and the Wrong Methods", which Friendship Centre, 86 Lancaster Gate, London W2, advertises.

Offering his own unstinted services in connection with the Leader, Mr. Stead, at Mrs. Themelis' direct-voice seances, has repeatedly said that many in spirit have banded together to extend every aid. Elbert Hubbard was one such present at the first meeting when Stead expressed himself,—before anyone knew that the Leader was "in the making", and the very next day a letter reached the Editor from Mrs. Irene Remillard (West Springfield, Mass.) saying that the famous writer of Little Journeys was anxious to continue his series, from spirit.

Book Nobly Written

"Behold We Come". by Nancy Fullwood, telling how we are surrounded in these times of stress by advanced souls who try to aid, is thrilling,—written in rhythmic form, nobly,—according to one of our pre-publication correspondents

Young People Like Him

Said to appeal to more young people with his spiritual guidance and love-advice than any other Metropolitan minister, Rev. Edward L. Thorne of the United Spiritualist Church, New York, is rapidly also becoming known as the marrying-parson: Among recent couples for whom the Spiritualists marriage ceremony has been read are Lawrence Squire of 18 Summit St., East Orange, New Jersey, and Mildred G. Morely of 188 Grove St., Montclair, both of whom had been attending Rev. Thorne's message circles at 72nd and Columbus for three years:

Limit Sitters to 8

Mrs. Annie Brittain, holding her usual Wednesday afternoon circles at 3:00, at St. Stephens Gardens, Bayswater, W2, limits her seances to eight sitters, at 5/-each (approx. \$1).

Dr. Lascelles Active

Dr. Lascelles, principal collaborator of Rev. Clifford Bias of Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.A.,—also works through C. A. Simpson of London, England, in trance addresses, and in trance consultations and healing (9:30 to 5:30, Monday to Friday). "Spiritual Clairvoyance" was the subject of one of Dr. Lascelles' recent addresses, as advertised by the Seekers Sq. Queens gate; SW7; London for a recent afternoon at 3:00. Other lecture subjects have included "Our Father", "War and Prayer", "On Earth, the Kingdom of Heaven", "Spiritual Guidance", and "The Angels Speak;—How You Can Hear".

Spirit Violin Plays

"Before our eyes, a spirit violin and bow assembled", writes a sitter at a Lula Taber House materialization seance, and Byron Britt, who has often materialized to talk to and play for his parents (from St. Louis) played "Sweet Mystery of Life" with every shade of heavenly inspiration:

Will Sell Lake Hotel

Frank Decker's 52-room hotel at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, in which \$10,000 was invested in modernizing alone, and which served as the headquarters for guests attending his Camp White Eagle summer sessions, is "for sale", A \$45,000 investment is involved, which Frank might use to tour South America demonstrating his super-gifts of direct-voice and materialization phenomena. For the present, most of his time is occupied with flying trips to demonstrate psychic phenomena to select groups at "fabulous" figures, (gifts from admirers), but regular Thursday night seances are held at his Hotel Ansonia suite in New York City, sitters being limited to 25. His amazing proofs of survival continue to enthrall all who experience them. At 11 years of age, Frank was brought to New York City from his home in Wilkes Barre, Pa., to demonstrate phenomena which had mystified his town-people; and this "first seance" netted him \$300 from an enthusiastic admirer. Since then, receiving \$1,000 to \$10,000 presents has not been unusual,—and besides touring the world demonstrating he has crossed to England so often that he knows London as well as New York City.

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In the meantime, hew to the line! All hands are needed on deck. We present a united front,—and move forward swiftly and surely, with the full co-operation of spirit mentors.

Hubbard Organizes Spirit Directors

ELBERT HUBBARD WRITES to the Editor from spirit (through the mediumship of Irene Remillard..... dictated..... Elbert Hubbard's "Little Journeys" will be continued from Spirit. Beginning with the next issue of the Leader.)

"There has been all the explaining the world needs, concerning this intriguing power of psychic manifestation. The time is here when we must try with all the forces we are permitted to use through our mediums, to accomplish the task waiting for us there on Earth.

"There must be no more dilly-dallying, no more fumbling,—just straight-from-the-shoulder DOING, and SAYING.

"Many of the friends I made on Earth have come to join me in spirit, and together we have formed a group destined to play a big part in earthly affairs,—a much bigger part than you can possibly know.

"You are going to strike a number of snags, step into numerous pitfalls;—but we are watching you carefully, and expect to be able to extricate you from every single dilemma you may step unwarily into.

"Treat the subject as an accepted premise. Let your paper be used as a focal point.

"Advertise that you want BIG problems brought to you, great issues that have no solution, difficulties that arise for public causes.

"WE WILL FORM HERE, IN SPIRIT, A BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO GIVE ADVICE AND FAIR COUNSEL.—FORMED BY THOSE WHO HAVE THE CLEARER VISION OF THE UNRESTRICTED UNIVERSE:

"The result of our effort, and yours, is unpredictable,—but you, with your public-spirited urge, my Friend, must see its grand possibilities.

"You have a nucleus of psychic workers who are ready for the fray, and we hope there are enough to form a team. So far, the game is in its cradle. And we don't know the number of players it will take.

"In our tryout, here in spirit, we have a number of teams,—but on the Earth, each spirit team is represented by one player only. You call these Earth players mediums. We call them Circle-tenders. THE GAME WILL BE CALLED BY A NAME THAT YOU WOULD NOT YET UNDERSTAND,—but I will give it to you when you see me.

"We gave a key to the group in this circle. We spoke of the water-supply in Europe. We told of epidemics that would lay waste the people, and that it will be this fact which will end the war, and end it by the helplessness of Hitler himself. America will rise to a place of supremacy in world power.

"A second Joan of Arc is about to make her debut. She will not lead France in war but OUT of it. She will teach France to rise above the false premise that force is the power of the Gods, and to use the power of God which is 'Love thou thy neighbor as thyself.'

"From time to time, I shall write you letters of help and encouragement,—that is, if you accept correspondence from gentlemen friends in the spirit'.

(Indeed we do, friend Hubbard, —and many thanks! Your letter will be answered wholly, as soon as this first issue of the Leader is safely off the press....EDITOR:)

The strength of a nation, a church, a home, or a business, —in its every day living, is exactly the strength of the individuals who go to make up the whole.

Interesting news will be forthcoming from the Hutchinson, Kansas, church located at 1005 West 2nd Street, also from Wichita, Kansas, Spiritualist workers.

Church of Life, St. Paul, Minnesota, sells about 25 Spiritualist papers at every circle! Can you do better?

Recognize These?

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Directly in front of me I saw my funeral cortege going on, my friends with their floral offerings stood around me, their tributes to the living. Dear, it's hard to look at one's self with spirit eyes, seeing one's self lying there. It's like leaving an old home: I tried to comfort you so much. I longed to clasp you to my spirit form, but alas, Wilbur, my spirit was alone with you: Often do I come: I see Mr. Bruce often (his eyes are no better). Gertrude Lena, Everlton Knox, Mr. Charlie Green, your mother, Caroline, Bert, Ella, Charles Ballwin and so many others: Often I see your dear self look towards the cemetery as you drive by. I look also, but not from the grave,—from the seat alongside of you: I'll come often. I'll bring the one who wrote: I did not need baptism nor christening to carry me to the Father. He came to me: I see you still find him on the leaves of the Bible, my marks: I'll enter again, it's the first time in the paper. Oh yes, my death was, but this is life notice:

LILLIAN HOME

(PSYCHIC PICTURE OF THE HANDSOME COLORED DEACON IN GRAY AND GREEN)

My name, Deacon Jones I wish to come to Martha Curry and her sister, Margaret, down Hartford way, on Main St.,

Conn: Well, feller Spirituals, I hab de pleasure of corresponding to de paper and shall now hab de pleasure of addressing ebery one of you; and I am going to stick to de platts where—by I hab de "light" confluence to try to do de work in dis here pair of slates. When in de course of human events it becomes necessary for de colored population to look into and inquire dis enexpressible truth of Spiritualism, it is — to return to my subject is, dat on de pint dis is de time all ob you white folks and de colored population should inquire into dis enexpressible conflict. It is,—necessary dat all ob de people should know de truf about coming back. I ask you in de name of de Lord, be you "gwine" to allow yourselves to be so extemporaneously bigoted in dis ere fashion. Shakespeare, he jus don't let you blush in ignorance, nor,—anybody else: Where is you? You is on Earth in ignorance, and I am here and am "agwin" to stay here in this spiritual world I take root,—but tha I hab my say out: So I ask you: all in clarion tones, why do you say dat de spirit can't come? Am I here, or is I not? Why so when you see de glorious cause of Nature, when you can't see de beauties ob dis Spiritualism? Open the doors in your heart, Robert! Your brother is here, also Mama, Papa, Lillian, Cella, George West, and Rev. White: All send love: Send my message to 2139 Main St: along with de paper:

DEACON JONES

REMEMBER BOWMAN, STAUNCH FRIEND

On the anniversary of John McEntee Bowman's entrance into spirit life, Oct. 28th, hundreds of Spiritualists travelled mentally, if not physically, to the quiet little chapel shrine on the 3rd floor of the Hotel Biltmore, New York City, where his spirit communicates often with old friends.

With his passing in 1931 Spiritualism lost in this phase and gained in spirit, one of its most ardent advocates and loyal supporters.

At the Biltmore, in his own private apartment, Bowman entertained Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge, the Rev. G. Vale Owen, and numerous others prominent in promoting psychic research,—as well as numerous famous persons in other lines of endeavor.

Often, also, in his private Biltmore apartment, Mr. Bowman counseled with his spirit friends and guides, through the mediumship of Beulah Thompson Haas, who for years,—under Mr.

Bowman's sponsorship,—conducted services of the Universal Spiritual Church in a Biltmore studio. Beulah Thompson (now Haas) came to New York City in 1914 through the influence of the celebrated W. J. Colville. Her services are now conducted in Bayside, on Long Island, 45-60 215th Place, each Sunday afternoon at 4:15, with circles each Monday night at 8:30 also assisted by her husband, Dr. George C. O. Haas, inspirational speaker and teacher.

The Biltmore Chapel is the only one in New York City, established for the comfort of guests by John McEntee Bowman, as president of the hotel corporation. It was his plan to establish similar chapels, as well as libraries, in every hotel controlled by the corporation over the United States. Fresh flowers kept perpetually in the chapel testify mutely to the active use made of this small sanctuary in the heart of a great city.

"The Glory of the Slain"

by OWEN R. WASHBURN

Never since the world began have so many men having bodily health entered so suddenly into a better world. Above the clouds, below the waves of the seas, in every land, they die.

Wickedness of leaders enlisted to destroy the hope of immortality, the humanities fostered by religion, the democracy of spirit and government among the people, and the freedom of the bodies and souls of men, has been supported by the depravity of slavish minds who have given physical power to organized murder, degradation, and enslavement. These have forced the humble peasants, the intellectual, and the commonplace millions to mutual destruction.

It is not strange that men ask: "Where is God?"

For each of those hosts, so suddenly naked of physical bodies, there is the working of the same laws-of-being which are in operation when an aged farmer lies down in peace after many years of toil.

Those spirits who suddenly leave the heaped mounds of mangled flesh, those who linger in the earthly coverings, meet a like condition. The spirit world provides for each of us, as we arrive there, whatever our stage of development in useful goodness enables us to possess and use. Those who arrive with no recognition of any other God than Hitler, with no code save that of unlimited satisfaction for primitive instincts,—still have Hitler as a God and their code is unchanged.

Those who arrive still animated by high desires to serve the cause of freedom, faith, and beauty, have still that God, that freedom of spirit, and that beauty of soul which brings them to the company of spirits of like character, in surroundings harmonious. They join the forces which work throughout eternity for the purposes of eternity!

Nor is the death of each patriot who sacrificed his earth body that the world may remain progressive and unenslaved, the deadly evil it at first seems. Escaping old age and its ills, the years of frequent physical suffering, the misunderstandings which spirit discernment prevents, poverty, despair, they begin an eternal youth through endless time and proceed to loftier conceptions and greater joys. The old aches caused by the death of loved ones, the old sorrows, old frustrations, are left behind. They enter upon a new era of life wherein all evil things within them are made anew; the soul is satisfied, the heart at rest.

Nor do these newly dead undergo surrender in the cam-

paign of earth!

Courage for the defenders of liberty, is not all born of the defending armed men. It is in part created for them by hosts of invisible and faithful soldiers of the democracies and of lands oppressed, who, though lacking the visible forms they once possessed, still move through the sound of bombs and machine-gun fire with those whose cause they love, transmitting to those who strive for righteousness a bravery not of earth.

When the French still resisted Hitler's invasion, the Old Guard of Napoleon's cavalry went above and before them into battle.

Above the Greeks, fighting against the invading Romans a few months ago, stood the old Spartans and Athenians, the spirits of the spearmen of the phalanxes of Alexander, of the Thracian swordsmen, of the archers of Salamis:

Norway's ancient warriors of Thor, the Dutch men-of-war's men who swept the seas, Drake's English gunners, and the Scots who stood at the borders fearing not to die, the men of liberty-loving hosts who fell at Gettysburg when Lee's men came on and the Northern lines stood fast, are living still, their forces invisible but potent!

The powers spiritual, composed of the just spirits of every land, war against wickedness in high places, inspire to brilliant feats the commanders of the Lord's armies, comfort themselves for unspeakable sorrows over what is done on earth by taking action on the planes of Heaven, where they strive to confuse and defeat the hosts from the lower hells, and encourage and enlighten the leaders and the armies of civilization.

The Maid of Orleans again rides forth bearing her great banner.

Washington and Paul Jones still bear spiritual arms.

Lincoln takes council with Garibaldi and Bolivar.

A mighty psychic power is enlisted in this war,—and the glory of the slain is their enrollment in an army of Heaven, bringing through human courage and the enlightening of the minds of Churchill and De Gaulle, and ten thousand captains on land and sea, the inevitable coming of the age of peace.

Christ, who walked up Calvary, heavily laden, who was visible to the British hosts between the trenches, beholds His servants walk the stony road that leads to victory. His plan for mankind is being made practical through sweat and blood and tears.

The exaltation of the slain is in their sharing in the emancipation of mankind!!

Thorne Apports Astound Developing Students

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guests at the Thorne home recently (gathered for a Bertie Lilly Candler materialization seance),—an ordinary unattached electric bell, fresh out of its store-box was made to ring. When forces were asked to ring it three shorts,—or two shorts and a long, etc.,—this action followed immediately.

Following the regular advanced class sittings at his home in New York City from 8:00 to 10:00 each Thursday evening, this medium sits alone for half-an-hour with his 300 by-mail development students who are scattered all over the United States and even extend to Australia, Africa, Alaska, and England.

"I ask all my developing students to sit at 10:00 o'clock their own time,—regardless of the simultaneous time in New York City",—says Thorne. "In spirit there is no time as we know it, and the vibrations are readily blended by spirit forces working with each student". Often the by-mail students, in their monthly reports, mention phenomena identical with the happenings at Thursday night advanced-class sessions.

Rev. Thorne attributes part of his success in developing the mediumship of students, to the fact that he sits IN with the group, forming part of the circle, rather than sitting in the center of the room. A third of the time, during class sessions, he is in trance, and knows of the most startling of phenomena received only when apprised by students after "Sunbeam" awakens him.

Slate-writing is quite often received in these classes. One student placed an ordinary letterhead on the floor before the lights were turned out, and when the class ended there was a beautiful, full-blown wild rose in at least eight shades of pink, with stem, and buds, complete, as though photographed in true colors, and fused into the paper.

At the Candler seance mentioned, held in Thorne's home, a slate was washed, brought in dripping wet, wrapped thoroughly with many thicknesses of newspaper (also a small bit of chalk) and the one who wished a message to appear on the slate SAT on the package, all during the seance. When unwrapped the slate had a radiant cross drawn on it,—which was significantly interpreted.

No mention of Thorne

would be complete without mentioning SUNBEAM, child guide who has been working through him for 15 years: On the Earth plane hundreds of years ago, Sunbeam was a white girl who had been brought up by Cherokee Indians, from the age of 7 after her parents were killed by marauding Indians of a different tribe. They named her Sunbeam because of her radiant nature, which shines through every demonstration. Her voice always comes through preceded by a yellow light. Mischievous always, Sunbeam often "plays tricks" on the students. For instance, at one class session, after the singing of "Farmer in the Dell", when "the cat takes the mouse".....Sunbeam kept very quiet, after a particularly boisterous bit of business when "water" by the handfuls had been showered on everyone present (by Sunbeam, personally.. After the class, when a 3x5 note-book on the floor was examined, there, big as life and as mischievous-looking, was Sunbeam's drawing of a cat, back-turned, with a saucy tilt. On the edge of the page was PERFUME-OIL, and the page with the drawing still retains its heavenly odor....Sunbeam's first appearance to Thorne was in materialized form in his own room, 15 years ago, at which she said, simply and truly enough, "I have come to help you to help others".

Wants to Affiliate With Spiritualists

Incorporated Spiritualist church organizations are asked to communicate with Rev. John L. Shaw of Sundance, Wyoming relative to affiliation.

With a history of healing mediumship dating from the age of 14, Rev. Shaw has advanced, through his personal healing work, to conducting a school teaching the science of duo-therapy.

Plans are completed for adding courses on Spirituality, Science and Mediumship to the curriculum.

No fees of any kind are charged for healing or interviews, though free-will offerings are often given toward the establishment of a Spiritualist church,—which will take form very soon. Toward that end, Rev. Shaw has asked that 16 copies of the Leader be mailed to him weekly, for distribution in Sundance.

While practicing divine healing for years, Dr. Shaw has no "controls" of which he is aware.

God's Promises

Rev. ANNA M. BEARDEN

The Bible is full of rich promises that can be fulfilled while living in material life. In Proverbs 8:17, we read:—"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."

It takes co-operation on the part of the individual to assist in bringing to pass these precious promises. For spiritual blessings, we have to SEEK God!

In Phil. 4:19:—"But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in Glory by Jesus Christ." "And him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out". (John, 6:37).

Faith in Prayer:—"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive."

Christ's invitation and promised help:—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:20-30),

God's words are everlasting:—"The grass withereth the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever." (Isa., 40:8),

He shall come in Spirit power:—"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven." (Acts, 1:11)

Law of attractions in seeking your own vibration:—"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me, And I gave unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish; neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand," (John, 10:27,28)

Co-workers with God:—"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good even to them that are called according to his purpose",

And read the great promises according to 2 Peter 1:4-8.

These are only a few quoted for your convenience. There are many others,—including "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt, 28-20)

Bob Watson of Fort Scott, Kansas, has resigned as State N.S.A., Treasurer: Rev. Eva Bisinque, new Pastor of the N. S. A: First Church of Pittsburg, Kansas, is his successor. Rev. Marie Blunt and Rev. Neva Durham, both of Wichita, Kansas, are the new 2-yr. Trustees (N.S.A.):

Dance Draws Many

Dancing last night followed a special concert for New York City Spiritualists and friends in the Carnegie Hall building, studio 803, arranged by E. Vincente Hunte, director of the Temple of Spiritual Healing, which opened just two months ago: \$1 is the door charge:

Generous Men Do Tell

by
FREDERIC HARDING

(At one time, Frederic Harding was American correspondent for "Light" of London, besides having a rambling column of spiritual thought in each of five psychic journals in America)

In the "Progressive Thinker" when Mrs. Cadwallader was editor, Mr Harding contributed well over 100,000 words. Last spring he experienced a near-stroke, and has not since had the strength for extensive writing effort.ED)

Regarding religious experiences, Disraeli once said, "Sensible men don't tell."

Just how much he knew of the Truth of Spiritualism, we can not be sure; but, we do know he was always interested in Oriental occultism.

From his point of view as a politician, it may well have seemed advisable in the name of good sense, not to tell of his experiences and beliefs in such a controversial field as that of psychic phenomena. He did not want to antagonize Church, Science, or people of any sort whatever, because his political career might have been endangered thereby.

But let us amend his declaration to read, "Generous men do tell."

How selfish to withhold from grieving humanity the undoubted proof of the survival of human personality after the act of dying, and its ability to communicate through mediumship with those still in the mortal frame. We who have been fortunate enough to have witnessed the demonstrations of Spirit-power, have a great responsibility to pass on this evidence (honestly and unchanged from its original genuineness) to those who grieve, and to those who wonder about this life and a possible life to follow.

WE MUST TELL

And the opening of a new channel such as is this journal is an event to be hailed with great joy and with highest hopes for its success and long life. May the editorial policy be staunch and pure, without self-aggrandizement, and with the realization that spirit-communication is based on Love,—and Love is from God.

They Say

By D. HIRD MINTY

Mary Baker Eddy, Christian Science founder, was a medium, demonstrating her gift for some years on Spiritualist platforms. She even gave psychic readings in Boston! Also, she worked with John Slater, the great clairvoyant, whom Ella Wheeler Wilcox once said was "one of the most interesting psychics in California."

There is evidence, too, that Mrs. Eddy derived the original inspiration for Christian Science from Thomas Quimby, magnetic healer.

Colored transfigurations have recently been developed as a new phase of mediumship by Mrs. Ruby Mills, who is responsible for the Psychic League in West London. At one recent demonstration, 42 transfigurations, within one hour, were developed in red light, all in life colors, and every one was immediately recognized by sitters.

Britain's Red Cross, Educational Book Section, has been asked to supply British prisoners of war with volumes on Spiritualism.

Miss Bradda Field, famous novelist, who was awarded the Femina Vie Heureuse for one of her novels, accepts the psychic case:

Fay Compton, who plays the leading role in Noel Coward's London production of "Blithe Spirit" (a burlesque on Spiritualism), is on record as having had most wonderful and enthralling experiences at many seances.

Elsa Maxwell, famous for her celebrity parties, inventor of treasure (and other) "hunts", actress in several plays and motion pictures within the past two years in particular (with Estelle Winwood in a revival of "Our Betters" in October), who recently has won fresh honors as an exceptionally fine columnist, has reported compelling psychic experiences.

At seances held in London with George Spriggs, an outstanding medium of the last century, sitters saw, heard, and "weighed and measured" the materialized spirits: Heights ranged from 4 ft. to 5 ft. 8½ in. and their weights from 33 lb. 10 oz. successive weighings!

Hugh Walpole, famous author now in spirit, was a stretchr-bearer during the first two years of the War of 1914, and in writing of his experiences said:—"Something seemed to me always to escape at the moment of death that was of

enormous value, and this very often when the dying man was smashed beyond any recognition of human form, and far away from the possibility of human thought. I affirm that I have become aware, not by my own wish, almost against my will, of an existence of another life of far; for greater importance and beauty than this physical one."

Palmer Offers New Features

"Where Are Our Dead" was Mrs. Nora Pepper Palmer's sermon subject last Sunday in the Church of Progressive Truth, 310 Riverside Drive, New York City. Before, (November 2), Mrs. Palmer's subject was "Mediums and Mediumship."

For this Sunday, "To Be Thankful Is a Joyful Thing" has been chosen as the appropriate Thanksgiving-preparatory topic.

November 9th, and again on the 12th Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler of the Beckoning Light Church of Miami, Florida, held a special materialization seance. Five such seances were held in Mrs. Palmer's studios October 8, 11, 15, 22, and 25: Re: Candler also assisted at the Sunday services during October.

Direct-voice circles, conducted through Mrs. Palmer's mediumship, started November 15th and continue each Saturday and Sunday evening, at 8:00.

December circles are scheduled for the 3rd, 10th, 13th, 14th, and 17th,—limited to 15 persons. A Christmas tea is scheduled by Mrs. Palmer to follow her Sunday services at 4 p.m. Dec. 21st,

DeChard Here November 23rd

Alexander DeChard will be in New York City Sunday evening November 23, and possibly on Saturday night also, for slate-writing demonstrations. Sitters will be limited to 20;—reservations through the Leader. Private trumpet appointments will be arranged,—also slate-writing,—for the duration of Mr. DeChard's stay in New York City. He left his home in Polmyra, New York, yesterday for a whirlwind trip through Ohio and Pennsylvania, and will stop in New York City when homeward-bound:

Huge books of proof have been accumulated by DeChard in his years of mediumship, and thousands of skeptics have been convinced of the reality of survival and communication. Dr. Cushman, working through DeChard, has also saved hundreds of persons in operations and sickness.

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Briefs

"Pop" Mitchell of Wichita is the new N.S.A. Vice President, succeeding Ira Durham who resigned to complete the unexpired term as President (upon Earl Bowls, resignation).

Church of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, located at 2626 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., is truly "A Healing Sanctuary". Bishop Nettie Barker is the Pastor. We've heard wonderful reports of the work there.

Rev. Chapman and wife of Joplin, Mo., were guests of the Second Spiritualist Church, Fort Scott, Kansas, October 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Runnels, trumpet workers of Guthrie, Okla., held a trumpet seance Saturday night, October 18th, in the home of Rev. Nelle McElroy in Fort Scott, Kansas, and gave one in Franklin, Kansas, on October 20th, in the home of Rev. Rose Stansin.

Advanced Spiritual Church of Fort Scott, Kansas, members are holding regular services in the home of the Pastor, Rev. Nelle McElroy, 120 Lincoln Ave., for a short time.

The 2nd. Spiritualist Church of Fort Scott, Kansas, opened October 5th, holding services in Liopman Hall. Rev. Rose Stansin of Franklin, who recently resigned from the First Church in Pittsburg, Kansas, is Pastor.

Camp Doe-wah-jack which closed its first season with a bang August 31st, will open again next year with larger equipment, and will run for two weeks instead of one.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bear-den, heads of Advanced Spiritual Church, Inc., of Joplin, Mo., spent severay days in Northern Mo. recently, on church work.

The Church of Life of St. Paul, Minnesota, of which Rev. I. D. Sackett is the Pastor, opened recently after being closed through the summer months.

Middle West Spiritualists is is rumored are to lose two of their very best workers in Mr. and Mrs. Otis Runnels of Guthrie, Okla.; who are planning to move to California soon. Working in the Oregon and Washington camps this summer influenced their decision. This part of the country will look hard and long for others to take their place, but it is a great boost for California, and we wish them the best, with all our hearts.

The N. S. A. of Kansas, will hold its 1942 convention in Fort Scott, Kansas.

The Parade

Spirit-dictated, to Mrs. May Bingham (Fort Scott, Kansas)

Just stand and look at people
As past you they go by,—
And study each expression
And then just wonder why
Some faces look so careworn
And others look so bold,
Some look so young and happy
Others look sad and old.

The aged have known sorrow,
They have known pain and care
And they of life's great burdens
Perhaps have borne their share;
Some look so young and hopeful,
Their outlook seems so gay,
They have not known the anguish
Which washes hopes away.

We note the plastic features,
We watch them one by one,
Some have let sorrow crush them
And havoc has been done.
Christ Jesus is the anchor,
On which each one should cling

To rise above the anguish
Which life on earth does bring.
So as the people pass you
Just greet them with a smile
For it will help another—
It will make life worth-while.

Christ, Pioneer of Spiritualism, Materialized Eleven Times

by RACHAEL KING

No wonder Spiritualists are proud of their religion and their works, miracles, so the world says, but only natural manifestations to those who understand. Christ, the foremost, was the pioneer worker of miracles, in healing, interpretation, materialization, prophesy, reading, speaking of wisdom, discerning of Spirits, etc. We follow in illustrious footsteps!

When we read of the wondrous works He did in His Father's name, and then look about us, and read accounts of the accomplishments of some of our people, it makes us feel as though we were yet infants when our work is measured beside that of our Elder Brother. Yet it is well on its way to greatness!

Sometimes it is our lack of knowledge, at other times because our lives conducted are contrary to Divine Order; but I believe what Christ said to His Beloved ones: "Ye who believe can do the works I do, even greater works."

..... We are far from doing as great works as He did; yet I feel when Spiritualists think and live more spiritually, more Christ-like, their power to demonstrate survival and communication will be unlimited.

In studying the various phases of Christ's work materialization seems most important of all.

Christ appeared eleven times to His disciples between the time of His crucifixion and His ascension.

First: Mary Magdalene stood outside the sepulchre, weeping because she could not find her Master's body,—feared someone had disposed of it. Christ appeared to her, and made Himself known when He spoke: "Mary", in the familiar voice. (Mark 16:9 - 11)

Second:—evidently Mary Magdalene was not alone at the tomb, for here we read that these three women, Mary (mother of James), Salome, and Johanna, hastened into the city to tell the disciples. They were met by Christ who said: "All hail. Be not afraid. Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there they shall see me." (Matthew 28:8, 9, 10)

Third: He appeared to Cephas, and later to the brethren and Peter Simon. (1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:34).

Fourth: Two disciples started to the village of Emmaus. No doubt they were discussing the curious events of the preceding few days. Events were piling up so fast they couldn't keep up with them. Christ appeared. They did not know Him. He walked the country road with them, talked with them about the events, asking them if they didn't think this great prophet and great man, Jesus, hadn't earned the return to His Heavenly Home. Hadn't He suffered enough? Was it all in vain? He entered their house upon their invitation to spend the night with them. It was late, and not until He sat at the evening meal did they recognize Him, when He took the bread and blessed it. (Luke:24:13-35; Mark 16:12-13)

Fifth: Jesus, the Christ, appeared to ten of His disciples gathered in the tower room. Fear of the Jewish persecutions made these secret meetings necessary. Christ appeared in their midst proving himself by showing the nail prints in His hands and the gaping wound in His side. Thomas was not among the sitters. (John 20:24-29).

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Have You a Text-Book in Your Church?

by Rev. Nelle McElroy

Everywhere I go. I am more and more convinced that we have many Spiritualists, I mean members of our churches, who are ignorant, very much so, on vital questions, and necessary knowledge of where we find basis for our belief and practices (and on the Spiritual side of the Bible).

It is a pity that we have so little class work along these lines, that believers in the fundamental principles of so wonderful a faith should have to follow blindly, picking up scraps here and there and trying to tie the ends together, making a big effort to peep through the veil of spirituality.

How can any religion grow big and strong spiritually, and financially, when its understanding and working principles are so horribly misconstrued, not because our people want to, but because a smatter-

ing of knowledge is picked up from this one and that one, and wrongly put together, or not put together at all.

There must be some way to bridge this lack; for if our own people don't know the basic principles of their religion, how can we hope to interest other people? There are thousands, everywhere, in every walk of life, that are seriously interested in the deeper things of life and after-life, such as our beautiful faith teaches: They want to know things: They are full of questions. Some Spiritualists can answer a few, some many;—but many can answer none of their queries. Our interested ones lose interest, and possibly 75% wonder away,—while our churches are standing still, barely hanging onto their faithful few.

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However, the New York Spiritualist Leader comes out every week with at least eight pages, while The Silent Worker appears as a supplement only the 1st and 3rd week of each month.

I feel that subscribers to The Silent Worker should buy the Leader for the other issues, sending them \$1 direct, P.O. Box 832, Grand Central Annex, New York City. Subscriptions to the Silent Worker will continue to come direct to us at Ft. Scott.

Spiritualists cannot get too much knowledge, and every worth-while, readable work should be studied. The greater workers we are here on the earth plane, the less of darkness will we know over yonder.

"To Know God"

To know that life has meaning, to strip yourself of all pretense and start out light-heartedly toward becoming more and more sentient of the Presence everywhere, more and more aware of the potential perfection of those about you, and more and more convinced that there is a plan so vast and so detailed that not a cry can go unanswered,—more and more reassured that all you have imagined of what life could be is true that dreams and visions are more real than most of your experiences,—this is to join the quest, to become one of the throng that is walking in the light, arrayed in strength that can push on through disillusionment, through fear, through death itself. It is the rock, in the weary land, the shelter in the time of storms. It is God within you.

Spiritualists Have One Consolation

It is encouraging to look about and see the masses growing more and more interested in Spiritual things! Men and women from every walk of life are thinking of fundamental things.

More ministers of the orthodox churches are teaching their people the value of Spirituality, of life existent after the change called death, the need for closer and better understanding of God and His laws.

Men and women who, before now, took life as it came, who frittered their days thoughtlessly away on things of glitter and dross,—who smiled a knowing, worldly, pitying smile when approached on the subject of God, are now glad to hear and see more of his wondrous works and love.

Somehow, I believe it's our radio news-broadcasts, our newspaper headlines, telling of the ruthless slaughter of men and women, and little innocent children,—civilians as well as soldiers, the cold-bloodedness of it all,—that is turning people to more serious thinking, trying to figure out "WHY".

"Thou shalt not kill," and "Thou shalt not lust after thy neighbors' goods."

God had nothing whatsoever to do with the beginning or the continuing of this war: Men, lusting after their weaker neighbors' goods, started the seething hate until it boiled over,—sent men against men, to kill their neighbors of other nations,—all to fill the pockets and coffers with gold, and wicked men's minds with glory.

This war is the fulfillment of the prophesy of William Gladstone, the Victorian statesman, in 1922:—"The war is not ended."

To the Spiritualist there is just one consolation.—God is the Giver of Spirit made in His image and likeness, the preserver and the Taker of Spirit. So every man, every woman, every child who falls before the onslaught, is accounted for; every one of them goes on living, passing from Time into Eternal life where an earthly war or condition can touch them! GLORIOUS THOUGHT! Happy reality. Blessings or an Ever-mindful Father PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

And now, Armistice Day at hand, celebrating the end of the first world war,—Many hearts are saddened by the grim reality of war again. Let us bow our heads reverently and thank God for our land of the free,—freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of men of all stations!

If there are Spiritualists who have no church home, and would like one organized, a letter containing information concerning same, addressed to the Silent Worker—Box 224—Fort Scott, Kansas—will bring a prompt reply.

Have You a Text Book in Your Church?

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All churches should have a few minutes of Forum work at each service, to be conducted by some member who is well-versed. Everyone should be welcomed to write questions, and these would be discussed (bolstered by Bible quotations). There isn't a single thing in our Religion that cannot be proved and understood, from the text book of all religions,—The HOLY BIBLE. It's all in there!

In my work among the various churches of all Spiritualist organizations, I am dumbfounded to learn of so many churches that do not own a Bible, much less use it. They use the man written manual in its stead!!

(If, however, every Spiritualist lived up to the teachings of the Manuals, and I've seen and read several kinds,—Spiritualists in general would profit much, in strength and knowledge.)

But, imagine a business run without following rules, a union without its book-of-rules, a school or college with the various subjects taught without text-books. These things would be unthinkable! Imagine a surgeon trying to diagnose without years of study and practice in exact schools of learning, or operating without precise instruments.

A church without its text-book, the Bible, the book modern in all ages, best-seller on the bookmart shelves all over the world, a text-book of life everlasting, love, forgiveness, beauty and God, that survived cyclones, floods, fires, wars, and whatnot, to remain the Book-of-Books!

Let's get that Text-Book on our rostrums! Let's read, and study, and know whereby we are Spiritualists, because the Bible is written spiritually, to be understood by spiritual people.

CHRIST, PIONEER OF SPIRITISM

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Sixth:—Evening of Sunday, eight days after His first appearance to the ten disciples, He again appeared in the tower room. All eleven were present. Christ proved himself again in the same manner as the first visit with the ten. Thomas had said he would not believe it was the Master unless he saw for himself. So he was told to feel the nail prints, and thrust his hand into the wound; but he was satisfied without doing so. (John 20:24-29).

Seventh: The eleven went to Galilee, to the mountain, as Jesus had sent word for them to do. There He told them they were to teach His gospel (carry on His work) to all nations. (Mark 16:15-18)

Eighth: Jesus appeared to the fishermen on the shore of the sea of Tiberias, prepared their food for them, and instructed Simon (Peter) to feed His sheep, His lambs, His young sheep. (John 21:1-18)

Ninth:—Jesus, the Christ, appeared to more than 500 brethren, besides the Disciples. (I Corinthians 15:6;—Matthew 28:16).

Note that Christ had many Brethren and just eleven disciples. Brethren were as our laymen, and Disciples were as Mediums, Ministers, Healers, etc. are now.

Tenth: He is seen of James, with other apostles and Brethren, about 549 people. (Acts 1:3-8; -1 Corinthians 15:7,18; Matthew 28:26)

Eleventh: After telling the eleven Disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they had received the power of the Holy Ghost, so that the work He had been doing, they could do, He told

them to start their ministry in Jerusalem.

Then He ascended.

After His ascension, while John was on the Isle of Patmos, "in the Spirit", John says Jesus the Christ appeared to him. John was frightened, but Christ said "Be not afraid, I am He that liveth, but was dead. And behold! I am alive, AMEN. And I have the keys to the gates of Hell and Death."

It has been conceded that John wrote the Revelations in trance, and partial trance.

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Science Speaks

Using the Geiger counter, as the basis for a device to make direct spirit communication possible, has been suggested, since this instrument records the movements of a single electron..... By restraining the movements of each electron, a code could be established; and it is reasonable to think that spirits could readily control the movements of single electrons consecutively under a code system.

Many Now Secure Strong Spirit Voices in Light

"Make the facts of the seance room conform with scientific knowledge!", says J. Gilbert E. Wright, a research scientist "turning the tables" on mediums.

"By placing the wide end of the trumpet against the solar plexus," says Mr. Wright, "Mrs. Sophie Williams of Chicago (the medium Hamlin Garland employed in his search for the famous buried crosses) is able to get trumpet voices in light.

"Lately Dr. Arthur H. Compton, the Nobel prize-winner (and possibly the greatest physicist in our country), has recently been sitting with her, on special research work.

"Mrs. Ethel Post-Parrish of St. Petersburg, Fla., is now able to get the voices in a semi-dark room.

"I have also heard the voice of Patsy (Frank Decker's guide), in light.

"We have to adjust our theories to our facts, and not our facts to our theories.

"Ectoplasia is sensitive to light, we know, but the spirit world has other resources.

"Through Mary Murphy Lydy, in the light not only did Steinmetz speak to me, but my brother as well", states Mr. Wright, one of the keenest "investigators" of our day.

Spirit Friends Make More Predictions

Verifying further Elbert Hubbard's, Will Roger's, and Dr. A. M. Silten's, recent predictions about the war from spirit, (reported in the Leader), — an old and trusted friend, of national prominence when on this plane, has communicated with a Spiritualist of long-standing whose honesty, sincerity, and judgment are unquestioned, — with the opinion that the war will end, he thinks, very soon, astonishing many as far as Germany is concerned, and Japan perhaps sooner.

Also (from the Other Side of Life), a former resident of Germany, and intellectual school master, who refused a University professorship because he was so interested in his own principles of primary instruction, — says that he has investigated the situation and thinks "Italy will be torn apart by a revolution, as Germany yields, that a plot now exists to murder Hitler and the method mentioned suggests that it will be done so as to indicate suicide". He thinks that the end of the war for Germany will come between May and July, or before. Also he thinks Finland is making peace with Russia, right now.

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Serve Southern Camp

Bob Chaney left Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on Wednesday for Florida, where he will serve at the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp-meeting Assn.

Rev. F. Palmer Gibson, of Richmond Hill, Long Island, N. Y., lectures there during March, with Maude Kline as message bearer.

Leighton Tour-of-States Postponed Due to Trial

Exact time for the trial of Dr. Arthur E. Leighton in Special Sessions Court, on the charge of healing, has not been set, though the fortune-telling charge was dismissed in its entirety, last week when the case was continued from Tuesday to Friday, in New York City, Magistrate's Court.

Laws relative to the rights to accept money as a clergyman, will be involved in the final trial; and unfairness of laws that permit ministers to be arraigned as a result of anonymous letters, will come in for a share of attention.

Neither the Attorney-General nor the Assistant were present last Tuesday, and on Friday only the Assistant was present when the motion to dismiss the healing charge was denied.

Due to trial delays, Dr. Leighton's tour of the states has been postponed indefinitely.

Learn "Wisdom Lore"; Apply to Present Times

Thursday night, a "wisdom series" of lectures opened by M. Benzenberg Mayer, Director of the School of Applied Philosophy in New York City, to continue through Jan. 29th.

"Great pages out of past millenniums" will be reviewed, "revealing the cyclic recurrence of Primary Sacred Teachings.

"The further humanity is embattled in the war of the world, the more must it send its roots into Spiritual Teachings to build the new civilization of tomorrow," says Mrs. Mayer.

"Being eternally true, the Wisdom Lore of the past is applicable at the present time,—particularly the mystic pattern of emancipation from earthly desires," Mrs. Mayer stresses.

"An education in the fundamentals of enlightened living" is the aim of this school, established in 1924, at 118 East 76th St., New York City.

Single lectures may be attended, without taking the entire course, if desired,—at \$1.50 each, and a few scholarships are still available for those unable to pay the full fee.

SEANCE SUGGESTIONS

(By "A I C")

Attending a seance is identical to attendance at church, — even far more sacred!

This is the only manner in which one can sincerely accept those historical epochs in history, the Resurrection and the Ascension.

Then let us open our hearts and minds and make the pathway from the Great Beyond easy for those we have "loved and lost awhile," by following a few simple suggestions when attending a "sitting" or seance.

Come with an open mind, and an open heart, but have all things else, WITH REVERENCE, for you are privileged to witness proofs of one of the Maker's most precious gifts, — LIFE EVERLASTING.

Before attending one of these meetings, eat lightly, and take no alcoholic beverages. Eat preferably of vegetables, fruits, and eggs or the lighter cheses.

If you have ever had the "privilege" of sitting before, do not be

anxious about it. You are prepared for possible reactions, and you will feel "at home".

If you are the least bit skeptical, do not hesitate to say so, you won't be the only "one" from Missouri! At the sitting, and if you sit with a group of friends, do not sit together. These circles, or horseshoe-sittings, work on the theory of an alternating current.

If there is a dead spot (and an unbeliever, or doubting Thomas is a dead spot, for the clarity is both positive and negative), the receptivity will be poor. The current will come to you and try to jump to the next polarity; if the gap is too large. It is the medium who suffers the most, and your results will be poor.

Husband and wife should never sit together. Their respective vibrations are too similar.

NEVER, and this is most urgently stressed,—NEVER touch a moving trumpet, or a materialized form unless definitely instructed to do so, for it can mean a sudden transition (death) or a long, serious coma and loss of mediumship.

Answer the call of your name, clearly, surely, intelligently, and above all, with due reverence.

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, do not TALK to your neighbor during a sitting. It detracts from the spirit forces and is annoying to the medium's guides.

Again I stress, please attend these meetings with an open heart, an open mind, and deep reverence.

You respected your loved ones here. They deserve even greater respect for their tremendous effort on YOUR behalf, to "come through" and communicate with you!!!

Rodin On Canadian Tour

Rev. Bernard Rodin of Victoria, B. C., Canada, now on a tour of Canadian cities, stopped this week in Winnipeg.

Rodin's trance lectures, from Sun God, have created widespread interest, in England as well as in the United States and Canada. In Hollywood, Sun God, through Rodin, spoke to 400 at the Women's Institute Bldg., Hollywood Boulevard . . . New York City clairvoyance appearances, several years ago, were in Carnegie Hall, through the courtesy of Pearl Irick Long.

"Sun God's lectures cover a wide variety of subjects:—"The Subconscious Mind," "Self Mastery," "Marvels of Intuition," "Spiritual Guidance in War Time," "Man's Higher Mind," "What the Spirit World Is Like," "Phenomena of Dreams," "Facts Vs Theory," "The Human Aura," "Meditation," "Jesus the Medium," etc. He has materialized through various mediums, and has also spoken many times through direct-voice. Besides his remarkable manifestations through Rodin's trance-lecturing mediumship, Sun God is widely known as a healer and "personal counsellor."

W. in conjunction with Dr. Alexander Cannon, the famous psychiatrist and author, God once impressively demonstrated diagnosis and healing

before 60 doctors of the British Medical Association.

Sun God has had large audiences, from time to time,—the largest being in England, at Hastings, before 1100.

A book of his lectures, compiled from seven addresses which Sun God spoke into a dictaphone, may be printed soon. At the time, Mr. Stan Beck, journalist, supervised the dictaphone-work, and transcriptions, in Vancouver.

Sun God Overshadows Rodin

Says Rodin of the recordings:—

"It was a wonderful experience for me to hear Sun God's voice and his lectures from the recordings, as being in deep trance I am usually "kept in the dark." Mr. Beck constantly marvelled at the wonderful tones of this guide's glorious voice as shown up on the records. And certainly there was a quality surpassing anything earthly. Sun God has an extraordinary power. It would be impossible to find more gripping or inspiring lectures anywhere. The Vancouver Sun commented that he is 'masterly, and dynamic.' In Victoria, he has delivered two lectures each Sunday, morning and evening at our Church, each evening, and 25 to 50 in the mornings.

"Sun God is a wise counsellor and has helped many to find (Continued on Page Two)

Victorian Age of Exclusive Living Is Over;— If You Know the Truth, Should Tell Others

By J. GILBERT E. WRIGHT

There are two ways of arriving at truth.

The first is by listening to human testimony, and applying the rules of evidence which we have developed for law procedure,—the method of the witness-box.

Lawyers, historians, anthropologists, etc., use this method necessarily.

Most of the truths we live by were acquired through this method, which in all cases precedes the other.

EXPERIMENT, the way of the laboratory and of science, offers the other route to truth.

Think Clearly

Furthermore, it is necessary for clear thinking to bear in mind that we have not one language, but three,—corresponding to the three aspects of personality (feeling, thinking, and willing):—

1. The language of aesthetics, for self-expression,—neither moral nor immoral, true or false. Music is the purest form; but the other arts are included, and any lyrical expression of feeling or conviction falls into this category.

2. Informative language, the purest forms of which are mathematics, philosophy, and science. Here we must include photographs, and blue-prints.

In this language only can one tell

a lie.

It can claim for itself complete freedom of expression, as truth never hurt anyone.

3. Dynamic language, or the language of influence.

Its most effective form is hypnosis, but all rhetoric and oratory fall in here. It cannot claim for itself the right of free speech. It is in the field of conduct, and is subject to the moral imperatives. It is either good or evil. You judge by results. A medicine is neither true nor false;— it is effective or ineffective.

This is the language of the sermon, of exhortation, inspiration, etc.,— using both the other forms for its own ends.

Language No. 1, "gets it off your chest".

Language No. 2. "puts it across".

Language No. 3. "gets results".

Spiritualism Reveals Affinities

The Victorian Age of exclusive living is over.

We cannot be Spiritualists and maintain our little private lives, for Spiritualism testifies to the fact that we are not alone. We're tied by invisible cords to many people, not only on this side but on the other side as well. Spiritualism reveals the affinities. It is essentially public; the whole business is concerned with the affairs of others, living and "dead" alike.

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They Say...

By D. Hird Minty

"Margery" Crandon, world-fa-
mous medium who passed just
ten weeks ago, and her brother,
Walter Stinson, who worked thru
her mediumship from the spirit
world for years after his own
passing,—have both recently man-
ifested for J. Gilbert E. Wright
in Schnectady, N. Y. Both have
said that they now intend to
come through various mediums
and prove the truth of survival.

At Chesterfield Spiritualist
camp this past summer there
were many doctors of science,—to
study psychic phenomena. Some
were mineralogists attracted by
John Bunker's apports,— some
psychologists to study billet-read-
ing and clairvoyance, etc.,—some
physicists to mull over the facts
of materialization phenomena
and direct-voice demonstrations.
BUT ALL WERE AVERSE TO
GIVING THEIR NAMES! Com-
plete and frank cooperation in
ferreting out the facts of survival
and communication, is not yet at
hand,—but the day is not far
distant.

Mrs. Walter Kellerby's fame as
a psychic painter is spreading from
Lily Dale, N. Y., 'round the world.
Psychic News of London, less than

Rodin on Tour

(Continued from Page One)

themselves.' Most of this is
done in private consultations,
where he is found to be a 'per-
sonality whom they can love.' His
very deep trance manifestation is
sufficient for this to occur.

"He so completely overshad-
ows me," says Rodin, "that sit-
ters declare they completely for-
get me and are aware only of
Sun God.

Helps Earth-Bound Spirits

"Often he breaks off his ad-
dresses to speak to earth-bound
entities who are brought to listen
to some of his lectures, so he can
make them realize that they have
left their earthly bodies.

"Together with others in the
Rodin band of guides, Sun God,
each Tuesday night in Victoria,
has been helping with "Rescue
Circle" work. Various entities
who need instruction are brought
through to the circle,—most of
them soldiers, of various nation-
alities, who have been thrust
into the beyond in ignorance.
Usually they come in distressed
(reproducing the pains of death),
but they leave smiling, with a
realization of the freedom found,
—and then teach others. This
prevents long and unnecessary so-
journs in darkness and confu-
sion, for many others, as well, in
similar conditions. They may
not know English, but they get
the thoughts behind the words;
besides, interpreters in spirit as-
ist in this work."

Besides Sun God, Rodin has a
Egyptian guide who does not give
his name,—merely speaking and
judging him by his works. The
guide has a remarkable power
for uplifting people, and obvi-
ously comes from a very high
sphere.

Chloe, Chinese, looks after Ro-
din's body, and often "pops in
and out of seances" for that pur-
pose. He is singularly humorous,
and has a magical effect in
brightening any sitting.

"Bundle" Rates Are Now Lower

Churches and mediums may now
write for special paid-in-advance
rates for current papers, as the
Leader circulation has reached a
point where we can make more lib-
eral allowances for "bundles" (50
minimum).

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reason, to distribute papers in 100-
lots, may secure the same low rate,
—"paid-in-advance".

Back issues, being scarce, remain
at the previous rate,— and indi-
vidual subscriptions, due to postage
costs, remain \$1 for six months.

a month ago, mentioned her start-
ling likeness of Princess Chinquilla,
sister of Chief Oskenonton, painted
before she had even heard of the
Indian maiden (in spirit), or the
Mohawk Chief who identified the
painting.

A daily newspaper in India, —
Karachi Daily Gazette, — in the
past year has devoted dozens of
columns to news and views on
Spiritualism.

How to Meet Spirit Friends

By Owen R. Washburn

Continuing Owen Washburn's
inspired new booklet—from the
Jan. 4th issue, page 3.

The Uses of Spirit Communication

The more experienced and
more intellectual people of a
country who are dominated by
good will, are of great use to the
whole population of that coun-
try.

They give counsel in time of
doubt or trouble, supply useful
suggestions, aid in the mental
work which must precede inven-
tions, improvements in govern-
ment, advancement in forms of
literary, mechanical and repre-
sentative arts, provide cohesive
power for the social fabric.

The experienced and the intel-
lectual people of good will in the
spirit country, as far as they are
able to secure the aid of medi-
umship, provide exactly the same
service for the people of the
country where you who read this
now dwell.

Provide the Necessary Conditions!

In addition the spirit people,
as they are given opportunity, set
aside the worst fears that men
suffer during their lives in the
physical form.

They talk to those who provide
them with their share of the nec-
essary condition at times, a
half-hour at a sitting.

question, as they make those
who accept, sure that
will accept, sure that
need not. Vastly fear the
calculus of death. There after
can look even into a coffin that
contains the body of material
which has served a spirit during
its life on earth, and
know that the spirit that used
it is not there that it still lives,
loves, and knows fully the things
it ever knew.

They do not feel that they are
eternally parted from the dear
one whom they no longer have
visibly manifesting to them at
all times. Death has brought,
not despair and thoughts of sui-
cide, but is seen as a wholly phys-
ical process, aimless and bene-
ficient, by which the loved one
was released from a tenement it
could no longer occupy.

The Spiritualist mother knows
that her little child that ceased
to breathe on earth is with lov-
ing relatives who will bring it
up in a world better than this,
attending a school where love and
justice and fine understanding
dominate, until reaching beau-
tiful maturity, it continues an
everlasting life where old age
never shows itself in any way
upon the spirit body, where pain,
sickness, poverty or crime never
come.

Persist in Your Goodness-of-Life!

This practical use of the full
knowledge of the facts as to the
nature and destiny of man,
makes him feel assured that all
troubles will pass away, but that
he will not cease to exist; that
he has but to persist in good-
ness-of-life in order to come at
last into possession of all the
heart desires,—this world or in
the one he will, sometime, enter.

This knowledge inspires the
creator of beauty to new efforts
after discouraging experiences.
No one can be forever baffled, or
beaten, or defeated. To know
that loved ones behold our trials,
and have sympathy and tender-
ness for us in our misfortunes, is
to be able to gain new courage.

Also Serves As a Restraining Truth

On the other hand, for the
people tempted to continue evil
courses,— to know that those in
the spirit world who love them
are sad when they fall in good-
ness, to know that they must
meet again the man they may
rob or murder or use unjustly,
that in the Life-To-Come the
wrong we do to any person must
be acknowledged with sorrow to
that person, is a restraining
truth.

I at one time talked with a
spirit, for more than two centur-
ies in the spirit realms, who had
shared in the proceedings that
caused the hanging as witches of
old ladies at Salem, in the col-
onial days. He told me, with
deep regret at his failure, that
he had been unable to find and
beg forgiveness from one of the
victims of that persecution. She
lived in realms he had not
reached.

Inventors Are Inspired

The uses of Spiritualism to in-
ventors is beyond estimate. Some-
times, the inventor, who has
inclined to the belief that all im-
portant inventions have origina-
ted in the spirit world.

Many inventors have made
their most valuable contributions
when, awakening from slumber,
they instantly seemed to remem-
ber what sleep had enabled them
to gain from some mind other
than their own.

To have a problem, and "sleep
on it, and thus find a satisfac-
tory answer not before apparent,
is a very frequent experience.

Well-informed communicating
spirits have asserted their be-
lief that all the charitable organ-
izations existing on earth were
first planned and fully considered
by altruistic spirits, and then, by
impression or recognized medi-
umship, given to a person or a
few persons who carried out the
designs thus created.

Consider St. Paul, and Joan of Arc

The use of spirit communica-
tion in the giving of informa-
tion, has been illustrated in many
lands during many centuries.

The informing of Saul, the per-
secutor of Christians, that he
was wrong, so that he became
Paul the Apostle, is narrated in
the New Testament.

Joan of Arc, counted good
enough to be recorded in the
list of saints, was informed as
to many things, when of only
high school age, and kept so
well-instructed from day to day,
by what she declared to be spir-
its, that she defeated in a mili-
tary campaign one of the great
military commanders of Eng-
land, and drove his armies before
her. This famous feat is histor-
ical: let the doubter consider
whether they know of any girl
of high school age who, with no

schooling worth mention, her
brief lifetime spent in tending
farm animals, could master with-
out books or advisors, the diffi-
cult use of military strategy.

Give Warnings

In warnings, the spirits are so
frequently useful as to make
more than a mention of them
needless.

On land and sea, in war and
peace, the saving heralds from
the-world-to-us-invisible, come.
They can not always find a medi-
umistic person who can appre-
hend what they wish to impart,
but they do it in myriads of
moments of peril.

Aid in "Diagnosis"

Information given by spirits,
or by the spiritual powers of per-
ceiving possessed by mediums,
aids doctors in a continuing suc-
cession of physical examinations.

Many mediums can diagnose
the state of the human body or
of the human mind.

Each organ of the body, each
secret phase of the working of
a shocked or disordered mind,
may be seen by spirits,—or by a
spirit power in the medium,—and
reported to inquirers.

Mediumship Helps Spirits Too!!!

Spirit communication is often
as useful to people who have died
as to those who have not.

Many in the Better Country are
troubled by some error of belief,
or by remorse. When they can
come in contact with earth peo-
ple and talk with them, the spir-
its who fear their bodies were
not buried properly, or wish to
beg forgiveness from some earth
dweller, or to reveal the location
of missing papers of importance,
or to assure mourning loved ones
on earth that they are not dead,
are able to accomplish their
wished-for acts.

The varieties of useful informa-
tion given are far too many to
be listed.

Immortality Is Daily Demonstrated

In musical compositions, there
are many great masterpieces that
were written without any con-
scious mental effort.

The great poets have, at times,
written as rapidly as their hands
could move, some great poem.

Orators whose utterances have
echoed through centuries, have
had more than themselves as cre-
ators.

Emerson was right when he
declared that a spiritual impulse
dominated the "hand that round-
ed Peter's dome, and groined
the aisles of Christian Rome."

Not spirits only, but the spir-
itual, is an element of the finest
relations between the people of
earth and the better people of
the spirit spheres.

To be indifferent to the truth
that immortality for all human
beings is daily demonstrated in
definite, practical works and
counsels, is to ignore the oppor-
tunity to build one's faith, not
upon writings only, but upon
observed events, upon things
known through the physical
senses,—not a faith that one may
escape an alleged Hell, but a
faith that God is good and that
his tender mercies are over all
His works.

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Man Know Thyself Self-Building

(In reading this essay, please bear in mind that spirit-dictated impressions, and the words in which the thought-forms are clothed, are often somewhat like "free translations" appear to a student of ancient languages—There's more Truth than meets the casual eye—Printing this essay is in line with a policy to spare-space as frequently as possible for such messages, transcribed through "mediums" who think enough of their spirit sources, to spread an extra thousand copies of the Leader to their friends, for all the far-reaching good such a gesture may accomplish—EDITOR.)

By George S. Foden, M.D.
Detroit, Michigan

According to electro-physiology and anatomy, our present-day average human being, physically at least, can be looked upon as an "automobile".

This is especially true when we stop to consider the inner workings of the flesh body, and the average uses to which most people, unthinkingly, put it to perform;—as it may have been at any time before the year b.c. DOT, (the earliest known time before our present-day calendar was invented).

1917 Illiteracy Shocking

In 1917 our more than two-million army of fighting men were rated at the average of 12 years of age for intelligence, as given by the psychological tests; and men unable to read and write in such numbers were noted, as to shock most of us army instructors.

decades later, we are told that over one-half the first young men called up for draft are found to be defective in divers ways, so as to make them unfit for first-grade humans, mentally and physically.

We find that the NEW EUGENIC crop has fallen down in producing the mentally and physically fit for war duty today.

Can Be Adjusted Simply

One would naturally however, look for greater improvement in this present generation of Liberty-loving champions.

There is a simple CAUSE back of all this; it CAN be adjusted by an equally simple SELF-BUILDING,—mentally, spiritually, and physically,—if but put into practice.

Instinctively man is a self-moving, intelligent, human being (Homo Sapiens, or THINKING MAN). His thinking, however, seems to be more occupied with making a living, satisfying his animal and natural passions, obtaining all of this world's goods he can (while getting is supposed to be good, to make a fortune), and the goal of the great majority seems to be set mostly on the big MONEY side of economic and social life.

First, Stress Health

His actual working motto is:—"The servant is worthy of his hire"; but he pays very little heed to worthiness of his HEALTH. It is not until his human machinery begins to go "haywire", or his health cylinders begin to knock at his inner self, that he begins to wake up.

Not until the horrid spectre of premature old age stares his mentality in the face, in the brought into a full realization that his automaton body is slipping and not

working right; and now his own social setup has become in a large measure, to him, just all-the-"bunk", and incompatible.

The first thought in most cases at this stage, seems now to become centered on some physical gadget, medicine or remedy, pill, powder, vitamin, gland, shot, or whatnot, that'll fix up his physical carcass, and set it, presto, into good shape for more gaff, just so long as it will last.

Experience Is a Cruel Teacher

Experience is said to be a hard and cruel teacher; and so she has given a Law of CAUSE and EFFECT, operative in the words, "as ye sow, so likewise shall ye reap," in worries, aches, sickness, and long suffering, both in kind and degree.

Everybody can finally KNOW about these END results; but how many KNOW, and PRACTICE, the rules of the game of LIVING:—COMMON SENSE and SPIRITUAL development?

If a human would only use ONE-HALF of the reasoning sense concerning his own family and bodily welfare and care, from the age of 16 to 35, that a successful farmer does about preparing his soil for growing his feed crops, his grains, fruits, chickens, and farm animals, all for the money market,—YFS, we mean if only one-half of his reasoning and thought were given to HUMAN SELF-BUILDING and CONDUCT, then a goodly number of the druggists, hospitals, nursing homes, and the schools of practice in the healing arts, would have to shut their doors. The filter into other vocations, in a mass of intelligently healthy human self-living and acting individuality of

Use "Spiritual Automatics"

It is this lack of USING our God-given faculties of natural and spiritual AUTOMATICS (and substituting the ever-increasing unnatural methods of living and conduct), which is the basic LAW-OF-CAUSE for our present reactions to sickness and suffering, including all of the man-made troubles.

If it were not for the fact that Mother Nature has a way of her own about self-elimination, the numerous horrible sights of humans that prevailed in our grandfathers' time, and all the numerous half-baked hang-overs of the "sins of the fathers" being visited upon the third and fourth generation of those who do not keep my commandments,—if Mother Nature herself did not eliminate such as these, without doubt most all of us now living would be complete "nit-wits" (altho at the present time we can observe a goodly number of modern "scatter-brains" in our midst, on both hemispheres of this earth we now occupy).

When the intelligence of our creative cells for any reason whatsoever becomes reduced to a non-productive status, then the offspring of such unbalanced individuals fail to fully come forth, and that is the FINISH of that particular line of "Abraham's seed" of human defectives into this world.

Involves Innocents

The greatest pity of it all is, however, this outstanding fact, that before the line does eventually run out, it has cruelly involved so many innocent human beings. It spreads in the human family of blemishes

like a breezy bush-fire that disintegrates with consuming-burning, until at last before the fire finally dies untold damage has been done to many lives through innocent contacts in its social pathway of human living.

We find ourselves in the throes of the second world war, and the morons, degenerates, and social outcasts will prey on the natural appetites of our men and women, on active duty cut off from home life. All of these must combat the flames of human passions, greed, avarice, and plunder, which are running rampant in a world-consuming fire of devilish destruction to life and morals (with the purgings of many peoples of the earth).

Must Apply Spiritual Laws to War-Game

This is nothing more or less than the great hngover of the terrible "sins of omission and commission" of the wa of our forefathers, which is being visited upon the children of the first and second generation of our dynamic but still unthinking dynamite-age. We are going into this worldly human mess (of those who want to grab the physil world-ball and make their touc-down) to finish their game of heck-who-cares,—an off-side game which has been played wiout any spiritual rules of conduc but a grabbing-and-getting-readless psychology.

STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN,—you LIBERTY-LOVING people.

Look at your intellectual eyes

KNOW YOURSELF

The level-headed of the world must become internationalists, plague fighters of WAR, DENs, the onslaughts of which stem the onslaughts of such plagues (which create such a time math, m. deg. and an. an. intelligence. We can spread out this damnable non-spiritual fire which even now threatens the present civilization with total destruction (to be replaced with an even worse one).

Teach the Facts of Spiritualism

After the ravages of this pandemic plague of war, with all of its social and spiritual problems involved, after the plague of war has become obliterated,—does it not behoove thenore enlightened of the human faily to put their own thinking id reasoning houses in order and each their less fortunate juniors, odless-evolved brothers, to know themselves by their own self-building (of truth, and the facts of Spiritualism), and not just simply let them drift again into the make-believe, or is-IF, philosophy of the past.

We can preach, teach, and exercise the a-IF FACTS of Spirit return and survival, to all seekers, and help them to find for their own selveth absolute truth, that Spiritual science demonstrates by SELF-BUILDING and UNFOLDMENT.

Modern Spiritualism teaches us all to LIVE IN SELF Mastery and good common sense, instead of so much theory, or idealism. It shows us that the farther we get away from our own "horse sense" nature of spiritual facts, and good human behavior, then truly the farther away we shall drift into the CAUSE and ERRORS of all the past generations of human history.

Train for a "Live-and-Let-Live" Unselfish Society

Why not commence to raise the future offspring to observe, and

toe-the-line of, natural spiritual and human decency in living-conduct, with a loving, proper training in SELF BUILDING?

Keep the purely animal nature in man in its properly controlled and spiritual outlet, and not in the submerged complexes of a restrained, yet foxy, make-believe.

Let us fully realize that man is born into a flesh body that is ninety-nine percent animal in nature, and that the human faculties of self-reasoning have to be properly developed (and only begin to operate individually, when from five to ten years old).

The individual now begins to start his training on the human race-track, (which should lead to responsible, individual citizenship) under the guidance of good human trainers of self-building and mastery, in a real human way, until he reaches full manhood (or womanhood).

If children are just left to grow up on the streets and playgrounds, their animal and physical traits become rooted in unrestricted outlets, and we get objective minded humans instead of subjective-minded citizens with developed reasoning, thinking, and acting souls.

Untrained wild horses are said not to be domesticated to do team work with men. Untrained humans are not fitted to take their place in a good, live-and-let-live society without selfishness, and the general and common good of all, (to the GLORY of God and the service to all humanity).

Spread Knowledge of New Spiritual Age

Worries, sickness, and suffering CAN BE REDUCED, mostly to the status of accidentals of nature,—instead of the woeful neglect (and all that it creates) for not exercising our God-given reasoning, and developing good judgment, in both our conduct and general, good human-behavior.

Troubles and diseases should no longer have their terrible sway on the almost-passive "heirs of the flesh",—if only more natural and spiritual resistance in training of the human mind is exercised in the unfolding human, with spiritual self-building, and growing in a soil which is prepared by proper human behavior and reasonable living.

Greed for money and possessions should be made less profitable, without all the kindergarten stories of rich castles, and the bespelled, gem-covered beings walking on golden streets, as examples for us to try to copy.

Rather, we must spread the knowledge of the New Spiritual Age of Aquarius, which will literally walk rings around this dying Age of Pisces (which is "FINIS", just as all the ages before it).

Add "Works" to "Words"

"Man makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's spiritual and physical laws",—his own mental hell or heaven state, just as he cares to choose.

This is Modern Spiritualism's key in its "bill of rights" declarations, for MAN-KNOW-THYSELF, (whom to know, will be to know the DIVINE character of the New Spiritual RACE of the Living Water of a life of KNOWLEDGE, ACTS and DEEDS).

These are they who will be recognized by the superior MANHOOD of an Aquarian, or Spiritual Age Man, with THE-MARK-of-

With the Development Students

Florence Nightingale came through at a recent Thorne class in New York City to give greetings; and Victor Herbert asked that his special greetings be extended to the Leader, congratulated the medium on his World-Wide development class, and asked all to sing "Sweet Mystery of Life" with him.

Virginia Dare, as one of the band protecting this country, had a special message of encouragement for the country-at-large.

Edith Cavell voiced to a member of the class who has gone back into active nursing service.

Helen Morgan, Chirsty Matthews, Texas, Peter Stuyvesant (known to have been a wireless operator by the same name as the historical Peter), Little Flower, Saint Theresa, Master Michael, Master A., Luke, Dr. Watkins, a Red Cloud (two by the same name come to different class members), Hermes Tresmegistus, Hilda, Rising Star, Wong (who spoke English for the first time in the class), Pat McCarthy and his brother, Mike, Liza, Beth Emerson, and of course, Sunbeam, were among those voicing, besides several Indians voicing at the same time.

When the Indians were powwowing, McCarthy became a bit impatient and jocularly voiced that he guessed that he'd have to call himself "Eagle McCarthy" to get any attention.

Beth Emerson, the little English girl who has been coming through regularly at Thorne sessions for the past month, thanked Thorne for his help through prayers.

One of the students, as is usual at each session, carried on an extended personal conversation with his father.

Sunbeam, talking from the floor of the room said she was saving her strength for a surprise later in the evening,—which proved to be distributing MISTLETOE. She said she and Annie had grown it in their garden; During the evening Sunbeam mentioned that she and Annie were going to a special party Saturday night, and Annie was given instructions (by Sunbeam) that it isn't polite to eat too much. Also "You mustn't wipe your hands on your dress," said Sunbeam. "No," answered Annie, "I'll wipe them on yours!"

"The party" proved to be a surprise for the medium, arranged by his secretary, Eddie Mackey, which 42 students and friends attended. Thorne was presented with a chest of silver by appreciative students.

Students Develop Gift of Prophecy

One who experienced trance for the first time a few weeks ago, described an upset earth and rushing water, which was interpreted by the medium-instructor as indicating an earthquake. At the next class, another student interpreted the prophecy as having reference to Japan, and the next morning papers reported an earthquake in Samoka.

Right-Livingness in practice,—and not simply preaching the Idealistic Theology-theory, and outstanding lip worship.

WORDS WITHOUT WORKS ARE TRULY VOID.
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