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EDITORIAL

CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

From the opening banquet until the last amusing episode on Friday afternoon — a couple of delegates had a fake newspaper printed with the huge black headlines reading Bob Macdonald wins right to be boss again — the 76th annual convention of the N.S.A.C. was a tremendously happy, relaxed series of events. Yet, with all much good work was proposed and completed, the delegates were in their seats on time each morning, their interest evident in the excellent Symposiums presented each day and again in the periods devoted to the "Good Of The Association". More and more, people want to talk about their inner convictions, they are eager to testify, thus each

delegate becomes a spiritual witness, they want to relate their experiences that others may share the gladness they obtain from their conviction of life continuous.

Harmony Chapel, Denver, conducted morning and evening services in the very beautiful building owned by the membership, on Sunday before the opening of convention. Pastor, Rev. Allan Miller was chairman at the morning services and Secretary Harry Thetford in the evening, the church was filled for both services, there was a noon buffet luncheon and in the afternoon a fleet of cars provided by and driven by the church members carried the visitors on a tour of the beauty spots at the foot of the Rockies. The beloved H. Gordon Burroughs was speaker at the morning services, he delivered a compelling address on natural law and he described how man may use the law for constructive or destructive purposes. His words of wisdom were designed to inspire his listeners with the impersonal power of the Creative Power Of The Universe. Mr. Burroughs was assisted by Ernst Schoenfeld, Evelyn Muse, Mollie Beck and Grayce Holder. The evening services were made most interesting by the inspired work of Walter Holder, C. Harre Milesi and Arthur A. Myers; making one of his rare and wonderful demonstrations of mediumship, the congregation loved him as they did when he was speaker at one of the evening religious services of the convention, when he spoke of the hidden forces moving mankind for his own good even though the values of the hidden forces were unknown at the time.

Mr. Burroughs was a speaker at one of the evening religious services of the convention, his address was devoted mainly to his vast experience during his years as a minister and what he had done to further the Cause. An outstanding lecture on biblical prophecies and Spiritualistic events described and noted in the Christian Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments delivered by Ray Hamilton of Baltimore, Md., made for a most instructive and enlivening evening. For further instruction in this area we would urge the readers to study the words and many references made by Clara Senior and which appear in this issue. Mediums for the week were Alice M. Buechel, Elizabeth Giberson, Harre C. Milesi, Emma Or-drop, D. Mona Berry, Florence S. Becker, Gladys Worsencroft, Kenneth D. Custance, B. Anne Gehman, Herb Seiler, Gladys Custance, and Grace Stine. There is no space to describe the wonderful demonstrations of the mediums, their work was spectacular and authoritative, the words and phrases of the spirit entitles manifesting were so completely authentic and convincing.

The daytime Symposiums grow in importance each year, the care taken by the speakers
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WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST



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As we again approach the blessed Season when the First Advent is celebrated, it should remind us that this was the first psychic event recorded in the New Testament:

"In the time of Herod, the King, behold there came three wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, 'where is he that is born King of the Jews?' for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Although Matthew did not give their names, there arose a tradition in the 7th century that their names were Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar and that they had been priests in ancient cults in Persia and Medea. The fact seems to have been so much believed in the time of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor of the Roman world, in, just a matter of three centuries after the First Advent, that Constantine's mother Helen, investigated and claimed to have found the mumified bodies of the Magi and brought them to Constantinople, the bodies were later taken to Milan, Italy, and later taken to Cologne, Germany in A.D. 1162, by King Barbarossa and deposited in the great cathedral there. Their sarcophagi are called, "Three Kings of Cologne."

The exact year and day of Jesus' birth are not known but the best authorities agree that it was between B.C. three and eight. Certain errors in computing exact time caused this controversy. There have been certain rash and ignorant people that have declared that there never was a Jesus of Nazareth. Such people have little knowledge of the facts we are about to hear. Consider this, within one generation from his birth, Christians, those who had heard the facts from their own people, were herded into Roman amphitheatres and martyred by many thousands because they would not deny Him. Would you that read this take the following infernal tortures as these?

TACITUS' LETTER

Still in existence. Written about A.D. 64 while several of Jesus disciples were still living. Tacitus was probably Rome's greatest historian. This is from his Annals (XV: 44)

"Nero put in his own place as culprits, and punished with most ingenious cruelty, men whom the common people hated for their shameful crimes and called Christians. Christ, from whom the name was derived, had been put to death in the reign of Tiberius by the

procurator Pontius Pilate. The deadly superstition, having been checked for a while, began to break out again, not only through Judea, where the mischief first arose, but also in Rome, where from all sides all things infamous and shameful meet and become fashionable. Therefore, at the beginning, some were seized and made confessions, then, on their information, a vast multitude were convicted, not so much of arson as of hatred for the human race.

"They were not only put to death, but subjected to inhuman tortures, in that they were either dressed in the skins of wild animals and so perished by the cruel mangling of wild dogs, or else put on crosses to be set on fire, and, as the day declines, to be burned, being used to light the night. Nero had thrown open his gardens for this spectacle, and gave a circus play, mingling with the people dressed in a charioteers costume or driving in a chariot. From this barbarity arose, however, sympathy toward men who were indeed criminals and deserving extreme tortures, on the ground that they were not being destroyed for the public good, but to satisfy the cruelty of an individual (Nero)."

Can we, dare we doubt that such a being as Jesus existed?

PLINY'S LETTER TO THE EMPEROR TRAJAN, FROM BITHYNIA CA 112 A.D.

"The method I have observed towards those who have been denounced to be as Christians: I asked them if they were Christians; if they confessed it, I repeated the question again, adding the threat of terrible death; and if they still persisted, I ordered them to be executed. Those who denied they were or ever had been Christians, and who repeated after me an invocation to the gods, and offered adoration with wine and sweet perfumes to your image, which I had ordered to be brought for that purpose, together with those who finally cursed Christ—none of which acts those who are really Christians can be forced into performing—those I thought fit to discharge.

"People of all ranks and ages are and will be persecuted. This contagion and superstition is not confined to the cities only, but has spread through the villages and rural districts; it seems possible, however, to check and cure it. It is certain at least that the temples of the Roman gods, which have been almost deserted, are beginning to be frequented; and the sacred festivals, after a long interval, are being revived; while there is a general demand for sacrificial animals, which for some time have met with few buyers."

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Remember that when this was written there were undoubtedly some living who had seen Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we must keep in mind that orthodox Jewery hated Jesus and His followers in a degree that was almost incurable insanity. The very mention of Jesus name would cause orthodox members of that religion to make an imprecation and spit on the ground just as they had spit in His face when He stood before Pontius Pilate. This is all in New Testament. May we not, now, consult the Jewish holy books. One of the most learned Jews, very strongly orthodox, and yet one who held his honor high — his name was Rawlinson — translated the Talmud into German and stated unequivocally that it is mere subterfuge to deny that such a being had existed, that He healed the ill of countless people, did walk on the waters of the Sea of Gallilee, and that He was crucified just before the Passover.

Can one doubt that the story, in the main, is absolutely true when we bear in mind that the nationalities that abhorred Him most, and persecuted and martyred His followers, admitted in cold print that He existed and performed the miracles as stated in New Testament?

WHAT IS A MEDIUM?

There are several definitions recorded in Webster but the one we are interested in is this:

"One through whom the spirits of the dead are believed to get in communication with living people."

Employing that definition, we cannot doubt that Jesus of Nazareth was a spirit medium, a prophet, and a healer. We must understand that the Palestinian language from the time the Israelites were enslaved and carried away to Babylon, where they were forced to speak Aramaic — OR ELSE — the language was therefore Aramaic (Chaldeic). If one doubts that statement, let the doubter consult any

good dictionary to find this definition: "One of a group of languages used in Palestine. The language spoken by Jesus and his disciples." Now, the Bible we use — King James and a few newer translations were from a supposed Greek text. But Jesus did not speak Greek. Therefore, as the great authority, Dr. George Lamsa says, the Aramaic text was translated into Greek which was, in turn translated into modern languages. But, says Dr. Lamsa, very, very gross errors occur in translations from one language to another. In fact, we hardly know our own English tongue. Why not consider a few examples? The word **apprehend** may mean to **arrest** or to **stop**, or to **understand**. The word **observe** may mean to **speak**, to **see**. Two examples out of thousands to prove that the spoken word, or written word cannot always be depended on. How far more difficult it is, then, to translate from one language to another. The Old Testament is the history of a people from barbarism through floods of blood, to a new way of life enunciated by Jesus the Christ. (The word Christ means to anoint one, and does not necessarily imply diety). Yet, the Old Testament is replete with psychic proofs that man does not die — only the worn out body. That there are good and evil spirits and that there were mediums that plug in the line between the seen and the unseen. And there are many, many Jewish fables to be avoided as Paul stated in his Epistle to Timothy.

Take the case of Moses hammering a rock and water gushed out. (Numbers 20:11) We have modern idioms to demonstrate how incorrect the idea. A prospector makes a gold strike. A driller strikes oil. A striking example. The truth about Moses procuring water is proved by the very Book. Wells in the desert are invaluable, but would be soon buried in the sands. So a flat stone is placed over the well but is soon covered and concealed by drifting sands. When people want to find a well, buried in sand, THEY PROBE THE AREA UNTIL THE PROBE STRIKES THE STONE COVERING THE WELL. Its just as simple as that and true as well. NOW CONSIDER Numbers, 21:18, "The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the

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MORRIS PRATT SEMINAR

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Plan to attend the Classes of the Seminar to be held in the Thatcher House, Cassadaga, Florida, January 6th, 1969 and continuing for two full weeks.

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direction of the lawgiver. (Author: Moses), with their staves."

So, evidently there was a mistranslation when it stated that Moses pounded on a rock and water gushed out. Old Testament records that there were prophets who had formerly been called seers. And a Seer was nothing more less than one having mediumistic powers. The fights made of the positive proofs of human and animal survival by the priestcraft, who wished to prolong their power over the great unwashed, are still in existence and working day and night. But the truths as found in true Spiritualism, are breaking down the walls of tyranny. As the great Roman said it:

"Veritas a quocunque a Deo est."

(Truth by whoever spoken is from God)

Jesus demonstrated that he could heal all diseases, raise the dead, walk on water, metamorphose water into wine and He was a medium.

JESUS SAID

"HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME THE WORKS THAT I DO HE SHALL DO ALSO, AND GREATER WORKS SHALL HE DO..."

RECORDED MIRACLES PERFORMED
BY JESUS

Two blind men healed, Dumb SPIRIT cast out, Tribute money provided, Deaf and dumb man healed, Jesus passed through the midst of men bent on killing him, Draught of fishes, Widow's son brought back, Woman's chronic illness cured, Dropsy healed, Ten lepers healed, Malchus' ear healed, Water into wine, Ruler's son healed, Man born blind healed, Lazarus raised from the dead, Phoenician's daughter HEALED

AND REMEMBER THIS

Luke 8:55

A certain ruler came to Jesus for aid for a dying daughter. While he spoke to Jesus a messenger came to announce, "Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. Jesus heard and said, 'Fear not, believe only, and she will be made whole.' . . . And they all wept and bemoaned her; but he said, 'Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.' And they laughed Him to scorn, **knowing she was dead**. And He put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called saying, 'MAID ARISE.'

"AND HER SPIRIT CAME BACK AGAIN."

Almost a full century ago, enemies of the truth which every true Spiritualist knows, that man survives and can communicate with those on this plane, led by Orthodox tyrants, mocked the movement to the point that the London Dialectical Society was formed by some of the most reputable citizens of Britain. They determined to make the most thorough investigation ever undertaken into the claims of Spiritualists. In the early seventies their investigations and the factual results were published and reported miracles paralleling Jesus mira-

cles with the exception of raising the dead to life. IN FACT, THEY REPORTED THINGS NOT RECORDED IN THE HOLY BIBLE, AND PROVED THEM BY EVERY MEANS KNOWN TO MAN. About His miracles Jesus had said:

"These things and greater shall ye do."

The attempts of the priestcraft would be amusing if they were not so horrible, seeking as they do hold God's people in thralldom — slavery.

Why will such Orthodox people tell us why they have established nearly 300 religious sects all supposedly founded on the Bible? Now, let us consider Paul for a few minutes.

I Corinthians 12

"For to one is given the word of wisdom: to another the gift of faith, to another the gift of healing by the same Spirit. To another the working miracles: to another prophesy; to **another the discerning of spirits . . .**" The word **discern** actually means to **see and understand**.

Paul was also a medium and the seance on the Road to Damascus proves it. He was a spiritual healer as one finds recorded in Acts and his Epistles. Look them up for they are well-worth reading and will confute the claims of the ignorant and the avaricious who prey on the ignorant. Both Peter and Paul had what Orthodoxy call visions. These were really communications between two worlds — the seen and the unseen. Consider the scene called the Transfiguration. Both Moses and Elias materialized and talked with Jesus. But Moses and Elias had been called higher many centuries before this historical event of the ages. They proved that only the human body dies and returns to earth, just as Solomon wrote a full millenium before the First Advent:

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the **spirit** to God who gave it." That does not agree with our Orthodox friends who preach a soul sleeping in a mass of festering flesh until some future mythical resurrection. The above factual gem is to be found in Ecclesiastes. Job has a word for us in Job 4:14: "Then fear came upon me, trembling that made all my bones to shake. Then a **spirit** passed before my face, the hair of my flesh stood up. . . ."

Thus one could go on for hours detailing Biblical facts that our orthodox friends dodge as they would the black plague.

AS WE APPROACH THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON

One of the great books of all time was written by a Spiritualist, Charles Dickens. The book is CHRISTMAS CAROL, a work that no person can read without being a better person. May I brief a bit of it? One of the grouchiest,

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most miserly, most unChristian men in England was one Ebenezer Scrooge. For his inhumanity, his former partner, one Jacob Marley's ghost haunted him. Marley's spirit came arrayed in the chain of material objects he had forged in life. Now hear the great exposition of what Spiritualists known to be true:

"It is required of every man," the ghost returned, "that the spirit within him should walk abroad among his fellow-men; and if that spirit goes not forth in life, it is condemned to do so after death. It is doomed to wander through the world — oh, woe is me! and witness what it cannot share, but might have shared on earth, and turned to happiness!" Again the ghost raised a cry, and shook its chain and wrung its shadowy hands. "You are fettered," said Scrooge, "Why?" I wear the chain I forged in life. I made it link by link, and girded it on with my own free will and wore it. Would you know the weight and length of the strong coil you bear yourself? It was as heavy and long seven Christmas Eves ago. It is a ponderous chain!"

The horrifying drama rushes ahead at super-sonic speed and the ghost tells Scrooge that he must be haunted by three spirits, that is, if he thirsts to avoid Marley's fate. He gives Scrooge no possible way out of a ghostly visitation — three of them, and prepares to leave by way of a window. Scrooges rushed to the window. He becomes sensible of confused sounds, fearful lamentations of regret; of wailings inexpressively sorrowful and self-accusatory. Scrooge sees that the air is filled with phantoms, wandering in desperate haste, moaning as they went. . . . Scrooge had been quite familiar with one old ghost, in a white waistcoat, with a monstrous safe attached to his ankle, who cried piteously at being unable to help a wretched woman with an infant, whom it saw below, upon a doorstep." NOW HEAR THIS: "The misery of them all was, clearly, that they sought to interfere, for good, in human affairs, and had lost the power for ever."

Dickens made just one error in this, the greatest drama since Chaucer. WE SPIRITUALISTS KNOW, AND I HAVE HAD THE PROOFS, THAT THE GATES OF REDEMPTION ARE NEVER CLOSED. WE KNOW, IF WE WILL BUT THINK, THAT ACCUSING A MERCIFUL FATHER OF BARBARISMS TRILLIONS OF TIMES WORSE THAN NERO, HITLER AND OTHER BUTCHERS, IS A BASE BLASPHEMY AGAINST OUR CREATOR-FATHER.

OUR BOASTED CONSTITUTION

condemns cruel and inhuman punishment. Our Constitution was written by humans, such as each of us. NO CRUEL OR INHUMAN PUNISHMENTS IT PROVIDES! AND YET, ORTHODOXY DARES TO PREACH THAT

WEAK, SOMETIMES EVIL MAN, IS MORE MERCIFUL THAN OUR CREATOR. No wonder Virgil wrote, even before the advent of Jesus of Nazareth, "Auri sacra fames, quod non mortalia pectora cogis!" (Accursed lust for wealth. To what does it not drive mortals?) The Orthodox churches, that batten on human misery — regardless of Catholic or Protestant creeds, **HOLD THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD IN GREEDY MAW * * * * AND PAY NO TAXES. IN SHORT, OUR IDEA OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IS A FALSEHOOD. ORTHODOX CHURCHES NOW OWN AND OPERATE MAMMOTH FACTORIES, FARMS, PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING TOUCHING OUR LIVES * * * AND THEY PAY NO TAXES.**

JESUS SAID THIS:

WHEN THE SON OF MAN RETURNS WILL HE FIND FAITH ON EARTH? Billions of God's people starving! THE GOLD AND BLOOD WE ARE POURING DOWN THE DRAIN IN ASIA, SUPPOSEDLY TO STOP COMMUNISM, IS ACTUALLY TURNING AMERICA OVER TO COMMUNISM AND ANARCHY. THE IDIOTIC AND INFAMOUS MOON LUNACY THE COSTS OF WHICH WOULD, IF USED HONESTLY, DESTROY ATHEISTIC COMMUNISM. As Aristotle proclaimed four centuries before Christ, "POVERTY IS THE PARENT OF REVOLUTION AND CRIME." How many of us saw the recent documentaries on T.V., presenting facts of fearful disease and starvation right here in the United States, a condition no better than the starving children of God in any nation on earth?

AND THAT IS WHAT WILL DESTROY US UNLESS WE RETURN TO THE GOLDEN RULE.
DICKEN'S GREATEST

"It is an exquisite and beautiful thing in our nature, that when the heart is touched and softened by some tranquil happiness or affectionate feeling, the memory of the dead comes over us most powerfully, and irresistibly. It would seem as though our better thoughts and sympathies were charms, in virtue of which the soul is enabled to hold some vague and mysterious intercourse with the **spirits** of those we dearly loved in life. Alas! how often and how long these patient angels hover above us, watching for the spell which is seldom uttered, and so soon forgotten."

As this Blessed Event comes on us, let us as Spiritualists, remember that we have the proof that YOU CANNOT DIE. That even though we are being betrayed by our erstwhile politicians, that God and His anointed Christ are very real and very close to us. "Behold, I stand

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PAGANISM IN MODERN CHRISTMASSES



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Once again at Christmas the Master of Galilee and the Babe of Bethlehem come to mind and proverbially knock at our doors, in the midst of murky clouds of forebodings of disaster that pursue Earth's ways. Some of us respond to the Presence at our doors, and recall that History repeats itself in much the same ways of destruction as formerly, with a world falling to pieces from the forsaking of God and righteousness, crippled with greed, commercialism, and materialism. At the first Christmas was the world in which Hebrew religion had failed, also Greek philosophy, and Roman politics were corrupt beyond description.

Our modern Christmases become more and more corrupt, reverting in many respects back to the pagan practices of the heathen dieties, and Nature spirits, born on December 25, and celebrating that date as their birthday. Of course that was not Jesus' birthday, as attending circumstances of His birth would make that date impossible, since it would be far too cold in Palestine for shepherds to be sitting out doors on the hillsides with their sheep, apparently holding a seance in which unusual events had occurred that caused them to fear, inasmuch as an angel appeared and said, "Fear not," then announced the Great Event of Christs' birth. And many more angels appeared, and with much singing and rejoicing. Very naturally December 25th, being the birthday of the gods, would be assigned to Jesus, as he was taken for another god with special announcement by heaven.

However, in those days people paid no special attention to the birthdates of the Great, but rather to the dates of their death. The early Christian Church did not celebrate Jesus' birthday. The Master was the Great Leader of the Piscean Age. Pisces, the Fishes, is the zodiacal sign of the month of March. This month seems to fit in with other facts concerning His birthday, so is the most logical time of His birth.

Besides giving the Master Jesus a pagan birthday, pagan customs, increasing in modern times, with the down-going of the Age, have attached themselves to the celebration of His birthday, making it very similar now to that of the gods and Nature spirits, especially of Rome and of the Norsemen, with their vulgar, degrading, and harmful customs, obnoxious in many ways to the better of mankind. There

were the demoralizing feasts of stuffed turkeys and birds, drinking and obscene customs, by the Romans; and by the Norsemen in their celebrations were the Yule log, holly, mistletoe, and wassail bowl of liquor with carousing — these were relics of pre-Christian times, partly adopted in the present as being proper for the occasion, though having nothing to do with the celebration of the birthday of the Christ. The Yule log coming from the Druids, while the Christmas tree was used in Rome and Egypt — sometimes a palm in the latter place. The lights on the trees came from the Jewish Feast of Lights — the holly was of pagan origin, used in the festival of Saturn, and also used by the Christians to camouflage their homes by decorating their windows when they observed sacred rites. The mistletoe came from a plant sacred to the ancient Druids, dedicated to the Goddess of Love — hence the reason that kisses are stolen beneath it, as it often dangles from the Christmas tree. Santa Claus became a part of Christmas from the practices of Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, who gave rich dowries to poor peasant girls who married. He was so lavish and irrational in his types of giving that the local authorities frequently arrested him. However, his fame spread to many lands. He was known as San Nicholaas in Holland, and when the Dutch settlers came to America, they brought his story with them. To the children the pronunciation of his name sounded like Santa Claus. With all these celebrations there was always much feasting, drinking, and carousing that has nothing to do with the birthday of the Christ; anymore than our superficial clutter of Christmas cards, even some of Santa Claus, as though it were his birthday, and some cards even worse in color, design, and subject matter.

The ancient festivals became so obnoxious that the ancient Egyptians and Chaldeans prayed for a deliverer to come to release them from such observances. But in those days they did not have to contend with the crowds in the stores laden with many useless, glittering commercialized gifts, that have nothing whatever to do with the real spirit and celebration of Christmas and for what it stands. Neither did they have to contend with the harmful toys now that often mothers and grandmothers select for children, such as war toys, pistols, guns, firecrackers, caps, soldiers' uniforms and such like that perpetuate war, hate, murder that cause children to think such things are legitimate, and that to fight, to maim, and kill are all a part of routine, all this coupled with what they see on TV, causes them to think

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nothing of killing, and to forget the words of the Master whose birthday they may be celebrating, who said, "He that taketh the sword shall perish by the sword" — and this is just what is happening now, with the sons brought up on war toys that feel it a duty in many instances, to kill brother man. Why not do away with pagan customs and give children something creative, something they can build with, that is educational, that will bring out originality, character building, — a kit of tools, boards, nails, tinker toys, things to put together and construct with — a backyard where caves can be dug, where castles can be built in sand piles, a play house where the girls can make dolls' clothes and carry on a miniature household with their neighbor friends. And if they serve meals to the dolls, they should be taught to say "grace," as part of their play, for in later life they will do much the same as they play when younger.

When weary of the present Christmases with all its paganism, leading to the need of a vacation and a doctor often, due to the extra strain of Christmas, with many of its useless gifts as of former years, why not debunk paganism and come back to a real, simple, peaceful, constructive, Christ-filled Christmas in which a few of the following suggestions supplemented by thoughtful people, may be carried out to the benefit of the giver and the receiver. Things that the giver does or makes is always at a premium rather than the things purchased.

Suppose we were to surprise the angels and give for Christmas a part of ourselves, our time, our talents, things we have that we can share or obtain that would be in the spirit of Christ's birthday and that He would approve? We could write our friends that we are trying an experiment, a different kind of Christmas, and if they do not hear further from us this Christmas we send out love and blessings that all good may attend them. As we give part of ourselves in service, let us decide according to the temperament and needs of each individual just what we can best offer to meet his or her needs.

It may be possible we can write letters for a friend going blind, or to those that are blind, or maybe read an hour to a shut-in in our locality. Perhaps we can donate two hours to discuss things of special interest to adolescents, perhaps concerning one girl or boy friends that will help toward future happiness; or perhaps discuss possible occupations, and the like. Some could tutor a backward child, all as a Christmas gift among many other ideas.

And if there are physical needs, they too could be supplied, often in the country from one's own garden, for it was the Christ who said, "I was sick and ye visited me not", and He

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Lyceum Leaders are invited to send news of their Lyceum to Rev. McLain. She will use this news as part of her regular Column. Questions on Lyceum work are invited: answers will be printed here.

NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS ANNUAL LYCEUM REPORT

GREETINGS:

Once again as we meet in Convention in the beautiful City of Denver, it is my privilege and honor to present the report of the Lyceums throughout the country.

These Reports show that our Lyceum Conductors are using both the American and British Lyceum Manuals as was suggested at the 1967 Lyceum Conference, and I am sure that the children under the Spiritual guidance of the Conductors and teachers in charge are learning about Spiritualism in a very efficient way, and our thanks go to everyone interested in the spiritual unfoldment of our children and young people.

It is uplifting to know that our young people, noticing the interest the world is taking in Psychic Phenomena and subjects relating to Spiritualism, want to know more about the Science, Philosophy and Religion of the truths they profess. This interest is World Wide and it is confirmed by reports coming from abroad and from our own country.

I recently received the first issue of a new magazine, named Psicon, compiled and edited by young people in England, who are striving to draw to their group anyone interested in Spiritualism and allied subjects, I have the first copy with me and anyone interested in subscribing to it may do so.

At our Conference in Lily Dale, all children over twelve years of age were asked to remain on the Conference floor, so that they could express in their own words what they wanted, not only for the 1969 Conference, but in their Churches Lyceum sessions.

Some of their suggestions are as follows:

That all of our Churches will conduct (Home Circles) so that they may have the opportunity

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of unfolding their own Mediumship, this being conducted under the guidance of a competent medium and teacher.

They have asked that if possible at our next Conference at Lily Dale they might be able to sit in a Seance of Physical Mediumship so that they may better understand the things that have brought Spiritualism into prominence in World religions. This of course would be under the guidance of the Lily Dale Officers.

They want open discussions group with young people of their own age and later to draw into these discussions older Spiritualists of learning, to be sure they have the correct understanding.

At our next conference they would like a Panel discussion of their own group and age against those who have made a study of Spiritualism and are responsible for the teachings of our Lyceumists.

It was suggested that "TOPICS" and suggested material for lessons should be printed in the Spotlight, teachers giving their own interpretations to the various age groups.

It was most interesting to listen to the reading of papers sent in from Wheeling, St. Louis and Michigan. These writings will appear in the Spotlight as space permits.

Some of these papers were from very young children, and showed that wherever our religion is being taught it is opening up in the minds of our children the importance and the power of knowledge of Spiritualism can give them.

They know that they can and do receive help from the other side of life if they have the faith to believe.

At this point we should all express our deep appreciation to Rev. Elsie Butler Bunts for her great love and effort she expends in publishing the Spotlight, in spite of not being too well, she carried on because of her love for Spiritualism but because most of all, she loves the children.

Our thanks must be given to all who so generously helped at our Conference, particularly to Mr. R. Robeson, who, with the help of Mr. Ralph Cutlip provided us with such a delicious barbecued chicken in place of the usual banquet.

All of these things bring us to the fact that Spiritualism is an advanced thought as far as religion is concerned, we are here to teach our children that mankind has always searched for a God Power, and that the teachings of the past are important as they are compared with the unfoldment of mans thinking, and the teachings of the Bible can be shown to be, not miracles, but that Spirit has always worked through mans mind and was as natural as the mediumship we witness today, as our young friends from Texas say, "Teach us the Bible from our Spiritualistic understanding"

may be able to discuss intelligently our viewpoint in a matter which is bound to come up wherever young people meet together".

Our Spiritualism must teach our that there are two things which must be unfolded, not only mediumship but the unfoldment of the Spiritual lives of our children, the responsibility of themselves in learning at a young age their moral responsibility, for if this is unfolded at an early age, it will carry them through a greater knowledge of truth. I must not close without mentioning the fact that Texas and Michigan have been in the habit of having a Rally or Retreat, and the Lyceumists from these areas look forward each year to this get-together. In Michigan, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Beesley, about eight young and old met at Chain Lakes Camp in the north of Michigan for a ten-day session, the mornings being devoted to class work which was much enjoyed, the afternoons were spent as the children wished, one event being a baseball water game which was thoroughly enjoyed by both participants and onlookers, each evening was closed with a campfire and prayer.

It is my great desire that all churches should try their very best to have a Lyceum, for what is learned in youth cannot be forgotten.

THE INNER LIGHT

By Rev. Sadie Temme
President, N.S.T. Club

My heart is filled with thanksgiving. I rejoice and I am glad.

Daily I count my blessings and I realize anew that I am rich in the treasures of heaven. Daily I give thanks for the things that help me to keep my heart attuned to God. I find His presence in the manifold beauties of nature, in uplifting books, in good music, and in warm friendships that I share. I give thanks for my material blessings. I recognize them as the Father's gift to me. I give thanks for substance and I used it wisely and freely where it is needed, knowing it will be replenished as my capacity for acceptance expands.

I give thanks for opportunities to serve, to speak words of cheer and encouragement, and to help others in making use of their talents and spiritual gifts. I give thanks for those who have helped me to find this wonderful truth and find this "INNER LIGHT OF SPIRIT" and to be able to see this Inner Light in others as Light, Life, and Perfection.

As a teacher of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, I am proud of the work that has been so well planned for us all by Dr. Victoria Barnes and all our forefathers,

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as well as all who have worked in this field of education and its lessons for our religion. If we do our work with a smile, with a happy heart, and if we are able to give it our time without begrudging one minute, our work is fun, it is necessary, and we enjoy it. Many are seeking to find more of this Truth. We must be willing to apply ourselves and our energies. We must be willing to let our light shine and to feed the hungry and starving ones with spiritual food. We have so much to offer in this beautiful religion of Spiritualism.

Our willingness to follow the inspiration of God's indwelling Spirit, within each of us, will bring us the abundance of these blessings, as well as the wonderful "SPIRITUAL INNER LIGHT." The perfect harmony of an orchestra is brought forth by a conductor; the safest route through a foreign land is pointed out to the traveler by a guide; birds migrate north or south according to the season because of an unerring instinct. When we allow God's Spirit, the still small voice, or the Spiritual Guidance that we have to direct us, to guide us, to inspire us, we are led in harmony, blessed with safety, and guided to our highest good. And then the INNER LIGHT will glow and grow to be the radiance that will shine from within and will light your path of life for you and me. So let your INNER LIGHT shine!

I begin my day with prayer. I am willing and obedient. I go forward with unquestioning assurance that it is God's will for me to receive the INNER LIGHT. He is the source of my ideas and He is the source of my spiritual power and strength to put spiritual teaching ideas into effect. I draw on this source for substance. Then the supply I need for spiritual unfoldment is ever present. My mind is open to divine ideas through prayer and meditation. As I make myself receptive, as I listen in prayer, I am spiritually quickened to receive clear, unclouded guidance.

The receiving of the INNER LIGHT was very beautifully demonstrated by our Andrew Jackson Davis, the Father of Spiritualism. He left us many spiritual lessons through his INNER LIGHT experiences. He also left us the wonderful motto "Under all circumstances keep an even mind."

So as we prepare to receive this INNER LIGHT, let us meditate upon the words of this beautiful hymn "How Great Thou Art."

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds that have been made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed,
(Refrain:)

Then sings my soul, my Master God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Master God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the book and feel the gentle
breeze;

Rev. Sadie Temme is the President of the N.S.T. Club; is the Pastor and President of the Union Spiritualist Church, 1000 West Michigan Street, Evansville, Indiana; and is the first trustee of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists. She is also a staff medium at Camp Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Indiana.

COMPARATIVE RELIGION

By Margaret L. King

A set of beliefs and code of conduct have always been essential to the welfare of man. This is because he is part of the Divine Principle, or, as we might say — the Holy Spirit. Since man is a unit of the Eeternal Consciousness, possessing his individual soul qualities, he cannot help but seek his link to the source of life. This may be done consciously or unconsciously. An individual develops his religion or contact with God through sheer necessity, regardless of whether he things he wants it or not.

Religion takes many forms according to the individual consciousness. Long before any records were kept, man made many crude attempts to find his place in the universe and to express his true identity. The form which his expression took depended upon his state of consciousness or self development. His religion had to fit the individuals make-up.

Environment and way of living also had a controlling influence. Thus the cave man first drew crude pictures and symbols on the walls of his cave. When men moved about in tribes their Gods took on the peculiar characteristics of their adherents. Then, local communities, cities, and nations developed their own Gods. The local chief or the emperor was usually the leader, dispenser of the law, and chief authority for the ceremonies of worship and expression of belief.

The Gods of men took on all the human attributes of the believers. A whole pantheon of Gods lived in a special place of their own and behaved in a very human way, although possessing more power and glory than their followers.

In the course of time religion changed its emphasis. The Jewish people in particular, influenced by their experience in Egypt, began to think of one mighty Jehovah—a God of righteousness and of faith — demanding that his children follow a stern moral and ethical code.

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It became important not only to propitiate God but to obey the laws laid down in his commandments. Man continued his endless task of learning to live by law.

However, law differed according to race, geography, customs and circumstances of life. Recognition and understanding of laws are achieved through inner compulsion and growth. Since this comes from within, it must be sought by the individual from within. No one can force it upon him. Our experiences here on earth are for the purpose of finding our own inner spiritual development or link with God—in short, our personal religion or way of life. Because each of us has a soul, he must make his own search and build his own spiritual temple while in the physical body.

Today, religion continues to appear in many different forms, appealing to and having meaning for all types of people. As mens minds open, his old beliefs are discarded and new ideas take their place. So, modern Spiritualism arose as a further step along the path of enlightenment and self-realization.

The importance of the religion of Spiritualism in mans journey to find himself is that he learns he is an individual spirt; that he is eternal — never losing his personality — but continuing from one phase of life to another. After many changes and series of experiences he arrives at a degree of understanding and self knowledge. He can begin to taste the glory of bringing to light his true identity and finding his place with God.

THE SPIRIT WORLD

By Edwin W. Ford

Throughout the years I have had an intense interest in the lift following death. Details concerning this life, to me, did not seem adequate in centuries-old Christian and Hebrew writings. At least four (4) different views concerning the after-life area in the Bible and theological writings. All of them cannot be true because of the conflicts.

The general resurrection day theory, for example, cannot be accepted from the standpoint of pure reason alone. Why would God in one day resurrect the billions of people who had lived on this earth only to have most of them starve to death within a few weeks? It is too preposterous to consider seriously.

General dissatisfaction with the meagre information regarding the afterlife available in orthodoxy was one of the reasons that caused me to seek further. It was only in Spiritualism that I found sensible answers.

Since becoming a Spiritualist, about twenty-five years ago, I have persisted in my quest in learning about the after-life. Much information has been given to me by relatives and friends who have gone on before.

Also, I have met a few people who have visited the spirit-world — some for as long as several days and nights.

In Dr. Barnes writings she tells us of the European doctor who researched the subject of the spirit-body by physical means. He carefully and accurately weighed a patient who was about to pass on in the hospital. After the patients death he weighed the body to see if there was a difference in weight. If there was any loss in weight, he reasoned, this was the weight of the spiritual person, or soul. The difference, as averaged over a large number of patients, came to less than an ounce. He proved that at the moment of death **something** left the body, and that **something** must have been the life principle as the body became inanimate and began its disintegration after the change.

If a two-hundred pound person at the moment of transition become a one-ounce spirit, it explains to some degree the sense of lightness, freedom, and buoyancy which so many spirit people have remarked about. Their bodies are just as energized as previously but the mass of coarse earth matter has been left behind with all its pains and limitations.

The spirit-body is much more amenable to thought than was the physical body: spirit-people tell us they can go anywhere they wish with a speed comparable to thought.

The Spirit-World is infinite in size just as surely as our physical world is infinite. God does not place limitations on man or spirit; and we know that the two worlds interpenetrate.

The people in the Spirit World tell us that their world is just as real and solid to them as our world is to us. Furthermore, they report it is a world of great beauty, beauty of such magnitude that they cannot adequately describe it in our earth-words. This beauty extends to all fields. In the vibration of color, spirit people often mention that the colors go beyond anything we know. In the vibration of music the music of earth is crude by comparison.

Each person has his own home — its beauty reflecting the type of life he lived on earth. Architecture in the next world has permanency and beauty; temples, institutions of learning, and assembly halls, all designed by great architects and designers. Their buildings do not

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NOTES from the FIELD

CICERO, ILLINOIS

October 13, 1968, First Spiritualist Church of Cicero, 5033 West 25th Pl., observed successful 34th Anniversary Service, with church president, Ellen M. Stopa, officiating.

The Cicero church were happy and proud to welcome the Illinois State Spiritualist Association as the guest mediators, between the invisible and the visible world of spirituality.

State Board Officers present were, President, Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld; Vice President, Rev. Rose MacKay; Sec'y-Treas. Alice M. Buechel; Trustee, Anna Gross; Trustee, Bernard Powell.

Rev. Schoenfeld, who is also an officer of the N.S.A.C. served as guest speaker on this occasion, he gave an inspiring sermon on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Modern Spiritualism, bringing forth a "KEY THOUGHT", on the "SOUL PEACE" of mankind, which he explained in a spiritual manner to the congregation.

"Suddenly and comprehensively we realize the 'Peace With-in ourself'—not happiness, but a deeper experience of a 'SENSE OF SERENITY', for this is more permanent than happiness."

Elsie Myer favored us by singing the hymn entitled, "Count Your Blessings", accompanied by church organist, Marie Jirak.

The ladies of the church sponsored and served an excellent dinner after the service, the ladies in supervision on this were, Mrs. Julia Powell, Mrs. Henrietta Wooding and Mrs. Ruth Schweer. A special thank you to the Ladies Aid Auxiliary.

Sincere and heartfelt credit go to the charter members, who were present on this special day. Mrs. Sophie Jordan, Mrs. Marie Jirak, Mrs. Chloe Gold.

Infinite Intelligence, Spirit of the Universe, guide, guard and protect our footsteps on the pathway of Truth, Understanding and Peace.

God bless our beloved church, our Illinois State Spiritualist Ass'n, and our parent body the N.S.A.C.

"All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

MARK 11:24

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A growing interest is being made manifest in High Schools and Colleges to become acquainted with the religion of Spiritualism and the latest to come to our attention is the Marquette University, a well-known mid-Western College located in Milwaukee.

This fall a series of lectures is being offered on "Dimensions of Religious Freedom", a course described as "a study of American religious pluralism through a consideration of the beliefs of a number of lesser known and often misunderstood religious groups."

Spokesmen for various religious groups each week are presenting their basic beliefs, especially in those areas which may appear to conflict with the ideas and practices of society in general.

The Secretary of the N.S.A.C., Joseph H. Merrill, was selected by the Reverend Christopher G. Raible, minister of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Milwaukee and Co-Ordinator of the series, to be the speaker for Spiritualism on Monday, October 21st.

Mr. Merrill built his lecture on the Declarations as adopted by the National Spiritualist Association and

held a question and answer period at the close of the lecture and much interest was made manifest in the area of religion as well as on the phenomena.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

September 25th and 26th, the United Spiritualist Church of East St. Louis, Illinois, was honored to have Rev. Wm. R. Aldred and his lovely wife as guests, who were on their way to the National Convention held in Denver, Colorado. At the 7:30 p.m. services he delivered a splendid address, followed by outstanding Billet reading. Also demonstrated trumpet in an educational seance, where all received the fundamentals of Spiritualism as a religion, philosophy and science. On their return trip he served our Sunday afternoon service at 2:30 with lecture and billets. The ladies of the church served a Pot Luck Supper at 5 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. we had another demonstration of his very fine trumpet seance. They have become our good friends and are always well received by the group of Spiritualists from Metro-East.

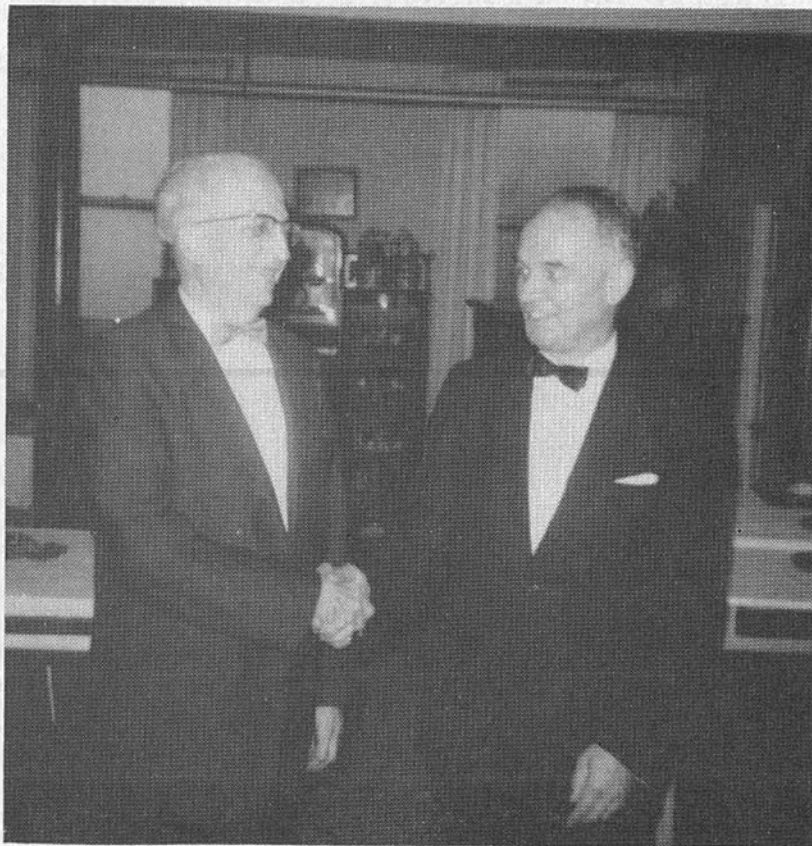
MINNESOTA STATE CONVENTION

The Guest Speaker for the annual State Convention of the State Spiritualist Association of Minnesota was the Reverend F. W. Hutchinson, Minister of the First Spiritualist Church of Duluth, Minnesota. The Convention was held on August 30, 31 and September 1, 1968. The Reverend Hutchinson's control, Dr. King, gave two of the four sermons that were given at the Convention. Both of these gentlemen are fine speakers and all of us benefited from their talks as their knowledge is advanced and their ability to explain is well developed.

The Convention was held, as usual, at the Second Spiritualist Church, 23rd and Lyndale Ave. No., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

At the business meeting part of the Convention, a new president, Raymond A. Haberkorn, was elected;

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Raymond A. Haberkorn and Rev. E. W. Hutchinson

also a new first vice-president, the Reverend Johanna Van Poperin. All of the other officers were re-elected and there was only one new trustee, Mrs. Patricia Lemire.

ONSET (CAPE COD), MASS.

A Dedication Concert was presented to a capacity audience at the First Spiritualist Church — on Sunday afternoon, September 22nd. A new Baldwin organ was purchased for the church, the gift of several donors. Mrs. Gladys Reid of East Wareham started the organ fund with a check for two thousand dollars.

The new organ is much larger than the one that has been used the past ten years. It has two full keyboards and a twenty-five note pedal board. A large variety of tone colorings will be possible on this new instrument. It will greatly enhance all church services.

Mrs. Luella Wickham, noted New York organist and demonstrator for the Baldwin Organ Co., gave a varied program which showed the possibilities of the organ to the fullest degree. She was assisted by Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Gladys Custance, well known concert artists. They rendered harp and organ duos of Handel, Bach, Wagner, and V. V. Rogers compositions.

The formal dedication ceremony of the new organ took place at the evening service and was observed by Rev. Gladys and Rev. Kenneth Custance. Miss Jean Cassidy, Boston Soprano, was soloist for this occasion.

Guests and members were present from Boston, Providence, R.I., Hyannis, New Bedford, Centerville, Middleboro, Brockton, Woborn and other cities.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK



Rev. D. Mona Berry

The members and friends of the Church Of Eternal Brotherhood, Buffalo, N.Y., will long remember the 30th Anniversary services. It was a double Anniversary, it is 30 years since the founding of the church and 30 years since the Ordination of the Pastor, The Rev. D. Mona Berry. The day was sheer delight for all present. Services were at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Guest Missionaries for the occasion were Alice M. Buechel of Chicago, Illinois, and Robert Howell of Binghamton, N.Y. They fully supplied the spiritual needs for all who were present. Their sermons were so

completely fitting for the occasion, their clairvoyance so evidential and comforting, the sincerity of the visiting ministers was indeed inspiring.

Many friends from near and far joined in prayers for the continued success of the church. Beautiful flowers came from near and distant places, the special music arranged and presented by organist Mrs. Fred Vollmar added to the beauty and spiritual accomplishment of the day.

A special banquet was served in the church dining room at 5 p.m. after which attention turned to the tables piled high with gifts for the pastor, letters and cards came from all States in the Union. Two letters will long be remembered, one from New York State Governor, the Honorable Nelson D. Rockefeller and from Buffalo, N.Y. Mayor, the Honorable Frank A. Sedita. Each guest at the banquet received a gift of the special anniversary booklet. A most generous gift of money from the members of the church was presented by president, Mr. A. Lempke, Mr. Roy Berry, husband of the pastor who has shared in the work and triumph of the church was remembered in a very generous way by the church members and friends. The festivities in the dining room concluded with a song, the words written by Miss Joan Hooper and the music from the well know "Ramona".

Anniversary services ended at 9:30 p.m. and in retrospect the pastor and her husband find many things to stimulate their love and gratitude in the many good wishes which were sent them, their hearts are filled with gratitude. They are especially grateful to Miss Joan Wind and Miss Joan Hooper who formed the Committee and who together with additional help planned and arranged the day down to the smallest detail of perfection and at the close each one could sing with true feeling "Now this is the end of a perfect day."

TRANSITIONS

Amazeen — Mrs. Mildred Amazeen, (74) long a member of the Madison Spiritualist Association, Skowhegan Hospital.

Mrs. Amazeen was also a member of the Skowhegan (Maine) Senior Citizens, and a member of the Wesserunnett and Somerset Pomona and Main State Granges, and Somerset Extension Association.

She maintained an apartment at Camp Etna where she spent part of each summer, at the campmeetings.

Survivors beside her husband are a son, a daughter, of Skowhegan, and two grandchildren. Funeral Services were held at the Nelson J. Smart Funeral Home in Skowhegan, with interment in the East Ridge Cemetery in Cornville.

Alice L. Mooers of Camp Etna officiated.

Alvord — Mrs. Hazel L. Alvord, Ithaca, N.Y., September 25th, 1968 survived by her husband, Elmer, president, Central N. Y. Spiritualist Camp, Freeville. Mrs. Alvord was an officer of Harmony Center Spiritualist Church also of Freeville, Camp Association, Hawthorn Rebekah No. 163 and Lady Militants No. 10 Oddfellows Temple, Ithaca. Private funeral services were held in the family home at Ithaca, with interment in McLean Cemetery.

Ludmann — David C. Ludmann (3) one of the twin grandsons of Revs. Fred and Emily Ludmann, Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 22nd, 1968. The paternal grandparents are co-pastors of Louis Uher Memorial Church, Chicago.

Hardemeyer — Cynthia Jean Herdmeyer, (12) Sept. 6, 1968. Daughter of Albert and Hazel Hardmeyer. Cynthia was a Lyceumist of the First Spiritual Temple of Royal Oak since birth, and sang in the Churches Junior Choir. Survived by two sisters and two brothers. Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blizaffer of Sacramento, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miner of Ferndale, Mich. Interment Commerce Cemetery, Walled Lake, M.S.S.A. Pres. Arthur Beesley, officiated.

Bingman — Charles H. Bingman (67) of Oakland, Calif., while attending The National Convention held in Denver, Colo. Mr. Bingman was President of The Brotherhood Spiritualist Church and a long time member of that church, also a Director of the C.S.S.A. Board, and a Veteran having served in the Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his wife Ellen and two stepchildren.

Mr. Bingman was a healer of 20 years standing and presented an outstanding talk on Spiritual Healing at the N.S.A. Convention, in Denver, Colo., this past October, 1968.

Services were held at the Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, Calif., with Rev. Clyde Dibble officiating.

Kalversberg — Anton Peter Kalversberg (84) October 23, 1968, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Father of Werner, living in Milwaukee, three sons, two daughters, two brothers, two sisters, all of West Germany, further survived by several grandchildren and other relatives. Services were held at the Seymour Funeral Home in West Allis with cremation following at Wisconsin Memorial Park. The Reverend Harre C. Milesi officiated.

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Paddack — William M. Paddack, (62) vice-president of the Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches, and the Waterville Spiritualist Church, October 25th. Survived by his wife, Lila M., one son and three daughters, and one brother, and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Redington Funeral Home, in Waterville, with Jobie Robinson, president of MSSAC, officiating. Interment, Lewis Cemetery in Oakland, Maine.

Weddings

SMITH - AKERS

Jack T. Akers and Jane E. Smith were united in marriage in a beautiful late fall ceremony in the Home Spiritualist Church, Akron, Ohio, September 8th, 1968. Georgiana Smith, sister of the bride was Maid of Honor, Vern Spangler was Groomsman. Rev. Mattie Faylor, pastor of the church, officiated.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. The bride is secretary of the church.

JACKMAN - HORNER

The wedding of Linda Sue Jackman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackman, and Steven Dale Horner, son of Mrs. Cora Mae Horner and the late Gordon M. Horner, took place Friday, September 6, 1968, at 7:45 p.m., at the Church of Two Worlds, 4501 Fairmount, Kansas City, Missouri. The Reverend Bessie Childress, officiating.

The bride chose an all over white lace street length dress, scalloped around the hem, and wore a shoulder length veil, which was held in place by a pearl incrustated crown. She carried a nosegay bouquet of white rosebuds.



Bride and Groom with Rev. Bessie Childress

The bridesmaid was Miss Cathy Jackman, sister of the bride, who wore a rose taffeta dress and a pink carnation corsage. The best man was Mr. Paul Harris.

A wedding reception was held at the church immediately following the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Horner were at home, 3605 Gillham Road, after September 9th.

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THE SPIRIT WORLD (Continued)

crack and crumble and have to be torn down as ours do.

In their buildings there is an illumination that is built into the very walls so that the buildings are adequately lighted: the light is soft and pleasant and is continuous. In Spirit there is an eternal illumination. They do not have nights as we do, nor do they have seasons.

In the next life each is captain of his soul and can follow whatever line of work he wishes. Many of us on earth are victims of circumstances in that we feel obligated to spend so much of our earth-life earning the necessities that the training for a certain profession is sacrificed.

People in spirit no longer have to provide the necessities through labor and can pursue a professional education if they wish and gain the knowledge they missed on earth.

Many people reach the heaven-world with the belief that certain work was unfinished. An inventor, for example, passes on before completing an invention that he considered very important to mankind. In Spirit he can continue the development of his invention, and when perfected he and others can send the information to some kindred soul or souls on earth who will carry it through to completion. So mankind is blessed by the new invention which can be a great breakthrough in mans progress.

Research is going on in the Spirit-World in all fields. My father has told me a great deal in this respect. Many years ago he said, "There are no limitations to the speeds at which man can travel". This was when the sound barrier was about to be broken and many scientists were saying that man could not travel faster than sound. Since then, not only has the sound-barrier been broken three and four-fold, but man has travelled as fast as 17,000 miles per hour in space flight, and the top limit has not been reached.

Much of our most beautiful poetry, music, plays, literature, and artwork come from inspired artists in spirit.

Many novels have been written by spirit-authors that have not reached us because man is not ready for them, but they will be given later when the time is appropriate.

There are no children born in the Spirit World, neither are there any deaths. Money is not used, nor are clocks or calendars. When one comes to an understanding of eternity, time becomes meaningless and there is no necessity to keep track of it.

Spirits report that the newly-arrived try to eat for a time as a matter of habit, but soon learn that the energy they need comes to them directly.

We are told that pets survive death and are more intelligent in spirit than when they lived

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on earth.

We owe a great debt to those who share their knowledge of the next world with us and we owe a great debt to the mediums who have provided a way for this knowledge to reach us as it is has thrown light on a subject that would otherwise be a little more than an opinion.

I feel that there is considerable corroboration of what Spirit has given us through mediums. A gentleman I know was stricken with a serious heart attack; he left his physical body and was in the Spirit-World for three days, his physical body barely living. When brought back, and awakened, he was perfectly well. He is over eighty years old today and has not had a heart attack since.

One of my students, when entranced, was always taken to his parents' home in the Spirit-World. At the close of the class period he was brought back safely and the class members could hear him say goodbye to his mother, father and pet dog, Spot.

I have read many books on the subject of the nature and description of the Spirit-World and Spirit-Life, it is a very fascinating study, and though this information comes through many different mediums, the striking conclusion is that there is much close agreement.

Whether we read about "The Blue Island", "The Summerland", or "Upper Purgatory", the same thread of Truth and Natural Law runs through it all.

Since we are all headed for the Spirit-World, and each day brings us one step closer, let us learn as much as we can about that World and share our knowledge with those who welcome it.

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Greetings:—

I have been asked by the President of the Missionary Club of the N.S.A.C. to prepare a few lines to be given at the Missionary Symposium.

The main theme is —

"The National Missionary can assist the cause of Spiritualism and the N.S.A.C." and — the suggested topic for my part or paper — "Make Spiritualism interesting and vital to the age group 18 to 40 years."

I firmly believe one must be dedicated from the heart, filled with compassion, good will and generosity to meet the inquiring mind and condition of today. We must feel an Inner urge — dedicated to the assigned appointment.

Firstly — We must recognize we are living in a new era and this new generation is different than the generation of yester-year —

therefore, it is my fervent belief that Spiritualism can bridge that gap — because it is **not** filled with dogma — creed and thou shalt not. This generation is not satisfied with a **blind faith** or a God of Fear or wrath.

We are in a Scientific age — wherein our great scientific minds have tapped the secrets of the Universe exploring space, and under water and this new generation wants fact and logic.

The teaching of Spiritualism as Philosophy — Science and Religion fills this need.

Philosophy deals with Wisdom — causes and effects — Reasons and teaches the application of Principle. Our Science investigates, analyses, classifies, discovers the general operation of Laws.

Spiritualism is Religion because it delves in and understands the Physical, Mental and Spiritual Laws IN Nature that leads man to Infinite Intelligence (God) as a Universal Law of Life applicable to all mankind — thus Leading one to Truth — Reality and Responsibility. This reveals an inner knowing — an Infinite Power — Spirit (meaning) that is changeless — formless — Indivisible and Inseparable.

Secondly — This being taught and demonstrated to the inquiring Mind, will cause them to **THINK** — they will soon find out the Old King Brain is a great deceiver—it is the physical senses, originated from the elements of Nature, that change and die with the physical body — It is then, they begin to control, master or educate the senses — desires and from this thinking one does away with false concepts and begins to perceive the meaning— wherein the latent faculties, of nature, lift their head and through these Faculties alerted, the finer nature of man — the Spirit — the Soul will speak.

The Faculty of Wisdom **Knows** — It does not have to be told. (The Faculties of Being house the Soul, as the senses are housed by the Brain) — This separation of senses and faculties in one's thinking reveals — That the Universal Law of Life (God) is eternal and the Law of Creation, (cause and effect) of Nature is changing all the time in shape and form.

Thirdly — After this is taught and recorded on the minds of the present generation, they will recognize and demonstrate a Mental Quietness — A Silence — become concentrated and organized to the effect of reaching a state of Meditation, as this is necessary as night follows day. Hence we will no longer confuse E.S.P. with Mediumship.

Too often the Missionary is too eager to begin with public Phenominal demonstrations rather than the Philosophical — scientific foundation of Our Spiritualism.

This E.S.P. comes from the senses and is as

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far apart from Mediumship as the North and South Poles.

Mediumship is unfolded and revealed though the Faculties of Being and gives us proof of survival, continuity of Life and the possibility of communication under certain conditions and differs from E.S.P. or Psychic experiences.

In answering the quest of this generation, that is seeking to know and searching for realities of Life and Death, let us not begin to entertain them with our gifts of mediumship by constantly giving messages, readings or interviews — but rather give them a foundation of our Spiritualism to stand upon — acquaint them with the Law of Attraction and Attachment. The significance of vibration of their relationship to (God) Infinite Intelligence that will become Infinite Power, intelligently manifest in all our acts and activities — and through this contact our loved ones from this other dimension of Life, who are awaiting anxiously to reveal their identity—bearing the sweet message, “I live in a world where beauty never fades and love becomes immortal.”

Ones psychic ability may be right and it may not be — it is motivated from the brain with thoughts — not Ideas from the Soul.

I do not take the stand of a defeatist that our Spiritualism is losing ground — we have a Truth and Truth cannot fail, with this constructive thinking and becoming attached to a positive rate of vibration, this Mind of inquiry will **listen** — **heed** and take up the challenge before them to carry on to greater heights, as the older workers in our field pass on to the other realm of life.

Let us affirm our allegiance and support to our N.S.A.C. and its work and purpose by pulling a notch tighter on our belt — with a firm hold, by giving more Philosophy and they will become aware that Spiritualism is one of the greatest sciences of the day. We know we have a Truth and an invaluable message for mankind — let us stand by it and put down the gangplank on our ship in this Peaceful Lagoon of Love and Harmony that all People will know our Science, Philosophy and Religion of continued life — that our N.S.A.C. and Missionaries will be recognized the length and breadth of this old earth plane, thus commanding the respect due our Spiritualism and no longer classed as fortune tellers.

It is then the angels smile and our Pioneers will be grateful for the sacrifices of yesteryear, knowing they did not work in vain.

In conclusion — I pray for understanding for all mankind, as we are all linked together in an endless chain of life — for wherever we go or live, we have to live with ourselves — so be good company.

Fraternally submitted,
(Florence S. Becker)

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DEATH, I FEAR THEE NOT

How often I have meditated,
On thoughts of life and death —
And pondered over the outcome,
Of the last and final breath —
I've observed the lifeless body,
Now decaying, that once was whole —
And that presented the question,
What happened to the soul?
Thus began a search for knowledge,
For the truth, that facts reveal —
And the outcome was in the learning,
That the soul lives on and feels —
Not only does it communicate,
And remembers what we forgot —
But dispels all doubts, so you can say,
Come death — I fear thee not!

—Joan F. Hooper

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

Too many of us are like the old deacon who prayed: “Use me, O Lord, in Thy work—especially in an advisory capacity.”

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CHICAGO—Louis Uher Memorial Church, 2614 North Austin Avenue. Services Sunday, 11:00 A.M.; Friday, 7:30 P.M. Pastors, Rev. Emily U. & Rev. Fred C. Ludmann. Phone Berkshire 7-0210.

Spiritualist Church of Truth, 3349 W. North Ave. Services every Sun. at 7 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages. Rev. Theodore Siers, Pres.; Mrs. Mildred Berge, Secretary.

Puritan Spiritualist Church, 10957-59 South Park Ave. Services Sunday 2:30 p.m. Rev. Rose MacKay, Pastor and President, 8209 East End Ave.

Spiritualist Church of Divinity, 6146 South Ashland Ave. Services, Sunday 7 P.M. Mary E. Novak, President.

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

DECATUR—1st Spiritualist Church of Truth, 993 N. Edward St. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Grace Peters, P. O. Box 132, Mattoon, Illinois 61938.

EAST ST. LOUIS—United Spiritualist Church, 51st St. and Ohio Ave. Services Sunday and Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Ottilie S. Dyroff, 711 N. 52nd St., East St. Louis, Ill. 62203.

FREEPORT—First Spiritualist Church, West on 20, Route No. 4, Freeport, by THE FLANENBURG CROSSING. Services every Sunday, 7p.m. President, Mrs. Leona M. Nickel, Licentiate Minister. Telephone, 232-1629, Freeport.

LEROY—J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church, 102 South Pearl Street. Lyceum, 1:30 P.M. Worship Service, Sundays 2:15 P.M. Rev. Walter Holder, Pastor, 313 E. Center Street. Phone 962-2066. Elsie L. Phillips, Secy., LeRoy, Ill Phone 962-5751.

WESTMONT—Unity Spiritualist Church, 21 East Quincy St. Lecture, Healing Spirit Greetings 7 p.m. Mr. E. A. Backlund, President.

INDIANA

Indiana State Association of Spiritualists—

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EVANSVILLE—Union Spiritualist Church, cor. Michigan and Third Ave. Services Sun. and Thurs., 7:45 p.m. Rev. Sadie Temme, Pres., Gilbert C. Burke, Sec'y.

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

FORT WAYNE—Spiritualist Church of Divine Science, 1615 Wells St., cor. Spring. Sun. Lyceum 6:00 p.m. Service, 7:30 p.m.; Thur. 2 and 7:45 p.m. Special Service 1st and 3rd Sun. of month, 3:00 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. Rev. Bernice Brock, Pastor, 1604 Andrew St., phone 742-4564; church phone 422-8600.

FRANKFORT—First Spiritualist Church, Magnolia & Green Streets. Services, Sunday, 2:30 P.M. First Sunday of each month, 2:30 P.M. Dinner at 5:00 P.M.

Rev. Geneva Carter, Pastor; Billy Joe Gregory, Pres.; Mildred Silverthorn, Secretary, 752 N. Jackson, St., Frankfort 46041.

GARY—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C. 2430 West 11th Ave. Services: Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Velma Dickson; Pres. Mrs. Inez McGinnis; Sec'y Reba S. Weaver, 228 Ellsworth St., Gary 3.

HAMMOND—1st Progressive Spiritualist Church (K. P. Hall) 5454 Hohman Avenue. Healing Service every Sunday, 7:15 P.M. Services 7:30 P.M. Pastor Mrs. Helen Schaller 1518 173rd Place, Secretary, Mrs. Jean Fleener, 230 Hobart St., Gary, Phone 949-1298.

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, phone ME 4-6673. Mrs. Ruby J. Melick, Sec'y, 1802 East 66th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220.

Progressive Spiritualist Church, 3721 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46205. Sunday service, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday services, 7:30 p.m. Edith Wade, President.

MUNCIE—Unity Spiritualist Church, cor. 9th and Mulberry Sts. Rev. Virginia Leach Falls, Pastor, 1925 W. 9th Street. Assistant Pastor, Rev. Lee Bridges, N.S.T. Healing Services, Sun. 2:15 p.m. Worship service 2:30 p.m. Church phone Atlas 8-2582.

PERU—First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 62 South Miami St. Services every Sunday 2:30 P.M. Mac Fidler, Pres. and Pastor; Lois Fouts, Sec.-Treas. R.R. No. 2, Galveston, Indiana.

IOWA

DES MOINES—Third National Spiritualist Church, 2733 Thompson, Des Moines 17. Services Sun. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Minister, Janice Rosalie Baynes, phone A.M. 6-5824. Anna W. Gaugh and H. S. Smiley, Assistant Ministers. Sec'y, Mrs. Lillian Greif, phone 243-2391.

CLINTON—First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, 541 Sixth Ave. South. Services Sun., 2:30 p.m. followed by Spirit Greetings. Edward E. Ridyard, Pres.; Grace L. Struve, Secretary, 2433 No. 3rd St.

KANSAS

PITTSBURG—1st Spiritualist Church, 912½ N. Broadway. Services 7 p.m., Sunday. Rev. Eva. Bezinque, pastor; Clara G. Lawson, Sec.; Mary Foster, President.

MAINE

Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

President—Tobie Robinson
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AUGUSTA—The Augusta Spiritualist Church, Court and Perham Streets. Sunday Services, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Abbie Bates Perry, Box 13, Brooks, Maine. Pres., Bertha Stone, 229 Cony Street, Augusta, Secretary, Gladys F. Porter, R.F.D. No. 2, Augusta.

BANGOR—Bangor Spiritualist Church, GAR Memorial Home, 159 Union St. Sun., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. 7:30 p.m. Bernice Damon, Pastor, Brewer, Maine; Pres. Sadie Harriman, Bangor; Secy., J. Raymond Keith, 83 1st St., Bangor; Treas., Everett Littlefield. 126 7th St., Bangor.

DOVER-FOXCROFT—First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church. Sun. services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, North St. Mrs. Gladys Dickison, Sangerville, Me., Pres.; Miss Myra Burgess, 41 Vaughn St., Dover Foxcroft, Sec'y-Treas.

ETNA—Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, Sunday Lyceum 1:30 p.m., Services, 2:30 p.m. May through October. Alice Thurlow, Etna, Maine, Pres.; Wilson C. Gilman, Etna, Maine, Sec'y-Treas.

PORTLAND—Portland Spiritualist Church, 574 Congress Street. Services, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Shaw, Pres., Mrs. Helen Carr, 70 Winter Street, Portland, Secy.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Sanctuary of Truth, Inc. Young Women's Christian Assoc. (Y.W.C.A.) Room 108 Franklin St., Cor. Park Ave. Services: Sun. 3 p.m.; Minister: Teresa A. Fecher; Marie Gorsuch, Pres.; Raymond A. Hamilton, Healer; Healing Service, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Sec'y: Hannah A. Bright, 1541 Kingsway Road, Baltimore 21218.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists—
President—Rev. Gladys Worsencroft
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BROCTON—First Spiritualist Church, 54 Green Street. Church Services Sunday, Lyceum 11 A.M., Afternoon Service, 4 P.M., Healing Service 6:45 P.M. Evening Service 7 P.M., Thursday, Mid-Week Service, 7:30 P.M. Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St., Brockton, Mass.

LAWRENCE—The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist), 113 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, Mass. Services Sunday: 3 p.m. Rev. Edythe B. Meader, Pastor.

MIDDLEBORO—First Spiritualist Church of Middleboro, Red Man Hall, Everett St., Middleboro. Mr Norman Hall, President, 190 High St., Mrs. Alberta Denham, Secy., Rose Point Avenue, W. Wareham, Mass.

ONSET (CAPE COD)—First Spiritualist Church, Highland Ave. Services, Sun. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Class 8 p.m. at the parsonage. Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Gladys Custance, Co-Pastors.

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

SPRINGFIELD—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., 33-37 Bliss Street. Services Sunday 3:00 P.M., Healing 5:45 P.M. Message Service 3rd Thursday, each month. President, Mrs. Ruth Aggerup, 59 Upland St., Springfield, Mass.

SALEM—The First Spiritualist Church, 34 Warren St., Salem. Church Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Evening Services 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Services 8 p.m. Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, Pastor.

MICHIGAN

Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

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BAY SHORE—Golden Rule Spiritualist Church of Petoskey, one mile west of Bay Shore on old Route No. 31. Services, Sunday 2 P.M. Sept. through June. Nellie Harris, President; Aletha Arnold, Secy. 106 Green Ave., Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

DETROIT—First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell Detroit 48227. Sunday School, 10:00 A.M., Church Service 11:00 A.M. Frayne Kluzak, Pres., Rev. Goldie Dodd, Sec'y, 89 Delaware, Detroit 48202.

DETROIT—Royal Oak Ministerial Association of Spiritualists. Meetings 2nd Tuesday each month, Sept. thru May, 8:00 P.M. Royal Oak Church, 114 Pingree Ave. Rev. Goldie Dodd, Pres., Marie Porman, Secy., 234 Pare Clawson, Michigan 48017.

LESLIE—Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, West Bellvue St. Lyceum, 10:30 a.m.; Church service, 7:30 p.m. Rev. E. McLain, Pres.; Irene Smith, Sec'y, JU 9-2731.

MUSKEGON—First National Spiritualist Church, Port Room, Occidental Hotel. Sunday Evening Healing 7:00 p.m. Church Service 7:30 p.m. Marvel Francisco, Pres. Lenore A. Schleeter, Sec'y, P.O. Box 427, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417.

ROYAL OAK—First Spiritualist Temple, 114 Pingree, Sunday, Lyceum, 10 a.m. Church Service, 11:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., Joseph Brandt, President, Edith A. Thornbeck, Sec'y, 1865 Beech Lane, Troy, Mich. 48084.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—First Spiritualist Church, 1414 East 9th St. Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Conference every third Sunday. Pastor, Rev. F. W. Hutchinson. Secretary, Mary C. Amis.

MINNEAPOLIS—2nd Spiritualist Church, 23rd & Lyn-dale Ave. N., Consultations Thursday 1-4 p.m. Services Sunday 3:00 p.m. Rev. Howard C. Lemire, President, Mrs. Kay Paul, Secretary, 2302 17th Ave., So. Minneapolis 55404, Phone 729-4298.

MISSOURI

N.S.A.C. Spiritualist Association Churches—

KANSAS CITY—Church Of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C., 4501 Fairmont, Services, including Healing Services, Sunday, 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, spirit communication 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. Rev. Bessie Childress, Pastor, 'phone Westport 11044. Secretary, Eula Randall, 302 East 27th St., Kansas City, Mo. 64145.

KANSAS City — Ninth Spiritualist Church, Rev. Frances R. (Maude) Tucker, Founder, 4510 Prospect Ave., Sun. Services 7:30 p.m.; Healing Service 7:45 p.m.; Spirit Communication Service Tues. 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Church Phone WAbash 1-3679; Miss Loreen Morgan, Secretary, 836 West Gregory Street, 64114

ST. LOUIS—Fifth Spiritualist Church, 6026 South Kingshighway, St. Louis 9. Sun. Lyceum, 9:30 a.m.; Devotional Service, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Emma Ordorp.

Burkett Spiritualist Church, Inc., 2653 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis 6, Mo. Sundays, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Devotional and Healing Service 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Boschen, Licentiate Minister.

NEW JERSEY

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CAMDEN—First Spiritualist Church, 524 Stephens St. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 8 p.m. Mrs. Mary Rhodes, Sec'y, 30 Lincoln Ave., Collingswood 7, N. J.

Fourth Spiritualist Church, 28 No. 26th St. Sunday, Lyceum 10 a.m.; Wed., 8 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Pastor, Church Rd., R. D. Moorestown.

PATERSON—1st Spiritualist, 142 Carroll St. Services: Sunday morning service 10:00 a.m.; Sunday afternoon service 3:00 p.m.; no Sunday evening service; Wednesday afternoon service 1:00; Wednesday evening service 6:30; every second Wednesday of every month Progressive Circle 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Emily M. Hewitt.

NEW YORK

New York State Conference of N. S. A. Churches—

President—Margaret Tice
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BINGHAMTON—1st National Spiritualist Church, 47 Front St., Sun., Lyceum 10 a.m. Church Service 11 a.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m., Robt. Howell, Pastor.
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BUFFALO—Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey at Hazel. Service: Sun., 7:45 p.m.; Wed. 2:30 p.m. Rev. D. Mona Berry, 262 Dartmouth Ave.

Center of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 695 Elmwood Ave. Sun., 2:30 p.m. Rev. William G. Turner, Pastor. Sec'y Lucille M. Turner, 105 North Main st., Cassadaga, N. Y.

BROOKLYN—The Temple of Divine Guidance, Rev. Bertha Fischer, D.D., Pastor, Service every Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, 2 p.m. 332 East 54th St., Apt. 10, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11203, Phone HY 8-5507.

FREEVILLE—Harmony Center Church, Freeville Camp Grounds, Freeville, N. Y. Services, First and Third Sundays each month, 2:30 p.m. Pastor, Mrs. Mildred Stevenson; Mrs. Ruth Craft, Sec'y, 11 Charles St., Cortland, N. Y.

LILY DALE—Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, Lily Dale N.Y. Services, Healing and devotional, 11 a.m. each Sunday, September through June. Martha Rusbuldt, President, Dorothy Maxwell Smith, Secretary.

ROCHESTER—Plymouth Spiritualist Church, 889 S. Plymouth Ave. Sunday Services, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dinner served every Sunday, 5 p.m. Circles, 6 p.m. Healing at all services. Rev. Harry W. Bender, Pastor, William C. Woelfle, Secretary.

SYRACUSE—First Spiritualist Church, 535 Oakwood Ave., Services, Sun., 3 p.m. and Wed., 7:30 p.m. Margaret H. Tice, Pastor and President, phone HO 8-5638; M. Frances Morse, Secretary.

OHIO

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AKRON—Home Spiritualist Church, 155 Rhodes Ave. Sun., Lyceum 6:30 p.m.; Devotional Service 7:45 p.m. Message Service, Thurs., 8 p.m. Rev. Mattie Failor.

ASHTABULA—1st Spiritualist Temple, W. 43rd and Main. Sun. and Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Lyceum, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Ralph D. Cutlip, Pres., 5465 Main Ave.

CLEVELAND—Spiritualist Temple of Truth. Services, Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Development Class immediately after Services. 3540 Bainbridge Road, Cleveland Heights 18. Juliet G. Goldberg, Pastor. YE 2-3532. Josephine Hudec, Treas., 663-7161; Norma Pickard, 565 West Ave., Tallmadge, Ohio, Secretary.

COLUMBUS—Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation, 241 W. Hubbard Ave. Sun. and Wed 7:30 p.m.; message service, fourth Fri., 8 p.m. Rev. Edgar Smertz, Pres.; Rev. Elizabeth M. Lannon, Pastor; Miss Enid Mitchell, Secretary.

The First Spiritualist Church, State and Sixth Streets. Church phone Ca 8-112. Services Sun. 3:00 p.m.

First Spiritualist Church of Linden, 1751 Aberdeen Ave. Devotional Services, Sun. and Wed., 7:30 p.m. Last Sunday in month from Sept. through May, 3:30 p.m. Public Healing all services; Lyceum Sun. 6:30 p.m. Children & Adults and 7:30 p.m. Services. Dinner, 5:00 p.m. Pres. John Rowe; pastor, Maudella Rowe, Box 59, Wooley Park, Ashley, Ohio. Phone 747-4402.

DAYTON—Central Spiritualist Church, YWCA Bldg., W. Third and Wilkinson Sts., Sunday Service 7:30 P.M. Asst. Pastor, Ralph E. Bradford, 233-3347. Pres. Wm. C. Cates, 253-5791.

EAST LIVERPOOL—1st Spiritualist Church, 404 Walnut Street. Services, Sun. and Mon., 7:30 p.m. Sara H. Bowersock, Pres.; Mary M. Martin, Sec'y, P. O. Box 501, East Liverpool, Ohio.

KENT—1st Spiritualist Church, 146 West Oak St. Services, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Emily K. Barriball, Presi-

dent, 15791 Hemlock Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. Mary W. Schimmoeller, Secretary, 911 N. Mantau St., Kent, Ohio 44240.

LIMA—Spiritualist Church of Truth, 1637 E. High St. Rd. Sunday Service 2:30 p.m.; Healing Service 3:00 p.m. Lecture and Message. President, William Pratt, R.R. No. 5, Phone 223-1107. Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Pratt, R.R. No. 5, Phone 223-1107.

MASSILLON—First Spiritualist Church, cor. of North Ave. and Third St., N. E. Sunday evening service at 7:30. Public Message Circle 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Telephone at Church 832-9764.

TOLEDO—National Spiritualist Church, 2114 Allenby Road. Services Wednesday Evenings, 8:00. Pastor, Orlyss Ballmer.

YOUNGSTOWN—First Spiritualist Church, 323 West LaCleda. Sunday Service, 7:00 p.m., Study Class, Friday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Amy Pearce, Pastor, 544 West Glenaven, Youngstown. Phone 782-1090.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association—

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OKLAHOMA CITY—Central Spiritualist Church, 1005 N. Harvey. Sunday and Wed. 7:30 P.M. Pastor, Alta J. Scoles, 4448 Woodedge Drive, Del City, Okla., Ph. OR 2-1507.

Tulsa Spiritual Light Church, 123 South Xanthus, Services, Monday and Friday evenings at 8 p.m. Margaret C. May, Minister.

OREGON

PORTLAND—The First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C., Beaver Bldg., 1510 S. E. 9th and Hawthorne Blvd. Sun. 7:30 p.m., Service; 7:45 p.m., Healing. Rev. Harold Birch, Pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA

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ALLENTOWN—First Spiritualist Church of Allentown, 1123 Oak St., 18102. Between Chew and Turner St. Services Sunday 2:30 P.M. Healing and Worship 7:00 P.M. Sermon and messages. 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 P.M. all message service. Bertram C. Frace Pastor. Res. 2044 Ridgelawn Ave. Bethlehem 18018; Phone 868-5476. Mrs. Florence Herr, sec'y, 318 Wilkesbarre St., Easton. Phone 252-2989. All Welcome.

HARRISBURG—First Spiritualist Church, 607 North 2nd St., Knights Malta Hall. Services 2:30 p.m., Sunday. Kathryn Anderson, Secretary, 3840 Brisban St., Harrisburg. All welcome.

McKEESPORT—1st Spiritualist, 809 Locust. Sunday, Healing 7:15, Lectures, Messages 7:45. Mrs. Laura Salvodan, President.

PHILADELPHIA—Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, Rising Sun and Park Aves., Phila. 40. Services, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Healing—Sermon—Messages. Services, Wed., 8 p.m. Healing and Messages. Social, 2nd Sat. in each month. President, Rev. Mahlon Simon, Pastor, Rev. Reba E. Fasnacht.

Second Spiritualist Church, 423 South Broad Street. Church services, Sunday, Healing, 7:00 P.M., Lecture and Messages, 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, 8 P.M. Message Service. Rev. Alida Neige, Pastor, Rev. Augusta Taylor, Co-Pastor.

The Fourth Spiritualist Church, 4964 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia 19120. Services 3 and 7 p.m. Fri. 8 p.m. Miss Mary Ann Drewny, Pastor, 4964 Rising Sun Ave. Telephone Gladstone 7-3375.

PITTSBURGH—First Spiritualist Church, 256 Boquet Street, Pittsburgh 15213. Service Sunday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

READING—First Spiritualist Church of Reading, The Berkshire Hotel, Fifth and Washington Sts., Reading, Pa. Services Sunday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clara Senior, pastor, Rd. No. 4, Lititz, Pa., 17543. Telephone 717-773-4547.

WILKES-BARRE—Second Spiritualist Church, 22 Public Square (Second Floor). Church services, Sunday and Wednesday at 8 P.M. Mrs. Augusta E. Ridler, Pastor and Medium.

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE—Haven Spiritualist Church, 741 Westminster Street. Church Services, Sunday, 2:30 P.M. Estelle Haven, Co-Founder and Treasurer. Telephone 751-7748.

TEXAS

Texas State N.S.A.C. Spiritualist Churches

AUSTIN—First Spiritualist Church, 4200 Ave. D. Sunday Services, Lyceum 9:00 a.m., Church Service 10:00 a.m.

CAMERON—First Spiritualist Church, South College. Sunday, Lyceum, 9:45 a.m. Devotional and Message Service, 11 a.m., H. Bryson Kelly, Pastor.

DALLAS—First Spiritualist Church, 5334 Forney Road. Services; Sunday, 7:45 P.M. Rev. Elmer L. Actkinson, Pastor, TE 8-8248, Ft. Worth, Mr. James F. Bradley, Pres., DA 7-3625, Dallas. Mailing Address, Sec'y 111 North Aeres Dr., Dallas 75217, AT6-4962.

Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas. Hotel Dallas. Devotional and Message services each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Maude Conner, Pastor; Mrs. Marie Schiller, Secretary. Phone, Davis 7-9280.

EL PASO—1st Spiritualist Church, 2328 Grant Avenue. Devotional and Message Service, Sun. and Wed., 8 p.m. Rev. Lena Halstead, Pastor.

HOUSTON—First Church of Divine Science, N.S.A.C., 3523 Beauchamp Street, Phone UNDERwood 4-0474. Rev. Willie B. Dearmin, Pastor, phone UN 4-3723. Sunday 2:30 P.M. Devotional, Healing and Clairvoyance; Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Psychic demonstrations, Healing and Clairvoyance.

St. Paul's Spiritualist Church, 5510 Creekbend, Houston, 77035. Pastor and President, Rev. Leonard Parsons, Phone: JA 9-7776; Assistant Pastor, Mrs. Cecil Worcester, Phone: MI 9-0716. Services: Sunday—Lyceum 10 A.M.; Devotional, 10:30 A.M. Healing Service, Thursdays, 7 P.M. Clairvoyance, third Friday of each month, 8 P.M.

SAN ANTONIO—Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, 1627 Pan Am Express Way N., Services Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Garrett H. Scholtz, Pastor; Mrs. C. L. Jones, Secretary, Phone Ed 3-0958.

TAYLOR—American Spiritualist Church, W. 4th St. Sun. Services 7:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages. Mrs. Evelyn Cervin, Sec'y.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK—Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C., 307 W. 37th St., Lyceum, 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Devotional Services Sun., Wed. 7:30 p.m. Secretary, Miss Florence Siebert.

WASHINGTON

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BELLINGHAM—The First Spiritualist Church, Girard at "D" St. Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Healing, 10:30

a.m.; Mary Evans, V. Pres., 2130 King St., Phone 733-4361. Marie Johansen, Secy., 1637 James St., phone 733-0479.

BREMERTON—Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C., 1345 Warren Ave. Sunday Service 11:00 A.M. followed by social hour and circle. 7:30 P.M. Fellowship Hour. Pres. C. E. Cottrell, 1306 Park Ave.; Marie Eden, Secretary, 615 11th, mail address P. O. Box 4039, Bremerton.

PUYALLUP—First Spiritualist Church, 341 2nd St. S.E.; Sunday service, Friendly Hour 6:30 p.m., Evening service 7:30 p.m.; Ruth Circle 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12 p.m.; Pres. Rachel Baars, P. O. Box 395, Sumner, Washington; Sec'y. Theresa G. Boss, 1802 S. Adams, Tacoma, (98405) SK. 9-7144.

SEATTLE—Universal Spiritualist Library, 323 Jones Building, 1331 3rd Ave. Seattle Library open daily, Books for rent, Periodicals for sale. Mediums in daily attendance. Ada B. Johnson, Pres., Sunset 3-0449; Librarian, Sec'y of Board. Jessie F. Huesart, Sec., SH 6-3496.

The Church of Spiritual Unity, Concert Hall, Fisher Studio Building, 1519 3rd Ave. Devotional services, Sunday 2 P.M.; Healing and Message circles, 3:30 P.M.; Emma English, Pres.; Marian Jorgensen, 621 1st Ave. West, Phone AT 2-3718, Secretary.

Tower Spiritualist Church, 2116 West Dravis Street, Seattle, Wash. 98199, Services, Sunday 11 A.M. Effie A. Goben, President MA 4-1529, Edna Brewer, Secretary PA 2-2467.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEELING—Way Memorial Temple, Broadway and Maryland Sts., Wheeling. Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Church Services 10:45 a.m.

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY—First Spiritualist Church of Green Bay, cor. Webster and Pine Sts. Devotional Services Sun., 7:30 p.m. Phone Hemlock 2-8597.

MILWAUKEE—Kraft Memorial Spiritualist Center, Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee. Sunday Devotional Services, 10:45 a.m.

Pilgrim Psychic Science Church N.S.A.C. 1239 South 15th Street, Milwaukee. Devotional Service Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Mrs. Jennie Scholz, 1621 So. 84th St., West Allis, Secretary.

WEST ALLIS—3rd Spiritual Science Church, Cor. So. 81st West Becher. Sunday, 3 p.m. Devotional Service. Rev. Harre C. Milesi, Pastor; Mrs. Gladys Scharner, Secretary.

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and writers, the precision of their words and conclusions display how education in the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism is becoming widespread, the editor of T.N.S. (Summit) is proud to reproduce their words.

The officers whose terms had expired at this convention — President, Robert J. Macdonald, Vice President, H. Gordon Burroughs and Trustee Jeannette Knepprath—were re-elected by unanimous vote for another term of office. The committee on the place of next convention was unable to reach a conclusion so the matter was put to a vote, a secret ballot was taken, the result of which was that we shall go to the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, in 1969. After the convention was over, a sad note was injected into all the happiness we had enjoyed, Mr. Charles Bingman a member of the board of California State Spiritualist association suffered a fatal illness in Denver. The remains were cremated and Rev. Clyde Dibble conducted a Memorial service in the Chapel Of the Chimes, Berkley, Calif., on October 12th. Mr. Bingman is survived by his wife Ellen and one stepson and stepdaughter. The shadows fall on our lives at such unexpected times and all of the delegates could not fail but remember Mr. Bingman striding through the hallways, he was so full of vitality and his obvious enjoyment in the convention was infectious, the last memory I have of him was of a happy, smiling man urging me to be sure and visit his State as soon as possible, the shadows fall, but in the words of Socrates "Be of good cheer about death, and know this of a truth, that no evil can befall a good man either in life, or after death".

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at the door and knock," proclaimed Jesus who was just anointed as Christ by a loving Creator of all, a God that has been putting up with the vile ambitions of mere men who would as Dean Swift said it, "Sell their women folks into white slavery to gain and retain soft spots in government.

And, everybody get and read Dickens' Christmas Carol. There is more true Christianity in it than all the church dogmae on earth.

"GOD'S IN HIS HEAVENS
ALL'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD."

—Browning

SMITH (Continued).

goes on to tell of his physical needs, and later says, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto Me." So that also is an appropriate way of celebrating Christ's birthday. This sort of Christmas will delete the paganism in the modern Christmas, and tend to make it more of a "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, and good will to mankind."

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.

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Each Wednesday at 8 p.m. the members of the League sit in Healing Meditation, sending Healing Prayer Vibrations to all in need.

HEALING THOUGHT FOR DECEMBER

Oh God help me to
A Greater day of health
Help me rejoice that Spiritual
Weakness is gone
The year ends and with it
All the fear and sickness
My mind has accumulated
I am able to choose
Twelve months of freedom