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GUEST EDITORIAL

THE 1974 N.S.A.C. CONVENTION



Rev. Merrill, Pres.

What was probably the most interesting annual convention in many years took place in Indianapolis at the Indy Inn when an extra large number of delegates attended the first week in October.

The event started out with a Hospitality Hour hosted by the Indiana State Spiritualist Association, headed by Mr. William Melick in the afternoon, followed in the evening by a church service conducted by the Executive Church. A most excellent address was delivered by the Reverend D. Mona Berry, followed by message ministers Reverend Edwin Ford, Reverend Evelyn Muse, and Reverend Ernst A. Schoenfeld.

While the National Board was in session Monday, the Credential Committee registered those delegates who had arrived early to enjoy the city and visit with fellow delegates. Monday night the banquet was enjoyed by close to 250 delegates and friends. The highlight of the evening, after the welcoming address was given by the Reverend Hess representing the Mayor of Indianapolis; was the entertainment by "The Descants," a singing group of about 25 local high school students. The lively, well presented songs were a delight to everyone and put the finishing touches on a pleasant social evening.

On Tuesday morning the Credential Committee called the largest number of delegates in several years to be seated the first morning. This was encouraging, as the National Board had attempted to up-date the program of the business sessions to make it more informative and interesting. The symposium on Tuesday morning brought forth papers from the Minister's Club, the Missionary Club and the Licentiate and Medium's Society and this was chaired by the Reverend Clyde A. Dibble.

With the routine appointment of committees out of the way and the President's message and the Secretary's report submitted to the delegates, a Healing work-shop was held and conducted by the Reverend Ernst A. Schoenfeld. An explanation of techniques in spiritual healing as well as demonstrations of healing were given. Questions were asked and answered, which made this very interesting to everyone.

At the time for the report of the Morris Pratt Institute, the President, the Reverend Lester Miller, introduced the new Secretary and Treasurer of the School, Mr. Joseph Sax and Miss Verna Kuhlig respectively. A report was given of the ideas in the formative and talking stage for the promotion of education.

The new Editor of the National Spiritualist, our official church publication, Mr. William L. Clark, gave a report on the magazine as to the reason for the change of the name back to its original name, and of the new interest being manifest because of the new format.

The evening session on Tuesday was highlighted by the stirring music of Betty Cole and Franklyn Roberts. The address was given by the Reverend Joseph H. Merrill and the message ministers were the Reverend Elizabeth Giberson, Reverend Elsie Beesley and Mr. Larry Clark, N.S.T.

Wednesday morning found the delegates in their seats ready for another interesting day and Rev. D. Mona Berry led the Teacher's Club in their work-shop, assisted by Rev. Goldie Dodd and Rev. Genevieve Woelfl. The supply of the cook book, a pet project of Mrs. Woelfl was gone before the day was over. Funds from

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MORAH

As you know your various peoples in Your Earth Plane celebrate a cycle of time when the Earth has made its complete rotation about the sun, or your star. But this time is not the same with all peoples since it may commemorate the birth of some great teacher or advent of spiritual awakening. Yet, for all, this kind of celebration has a similar meaning—the beginning of one epoch and the end of another.

Because knowledge varies, various kinds of custom is inherent in the pagentry. One group may seek quiet solitude in peaceful meditation while others seek the clamor of loud noise to awaken a new cycle.

Every form of understanding may have as its roots a similar basic concept. All religions accept a Higher Form of Being and may clothe Him in different names and imagine Him to be, either like the believers of a particular faith or of a different nature by others—yet all believe of a Higher Power than themselves.

The experience of change in anything may evoke Man to become fearful of an impending doom in signs and symbols whether they may appear from the night skies as comets or the exploding of Nebulae of some great far off star. All these are one but vary according to Man's understanding and enlightenment.

You live in a many and varied world of peoples—all seeking your proper environment and serving as best you know how a way to improve conditions as they change.

Fear not any change. Great winds may blow, the crust of the Earth may buckle, or tremble, crumbling entire cities and sending into our Spheres of Progression thousands, but they have not perished, only their bodies have.

Changes go on inside your bodies every day. Billions of cells are dispersed without you knowing about it and new ones are taking their place. This is a rejuvenation. Signs and wonders are in Man's thinking, but to the Infinite Intelligence, it is just in another day's work.

We cannot stop change anymore than man can fully stop the winds and the tides. Creation is not to be feared for Creation is the result of Infinite Intelligence. It is within all to know that an answer lies hidden and always the answer is meaningful if you seek earnestly and sincerely for that answer. The Inner Spiritual Kingdom is for you, each one of you, to find the answer. You may see the meaning differently than one another. But, upon careful analysis, you will find that the Truth behind all changes is the same no matter what explanation you may give it.

Tolerance of the other's viewpoint about what may appear different to you must always be exercised if you want this change to progress

in the manner of the Infinite Intelligence's Plan.

The waves break upon the shore, the sun rises red in the morn, dew appears sparkling on each leaf and petal bloom; a babe is born. Silently in the night sky a comet appears and for night after night will remain, will wane; its light will die, yet that comet goes on, to return thousands of years later.

Nothing happens without reason and behind it all Natural Law is the foundation.

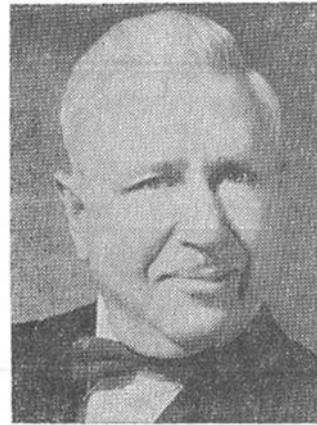
Man cannot change the position of the stars and planets; he has not as yet found cures for many of his diseases, but he is trying. Yet fearful are the ignorant and un-enlightened, for they cringe at the shadow of a cloud—it is to them a sign. They see only what is outward reaction. Within each awaits the Truth—the Inner Spiritual Kingdom.

Fear not!

The Infinite Intelligence increases all of you. M.

KERNELS FROM THE HULL

By Rev. Wilbur F. Hull, N.S.T.



Rev. Hull

A phone call from Miami: "Reverend Hull, I'm calling you for help. We have a spirit loose in our house. Yes. Yes, a spook. He's tearing up the place—literally. He had my seven-year-old son by the heels last night—holding him upside down. Can you do something to stop this? What have I already done? Well—we've locked up this room so he can't get to the rest of the house. What?

What do you mean—you can't? Why not? See who? A what? A psychiatrist—you must be out of your mind!"

On the lighter side.

"Mom—can I be a preacher when I grow up?"

"Are you sure you want to be?"

"Well—looks like I'm always going to have to go to church. And it's a darn sight harder to sit still than to stand up in front and holler!"

A clergyman was in the habit of going to his daughter's bedside every night and telling her a story before she fell asleep.

This one night he told her such a thrilling tale that she sat up in bed and said, "Daddy, is that a true story or are you preaching?"

See you next month. WFH

A BASIC UNDERSTANDING

By Norman Lewis

Back of all Spiritualist practice there must be a philosophy, whether practicing Spiritualists like the word philosophy or not.

I have believed for decades, and still believe that life without God has no meaning and no value. And yet there is a great stumbling-block to a human person's acceptance of the God-concept.

If we contemplate a child writhing in the death-agonies of lockjaw or afflicted with infantile paralysis, some seemingly pious individual standing by may assure us that we should pray to "the Almighty." Not only is it impossible for a compassionate person to pray to a being who (if he exists) deliberately does such wrong and hideous things, but there is no justification in scripture for such belief. The word Almighty (or rather its equivalent) is not found in the Bible. Immediately upon reading these words, some Bible-reading persons are going to sputter and reach for the King James Bible, bringing forth after a moment's searching the word Almighty in good clear English.

However, the first American Revision Committee found 100,000 errors of translation in the King James Bible, and this is one of them.

Speaking of the Hebrew phrase which has been mistranslated "God Almighty" in Genesis, Dr. James Orr, Professor of Apologetics and Systematic Theology in the United Free Church College in Glasgow, has an important comment. In a footnote on page 114 of his book, *The Problem of the Old Testament* (New York, 1906), he states: "The etymology of this, as of the other names, is uncertain, but probably the root idea is power. The power denoted by El Shaddai is power exercised within the sphere of revelation, e.g., in the promise of a son to Abraham."

The literal translation of El Shaddai would be The Revealer. Here we have, as far as sacred scripture is concerned, the establishment of Spiritualism in the ancient world (almost 2000 B. C.).

Shaddai, mistranslated Almighty, is used thirty times in Job.

The word omnipotence in the Latin Vulgate was originated by a people who hoped and tried to be almighty among mankind. And the English, as usual, have followed faithfully in the footsteps of the people who once ruled Britain with an iron hand. Possibly the English are still afraid of the power of Rome?

The Ancients were too wise to believe that a good God could be almighty. It is a contradiction in terms, since all evil as well as all good would proceed from an omnipotent being.

The importance of this distinction cannot be exaggerated. A nation of more than 200 million people has officially rejected the God-concept, an appalling act of spiritual suicide. I found the clue to this in the city of Denver, where I interviewed a charming intelligent woman who was a member of a group representing the Soviet Union in a cultural exchange.

When I mentioned God, she immediately reacted in anger.

"If He is almighty," she said, "why doesn't He remove the evil?"

I said: "Maybe He's not almighty."

She looked at me with startled eyes, as if the thought were new to her. The incubus of almightiness has been an integral part of the teaching of the Russian Orthodox Church as of the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant churches. The same mental paralysis is evident among the 700 million people of Islam.

There is only one possible alternative belief, and that is the one originated (as far as we know) by Zarathushtra in ancient Iran. It is also finely stated in the outstanding Spiritualist book, *The Seven Purposes*, by Margaret Cameron.

If it had been possible for the Force of Good or the Force of Evil to destroy its enemy, this would have been done quintillions of aeons ago. According to the astronomers there are 100 billion suns in this galaxy alone and possibly 100 billion solar systems. And we must not forget the other 100 billion galaxies. This battle has been going on for a long time.

Evidently there are two eternal, self-existent forces, eternally opposed. One did not create the other, and they were not created by a hypothetical third power.

Christian and Islamic theologians have long evaded this problem, hoping it will go away if they do not think about it.

Only in a Spiritualist book, *The Seven Purposes* by Margaret Cameron, referred to above, has this great truth been plainly stated.

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ME AND THEE

By Herbert F. Schneider

Much of the world's problems revolves about, "Me and Thee." Remember you and I are individuals and as such we are components of the human race in categories of villages to nations, religions and ethnical races. The quality of the greater number of its individuals. This is why politics will not improve ethically until individual voters improve.

It is tradition that people refer to, "the good old times," when conditions were better and the cliché is considered a fallacy of age. However it is a fact that during this century we have lived through an era of great change with many facets such as newly engendered skills fostered by the advancement of science. Technological advancement with improved methods of manufacture and production have made many new devices and products available.

In other dimensions the advancement has not kept pace and it is debatable as to whether or not ground has actually been lost. This is observable in the field of moral ethics. Conditions are probably better in most respects than they were several centuries ago but there obviously has been a loss of momentum in recent decades.

Materialism is replacing warped religion. Except in the worst instances of religious bigotry which is an abomination in itself, materialism is not an improvement. It has diluted religion so that the traditional teachings do not have the force of conviction. Here is where the proper teaching is essential. Although Spiritualism is eminently qualified, we know that truth belongs not alone to use. The poetess Ella Wheeler Wilcox once expressed it in this manner. "There are many creeds and many paths that wend and wind, when all this old world needs is just the art of being kind."

Herein lies the crux of the matter. A majority in this period of history have adopted conciously or subconsciously a policy of, "Me and Thee." Thee follows far after me and may not be given consideration. "You and I," is old fashioned, forget it. You look after yourself if you can. We meet it on every side daily in too many ways. Kindness is too often forgotten. It is the exception and no longer prevails. The attitude extends from individuals to masses of people and up to nations. Far too many haughtily refuse to be kind for fear of appearing subservient to others. They receive the same in turn.

Aren't you pleasantly surprised while driving a car when someone slows down and deliberately allows you the right of way to make a turn or to park? It happens so seldom you wonder if it is safe even then to go. When you

recover from surprise you probably do give a friendly wave of acknowledgement.

In the supermarket you positively cannot find a needed item. You ask a stockman. He waggles his index finger toward the ceiling and says, "over there." Ten minutes later you wonder if he advised you or was just singing that "World War I," song. Another time some one leads you half across the store and says, "Here it is." It is more of a courtesy than you had any expectation of. Of course you express thanks.

There is also the matter of charging what the traffic will bear regardless of the service rendered. It is all a self-centered "me first" attitude. There is the workman or domestic who promises to come to work and irresponsibly without notice fails to appear. There is no courtesy of a call. People have no thought of inconvenience they may cause another. Self satisfied me with no thought of thee.

Everything we do must relate to other individuals. If all over the world people gave proper consideration to others with whom they must relate, the world would be a better, happier place. A little less selfishness, less of me first so that we discard "Me and Thee" and get around to You and I as associates in whatever enterprise. You must ask ourselves every day, "am I really applying the Golden Rule or Me And Thee? HFS

THE DESTRUCTIVE REINCARNATION FUSS

By Dougla S. Boggs

We Spiritualists are currently in the midst of one of the most self-destructive and senseless arguments in the history of Modern Spiritualism—that of whether or not reincarnation should be mentioned from the platform. It is time someone spoke for the vast majority of seekers in our movement, and the fact is that, to most Spiritualists, it simply makes no real difference if reincarnation exists or not.

No matter how both sides in this dogmatic battle may yell at each other, the fact is that neither can really prove their point beyond any reasonable doubt. Some of our spirit guides will tell us that reincarnation is an established fact while others will deny it. To a Spiritualist "who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such [Spirit] communication," it makes little difference. If there is reincarnation, then we come to this earth plane as we might go away to school for two or three years. If there is **not** reincarnation, then our earthly experience is a kindergarten. Either way our job remains the same; **we are here to make personal progress and to serve our**

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fellow man. If Bill Smith were to conceive himself as Moses in a former life, there is no harm in this. But he is still Bill Smith today, and whether or not his belief that he was Moses is fact or fancy is not nearly so important as how he fulfills **his mission** as Bill Smith.

Reincarnation is a simple theory, and while it may not be true, at least in the way that most reincarnationists think of it, the conclusions drawn from considering the hypothesis and applying them to our mission on earth will present no conflict with our beautiful truths. It is true that some use the law of karma as an excuse to continue nursing their present shortcomings. But this Law of Cause and Effect exists even if we have only one life on this plane and is really no different than the childish trait we can see in some others who blame their problems on an unhappy childhood, their parents, or society while making no attempt to set their life in order. All that is important to us is that our teachers are aware of the possibility of this kind of thinking from either group.

At the Indianapolis convention there was much discussion about attracting youth to our cause. This writer lives in a university city, and in every community like this one, the spiritual groups that are making inroads are Eastern ones, and they all, of course, teach reincarnation. Groups practicing some form of meditation or yoga or espousing some guru abound and are proliferating while there is no noticeable growth of either orthodoxy or Spiritualism. And these new groups have all sprung up since 1970. Many of us believe that Spiritualism is the religion of the future. But we simply have no chance whatever to fulfill this challenge as long as we continue this debilitating and dogmatic argument. We must continue to teach Truth, but we must begin by asking both sides to admit that they may not know the complete answer.

Yours truly also spoke to many delegates at Indianapolis, and it was apparent that this was the feeling of most of them. Neither side can prove their argument beyond a reasonable doubt, and even if they could, it wouldn't make any difference to those looking for personal direction in the late-twentieth century. Let's get on with Infinite Intelligence's work and not rend ourselves asunder any further, and put the reincarnation argument to rest. DSB

"As no true work since the world began was ever wasted, so no true life since the world began has ever failed."

—Emerson

SPIRITUALISM AND CHRISTIANITY

By Rev. Reba E. Fasnacht, N.S.T.

In treating this subject I will in no way criticize or condemn Christianity, for to me, Christianity means a complete dedication of one's life to follow in the thoughts and life teachings of the Christ Spirit willing to share the same heartaches, sorrows, persecutions, and even death if need be for the hope of the world.

However many they are, who profess to be Christians and are regular and faithful in church attendance, and yet lack the very first principle of the Christ teaching in their daily living (which is love), to love one another, to serve humankind in love. Few indeed are willing to share a single burden of a brother or sister. Hence, not all who attend church or preach or do great works are truly Christians.

This lack of the Christ Love and teaching is clearly stated in Matthew 7:21-23. "It is not everyone who merely says to me, My Lord, My Lord, who will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father. A great many will say to me in that day, My Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name cast out demons and in your name did many wonders? Then will I declare to them, I have never known you; depart from me."

The American dictionary defines Christianity as: the Christian religion, Christian beliefs, and Christian practices, one who follows the teachings of Christ. The same dictionary defines Spiritualism as a Science and Philosophy, belief in that the "Spirits" of the dead survive mortal death and can communicate with the living. The belief that all reality is Spiritual. Note—that it reads, "Spirits" of the dead and not just "the dead".

The Spiritualist Manual defines Spiritualism as the Science, Philosophy, and Religion of continuous life. In essence, this states that God in man cannot be annihilated in death of the physical body. We do not say that the **physical body** does not die or disintegrate, which is the criticism so often made. The religion of Spiritualism teaches that **Natural Law** is the root of all change. The essence of reality is Spirit.

The Christian World will recently celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and preach well in song and sermon that because He lives we too shall live; yet, they criticize us for believing it to be true. Spiritualism teaches that the **Spirit** of the Christ is resurrected daily in our lives as we evolve into the full knowledge of the Christ Consciousness within.

And so it is with those few truly Christians who follow every detail of the Christ Principles of Truth; they in essence believe exactly as we

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do that Christ did live, met death to His **physical body** by crucifixion, was buried, His **spirit body** arose, was seen in the Garden, spoke to Mary, appeared to His Disciples in the Upper Room and manifested in a thousand ways to those who believed in Him. Note here that not everyone was able to see Him, or even hear Him. Only those who followed His teaching were given this Spiritual sight.

Spiritualism stands apart from other religions in that it is the only modern name for manifestation of the Spirit that has occurred in every age, whether under the form of Christianity or the manifestation of prophets and seers (as in the old Mosiac days) when dreams and interpretation of dreams lead the way of life.

Paul enumerates the many gifts of the Spirit in Corinthians which existed then and do exist today.

Angels came and ministered unto Jesus. Angels come and minister to us through Mediums so richly blessed with many of these gifts.

The Christ teachings stressed the Law of Loving Kindness and the manifestation of Love in the gifts of Prophecy, Tongues, and Healing. All of these gifts were encouraged and present in the life and work of the Christ shown not only in His life and work, but also in the life and work of His Disciples, and practices wherever they went.

Even their followers practiced spiritual gifts in the early Christian church and Spirit greetings are now being given in many of the Orthodox churches today. Even the Roman Church has kept alive the gifts of the Spirit. The Saints referred to in the Calendar of the Roman Church were referred to in the early Church in Jerusalem, and referred to by the Apostles and Disciples of Christianity. It is only in these later days that the Church has denied demonstration of these many gifts.

George Whitefield and John Wesley and all members of the Wesley Family and many others who departed from the Church of England had these spiritual gifts and used them without ever considering them to be evil.

The great poet Watts, wrote of the ministering spirit and "Angels" that not only attended the dying Saints, but that they keep watch over you every day.

If you read the New Testament carefully you will find ministering Angels (spirits) have an active part in the family of true Christians, and that **without** these spiritual gifts, the introduction to Christianity could not have occurred since teaching alone would not have satisfied those who were seeking a "sign" and a token. This thought is revealed in every book of the New Testament from Matthew through Revelations. Therefore, when Paul said, "Are

they not all ministering spirits" it meant those who have passed away from earth and who now minister to those who are heirs to the many phases of mediumship.

Jesus did not establish a creed—the only commandment He gave was that "Ye love one another" and His only doctrinal sermon was the Sermon on the Mount. This we can place side by side with the teachings of Spiritualism. Christ's teachings were of a future world, for the establishment of a Spiritual Kingdom on earth rather than a material kingdom. He sought and worked for the overcoming of hatred with love. He taught that God is a spiritual and not a material King of our lives, that Heaven is a Spiritual Kingdom of peace and love and beauty. He not only defined and located Heaven in answer to the question asked of Him, but distinctly stated that the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Love, the Kingdom of Heaven and Peace are within.

He freely taught about the Kingdom which some of the Disciples had hoped to share with Him and to which He was soon going; that He might prepare for them a place that where He was they might also be.

He distinctly taught the lesson that deeds done in human life which are the result of human thoughts and human conditions must constitute the foundation for a spiritual life.

Spiritualism came into being because man needed it.

It came into expression as an answer to prayer uttered by thousands of Souls over a period of thousands of years, so that we might be free to live in that Christ-like spirit that is voiced by leaders of all religions throughout the centuries of man's spiritual growth.

We rejoice in Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Consciousness which is so inherent to Spiritualism and yet freedom is not just a quality that is simply exercised—it is a quality and a Way of Life that must be cherished.

Spiritual Phenomena is an intelligent Power and must flow in an orderly fashion that all the world might know that Spirit contacts are made by way of Inspiration—from the Voice of that great Infinite Intelligence.

If you are a Spiritualist, may your life be dedicated to the Cause of Light and Truth through the wondrous laws of Nature which flow like a mighty river to the Sea and from the Sea to the vast Ocean of Cosmic Consciousness.

These truths come to us not because we have earned the right to them, but because men and women have planned and dreamed and prayed to put Thought into action—to project the Vision of Glory and Loveliness that has touched all those who have been chosen to be saints of this earth—those who through-

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out the ages, whose eyes have been filled with the Light of Understanding that comes from the vast beyond.

You ask, "What is Spiritualism"? I can only tell you, that to me, it is a way of life—one long Avenue of Experience that leads through winding paths of heartache and sorrow, many disappointments—countered with many joys and pleasures.

Spiritualism is like a great and glittering sea, lapping the shores of Understanding and great Wisdom, with gentle wavelets and the sun shining upon it, revealing the Glory of God in many jewel-like colors, until finally it merges into the great Ocean of the Ethereal.

This is our heritage—the endless ever enlarging, ever increasing knowledge and experience of Life as it is now and will ever be.

Are we reaching forth for that which is yet to be, or are we satisfied with the progress we have made? Are we satisfied because we have had among our number great orators in the yesterdays and great and powerful mediums through the years? Is it enough that we have known many of the greats in Spiritualism or shall we strive on toward the coveted goal?

There is no glory in our life because we have known someone in the past. But rather, have we gleaned anything from their lives, their poise, their efforts—something that will be an inspiration for us to follow in the path made sacred by their having walked therein and something that will lead us to an even greater Understanding of the Truths as they have come to know them in the larger dimension of life?

There shall dawn upon us who remain loyal, a New Light, a New Aura, a New Speech, and a New and greater Mediumship. There will rise up men and women who forgetting themselves and their own desires, having lost themselves in the love and understanding of Spirit manifestation will have a new desire to serve mankind.

We do not question the origin or creed of Christianity. We only ask, is it a religion that your very Soul craves for, a religion of growth and divine understanding, a conscious awareness of the Divine in Man? Is it confined in scope to a system of belief only? Does it believe that to be baptized, have a change of heart and join a church as well as support its doctrine will make one a Christian?

Conditions in the world today reveal any and everything but love and service to your fellowman. Hence it is impossible for a hardened individual with caloused conscience toward every emotion of justice and right, to be transformed in a single moment into a beautiful Christian character, simply because he took fellowship with a church. It has been said that

"if the Christian Church so willed by adopting Spiritualism as its own, it might bring a new element to its aid, a new thinking of spiritual qualities; it could prolong its existence as a world religion. This the church could not do; it could not let go the present concrete dogmas for the individualism of this new philosophy of living called Modern Spiritualism

This is sad indeed, for Christianity has been an experiment serving an important good. It has fulfilled its mission, but it has ceased to extend its dominion. Let us not reject it as a whole, but rather garnish in whatever truth it may contain and employ that truth in the new edifice of divine thinking which is built for the total advancement of humanity; this is a philosophy of religion. It takes man by the hand and instead of condemning him as a worm of the dust corrupt from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, it assures that he is a nobleman of nature, heir to the Godhead—owning all things and understanding all things. Man is not for today—but for eternity. He is not a wanderer in the night but a companion of everlasting entities in all Worlds of Light.

Yes, Man will bloom in immortal youth when material worlds fade and the stars of the heavens are dissolved. His book of life is written indelibly and will not fade away.

Spiritualism is not a religion of foreign source, to be home as a cross: it is an outgrowth of human nature and the expression of high ideals. Spiritualism comprehends man and the universe in all their varied relations: Physical, Intellectual, Moral, and Spiritual. It is the science and philosophy underlying all religions. It reaches into illimitable future, borne onward by Man's Immortality. Spiritualism is the philosophers highest conception of his relation to the spiritual universe, his fellowman and spirits immortal.

The true Spiritualist is a believer in the Divine incarnated in the human spirit; in the glorious inter-communion of the spheres from the most insignificant to the great Father of all.

We are not to be called progressive nor even Christian Spiritualists, but being truly Spiritualists we are all of these—liberal, progressive and Christian.

And so it truly is. Spiritualism is the fulfillment of the promise of the Christ, "I will send the comforter who will tell you all things."

Spiritualism teaches that the vast fraternity is today as it was when Christ preached the Sermon on the Mount—which was to overcome hatred with love, war with peace, and peace with understanding; to bring hope to the disconsolate, dry the tears of the mourners, reveal the Light that is hidden by man's blindness to the Truth, and to bring men and women

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SUNFLOWER SEEDS

By William L. Clark

HINTS FOR SECRETARIES AND WRITERS



Wm. L. Clark, Ed.

"A name is a kind of face whereby a person (or a publication) is known."

The old maxim ran, "Names are things—they certainly are influences—impressions are left and influences are shaped by them."

THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST employs no camouflage as to either its character or its purpose. Nothing was borrowed from the vocabularies of

the mystic or occult, nor from the lexicons of pompous philosophies, be the latter physical or mental, at its inception.

Its name at sight assures adherents and investigators of the trend of its contents and promptly signals to strangers too timid to break away from the leading threads of superstitions created at the childhood in the human race: "Danger-Beware!" At the same time all classes of thinkers are courteously asked through its columns to "Stop, Look, Listen" and then go away to remember, to reason, to investigate, and often to accept—because its teachings—instead of being fables of faith are founded upon demonstrated and redemonstratable facts.

Further, it should be apparent that THE NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST naturally reserves the right to use only such matter offered for publication as records recent activities, relates to questions of current interest, or can be fitted within the available space that will be helpful in promoting the organized movement—thereby advancing intelligent Spiritualism and encouraging high grade Mediumship in all its phases.

And now for the specifics . . . Your original photographs, poetry, prose, short-stories, drawings, or personal experience/opinion articles are always welcome; if they relate to the history, science, philosophy, or the religion of Modern Spiritualism; especially if you hold a National Spiritualist Teacher Degree. Photographs and drawings are to be properly captioned on a typewritten sheet attached, and all manuscripts must be typed double spaced, with wide margins, on one side of 8½ x 11" paper, at least six weeks in advance of your desired publication date. Handwritten work will **not** be read. Only your original work is wanted. Manuscripts in foreign language must be accompanied by a true, accurate English translation. Nothing that has a copyright or has a

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May we all remember "Freedom of the Press" as being one of our many blessings, while enjoying the National Thanksgiving holiday this month. WLC

THE ANNUAL LYCEUM REPORT

By Reverend Norma R. Whiting



Rev. Whiting

Lyceum activity in the United States is at a dangerously low ebb and it is going to take diligent effort on the part of all concerned Spiritualists to turn the tide.

It seems that many just do not care what happens to our youth and searching newcomer, and others cannot be bothered; and whether or not these people realize it, such an attitude is, in essence, a not caring about our religion.

We have, in the past few years, lost from our ranks the physical presence of some very fine and prominent teachers, and we are not seeing enough new qualified teachers being trained to take their place. If we continue not taking the time to train new workers in the ways of "pure Spiritualism," we will be in dire straits before another decade is over.

In the past two years, I have seen many instances of apathy and egoism—traits that can do nothing but impede our progress. I have seen instances where one person has established himself/herself as the "head" of one of our units, and then defied anyone to approach the "throne." In other cases, we have seen young people come along with an honest desire to help, only to be rejected by the attitude that the newcomer is not going to come along and make waves in someone's individual pond.

We are of a religion that has been operating as an organized religious body for over 100 years—and we teach the importance of "keeping an open mind," yet our very actions oftentimes belie our teachings.

I sent out, since the first of the year, many letters including 40 sets of report forms. I re-

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Spiritual

"WE ARE THANKFUL.."

"We have been a most favored people. We ought to be a most generous people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people."—CALVIN COOLIDGE.

The American people have been blessed in many, many ways—surely God-Spirit must come first in all our thoughts and actions if we continue to prosper and to grow more spiritual.

Think of the dedication and the significance of this little group of people. They left England because they wanted freedom of conscience, to worship God as they wanted and in their own way. They lived as exiles in Holland for 12 long years. For 16 weeks they battled the stormy Atlantic, battened down below the decks, in dampness, darkness and bitter cold. It was too rough to prepare warm food. They were seasick, they were homesick and many of them were ill. They had suffered these long weeks in this little ship. You can imagine how bone-weary they were and how eager they must have been to put their feet on solid ground once more. But after they sailed into the harbor near Provincetown, they didn't go ashore right away. They wrote and signed the Mayflower Compact and on Sunday they spent the whole day worshipping God. You see they remembered the injunction, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." They obeyed the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." These words of the Scripture were not merely something to read or to recite. They were the guiding principles of their lives. They and others like them who came to the NEW WORLD not only put God at the head of their families and their churches, but of the business enterprises, colleges and governments they founded. The documents organizing these institutions open with invoking the blessings of God and pledging allegiance to this great Power. It is here that we hang our heads in shame as we see and hear the things that are being done by so-called Americans.

The founders and their descendants spread out across this great land and everywhere they went churches arose with their heavenward-pointing fingers solemnly declaring the sovereignty of God, while from the belfries of these temples, bells summoned men to worship and pealed out the gladness they felt for the salvation which they experienced. These men and women feared God—they were honest—they

were truthful—they were generous—and they were self-reliant. These are the qualities that make possible our self-sustaining strength and our allegiance to the great Infinite Intelligence. Here we have the reason for the miracle of America.

Spiritualists are a most thankful people for the rich heritage that our Pioneers left to mankind through this great Truth of Spiritualism. We are thankful for the freedom of speech, and the freedom to worship God-Spirit as our heart desires.

In our hours of meditating in thankfulness in the knowledge and understanding that we have—may we share with the less fortunate, those who have entered the deep valley of despair by sending their requests to the N.S.A.C. Prayer Groups that these dedicated people may have a part in bringing joy to those in sadness.

The N.S.A.C. Healing Center would appreciate your Thanksgiving donations and you in return can enjoy a free copy of "ONE EACH DAY." The N.S.A.C. Healing Center was formulated and organized for the purpose of expanding and reaching out to help humanity—it is a very necessary part of our organization and every Spiritualist should show their thankfulness for the work that is being done in this department of our movement.

N.S.A.C. Healing Center, c/o
Miss Catherine Schneider
P.O. Box 6042
Wheeling, WV 26003

SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL HEALING

(Continued From Last Month.)

Healing is transmitted by the ever-present force in different ways. The moment you come in contact with the operator's forces and your desire is sincere and honest and you have the feeling within that you will be benefited, you then become connected with this unseen power. The moment you proclaim that you are feeling better, you will be sending out a positive statement that rebounds on you and will be beneficial. The operator asks his forces to work with your unseen forces and that makes a stronger condition; you have then come in contact with the operator and the wires are connected. Follow out the suggestions of the one you go to and then feel that you are on the right road; then think it, say it and live it. If you can do this you will respond.

Healing

THE LYCEUM LETTER

Cultivate:

Caution
Reason
Faith
Desire
Sacrifice
Cheerfulness
Diplomacy
Development
Tolerance

Eliminate:

Fear
Hate
Jealousy
Revenge
Gossip
Exaggeration
Falsehoods

The question with the individual is, has the healer the clairvoyant and clairaudient phases of mediumship? If he has he can sense the condition at once and will not make a mistake if he follows his impression. Healing is a God-given gift and not created for the purpose of making money.

It is all right to be paid, but one who is a Spiritual Healer cannot say what he can do until he does it. We have many healers today who are in this line for only what they can get out of it.

Points we want to emphasize:

A masseur can charge.

An M.D. can charge.

But a Spiritual Healer has no right to put a price on his work.

There is nothing mysterious about it, it is all followed out by Natural Law, and Spiritual Healing is in a class by itself.

One could talk about the subliminal soul, and the work that is being done, for an hour and a half, but while pleasing to the mind it does not explain Spiritual Healing. The patient should have confidence in the operator, follow the instructions given and feel that he is in touch with the Unseen Force or Influence, for if he cannot feel this, and has no confidence in the operator, the results very likely will not be satisfactory.

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SPIRITUALIST HEALER DEFINED

A Spiritualist Healer is one who, either through his own inherent powers or through his mediumship, is able to impart vital, curative force to pathologic conditions.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING—

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God.

The orthodox churches know the value of working to get the children, hence the attention paid to Sunday Schools, where today every device to keep the interest of the young people is carefully thought out and acted upon, the best teachers are employed; and the social part of the childrens' work never neglected. They know the church of the future depends on the children it has taught. The consequence is, there is a large percentage of young, enthusiastic workers with fresh unwearied spirits, alert to build up those organizations. Not one thinking Spiritualist but knows the truth of this, yet look at our Lyceums. They are sadly neglected. It is almost impossible to obtain teachers fitted to do this work well. There are few books and no papers. Nothing but the glowing, living Truth could survive such neglect. But our Lyceums have this Truth and they refuse to die because it is Life itself, so they struggle on.

But how we need the help of those who know; our speakers and mediums, our workers everywhere. No matter how small a society is, it should have a Lyceum. Do not say you do not know how! Tell the story of your faith, your knowledge; begin giving it and the work will take care of the rest, if your heart is in it.

Use the same methods you would use in any school, varying to suit the particular locality where you live; teach the value of honest mediumship, the ugliness of all that is untrue.

Help them to be self-reliant; teach them the dignity of a religion which can be and is proven; tell them how it came to a weary world to bless earth's sorrowing ones, and finally that to be a Spiritualist is something to be proud of, that if lived up to they may never be ashamed to be counted as one.

MAKE TIME WORK FOR YOU!

Plan your vacation time now . . . in order to be sure that you will have time to attend the Eighty-Third Annual Convention of the N.S.A.C., U.S.A., in Syracuse, New York October 5th through 10th, 1975. Support Modern Spiritualism.

The N.S.A.C. 1975 Annual Yearbook, N.S.A.C. Spiritualism Manual, N.S.A.C. Constitution and By-laws, and a Robert's Rules of Order book would be worthwhile items to read and study (especially for Delegates) between now and convention time. Advance Modern Spiritualism, by being prepared.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ." — United States Constitution: First Amendment.



NOTES from the FIELD

ONSET, MA

DENVER, CO

The Temple of Harmony

The Temple of Harmony located at 3375 Dahlia Street, Denver has been the scene of activity and new interest these past few months. Reverend Allen J. Miller is the Pastor of the church and the Reverend Robert Haskins, Associate Pastor.

July 1st, 2d and 3d the church sponsored a Seminar conducted by the Reverend Evelyn Muse, Director of Promotional Activities for the N.S.A.C. Many representatives of other religious denominations in Denver were present at these classes and the result of the meetings has been felt in increased attendance at the church services.

The entire week of September 8th brought the N.S.A.C. President, the Reverend Joseph H. Merrill and Larry Clark, N.S.T. for a series of meetings. On the two Sundays Mr. Merrill and Mr. Clark alternated with the lectures and the message portion was conducted by Mr. Clark whose delivery of spirit greetings won him many friends.

On the Monday night a large attendance gathered for a Question-Answer period which proved most interesting. Wednesday night questions that were not covered on the previous night were brought out and this was followed by a class on Natural Law. On the Friday night more unanswered questions were brought out and a class on the Law of Attraction was held.

On the first Sunday the Reverend Mr. Miller presided at the service and the closing Sunday the Reverend Mr. Haskins presided.

The First Spiritualist Church of Colorado Springs were having their regular service on the first Sunday of the visit, so Mr. Haskins, President of the Centennial State Spiritualist Association, arranged for Rev. Merrill and Mr. Clark to visit the church between the two services in Denver. New interest was also generated in this area and the visit of the two guests sparked new activity.

Before leaving Denver both Rev. Merrill and Mr. Clark responded to an invitation by the State Association to be the guest speakers at the State Convention next June when another interesting series of meetings will be held.

A delicious dinner was served at the Temple of Harmony on September 15th by the ladies of the church, and the co-operation of members and friends was a joy to behold.

LE ROY, IL

The J. T. & E. J. Memorial Spiritualist Church, September 8, 1974, had as guest speaker, Miss Patricia Heller of Cicero, Illinois. Miss Heller was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Heller. Miss Heller is the Secretary of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, a National Spiritualist Teacher and Certified Medium.

Donald Reagan, Licentiate Minister, and active worker in the Church, introduced Miss Heller to the Congregation. Her subject was, "Love-force, Healing and Mediumship."

Message Ministers were Miss Heller and Donald Reagan.

Immediately following the Service a Pot-luck dinner was served in the lower hall, followed by a Message Circle conducted by Miss Heller, in the seance room.

The On-I-Set Wigwam, 13th Street, Onset, Mass. experienced one of the most successful seasons during the summer of 1974. Opening on Sunday June 30, 1974 with the usual Sunday Services and also mid-week Wednesday evening Services, all of which were well attended.

The Rev. Gertrude Stevens, President of the On-I-Set Wigwam conducted an Open Forum on the Philosophy of Spiritualism every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Food for thought and spiritual nourishment was gained by all who attended. Following this was the Healing Service at 11:00 A.M. For one whole hour this Healing Service is held around the pole that was sensitized by the Mic-Mac Indians many years ago. A great deal of power is felt by all and much good has been accomplished every year. This healing service was comprised of our regular healers, the Rev. Gertrude Stevens, Newton L. Dyer, and Frank Tobin, who this year were assisted by Rev. George Gordon, Lily Simpson, Arthur Cosby, Allan Noddin, Sally Lundenberg and Harold Hurlburt.

Our featured speakers for the Sunday 2:00 p.m. services:

June 30, 1974. Rev. Gertrude Stevens, Pastor and President of The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass., as well as President of the On-I-Set Wigwam and Member of the Trustees of the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association.

July 7, 1974. Newton L. Dyer, New Bedford, Mass. Vice-president of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, State Missionary, Licentiate Minister, Certified Healer, Certified Medium, and Treasurer of the On-I-Set Wigwam.

July 14, 1974. Mahlon Leonard, Pembroke, Mass. Trustee of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass.

July 21, 1974. The Rev. George Gordon, Attleboro, Mass. Co-Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass. State Missionary, and trustee of the On-I-Set Wigwam.

July 28, 1974. The On-I-Set Wigwam closed for the pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, N.H., where our National President, the Rev. Joseph Merrill, gave an inspiring lecture, assisted by Mr. Larry Clark, as message minister.

August 4, 1974. Vincent Damon, Easton, Mass. Trustee of the First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass., and a State Missionary.

August 11, 1974. Robert Simpson, Danvers, Mass. Pastor of The Swampscott Church of Spiritualism and a Licentiate Minister.

August 18, 1974. Mrs. Alyce Andrews, Springfield, Mass. Medium Secretary of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield and State Missionary. Mrs. Andrews gave a trance lecture, the only known trance lecturer in this area. This was very inspiring to all in attendance.

August 25, 1974. Geraldine Sullivan, Onset, Mass. Member of First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass. and member of the On-I-Set Wigwam.

September 1, 1974. James Henderson, Methuen, Mass. This was the first time Mr. Henderson had graced our platform and we hope he will come again.

LABOR DAY September 2, 1974 was Connecticut Day at the Wigwam featuring The Rev. Henrietta Cox, President of the Connecticut Spiritualist Camp Meeting Ass'n and Ladies Aid Society, Inc. of Pine Grove, Niantic Connecticut. General Missionary of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, Pastor and Founder of the Chapel of Spiritual Truth of Copiague,

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Long Island, New York. This lecture and message service was the appropriate climax for our season.

The visiting Mediums called upon at these services for a few words or messages were: Mrs. Patrina Legee, Member of the Brockton Church. Mr. Frank Tobin, Lyceum Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Spiritualist Association. Mrs. Lillian Manuel of the First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Mass.

The Wednesday Evening Services were held 7:30 p.m. and the featured speakers were: Pauline Hathaway of Wareham, Mass. a Licentiate Minister from the First Spiritualist Church of Onset, Mass. Newton L. Dyer, of New Bedford, Mass. Orton Martin, of Westport, Mass. member of the First Spiritualist Church of Onset, Mass. Rev. Gertrude Stevens, Brockton, Mass. The Rev. Kenneth and Gladys Custance, Co-Pastors of the First Spiritualist Church of Onset, Mass. They are also National Missionaries. Rev. Kenneth is Vice-President of the Mass. State Assn. of Spiritualists, and Rev. Gladys is on the Board and our Banquet Chairman. Dr. Meyer S. Baer, Woburn, Mass. Member of the First Spiritualist Church of Onset, Mass. Mahlon Leonard, Pembroke, Mass. Assisting at these services were Bette Allen of Florida, Miss Virginia Tucker of the Onset Church, and Kenneth Stevens, Treasurer of The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Mass. and Vice-President of the On-I-Set Wigwam.

The three Saturdays of July 13, August 10, as well as our annual Bazaar on August 24, were successful, spiritually, socially and financially. These events began at 3:00 p.m. with various tables of items for sale on the front lawn. At 5:30 p.m. a smorgasboard supper, followed by a 7:00 p.m. penny sale to be climaxed at 8:00 p.m. by an all message service in the Wigwam. People came from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Florida, as well as other surrounding areas to help make these affairs successful. We, the officers as well as members, would appreciate this opportunity to thank all those who contributed so generously.

As is the tradition for many years at the On-I-Set Wigwam, the featured Speaker gives the Lecture and a few messages, then all mediums present were invited to participate in the service.

SYRACUSE, NY

N.S.A.C. Promotion Activity

A banner event took place in Syracuse, N.Y. the last week of August when the First Spiritualist Church of that City promoted Spiritualism to literally thousands of people.

The event was the New York State Fair, held in Syracuse and the location was a booth in the Center of Progress Building.

Under the leadership of Larry Clark, N.S.T. and President of the Church, assisted by John Vayar, Vice-President and Mrs. Bea Felicia, Secretary-Treasurer of the church, the booth was decorated with a four foot sign stating SPIRITUALISM the Light of the World, with a 20 x 24 inch sign stating THIS IS THE PSYCHIC AGE—ESP, CLAIRVOYANCE, MEDIUMSHIP, HEALING—INVESTIGATE HERE! Added to these was a large hand-sewn banner of white silk with the sunflower using the design of the new sunflower pins now available. The booth attracted both the curiosity seeker and the deeply interested.

With the co-operation of the National Board 10,000 of the 8 page pamphlet was made available; the New York State Conference donated 200 pamphlets with information of the NSAC churches which have membership in the State group; 5,000 mimeographed listings of all the NSAC churches in the State of New York; 250 copies of the NSAC National Spiritualist magazine was donated by our new Editor, William L. Clark; 200 copies of the Psychic News was donated by the English publisher.

Those who manned the booth, assisted two days by Mrs. Alberta Miller, clocked just those individuals who stopped to ask questions, discuss certain salient

points of the religion or seek information of churches in their vicinity, and at the close of the week of the week of the Fair 10,235 individuals had been made acquainted with Spiritualism and the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, U.S.A.

Because of the activity at the booth, press photographers took photographs of the booth, television cameras televised the activity and Mr. Clark was interviewed on a half hour radio broadcast.

Much credit is due Mr. Clark for his leadership in this church venture and plans are already underway for next year and a similar venture.

TRANSITIONS

Robertson—Leora, a charter member of The Spiritualist Harmony Church, Davenport, Iowa, passed into the Spirit World September 11, 1974. She and her husband, William, were in the Spiritualist group that held meetings for several years before forming the church. She was an ever willing worker both in the organization and sharing her mediumistic abilities with all. As she made her journey, she left behind four children, eight grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. She will be missed not only by the Davenport church but the First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, Clinton, Iowa and Mt. Pleasant Spiritualist Camp, Clinton, Iowa.

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ceived in return a handful of letters, two reports from active Lyceums and one notification that because the Conductor of that Lyceum had passed to the "higher life" the Lyceum was disbanded. What kind of an excuse is this? Why cannot those remaining in the church take over and evidence an active interest in the progress of that church and Spiritualism as a whole.

In three instances, I discovered that correspondence from me was put to one side, unopened; and in two other cases I received correspondence with illegible or no return address, making it impossible for me to respond.

During the year, I visited Lyceums in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Wheeling, West Virginia, and various cities in Michigan. I attended the National Lyceum Conference in Lily Dale, New York, a Lyceum Retreat in Michigan and the first Regional Lyceum Rally in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I have also written articles for the Lyceum Spotlight and The National Spiritualist magazines.

My Lyceum Report of last year was printed in both the above publications, yet I found most of the persons I spoke with during the year including some of the leaders of active Lyceums, had not the faintest idea of what was included in this report.

The Lyceum Newsletter got off to a poor start, largely due to the fact that there is a limit to my available time. Mrs. Maude Spencer, of New York, has now assumed this job

and the project should get off the ground in the very near future.

The Lyceum Presentation, planned for completion this year, has met a few snags and was not completed as planned. From recent reports, it now seems that Mr. Ed Kilmer, of California, will soon be in a position to complete this project.

Mrs. Audra Cutlip, Editor of the Lyceum Spotlight, has continued her efforts in the publication of this very important Lyceum paper. This is a fine publication, but your support is needed to make it enjoyable, informative reading. It is an important lesson tool, and contains articles appropos to all age groups.

Lessons, in the nature of a "Teachers Guide" covering some of the responsibilities of and to mediumship, have been prepared by Rev. Margaret King, of Washington, DC. A set of lessons on The Declaration of Principles and another on the history of the locale and times of Jesus, have been prepared by Mrs. Donna Hansen, of California; and a series of questions to be used in conjunction with the Lyceum Manual and other Spiritualistic literature, has been prepared by Mrs. Travadon Golden, of Michigan. These lessons have been reviewed by some of our teachers at both the Regional Rally and the Lyceum Conference, and are now ready to be submitted to the National Board for approval and/or correction, and publication.

A "starter kit" to be used as an aid for new Lyceum teachers, is being worked up, and will

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COMPASSION

"Jesus said unto him, if thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Mark 9:23

CONQUEST

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provide "samples" of presently available lesson material. This will help new Lyceums to gain some insight on what is available for them to utilize in their teaching endeavors.

A second Regional Rally is being tentatively planned, to take place in New York, possibly in the spring of 1975.

All in all, some work has been done during the year just past; but not near enough, as time just has not permitted.

The Lyceum is not youth alone, but is a training ground for Spiritualists of all ages and degrees of development. If we are to forge ahead as we should, we must take time to re-evaluate our lives and methods of teaching as well as our goals. The best way to put away fear of uncertainty of the future is to expend the time and effort needed to train new leaders, who can fill the empty spots when the time comes for us to step down.

There are some definite recommendations I would like to make—and I beg your careful consideration of these items:

1. Every Church in the National should have a Lyceum. If you do not have such a group, take time to form one. It is the best possible way to insure the future of those things we have worked so hard to promote.

2. Put away thoughts of self and jealousy. These new people, adult and youth alike, do not seek to "overthrow," but they want to forge ahead. Remember—you will not be here forever, and the mark of a good teacher is the pride you can take when one of your students cares enough, because of your inspiration, to reach out and equal then surpass your own achievements.

3. I cannot recommend strongly enough that we, as a national organization, make it mandatory that a new group seeking to be chartered have an active Lyceum before that charter is granted.

4. Support your Lyceum. It is the backbone of our religion. If we are going to move forward at all, we must put greater stress on education. Properly educated teachers of "Pure Spiritualism" are our greatest asset. More stringent criteria is a must. Quality not quantity is an oft used cliché, but its truth is self-evident. This training can begin in the Lyceum.

5. Investigate methods of obtaining a Superintendent who can devote full time to this endeavor. The training of our youth, and the searching newcomer, is far too important an area to leave in the hands of one who is not qualified, or who cannot devote full time to the task. Work toward the time when a Superintendent can be recompensed for the work done, then you will be able to see some definite progress. Other religions have salaried positions to take care of this very important field. What

is wrong with Spiritualism that it cannot support its workers?

As I said before, the Lyceum is not for youth alone. It is an informal way of training teachers and students to become more effective leaders of tomorrow. It is an avenue whereby the newcomer is instructed in the basics of our beliefs and a thoroughfare to be used by the more advanced Spiritualist to ever expand his knowledge to encompass even more of the truths of the Universe.

Take an interest in the Lyceum. Nothing can succeed by the effort of one, two or three people alone, but with combined effort—nothing can fail. You owe it to yourself. You owe it to the Lyceum. You owe it to Spiritualism. You owe it to the future.

Spiritualism has something to offer the world. By your effort let us see that the world gets it. The Lyceum does not pose a threat to your superiority, but it does present a promise for the longevity of your knowledge. You never outgrow your need to learn. NRW

SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL HEALING (Cont'd.)

One who is loved by his family can cause the family much distress by making such expressions. Never tell a person he is not looking well, no matter what you think. Always be optimistic. Tell him he is looking fine, that you never saw him looking better in your life. The first suggestion given to a sick person should be studied, and only what is received from the unseen should be given. If you tell a person when he first consults you that he has cancer or some contagious disease you are giving suggestions that he will carry with him and brood over. Some people do not pay any attention to these things, but the majority of the people do.

The hardest people to handle are those who have implicit confidence in suggestions given by medical doctors. If a man is told that he has some liver trouble, or a weak heart, or cancer, the seed is sown, the seed of fear in the mind of the patient, and he will carry that impression with him, and it is one of the hardest conditions to handle. The medical doctor may be mistaken in his diagnosis, and the Spiritual Healer would rather treat any contagious disease than a person who has faith in these suggestions so deeply imbedded. If the person being treated by a Spiritual Healer will constantly say "I am feeling better, watch me, I am under the direction of the Unseen Forces and I have faith and confidence that I will get well," he will be much benefited. It does not matter what people eat, but it does matter what they think. Our advice is to be temperate in all things.

(To be continued next month.)

the sale of the cook book will go for a scholarship to some worthy individual.

The inspiration of the day came from the Lyceum Department. Instead of a Lyceum Teacher's Forum, a panel of teen-agers came from the lyceum of the Spiritualist Church of Divine Science, whose teacher is the Reverend Berenice Brock. Questions were asked of the young people and the answers were heart warming to the delegates. Truly an inspiration. This part of the program was conducted by the Reverend Norma Whiting, our National Lyceum Superintendent.

Another really interesting part of the session was the Open Forum when questions were asked of a panel of National Board members, Ernst A. Schoenfeld, D. Mona Berry and Clyde Dibble. The session could have gone on for hours with questions unanswered but time did not permit. At the evening service the Healing portion was held by Miss Arlene Sikora, and again the inspiring music of Betty Cole and Franklyn Roberts furnished the inspiration for the address by Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, and message ministers Miss Sikora, Mattie Failor and Rev. Edythe B. Meader.

Thursday morning the delegates heard the committee report on the President's message and the Secretary's general report, and gave attention to a symposium on Our Spiritualist Heritage. The Reverend Marcia Hagopian stirred the delegates with her words of our heritage and this was followed by Rev. Woelfl and the Reverend Mahlon Simon. The hands of the clock seemed to fly by and the close of the morning session came all too soon. The interesting part was that all of the delegates had been seated during the week and there needed to be no final seating of delegates, an unusual turn of events.

The evening session was enjoyable with the pleasant singing voices of Lou Ann Worth and William Stoeling. The address was given by Robert Howell and message ministers were Marcia Hagopian, Emma Bell Tolbert and James Buchanan.

The Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on By-law Amendments probably caused the liveliest part of the convention, when resolutions and amendments submitted were discussed pro and con, and voted on. It was felt that much was accomplished from these two committees. Friday morning brought a Work-shop on Church Management, led by the President, bringing out several points showing the desirability of separating the Pastor and Church President, the absolute need for accuracy in submitting the annual reports, and the requisites for a certified worker functioning with more than one phase of mediumship, along with other details involved in church management; proved a worthwhile work-shop.

The time used in the work-shop and the resolutions and By-law amendments caused the delegates to turn the clock back in order to complete the business. Rules set aside, the resolutions were taken up again as the afternoon session convened, and with the final roll call the delegates proceeded to nominate and vote for President, Vice-President and one Trustee. With no opposition for President, or for Vice-President, the two incumbent officers retained their offices for a full three year term. Nominated for the office of Trustee were Herb Seiler, Joseph Sax, Florence Macdonald, Robert Howell and Marvin A. Day. Mr. Joseph Sax was elected to the post for three years.

For The Good of The Order, Mrs. Larry Clark reported on the venture of the First Spiritualist Church of Syracuse at the New York State Fair, and Charles Barnet, attending his first convention spoke of his impressions for the good of all. The evening service was very well attended again with the singing of Lou Ann Worth, this time along with Ray McCord, which gave the needed inspiration for the address by Rev. Clyde A. Dibble, replacing Rev. Evelyn Muse, who had flown home to attend the funeral of her sister. Message ministers for the closing service were the Reverend Ivamay Stockwell, Laura Matulaitis and the Reverend Gladys Worsencroft.

The closing words of the President spoke of the appreciation of the Board and delegates for the hospitality of the Indiana State Association, the inspiring music furnished every evening, and the extremely large delegation of members who came to help make, the 82nd N.S.A.C. Convention, a most interesting and constructive one. JHM.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, 1901 Franklin St., cor. of Clay. Sun., 8:00 p.m. and Wed., 7:45 p.m.

First Spiritualist Temple, 3324 17th St., Services 2 p.m. Sun.; Tues. 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Class 2nd and 4th Greetings; Pres. Milton W. Monroe, Pastor Rev. Alfred A. Conner, Ph. MARKET 1-0491.

First Temple of Spiritualism, 3324 17th St. Sun. 2 p.m. Tues. (2nd & 4th) 7:30 p.m. Lawrence P. McNear, Licentiate Minister.

SAN LEANDRO—The Church of Two Worlds, NSAC, 660 Broadmoor Blvd., San Leandro, Calif., 94577. Recipient of the flag flown over the Capitol of U.S., Wash., D.C., Dec. 22, 1972, especially for presentation to this Church. Rev. Connie C. Smith NST and Rev. Eli Good-

reau, Co-Founders and Co-Pastors. Services— Sunday 2 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA—Summerland Spiritualist Association, Church of the Comforter, 1028 Garden St. 93101. Sun. Worship Ser. 11:00 a.m. Healing, Lecture, and Spirit Greetings. Social Hour following 4th Sun. Ser. Each Month. Wed. 8:00 p.m. class instruction. Rev. Peggy Kann, Rev. Lillian Smith, Rev. Edmund Foard, Medium Myrtle Green. Pres. Florence Atherton, Secy. **SAN BERNARDINO**—Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C., 732 N. Sierra Way, Rev. Lillian R. Courtney, 897 West Marshall Blvd., Pastor; Devotional Ser. 10:30 a.m. each Sun. Mrs. Helen J. Broadwater, Sec., 8778 Larkin Ct., Riverside, Calif. 92503.

SAN ANSELMO—Serenity Spiritualist Church, American Legion Log Cabin. Devotional Services, Sun. 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Healing, Lyceum Instruction Classes, Lecture, Spirit Communication. Richard P. Goodwin, Pres., Pauline Leonard, Sec., Ph. 924-4422, for daily meditation.

VACAVILLE—The Spiritualist Chapel of Awareness, Veterans Memorial Building, 549 Merchant St. Devotional Ser., Sun. 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Healing. Lyceum Instruction Classes, Address, Spirit Communication. Betty R. Clair, Licentiate Minister, Pastor. Donna M. Hansen, Sec. P.O. Box 69, 95688.

CANADA

MONTREAL—First Spiritual Church of Montreal, 2186 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal, Que. (Spiritualists' National Union of Canada). Sun. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 8 p.m. Sec.: Miss M. Dousett, Tel. 489-9926.

COLORADO

Centennial State Spiritualist Association—President—Rev. Robert J. Haskins, 2810 S. Cherokee, Englewood, Colo. 80110.

COLORADO SPRINGS—The First Spiritualist Church of Colorado Springs, 2007 E. La Salle Perry Plaza (Upper Level) 80909. Services 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Acting Pastor, Rev. R. J. Haskins; Pres. Leslie Konshak, (303) 634-4558; Sec'y, Salea Larson, (303) 597-6466.

DENVER—The Temple of Harmony Church, 3375 S. Dahlia St., Denver, Colo. 80222. Ser., Sun. 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Allen J. Miller, Pastor; Rev. Robert J. Haskins, Co-Pastor.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut State Spiritualist Association—President—Mrs. Nilla Norton Box 122, Cobalt, Conn. Secretary—Francis D. Owens, 785 Terryville Ave., Bristol, Conn. 06010.

HARTFORD—The Hartford Spiritualist Temple, Inc. N.S.A.C. YMCA Room 205, 160 Jewel St. Hartford, Conn. Sun. Ser. at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Walter Wooster, E. Hartford, Conn., Pres. Mrs. M. Esther Acker, Hartford, Conn., Sec., tel. 246-3451.

NEWINGTON—The Church of the Infinite Spirit, N.S.A.C., 80 Walsh Ave. Lecture, Healing and Message ser. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Rev. Catherine Margiotta, Pastor, Dorothy Sexton, Sec. 393-1726.

NEW LONDON—New London Spiritualist Temple, 60 Blackhall St. Ser., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Spirit Greetings. Mr. Al Ferency, Pres. Mr. George Brewster, Sec.

OLD GREENWICH—Albertson Memorial Church, 293 Sountd Beach Avenue, 06870. Ph. 203-637-4615. Sun. Serv. 11:00 A.M. except from July 15th until Sun. after Labor Day. Rev. Melvin O. Smith, Rev. Dorothy Wynn Smith, Pastors.

STRATFORD—The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C. Boothe Memorial Park, "Old Homestead," Old Putney Rd. Serv. 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month. Healing after ser. Mr. Donald L. McCausland, Pres., Tel. 734-8374, Mrs. Judith McGuire, Sec., 14 Cedric Ave., Derby, Conn. 06418.

WILLIMANTIC—The First Society of Spiritualist, Inc., N.S.A.C. Founded 1864—Incorporated 1917. 144 Valley St., Serv.: Lecture, Healing and Spirit Greetings, Sun. at 8:30 p.m. Class instruction, Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Mrs. Frances MacDonald, Sec. 37 Lonergan

Acres, R.F.D. #2, 06226. Mrs. Clinton Cady, Pres., P.O. C, 06226.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON—Church of Two Worlds, 3038 "Q" St., N.W., Georgetown, D.C. 20007. Sun., Healing Ser. 2 p.m. Lecture & Messages 2:30. Mrs. Ola Sheckells, Secy.

FLORIDA

CASSADAGA—Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Ser. in the Auditorium every Sun., 2:30 p.m. Lecture Spirit Messages, Healing, Mr. J. Buchanan, Pres.

HOLLY HILL—Little White Church, 1531 Center Ave. 32017. Sun. Ser., 11 a.m.; Thurs., 7:45 p.m. Flower Message Ser. Minister, Enid Brady Williams, tel. 672-0520.

FORT PIERCE—Trinity Spiritual Church, 704 S. 5th St., Sun. Divine Worship and Message Ser. 7:30 p.m. Thurs.; Divine Healing and Message Ser. 7:30 p.m. Pastor Rev. Flora Petteplace. Ph. 461-2480.

ORLANDO—Spiritual Research Society, Inc., N.S.A.C., 2500 Conway Road, Orlando. Sun. ser., Lyceum 10 a.m.; Healing Ser., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Church Ser. 4:30 p.m. Healing Service, 7 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Rev. B. Anne Gehman.

MIAMI—Metaphysical Science Church (N.S.A.C.) 601 S.W. 7th St. Sun.: Healing Ser. 7:30 p.m., Lecture and E.S.P. Demonstration 8:00 p.m. . . All Message Ser. Wed. 7:30 p.m. and Thurs. 1:30 p.m. Rev. Sophie Busch, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG—Church of Spiritual Philosophy and Vedanta Center, NSAC, 216 19th Ave. S.E. Ser. Sun. 11:00 a.m. Rev. M. MacBride Pantan.

TAMPA—Co-Operative Spiritualist Church, 115 S Packwood Ave., Worship and Healing Ser., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Wed. Message Service, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Alice Leon Knight, Pres. 1714½ North A. St. Ph. 258-0411.

WEST PALM BEACH—Spiritualist Church Of Divine Life, 205 North A St., Lake Worth. Divine Worship, Sun. 7:00 p.m. Classes 7:30 Tue. and Thur. The Rev. J. Martin, The Rev. Krauel and The Rev. Russell Carls. Ph. 965-0684.

ILLINOIS

Illinois State Spiritualist Association—Pres. Mr. Bernard B. Powell, 4118 W. 24th Place, Chicago 60623. Treas. Mr. Joseph Buechel, 1519 Fargo, Chicago 60626. Sec. Ms. Patricia C. Heller, N.S.T., 1608 S. 51st Ave., Cicero 60650.

AURORA—Christabelle Spiritualist Church, Service at 7:00 p.m. Sun. in Masonic Temple East Room, ent. South Door, Ben D. Jones, Jr. Pres. 200 Willow Ave., Joliet, Ill. 60436.

BURNHAM—Puritan Spiritualist Church, 13906 Greenbay Ave. 60633. Anna Gross, Pastor, Ser., Sun. 2:30 p.m. Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Message Ser.

CHICAGO—Church of The Spirit, 2651 N. Central Park Ave. Chicago's oldest Spiritualist Church. Sun., Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Wed., All Message Ser., 7:45 p.m. Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, Pastor.

Spiritualist Church of Truth, 3351 W. N. Ave. Ser. every Sun. at 7 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages. Mrs. Kathryn Duha, Pastor; Mrs. Anna Kerch, Sec.

Spiritualist Church of Divinity, 4118 W. 24th Pl. Ser., Sun. 7 p.m. Rev. Mamie Fors, Pres., (312) 873-6663.

Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple, 6146 Ashland 60636. Sun. Ser. 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. First Sun. of each month. Communion Ser. Louise Washington, Pastor; Ruby McNeely, Sec.

CICERO—1st Spiritualist Church, 5033 W. 25th Place. Church Ser. Sun., 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages and Healing. Ellen Stopa, Pres.

EAST ST. LOUIS—United Spiritualist Church, 51st St. & Ohio Ave. Ser. Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Rev. Otilie S. Dryoff, 3800-B St. Granite City, Ill 62040.

ELGIN—First Spiritualist Church, 77 Villa St. 60120, Church Serv. Sun. 7 p.m., Al Neitzel, Jr., Pres., 503 Hinman St., Aurora. Tel. 898-4451.

FREEMPORT—N.S.A.C. Chapel of Prayer, West on 20, Route No. 4, by The Flanenburg Crossing. Ser. every Sun. 2 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Leona M. Nickel, Licentiate Minister. Tel. 232-1629.

LEROY—J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church, 102 S. Pearl St., Worship Ser. Sun. 2:00 p.m. Ph. 962-2066. Elsie L. Phillips, Secy. Phone 962-5751.

INDIANA

Indiana State Association of Spiritualists—Pres., William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46220, Sec. Lena Walters, 911 Hilltop Blvd., Anderson, Ind. 46014.

EVANSVILLE—Union Spiritualist Church, cor. Michigan and Third Ave. Ser. Sun. 2:30 p.m. and Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Rev. Sadie Temme, Pres., Gilbert C. Burke, Sec'y.

MICHIGAN CITY—First Spiritualist Church, 220 W. 10th St. Ser. Sun., 10 a.m.; Lyceum 10 a.m.; Evening Worship Ser., 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Circle Ser., 8 p.m.; Fri. Circle Ser., 2:30 p.m. Rev. Amelia Hullinger, Pastor; Gertrude Rachor, Sec.

FORT WAYNE—Spiritualist Church of Divine Science, 1615 Wells St., cor. Spring. Every Sun. Lyceum Classes 10:00 a.m. Philosophy Class 6:00 p.m. Regular Ser. 7:45 p.m. Midweek Ser. Thurs. 7:45 p.m. Spec. Ser. 1st and 3rd Sun. 3:00 p.m. Sept. thru May. Dinner 5:00 p.m. Rev. Bernice Brock, Pastor, 1604 Andrew St. Ph. 422-8600. Res. (219) 743-9866.

FRANKFORT—First Spiritualist Church, Magnolia & Green Sts. Ser. each Sun., Lyceum; 1 p.m. Church ser., 2:30 p.m. First and Third Sun. each month, Dinner at 5 p.m. Message Circle, 6 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Geneva Carter, Pres., Della Howe, Sec.-Treas. Patricia Gregory, Rt. 1, 46041.

GARY—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C. 2430 West 11th Ave. Ser., Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Velma Dickson; Pres. Jesse James Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., Sec. Jeanette Markley, 7137 Schneider, Hammond, Ind. 46323.

HAMMOND—1st Progressive Spiritualist Church (K. P. Hall) 5454 Hohman Avenue. Healing Ser. every Sun., 7:15 p.m. Ser. 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Helen Schaller, Pastor; Mrs. Jean Fleener, Sec., 6928 Alabama St. 46323. Ph. 2310.

First Spiritualist Church, Odd Fellows Hall, 403 Highland St. Healing Service, Sun. 7 p.m. Church Ser. 7:30 p.m. Pastor & Press. Emma M. Paul, 234 Hollywood Ave., Munster, Ind. Ph. T.E.6-5564 (code 219) Sec. John H. Paul, same address.

INDIANAPOLIS—Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 1415 Central Ave. Sun. Ser. Healing, 7 p.m.; Church Ser. 7:30 p.m. Tues. Message Ser. 2 p.m.; Thurs. Ser. 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glenna Clark, ph. ME 4-6673. Mrs. Ruby J. Melick, Sec'y, 1802 E. 66th St. 46220.

Progressive Spiritualist Church, Latvian Community Center, 1008 W. 64th St., 46260. Sun. and Wed. Ser. 7:30 p.m. Paul Keller, Pres., Neva Daubenspeck, Sec'y.

MUNCIE—Unity Spiritualist Church, Cor. of Ninth and Mulberry. Sun.—Healing Ser., 2:30 p.m. Church Ser., 2:45 p.m. Dinner, 5 p.m. Last Sun. of each month. Rev. Virginia L. Falls, Pastor, Rev. Lee Bridges, Asst. Pastor.

PERU—First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 62 S. Miami St., 46970. Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Marie Waters, Pres., 306 E. 5th St., 46970; Virginia E. Hoover, Sec.-Treas., 504 Tanguy St., Logansport 46947.

IOWA

DES MOINES—Third National Spiritualist Church, 2733 Thompson, Ser. Sun. 2:30 and 7:00 p.m., Mon. 7:00 p.m. Minister, Janice Rosalie Baynes, ph. a.m. 6-5824. H. S. Smiley, Asst. Minister. Sec'y, Mrs. Lillian Grief, ph. 243-2391.

CLINTON—First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, 541 Sixth Ave. S. Ser. Sun. 2:00 p.m. followed by Spirit Greetings. Edward E. Ridyard, Pres.; Grace L. Struve, Sec., 2423 No. 3rd St.

DAVENPORT—Spiritualist Harmony Church, 512 E. 12th St., 52803, Ph. (319) 324-9659. Worship and Message Ser., Sat. 7 p.m. followed by a Social Hour. Open all year. Wm. E. "Bucky" Buchholz, Jr., Pastor. Wm.

& Anita Buchholz, Associate Pastors. Anita Buchholz, Sec., 1502 W. 7th St., 52802, Ph. (319) 326-3453.

KANSAS

PITTSBURG—1st Spiritualist Church, 912½ N. Broadway. Ser. 2 p.m., Sun. Rev. Eva. Bezinque, pastor; Mrs. Bertha Dechairo, Sec.; Mary Foster, Pres.

MAINE

Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches—President—George Hall, 41 David St., Bangor 04401. Secretary—Florence S. Carr, Tasker Rd., Augusta 04330. Treasurer—Bernard R. Longley, 130 Conant Ave., Auburn 04210.

AUGUSTA—Augusta Spiritualist Church, Corner of Perham and Court Sts. Service at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Sunday. Pres. Mrs. Blanche Taylor, Wayne Rd., Winthrop. Co-Pastors—Mr. William R. Ellis, Readfield Route 1, and Mrs. Barbara Holcomb, 17 Kinderhook St., Randolph. Secretary—Mrs. Florence S. Carr, Tasker Rd., 04330.

BANGOR—The Bangor Spiritualist Church Y.W.C.A. Bldg. 17 Second St.; Pastor—Rev. J. Raymond Keith, 83 Forst St., Bangor, Me 04401; Pres. George Hall, 193 Thornton Rd., Bangor, Me. Secy-Treas. J. Raymond Keith.

DOVER-FOXCROFT—First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church. Sun. Ser. 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Older American Center, Main St. Mrs. Gladys Dickison, Sangorville, Me., Pres.; Myra L. Burgess, Foxcroft Ap'ts., RFD #2, Apt. 3, 04426.

ETNA—Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, Ser. Sun. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. May thru October. Vera G. MacGregor, Pres.; Wilson C. Gilman, Sec'y-Treas.

PORTLAND—Portland Spiritualist Church. 176-178 Sawyer St., South Portland, Me. Services Sun. and Wed. at 7:00 p.m. Ruth Estes, Pres., 7 Jackson St., S. Portland 04106; Louise Mangiavas, Sec., 68 Fellows St., S. Portland 04106; Dr. Herbert Hopkins, Pastor, 24 Portland Ave., Old Orchard Beach 04064.

MARYLAND

ARNOLD—The Golden Light Chapel, 839 Clifton Ave., 21012. Healing: Sun., 2:30 p.m. Ser., Sun. 3:00 p.m.—Conducted by Pastor Blanche Seader.

BALTIMORE—Sanctuary of Truth, Inc. Young Women's Christian Assoc. Rm. 108, Franklin St., Cor. Park Ave. Ser., Sun. 3 p.m. Marie Gorser, Pres.; Leonard E. Blatchford, Healer. Healing Ser., Sun. 2:15 p.m. Sec'y, Mrs. Roberta Miller, 210 Forest Spring Lane, Baltimore, 21228.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists—Pres.—Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers, Mass. Sec.—Mrs. Muriel Karoliles, 70½ Liberty St., Danvers, Mass. Tel. 774-2753.

BOSTON—First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society, 354 Longwood Ave., 02215. Ser. Sun., 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., Tues. evenings, 7:30. Mrs. Wilhelmina Crane, Pres. 58 Ships Ave., Medford, Mass. 02155. Ernest A. Coffin, Sec., 12 Trinity Ave., Worcester, Mass. 01605.

BROCKTON—First Spiritualist Church, 54 Glenwood St., cor. Green St. Ser. Sun. Lyceum classes 10 a.m. Afternoon service 4 p.m. Social hour lunch 5:30 p.m. Evening ser. 7 p.m. Healing 9 p.m. Thur. Mid-week Ser. 7:30 p.m. tel. 586-7671 Home 587-5107. Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St., 02402.

EAST LONGMEADOW—The Church of Spiritual Awareness N.S.A.C., 30 Somers Rd. (Grange Hall) Sun. Ser. 6:30 p.m. All Message Ser. 8:00 p.m. Mon., 1034 Center St., Ludlow, Mass. Pastor, Arlene Sikora, 1034 Center St., Ludlow, Mass. Pres., Robert Harrington, 123 Adams St., Agawam, Mass.

METHUEN—The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist) Red Men's Hall, 9 Center St., Ser., Sun., 3 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Anne P. Boulanger, 78 North St., Andover, Mass.

NEWBURYPORT—First Spiritualist Church, American Legion Hall, cor. State and High St., Ser. Sun. 3:30 p.m. Pastor, Mr. Fred Davis; Pres. Mrs. Norma

Sargent, 14 Beacon Ave.; Sec'y, Hilda Metcalf, 38 Warren St.

ONSET (CAPE COD)—First Spiritualist Church, Highland Ave., Ser., Sun. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Class 7:30 p.m. Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Gladys Custance, Co-Pastors.

QUINCY—1st Spiritualist Church, 34 Franklin St. Ser. Tues., 8 p.m. Pres. Bert. DeYoung.

SPRINGFIELD—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., 33-37 Bliss St. Sun. Ser. 3:00 p.m., Healing 4:45 p.m. Message Ser. third Thurs. each month 7:30 p.m. Pres. Arthur H. Cosby, Coy Hill Rd., Box 348, Warren 01093. Medium Sec'y, Mrs. Alyce Andrews, 53 Burns Ave., 01119.

SALEM—First Spiritualist Church, 34 Warren St., Sun., Lyceum 10:45 a.m. Evening First Ser. 5:30 p.m. Healing Ser. at 7:00 p.m. Second Ser. at 7:30 p.m. Wed. Ser. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft; Sec'y, Mrs. Virginia Beesley, 261 Elliott St. Beverly.

SWAMPSCOTT—Swampscott Church of Spiritualism, Ser. held in the Unitarian Universalist Chapel, Burrill St. Sun., Lyceum 11 a.m. Evening Church Ser. 6:45 p.m. Pastor, Mr. Robert Simpson, 20 Putnam Lane, Danvers; Pres., Mr. Frank Whitcomb, 391 William St., Stoneham; Sec'y, Mrs. Kathryn Gamble, 18 Hayes Ave., Beverly, Mass. 01915.

MICHIGAN

Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches—Pres., Mr. Arthur Beesley, 1474 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, Mich. 48088, Sec., Rev. Goldie M. Dodd, 89 Delaware Ave., Detroit, Mich. 48202.

BAY SHORE—Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, one mile west of Bay Shore on old Rt. 31. Ser., Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sept. through June. Nellie Harris, Pres.; Elsie Mayhew, Sec'y, 1102 E. Division, Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

DETROIT—Royal Oak Ministerial Association of Spiritualists. Meetings 3rd Thurs. each month, Sept. thru May, 8:00 p.m. First Spiritual Temple, 114 Pine-gree, Royal Oak. Rev. Goldie Dodd, Pres.; Kate Finnie, Sec'y, P.O. Box 121, Utica 48087. (313) 731-8507.

DETROIT—First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell Detroit 48227. Sun. School, 10:00 a.m., Church Ser. 11:00 a.m. Frayne Kluzak, Pres.; Rev. Goldie Dodd, Sec'y, 89 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE—Flower Memorial Spiritualistic Church, West Bellevue at High St. Lyceum 10:00 a.m. Church Ser. 10:45 a.m. Donald Weichner, Pres. Rev. Lillian Gleiser, Pastor. Irene Smith, Sec'y. JU 9-8849. Elda Goddard, Sec'y. Pro Tem. 676-1923.

MUSKEGON—National Spiritualist Church, 2101 Jefferson St., Muskegon Heights, Mich. 49444. Sun. School and Church Ser. 10:00 a.m., Evening Ser. 7:00 p.m. Marvell Francisco, Pres. Mrs. E. A. Eich, 2101 Jefferson St. Ph. Grand Haven, Mich. 842-1067.

PONTIAC—First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C., 576 Orchard Lake Ave. Pontiac. Church Ser. 7:30 p.m. Sun., Lyceum, 6:30 p.m. for information call, 334-3715. Ralston Butts, Pres.; Sharon Bucy, Sec'y.

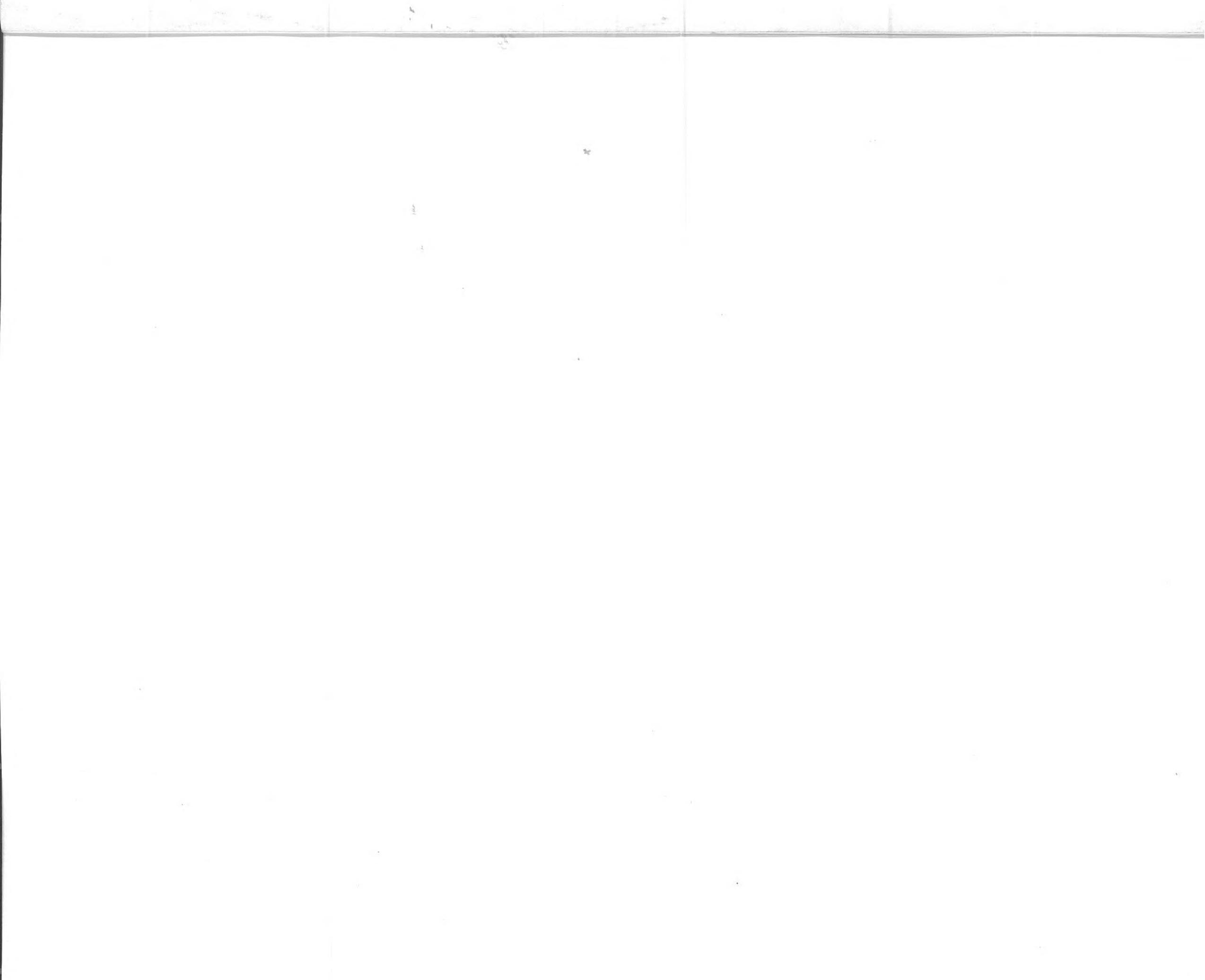
ROYAL OAK—First Spiritualist Temple, 114 Pingree, Sun., Lyceum, 10 a.m. Church Ser., 11:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., Ralph Cheney, Pres.; Marjorie E. Kwapich, Sec'y. 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale, Mich. 48220.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—First Spiritualist Church 1414 East 9th St. Sun. Service, 11 a.m. Conference every third Sunday. Pastor, Rev. F. W. Hutchinson. Sec'y, Mrs. Virginia Wildes, 702 N. 21st Superior, Wisc. 54880. Licentiate Minister, Mrs. Thelma Gesme, 702 Lake Ave., So. Duluth 55802.

MINNEAPOLIS—2nd Spiritualist Church, 2300 Lyn-dale Ave. N., Sun. ser. 3 p.m. Healing 4:30 p.m.: Coffee hour 5 p.m.; Lyceum circle 6 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Students Ser.; Sec'y Chrissy Olsen, 3253 31st Ave. So., 55406.

SAINT PAUL—Spiritual Science Church, Y.M.C.A. Bldg. 9th. & Cedar Streets, Sun. Ser. 10:30 A.M. Lyceum 10 a.m. Sec'y, Mrs. Manalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., 55104.



A BASIC UNDERSTANDING (Cont'd.)

As Spiritualists, we must open our minds and our souls to the good influences but be constantly alert to those innumerable forces which would mis-direct and betray. They are often "wolves in sheep's clothing" and at times trick even the best mediums.

We may not like the word philosophy which, like religion, covers a multitude of sins. It might be a good idea to substitute the word UNDERSTANDING. NL

SPIRITUALISM AND CHRISTIANITY (Cont'd.)

into divine knowledge of the Soul and Spirit as being triumphant over death.

The more perfectly we understand Spiritualism and the more perfectly we live it, the greater will be the achievements of tomorrow, by which we grow and open avenues through which larger expression will be made from Infinite Intelligence, God the Universal Spirit.

"God speaks to man through man."

We are not all called to be ministers. We are not all gifted with Mediumship, but if we Spiritualists are consciously aware of the presence of Infinite Intelligence and meditate upon the power of the Spirit it could yet be said that Spiritualism will Christianize the World. Spiritualism is Truth marching on. REF.

DEFINITIONS

Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of a continuous life, based upon the demonstrated fact of communication, by means of mediumship, with those who live in the Spirit World.

A Spiritualist is one who believes, as the basis of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teaching derived from such communication.

A Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the spirit world and through whose instrumentality intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism.

A Spiritualist Healer is one who either through his own inherent powers or through his mediumship, is able to impart vital, curative force to pathologic conditions.

We affirm that Prophecy, Revelation, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience, Gifts of Tongues, Laying on of Hands, Healing, Apparitions, Visions, Apports, Automatic and Independent Writing, Trance, and the Voice of Spirits are proven methods of communication with the so-called dead and are manifested through Physical, Mental and Spiritual Senses and Faculties of Man.

"YOU LIVE, YOU LOVE ME!"

You have heard my call and answered in your own way. The proof so satisfies the soul of me, were all the hosts of earth to henceforth stand aloof til I recanted my—reply were this—one man call dead has sent me messages.

Though science sneer and school and church condemn—

Your dead dwell near—you may commune with them."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precept of Prophecy contained in the Bible is a Divine attribute proven through Mediumship.

N.S.A.C. ORGANIZATIONS

Ministerial Association

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