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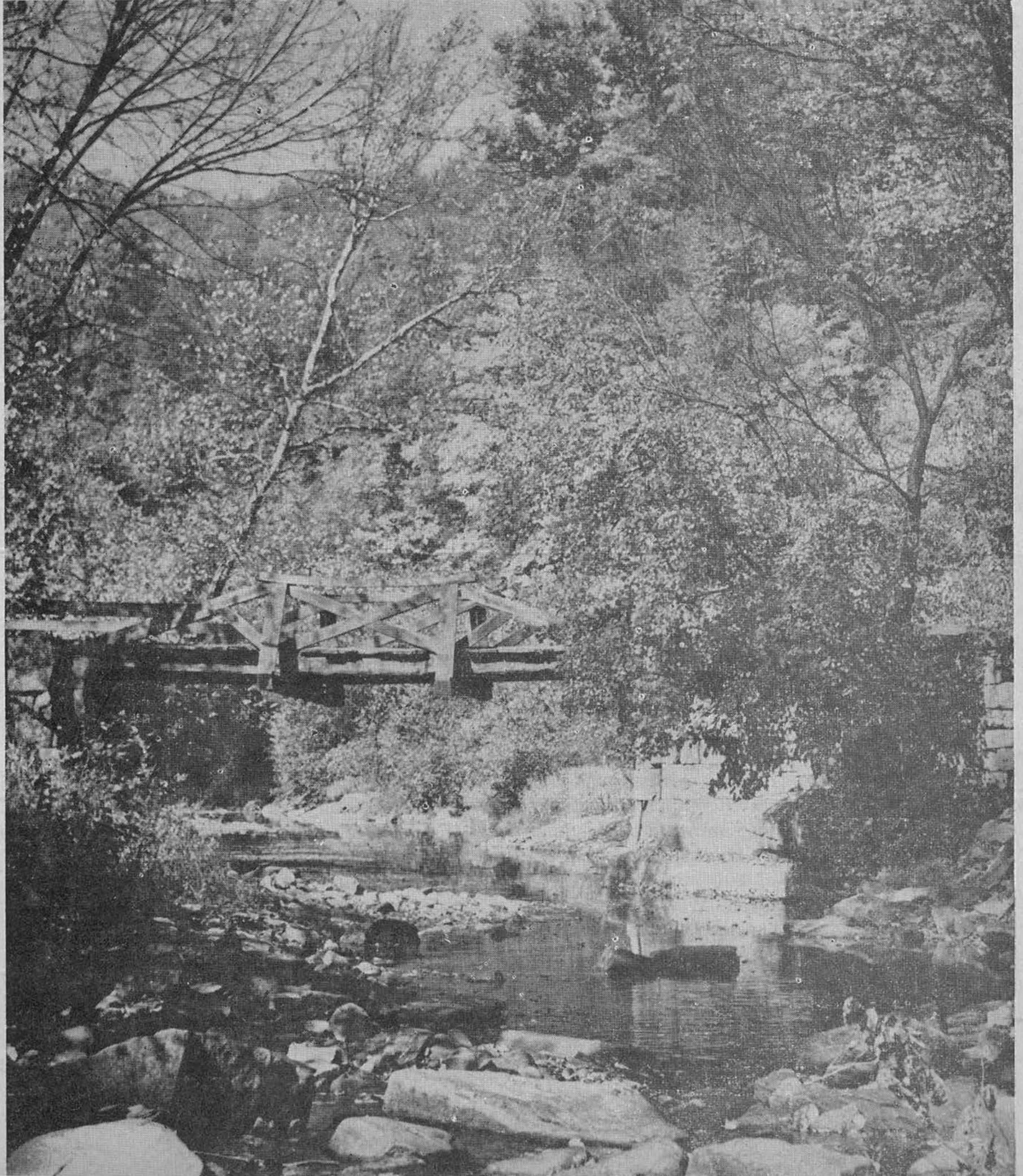
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EDITORIAL

PEACE AND PROGRESS

One of the most frequent words on the lips of man is PEACE, yet there is no peace; it eludes us and progress is hampered by the daily incursions into public buildings and the destruction of records of 200 hundred years of our progress as a nation. We are "regaled" each day on the T.V. screen by the sight of people rushing to and fro an endless stream of people protesting just about everything that has built our nation to its present great eminence. The answer to the present day confusion in existence is beyond the reach of our most eminent statesmen, educators, sociologists,

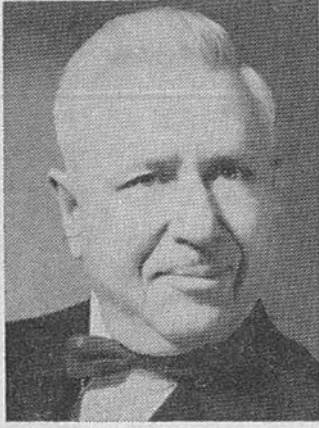
clergymen. What has brought us to this pass??, the handy answer is the Vietnam conflict and the new incursion into Cambodia. Before this is in print, the President of the United States of America has assured his people that the armed forces of the U.S. will be out of Cambodia. The President is an honorable and compassionate man his promises are kept.

The actions of the protestors present a baffling and seemingly senseless mystery. The purpose in the actions of any certain group is clear only to that group, there is little unity in the actions if one discounts destruction which is a cohesive glue binding all together. The outsider does not know why certain people unite together, why they are in a certain place at a certain time, all that the outsider sees is the carnage.

Of a certainty there is a plan and a planning organization, that advises the where and when of new disturbance, east, west, north and south of our mighty land. The planners may be likened to the nine tenths of an iceberg only the top is visible, the great destructive power cannot be seen, only the effect. The life of man is likened to a journey and as we view the history of the men and women who have built civilization and who have made this country great we are constrained to wonder, were they wrong??. We are surrounded by the evidences of, we partake every day of the fruit of their industry, our eyes are filled with the beauty, the rightness of their lives.

One of the favorite clichés of the day is that our nation was founded in revolution the analogy being that the brave new society seeking the ascendancy is the continuing of that revolution, such a notion is claptrap. There can be no progress in our land until we have peace in the many segments of our complex society, all are needed to ensure our continued success as a nation for too many the only peace is death of all that was and is. We all are part of the plan of Infinite Intelligence our frequent lapses notwithstanding; the plan is valid. The Law of Cause and Effect is ever in operation. We are suffering the Effect of lack of trust in our Institutions, we suffer from the lack of communication between peoples, when the present Effect has run its course, we shall again realize the great Cause behind all growth and peace with progress will again be our way of life.

FOR HEAVENS SAKE



Wilbur F. Hull,

Every writer when he places his pen to paper or his paper in the typewriter should have some subject in mind. But it is not always so—particularly if he is Spiritualist and writing from inspiration or the need of the moment. Perhaps this is also true of the speaker on the lecture platform. Many writers try to avoid the word “I”. They shy, through some instinctive pride or literary courtesy, from any intrusion upon the reader except with their ideas. Sometimes they speak in terms of “we”. This is similar to the nurse who says, “Shall *we* take *our* pill now,” when the patient always does the swallowing. In addition there is that clumsy third person expression referring to one’s self as “your writer.” So allow me to take the liberty—now and in the future—of speaking of “me—I—My,” freely.

While removing such impediments, it might be well to let down other barriers to free expression. I know that it is expected when writing for so-called religious periodicals that there be some sort of high-collar, or at least bow tie, delivery. Dignity sometimes becomes so elevated that the clerical collar cuts the throat.

Spiritualists have forsaken much of the conformity that religion has demanded in the past few centuries. We have abandoned “thee, thou, and thy” and God has seemed to be content with it. Unless we hear complaints or some thunder on the horizon we can continue to get on with this familiar approach.

In speaking of God (when I was a boy, it was always pronounced ‘Gawd’, in respect) we can’t do much better than utilize the broader terms ‘Infinite Intelligence,’ ‘Universal Mind,’ or ‘Cosmic Consciousness.’ In the past we have expected every preacher to use the word ‘God’ because he was supposed to have some sort of elbow-rubbing acquaintance with Him or It that the man-on-the-street did not have!

When I was five, I stood at a graveside and heard a minister deliver a eulogy to my civil-war grandfather’s memory. He said, “Gawd has called this fine man to the Beyond. He has work for him to do Over There.” At the time, I wondered how he knew this. I was also interested in knowing just what sort of job my grandfather would get. I let the question stand until some years later I attended the funeral of a young schoolmate and heard the minister

say, “Gawd has taken this beautiful rosebud because He has a greater place for her on His side.” This raised some questions as to just whose side God was on—and why He had interrupted an education and disrupted a home. Absolutely no mention was made of the fact that diphtheria had caused the girl’s death and I wasn’t really sure that if He took the whim, I might not be next.

In the past fifty years we have gotten rid of some of this stupidity. But there is a backlog of it still waiting to be eliminated. One of these is the idea that suffering and sacrifice is good for the soul. I’ve always suspected that hard pews were set up that way as a starting point and that the prayer rail was uncomfortable for a purpose. It has only slight improvement over the Hindu ‘bed of nails.’

In a recently published book, mention was made, through automatic typewriting, that sacrifice is good for us; that by giving up to others much good will come to us. I suspect there are many Spiritualists who believe this without reservation. Of course the whole plot is, that by so doing, much will come back to you. A pretty sneaky way of getting, I call it.

Ayn Rand, the writer and author of many books that speak of her philosophy, has written one book, “The Virtue of Selfishness,” that will chill many religionists. I endorse it for its wholesomeness—at least it’s honest and practical. She advocates the fulfilling of one’s self. That in order to give to mankind, or one’s mate, we must first serve ourselves, find happiness, and then do good, is that portion of her philosophy that she is putting forth in this book. She says that basic man dies a little if he is not making individual progress. The Spiritualist calls this Personal Responsibility. I’m wondering what right anyone has to destroy another’s right to take on personal responsibility. If we all went into the Cafeteria of Life insisting on filling the other man’s tray, while someone else filled our’s, it would be a sorry world.

The present day revolt is saying that happiness is not evil; that a long, sombre face does

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not indicate saintliness. Ayn Rand says that man can serve others best if he is, himself, happy. That unless a man can find happiness, he becomes disorganized emotionally and thus deteriorates physically. She promotes the idea that love is man's finest instinct which may in some way verify the statement, "God is Love." We have mouthed this for years, as if we knew its meaning. The man who could not comprehend it has been declared an agnostic and even an atheist, placing him a breed apart, isolated and suspect.

Automatic writers, while having the very best of intentions, often dip into the bucket of childhood Sunday School training. Coloring, we call it. It might be considered harmless if folks didn't take it literally, publish it and perpetuate the ideas. As the story goes, one man died in order to save everyone else, and if we put our own small campaign likewise, the world will be a better place. We will have to prove that the original plan happened, was intended as such, or has worked, or could ever be a success, before we go overboard about it.

When I went to Sunday School, we gave a small donation to send missionaries to China—or some other far off place that was in need of religious rescue. I sat through dozens of lantern slide lectures, to see a white helmeted missionary preaching to the heathens in Japan. They finally got so much help that they gave up their kindly ways and took up salvation. The docile Chinaman gave up his firecrackers and started serious work on the atom bomb. The Japanese advanced from hari-kari and modernized with a dive-bombing kamikaze—the ultimate in sacrifice.

In 1955 I was a tape correspondent with a fine young man in California, whose grandfather had had a part in the expression of the Moody Bible Institute and whose parents had been missionaries in China for many years. He spoke Chinese like a native. In fact, he made on tape, in Chinese, a recording of our 9 Principles. It was only after a year of delightful exchange of philosophy with him that he revealed a family secret. It seems that while his father and mother were busy converting the Chinese, the Buddhist maid in their home had converted my friend and his sister to her philosophy. I have always considered it the finest example of retribution I've ever known.

In our present era, unless we are swallowed up in the environment conducive to it, it is difficult to believe that a ceremony such as immersion, or sprinkling with blessed water has or can have any significance. I believe that it is the first insult in life to be visited upon an infant. The last one is the anointing of an expiring physical body to guarantee salvation. In between these two events we have an assortment of beliefs that range from proscribed, formulated prayers to incense-pots, genuflec-

tions, icons, and statues. They all have an effect upon the emotions of the individual as necessary to the sustaining of emotional balance as a teething ring to a baby. All depending, of course, on the indoctrination and childhood exposure to such customs. I would compare it to the ancient custom of footbinding.

At the time of my entry into Spiritualism in the early 1930's, a dear friend of mine, made his beginnings into an Episcopal order of monks. There is no question but that his sacrifice and denial of physical comfort gave him great satisfaction. He worked long hours in dedication of work for his parishioners. His prayers for the dead and the ill, may have given him a release from the discomfort of a poor and meagre diet and a miserably hard bed. Can we Spiritualists believe for a moment that this life task delayed the penalties to his physical body? His fellow monks, in final tribute to his kindly soul, said God visited a huge brain hemorrhage upon him to relieve him of his spiritual duties of earth. Nothing at all was mentioned of the widespread devastation to his body that arthritis had caused. It is this spirit of sacrifice that mankind has called "giving up to God."

What of those great artistic talents that this man had possessed since youth? Could he not have given as much to his fellowman on canvas—the potter's wheel—in sculpture? Oh no, it would not have been as completely of God. May we be forgiven in the name of humanity for our spiritual astigmatism! This beloved friend came to me before I had heard of his passing. I did not know of his ill health. We had been isolated through worlds of religious differences. Life had taken him into a routine of self denial and sacrifice. He had declared a consecration to God's work. Mine had been the misunderstood Spiritualist pathway. From his new vantage point in Spirit, I became aware of his presence. We reviewed together treehouses, skiing expeditions, crude adventures with corn silk cigarettes, apple plundering, and watermelon thievery. A week later I had word from his family of his transition. He has drawn close to me often, for a few moments, ever since. It is not in remorse or regret that he returns, but only in the knowledge that Spiritualism does indeed have a broader concept and he shares it with me and those who are seeking.

It is in the name of prayer that childhood fears and insecurity is born. We say that prayer is good for us—even at an early age. My maternal grandmother believed it with all her heart. She would not have thought it right to put a child to bed without a prayer. I expect she was convinced she was giving me protection when she asked me to repeat with her a much used formula—"Now I lay me down to

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sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." Already a question is being raised regarding the Lord's blessing. "If I should die before I wake—" Quite an insecure proposal—enough to instill insomnia in even a youthful mind and give him scant peace of mind for the hours of rest. "I pray the Lord my soul to take." At this point any child might ask, "If God does decide to take my soul, whatever that is, where he He going to take it; what is He going to do with it; and why mine?" Where this prayer began is beyond my knowledge. Where it should end—is *now!* It was born of the ignorance of a Biblical past—redemption. And yet we have psychiatrists and psychologists who in their religious lives add lip service to this emotional malpractice.

One of the fond memories of my high school days is an incident that was related by a classmate who is now practicing criminal law in the mid-west. An electrical storm had come up in the night while my friend was staying with his grandmother. Being deeply religious, she arose and groped in the cupboard for the bottle of holy water—to forestay any destruction that lighting might do to her home and the family. In the darkness she moved about the house, saying her prayers and dashing the liquid here and there, where it might do the most good. Otto, the grandson, who was not of the same spiritual turn of mind, was hysterically delighted the next morning, to find that his grandmother had in the dark, by mistake, picked up a bottle meant for the laundry—the bluing. But, by some miracle, the home was saved. The bluing had done the work of the holy water.

During my teens when I had a brief acquaintance with orthodoxy, the church had a revival. Half of the east side of town drove out to Cashin's swimming hole. The same spot where we swam and dove during summer vacations, was now going to be dedicated to the candidates for redemption. The banks of the creek were lined with old and young ladies in faded house dresses and men in old suits, ready for their immersion. The preacher accepted his prospective members in the swirling stream. However, no one had warned him of the favorite diving hole—and when he stepped back to dunk his first candidate for salvation they both toppled over and went thrashing down stream. It took three strong-swimming deacons to get them back on safe ground again. I have always thought it was most appropriate that the crowd cheered and began to sing the old hymn, "Throw Out The Lifeline."

The preceding incidents are homely examples of man's groping for truth. They are not related in a spirit of ridicule. They do indicate how ridiculous we often appear. Basically, they do point to man's inability to find

answers by himself. We have been taught from childhood of our guilt and sinfulness. Insecurity is a pattern that has been passed on from generation to generation. The list of sins has been emphasized and enlarged. Every denomination and sect has a method of finding God. This, in a world Science has now admitted is extending 40 billion light years into space, certified with the electronic telescope.

Not long ago, with the discovery of the quasar, the infinite was set at 4 billion light years. Now it has been multiplied. If we only had some electronic method of computing the abstract, such as man's ultimate purpose, if there is a destiny of events, if there truly is such a thing as God's Love.

Just to mention, much less question, the reality of these will certainly arouse the anger of many. Man has the capacity within himself of creating the reality of anything he wills to imagine. He also has the capacity of wanting to force his dreams upon his fellow man—and is willing to go to war if he is resisted. His resistance to change is remarkable, even in the face of indisputable evidence.

Spiritualism has been the pigmy among religions. It has had the audacity to question. We have, in a sense, rocked structures that should have been toppled centuries ago. It is a task that takes courage. It demands concerted effort. It requires persistence—and now when success is within sight, the adversary will say, "We knew it all the time—we were only waiting until the time was right."

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The aim of the alert Spiritualist is growth, improvement, accomplishment, development, in mind, body and spirit, living the good life toward oneness with God. A person's character is the essence of his being, a blueprint of his life, and includes many qualities that have no substitute. They include such keys to the higher life as humility,

courage, kindness, order, honesty, hard work, faith, intelligence, self-control, vision, and purity.

The Bible, Spiritualism's greatest heritage, admonishes, "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." The Spiritualist Manual, says in brief, "The duty of man is to attain knowledge, develop his character and nature to harmonize with the fully unfolded spiritual state. This duty comprises the entire conduct of man, mentally, morally and spiritually."

One's speech fits into this blue-print of life admirably. The Master of the Art of Living said, "By thy words thou shalt be justified; and by thy words ye shall be condemned." Also, "I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment."

Words are the ambassadors of the soul. Have you ever thought of the spoken word as inestimable in its effect? Your ability to speak effectively may save your life and the lives of others, as well as making you a successful person and a good instrument of spirit.

Doubtless you recall the Bible story of the hostility between the Ephraimites and the Gileadites, and how the former had speech defects and wanted to pass through the latter's territory as strangers from afar. But the

Gileadites had reason to suspect these "strangers" as their enemies, so gave them a speech test to make sure, and said, "Pronounce for us the word 'shibboleth.' If a "stranger" said 'sibboleth' the guard immediately put him to death. Forty-two thousand Ephraimites, for such they were, were slain because of their faulty pronunciation which showed them to be enemies of their neighbors.

How true it is that our value to society is judged largely by our speech. "As a man speaks, so is he, for speech is the mirror of the soul," declared Publius Syrus, of old. "Speak that I may see thee," charged Ben Jonson, the English dramatist. An unpleasant voice, poor posture, faulty grammar and pronunciation, insufficient preparation, together with an unconvincing personality are as "Shibboleths" that tend to kill a speaker's success of any Movement he represents. And in a less way those lacking the qualifications of a good speaker will spoil any short talk or a few words, as introducing a person, or giving a speech of farewell, or an acceptance of something, or as a speech of welcome, or making an announcement.

"Words are the only things that last forever," William Hazlitt reminds us. Every day our lives are flooded with words, from the time the radio bespeaks the news in the morning until we drop to sleep reading a magazine at night. The spoken words are the most powerful, though the eye is quicker than the ear. Students read from 200-800 words a minute, while the speaking pace is seldom more than 400 words a minute.

In starting to speak on a subject, it is well to define our terms that people may know what we are talking about. Words change their meaning, and new foreign words are induced from time to time. The word "let" in Shakespeare's time meant to prevent, as the words, "I will make a ghost of him who lets me," — meaning who prevents me. And now the word "let" means to allow, to permit. It is often interesting to look up the derivation of words that we use in a talk or speech, as words are tools of thought for the mind. For example, the word "sarcasm" originally meant the

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“tearing of flesh,” as by dogs. One finds the word “black” that stands for mourning in our country, but for mourning in China the color is white—all colors combined; while in our country, black is the absence of all color. Black from the Sanskrit means to burn—at funerals of course in India they burn their dead. The word “bombastic,” which a speaker must never be, originally means “cotton stuffing.” Green from the Anglo Saxon means growing; orange color from the Persian word from the fruit thus named.

The definition of a word is not often enough from the Anglo Saxon means growing; orange Words are “loaded,” because of their special usage in certain localities. As Humpty-Dumpty says in Alice in Wonderland, “When I use a word I mean just what I choose it to mean, neither more nor less.” Words have different meanings to different people, and Humpty-Dumpty would likely be misunderstood by other individuals who would have their own meaning also. Take the word Uranium 235 which would mean an atomic bomb to a Russian scientist and to an American physicist; but to Joseph Stalin, De Gaulle, to Chiang Kai-Shek, and to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the term “Atomic Bomb” could have different meanings. Spoken words cannot be interrupted by footnotes, so speakers must choose words carefully and define them as to how they are using them. In a speech, try to be definite, specific. Instead of just saying “a tree undisturbed by the wind,” say, “a towering stately oak in the wind seems to hold up its part of the sky.”

It is a truism that a good speaker always chooses simple language, picturesque and

meaningful when possible. The editors of the Encyclopedia tell us that simplicity is taken for truth. Speech was made to open man to man, not to hide him. Speak with the speech of the world, but think with the thought of the few. Second Corinthians, Bible, says, “We have such hope we use great plainness of speech.” Always have something worth saying and say it as simply and as beautifully as possible. Be friendly, sincere, happy to give and to share things that are important. Keep your ideas marching along after your flying start. Avoid always the “urs,” and quit on time. In doing all this you develop your personality, do a great deal of good, and serve God in making people and His world better. It is well to use several illustrations, short and to the point. People benefit by stories briefly told, as anchors to thoughts.

Preparation in all things is important. Study your subject well, organize it, including the illustrations you will use. Practice it well—this means much work. Our fine speakers as well as our most famous ones do not practice on the public, but on themselves in private, rehearsing their speech often on the average as many as fifty times, that they may feel at ease with it. Some times they practise before a mirror, that they may see themselves as others see them, standing with feet approximately together, an erect position, head up, hands falling at their sides in front of hips when not used in gestures. The day has long passed when people read speeches or memorized them or their prayers—that is tragic. Our best speakers do not use notes, but rather memorize brief outlines, and unhampered, speak from the heart and soul to their audiences. A few words thus delivered are worth millions that are read.

The first sentence and the last sentence are the most important. The first awakens interest and makes you and your audience one. Your last sentence leaves the impression, and must be unforgettable. Never break the impression by a return to the personality of the speaker by a “Thank you.” The conclusion is to the speech as a roof is to a house. Sometimes a summary of the talk or speech is given at the end or an illustration, giving an example applying to the trend of the talk, or an anecdote or story. If the purpose of the speech is to arouse a lofty ideal, a fitting conclusion would be an incident from the life of Christ, Kagawa, Ghandi, Lincoln, or some other great personality. Often a quotation of poetry or prose can make clearer what has been said.

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that makes a suitable appeal. Conclude quickly when the speech is finished without making fresh starts. One should have well in mind his concluding sentence, as well as his beginning sentence, and his outline memorized, but nothing more.

An example of a good final sentence, if one happens to be talking on Survival After Death, or some such subject, could be the following: "May we always remember the words of Ella Wheeler Wilcox when she says, 'Immortality is something to be earned by slow conquest, by frequent companionship with pain, and by a constant seeking after higher truths.'"

If you are talking on the subject of travel or missionary experiences at the beginning of the century, your first sentence might be somewhat like this: "Friends, I want now to share with you a few of the marvelous experiences we had in our missionary work.

One's first sentence must get attention, and be filled with promise. For a temperance lecture Billy Sunday, the evangelist, once began with the words, "All hell is filled with booze!" He got attention and interest, and at once.

Every one, of course, if possible, should study Speech books, should take College Courses in Speech, if he wishes to benefit most by the subject. Two books that we use in beginners' Speech Classes are the following: *YOU AND YOUR SPEECHES* by a Kansas University Professor, E. C. Buehler, and can be obtained from him directly or probably still from the Allen Press, Lawrence, Kansas, also from the address of the Professor at the University of Kansas. The book has been revised, and many of us feel it is the best book in all the Field of Speech. The other very useful book, and more advanced is by an Idaho State College Professor, Clarke S. Carlyle, entitled, *THE PROJECT TEXT FOR PUBLIC SPEAKING*, published by Harper, Rowe, and Company, New York City, New York. There are hundreds of Speech books in the market of course, with their different editions.

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The great Russian Cosmonaut Gherhan Titor, was asked to speak, he said, "Why I've been everywhere up there for several days, and not once did I see God," after a moments silence one of the Officers remarked, "If you had taken off your space suit, and stepped out of the capsule, you would have." Our own Jackson Astronaut James McDivitt, in contrast said, that he didn't see God looking in his space capsule window, any more than he saw God looking in his car windshield on earth, "But" he said, I could recognize His work in the stars as well as when walking among the flowers in a garden, if you can be with God on earth you can be with God in Space as well."

These words make us THINK especially in a day when to many people God is so far away, or in many cases does not exist at all.

Many people, people like you and me become a little confused when so often we see God pushed on one side, I heard a couple of gentlemen talking the other day, and one said "What does the Church amount to any more, its nothing but a club house, a place for entertainment." Have we so far forgotten what it meant to us in our growing years, and why do we hear so much today of the Generation Gap, we hear so much that we must cater to the young People and forget those who have struggled to keep the church open at all.

So the older people stay home and get their Spiritual satisfaction in the quiet and peace of home. Isn't it possible for us all to work together, join hands and find God together. Now this is what I would like some of you young people who are planning to attend the Conference to do. **YOU TELL US HOW WE CAN**

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MAKE OUR SERVICES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO YOU. We shall be glad to listen, this is your opportunity, Take a morning session appoint a Chairman and write down some of the things in which we can help you, and then in the afternoon present your findings to the group as a whole, I am sure the adults who are in our youth will do their best to cooperate.

Remember Spiritualism is a Broad Educator and covers so many phases of life, that if really understood from all three standpoints, the SCIENCE PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION, there would not be ONE unhappy Spiritualist, if we only had the FAITH, and placed that FAITH both in ourselves and INFINITE INTELLIGENCE which works through us and everything in Nature, then we should find the Peace and happiness which is our rightful portion in this life, to be followed by the blessed assurance of a happy home in the land of soul. There are so many around us who need our help, there to be able to help still further the souls of earth who did not understand.

Now for a little more as to the Conference, pay attention teachers or those who will be bringing children to the Dale, BE SURE THE CHILDREN HAVE SOMETHING TO PRESENT AT THE TALENT SHOW ON SATURDAY EVENING, JUST CHILDREN TAKE PART IN THIS.

WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT MR. ROBESON WILL AGAIN BE ON HAND TO SERVE A DELICIOUS CHICKEN BARBECUE SUPPER ON SATURDAY IN THE PICNIC GROUNDS. We should all be grateful to Anne and Bob Robeson for this very excellent repast and I hope there will be many hands ready to help them. I am very sure there will be many willing hands to help with the preparation. Another thing I would like to remind you, make your reservations BEFORE coming to the Dale, and if you are coming just for the Conference be sure and have a sticker in your car. Lily Dale gives a special entrance price for those attending the Conference.

TO EVERYONE, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPIRITUALISM AND THE GROWTH AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, PLEASE TRY AND BE WITH US, IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU THINK. Don't forget the dates July 9th. Pre Conference meeting, 10th and 11th. with special Lyceum Sunday Morning in the Andrew Jackson Davis Building.

A person who can't pay, gets another person who can't pay, to guarantee that he can pay.

—Dickens.

LICENTIATE AND MEDIUMS SOCIETY DEATH — A NEW BEGINNING By Ann Fisher

Thousands of years ago Job asked, "If a man dies, Shall he live again?" This question has been asked millions of times since then. The truth is that there is no death in the sense of oblivion. God is life and life is here and now. Life, or God has no beginning, no ending. Man being life as God in manifestation, cannot die.

The body has a beginning and an ending. We will always have a body whether three dimensional or 4th dimensional, for this is the expression of life. When the body is no longer a fit instrument, it is laid aside. Spirit is then clothed in the Etheric body.

We must not think of death as an ending. Let us rather think of it as a new beginning and that it is more abundant. We must not think of it as a loss, but rather as a gain.

Instead of dimly thinking of parting, let us think of being reunited with all of our loved ones. Instead of thinking that we are going away, let us realize that we are arriving at our new destination. When we have tasted the reality of what men call death, we will become aware that it is a NEW BIRTH. It will be what health is to the sick man, what home is to the exile.

Milton said, "Death is the golden key that opens the place of eternity." It is impossible that anything so universal as death should ever be looked upon as evil. It must be good or it would not be.

Death is a loaded word in a culture like ours. This word carries a connotation of finality. Actually there is no word in the English language which describes death as a new and promising venture. In the dictionary you would find: killed, died, perished, slayed. All these create fear. Thus the assumption that death is the worst thing that can happen to man.

A funeral in our society is a sad occasion. Many people do not believe they will see the

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deceased again; nor do the bereaved believe the possibility that it is a good experience for them.

We admit renewal, resurrection and fruition in the seasons, birds, flowers and insect life. But when it comes to man, we are struck numb and dumb with fear.

We are timid about taking the position that death and birth are but two sides of the shield of life and should not be feared. Basically, it is life in the process of changing. Something old given up for something new is the transaction consummated in the so called death process.

Spiritualism removes all fear of death. It teaches that death is not a cessation of life but a mere change of condition. Those that have left the physical body are conscious—not asleep. There is communication between the living and dead which has been scientifically proved. This brings comfort to the bereaved and alleviates sorrow.

When you pass on to the next dimension of life, you will have full use of your mental faculties. You will recognize your new environment. You will know others and you will be known. You will see, understand, learn and advance in all phases of your life.

When you came into this world, you were met by loving hands which cared for you. You were coddled and loved and all your needs were met until you grew out of childhood. What is true on one plane is true on all planes of existence. For God is Love.

On entry to the next dimension, you will be met by trained nurses and doctors who will initiate you and introduce you to a new life. Love attracts and you will meet all your loved ones again and have a happy reunion. You will travel and do all the things you did here.

The only difference is that you are operating on a new wave length or a higher frequency. You will not see the sun or moon there, as time is not the same as time is here. When you go to sleep at night, for example, your mind is very active, but you are not conscious of time.

I have been at the bedside of men and women during their transition. I have never seen any of them show any signs of fear. Instinctively and intuitively, they feel that they are entering into a larger dimension of life. Thomas Edison was heard to say to his physician before he died, "It is very beautiful over there."

All of us have a natural wistfulness regarding the state of our loved ones after they leave this plane of life. We must realize that they are living in another mansion of our father's house and are separated from us only by a higher frequency.

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GOING TO CHURCH ISN'T EASY

by Herbert Schneider

It may be a good thing that very few religious denominations are inclined to advocate serious thinking on the part of its adherents. As a matter of fact it is so much easier on the nerves of the followers not to have to contend with the many confusions and reversals which are so confusing.

In the Christian religion we lean entirely on the Bible. When the tribal leaders of the Old Testament coveted the lands and sheep of neighboring tribes, God being a jealous God just told them to slay their enemies. So they did.

In those days if someone had more than you, he was an enemy and the law against coveting did not apply. You see communism has ancient roots.

Throughout the Old Testament it is evident that God was a vengeful bloodthirsty warrior. There was nothing like a good war in Jehovah's name to get ahead.

The Mohammedans later took this up with their belief in the same one God, but they claimed that Mohammed was his prophet and that he was favorable to the extinction of the infidel Christians who were always traipsing across eastern Europe to convert them by the sword. The Turks reacted to such sharp tactics with scimitars.

Modern Arab leaders encouraged by the communists have just about decided the only way to get the Israelie out of their hair, is to have a good old fashioned religious war. How else can discouraged Arab peasants be stirred up to a frenzy of violence except by religion?

All three of these religions, Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedianism had God set up as an old warrior as in the Old Testament.

The communists have made it known among the masses of Asia that the western white Christians wish to impose their religion upon them so that they can be exploited economically. There are very few jobs open for Christian missionaries in Asia.

All of a sudden God reforms in the New Testament and he became an advocate of peace. Which is right war or peace? Was God wrong, then good or did he righteously vacillate?

It doesn't pay to try to think it all out. Sometimes it's too had on the medulla oblongata or some other part of the brain. It's just that confusing. Who wants to eat fish on Friday anyway?

Take Saints for instance. At one time they are and at another they are not. Joan of Arc was burned a witch and then made a Saint.

About a couple hundred years ago in Salem, Massachusetts, if you were envious of someone

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not too influential you called them a witch and the Reverend obligingly had them burned at the stake in the name of Jesus Christ. Today most of those victims would have been adjudged innocent of any talents and a few would be called mediums with legal religious standing.

Finally when you run across ministers translating the Bible into a communist doctrine and getting down in the gutter with the hippies to prove their point, you don't know who to believe is telling the gospel truth.

There are other hardships about church. Seven hymns with five verses each. To save your throat you look in the collection basket hoping someone really did drop a cough lozenger in it.

There is that organist who had his music box amplified. He plays so loud he makes you yell to hear yourself sing. It's especially bad when you forget they're dropping the last verse in this one.

Sunday that day of rest after working on your feet all week. The preacher who has been sitting on his hands all week trying to write his sermon, thinks your soul will grow while he keeps you shifting from one leg to the other standing through his long-winded prayers.

It isn't easy to go to church nowadays, that is in most churches if you want things to make sense. If you don't care about facts or truths it's easier.

They say there are some churches that just give you facts and tell you to think it over. But that doesn't fit—no sir that doesn't fit religious tradition.

It's a funny thing though. I am curious about truth. There is something fascinating about laying one fact along side another and seeing how they match up. You can decide for yourself as to what seems true and discard the rest as inconsequential.

You would think they would do it for you in church. You need to go to church or how else would you find out enough to get yourself started? Well — it isn't always easy.

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Since we are not perfect, we should seek within to see how to improve ourselves apart from self gain, this overcoming inspires fellow travelers. Thank the ones who made your knowledge possible, even when thanking someone for a gift, thank the Creator for the material out of which the gift was made. Each day brings myriads of things to be thankful for.

Our lives are enriched by a sunset, a mountain, flowers and many numerous expressions of Infinite Intelligence in plants and animals. Consider the birds which fold their wings to fly through the openings of an obstructing net, the migration of fish and fowl, all these things are "A feast prepared in the presence of our enemies." Our enemies are our negative thoughts, which are summarily ejected as our mind is filled with love and high aspiration, what a profitable deal! We place our deeds in Gods hands.

Accept gifts and offers of help enthusiastically, this gives the giver the opportunity to be blessed; and you build another rung in your ladder of evolution above the jungle urges. Do not belittle communion with loved ones in spirit, why ask the Master Teacher to do minor jobs which the loved ones can and need to do. When we have truly mastered ourselves, we are then ready to go forward to seek to become master teachers. The apex of living is reached when one gladly puts aside one's own life interests by service to uplift humanity.

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NOTES from the FIELD

Recently I have looked through the list of the membership of the Licentiate and Certified Mediums Society and was pleased to note that since January of 1969 our membership has enlarged. However I am not content to stop here. There are several States that have qualified Licentiates and Mediums who do not belong to our Society.

Once again I will inform you that our membership dues are only \$1.00 a year. With this dollar we can do so much worth while that is an upliftment to our Society as a group. Our purpose is to do some good for the organization.

Many of us can do a lot of good. We can correspond and exchange ideas.

Some of our members have submitted articles that has been published in "The Summit."

I am looking forward to hear from a lot more of you, don't let me down.

Not only am I looking forward to hear from you but I am looking forward to see you listed as a member in our Society. Our year starts in October of each year.

We have been granted an allotted time during the convention by the N.S.A.C. Board to present a symposium, which we who are members of the Licentiate and Certified Mediums Society are grateful. One way to increase our membership is if each one who is a member now will sign up a new member, it will not be long until we shall double our membership. Naturally, we must be a member of the N.S.A.C. to be eligible to belong to the Licentiate and Certified Mediums Society.

So let's hear from you soon as I am looking forward to it.

Fraternally submitted,
Huey S. Smiley, President
Licentiate and Cert. Mediums Society

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

The second Spiritualist Association at 423 South Broad Street celebrated its 122nd Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism on April 12th, 1970, The Reverend Clara Senior, President of P.S.S.A. of Litiz, Pa., was the guest speaker and Medium for the occasion holding church services at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Mr. John Palmer sang in the afternoon and evening services accompanied by Mrs. Gladys Faison and Mr. Calvin Walker.

It was a glorious day. The speaker was excellent. The church pastor the Rev. Alida Neige conducted all services. Rev. Augusta Taylor co-pastor, worked very hard raising money for the church also for flowers.

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The platform was decorated with beautiful baskets of flowers donated by members of the church. Every Sunday night healing at 7:00 p.m. is conducted by the pastor. The Second Spiritualist Church of Phila. continues direction its energy towards promoting Spiritualism, A Wonderful religion proving to mankind that "There is no death. There are no dead."

"MR. SPIRITUALISM" CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs was honored on his "88 years Young" birthday at his Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 25th with a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall, from 3 to 5 p.m.

He was greeted and "bussed" by about 175 of his church members and friends, and all were "dazzled" by his sporty outfit complete with shocking pink shirt and a "mod" tie. This blended well with his surroundings, which had been decorated by the members of the Ways & Means Committee in Green-White-Pink, together with colorful individual Ice cream molds, a beautifully decorated birthday cake, plus the usual colorful punch.

His response to the "Happy Birthday, Rev. Burroughs" song was that each and every one was invited to his 99th birthday party.

A beautiful basket of flowers, given by our church secretary, Freda Dorothy Egbert, in memory of our pastors mother, Mrs. Margaret S. Burroughs, further enhanced the occasion.

This writer observed the decorated container at the entrance door to Fellowship Hall, was filled to the brim with birthday cards and greetings to our beloved pastor and friend. Many were from the many states of the Union.

ETNA, MAINE

Speakers for the forthcoming Campmeeting at Camp Etna are Herb Seiler, Fred Davis, C. Harrison Engel, Jobie Robinson, B. Anne Gehman. Dates this year are August 2nd through August 30th.

At a recent business meeting, the members voted to demolish the remnant of the collapsed Temple of a year and a half ago, and to sell cement blocks to erect a new temple with smaller capacity, a sizable donation has been received to commence on the foundation.

Rev. C. Harrison Engle is hospitalized at Togus, Maine, where he is undergoing a series of examinations.

INDIANA STATE ASSOC. OF SPIRITUALISTS

I must at once thank our National President—Reverend Robert J. Macdonald for taking time from his busy schedule to share with us these next few days—lecturing, teaching, and inspiring us. And, of course, the same goes to our next door neighbor (that is from the State of Ohio) Mr. Herb Seiler. Thank you both.

I am aware that each of our churches as an entity has its problems to solve and decisions to make. Those of you that are church board members would very quickly verify this.

Today I would like to share the following thought with you. Our problems are almost like a whisper in a whirlwind when we recall that nearly a month ago there were three men in a spaceship very near the moon. And, we remember that due to certain circumstances they had problems to overcome if they were to live and return to this Earth of ours. Which of course they did.

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We must not add even a whisper to the whirlwind of confusion which seems to surround us today.

Remember we seldom ever know the complete story (both sides and in the middle). Or in the words of a modern song—"Walk a mile in my shoes." It makes us realize that we may not really know our brother: but, we shall love him anyway and overlook whatever he does that may not suit us because we surely expect him to overlook our thoughtlessness and mistakes.

We must look to that bright future, be filled with expectations, hitch our wagon to the helping stars—(our unseen friends): and get down on own hard working self determination, then the Ship of State—our Religion, Spiritualism, and our Country will peacefully lead the world.

We must remember that we represent and teach a truth. We believe in Spiritualism, a Science, Philosophy, and a Religion. We are National Spiritualists. Our religion on an ecclesiastical basis is equal with all other religious organizations in these United States.

The National Spiritualists Association of Churches is incorporated in Washington, D.C. under the laws of these United States, just the same as the other church denominations must be. Be proud that we are National Spiritualists.

We do not need to borrow from any other organization! Spiritualism is complete in itself. We cannot convert or convince anyone. Instead whoever is seeking for a true investigation and a reasonable philosophy will surely find that here is a way of life, the Religion of Spiritualism.

Your job as a delegate is to listen attentively, grasping all that you can, perhaps make notes. Later review these notes and garner an understanding so that you not only pass it on to others at home but that you, yourself, have grown a little more in the Spiritualness of life's pathway.

Let us be reminded that we do not need a turn on to tune in.

The natural and harmonious balance of workings of a healthy physical body is a most beautiful manifestation of God (the wondrous laws of nature.) Please be alert, that the present use of drug, weed, stimulant, or depressant in our society is of concern to us. Educate yourselves about these elements and their harms. We must arm ourselves with knowledge in order to teach correctly as the occasion presents itself. It may be sooner than we think.

Just as we think of the improper, dark, or unnatural side of life so must we realize that from it and into light, harmony and sunshine we shall surely grow. We truly make our own happiness.

Please take this message home to your church members. I, personally, and as your President, do truly thank each one of you for doing so much. You who are so few and yet help so many!

In the words of our simplified declaration of principles. "Every day is a new beginning." Correct yesterdays mistakes and grow in a greater goodness.

—William F. Melick, President

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

The 66th annual convention of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists was held at the Holiday Inn, West Washington Street, Indianapolis, April 30th, May 1-2-3. The speaker for the evening religious services was N.S.A.C. president Robert J. Macdonald. Mr. Herb. Seiler pastor of the First Spiritualist Temple, Ashtabula, Ohio and trustee of the O.S.S.A. was clairvoyant for the convention, he was assisted by Margo Stranahan, William Schaller, trustee of the State Board and Glenna Clark, State Board, Treasurer. Many fine reports were given by the various committees during the daytime business sessions, the reports showed that each church in the State was in excellent

condition and with a growing membership and it was made clear that many new members were being added to the churches many of them young people who had found in Spiritualism that which they wanted in their religious understanding. The resolutions committee offered a number of thought provoking resolutions and this made for a deal of discussion by the delegates. One resolution that was offered for a vote was the idea of adding the words "Of Churches" to the State association name, this will again be debated in 1971 and the delegates will have all of this year to think of the change.

A shadow was cast on the convention by the report of the grave illness of State Lyceum Director the Rev. Bernice Brock of Fort Wayne, but before the convention ended word came that she was out of the hospital and in her home where she will recuperate for some time still. The State Board officers delivered very fine reports of their years work, the Secretary and Treasurer were able to report that the business and finances of the association were in excellent shape. Mr. William Schaller made the convention hall beautiful with a variety of flowers from his garden in Hammond. Saturday afternoon was the time for election of officers, George Hullinger of Michigan City was re-elected for a term of three years, as was Sadie Temme of Evansville, Paul Keller of Indianapolis, was a new trustee elected for a term of three years. Secretary Velma Dickson was elected State delegate for the N.S.A.C. convention, Geneva Carter of Anderson is alternate. Evening religious services were very well attended, with many happy people the recipients of the excellent clairvoyance of Mr. Seiler and the State mediums who assisted him. Rev. Macdonald conducted Classes for one hour each day at 1 p.m. He had a question and answer period each day and the Classes were instructive both in the history of religion and on spiritual healing, the Class on healing was particularly interesting. The Lyceum Symposium conducted by Mr. Seiler on Sunday afternoon was a very instructive period and Mr. Seiler had not alone much to offer as a teacher but he brought with him much reading material that will prove of great value to the Lyceum teachers and students. Sunday morning was given over to the mediums who delivered short clairvoyant consultations to the many who wished that service. The banquet held on Saturday evening was a great delight, there were so many guests who came from all over the State and the many witty remarks delivered by the President and particularly by Trustee Paul Keller was a joy to hear. It was a wonderful convention and all who attended felt that much good was accomplished.

FIRST SPIRITUAL TEMPLE ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

On Easter Sunday, March 29, the Rev. Elsie Beesley officiated at the Christening of Darlene Mae Charleton, infant daughter of Audrey and Fred Charleton. Godparents were Mr. and Mrs. Art Cheney of Livonia. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Case, president of the church and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Charleton.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Sunday, February 22nd, 1970 will be a day long remembered by the members of the First Psychic Science Church at 3319 North 24th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For it was 50 years ago on a Sunday — the 22nd of February — that the church was organized.

The dias held plants and flowers sent by the Women's Club, Lyceum members, and Miss Lily Eisold. Appropriate musical selections were played before the start of the 10:30 a.m. service by Mrs. Lorraine Linquist on the Grand piano, and Mrs. Shirley Bauer at

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the organ. A capacity crowd of well wishers came to hear the speaker, Mr. Joseph Sax, a Licenciate Minister and a member of the church of 42 years. Mr. Sax gave the history of the church, it's goals, and its accomplishments. A special memorial service was then held whereby Mr. Edward Urban persident of the church, and Mr. Sax placed one yellow rose into crystal vases as the name of the departed member was called. In all, 50 yellow roses were placed in tribute, including one rose in memory of Robert Dreblow, who gave his life for our country. Miss Margo Urban, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Urban, representing the third generation in the church, placed a rose in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. Frances Norick Hicks. Eugene Simon, who represented the fourth generation, placed a rose in memory of his great-grandmother, Mrs. Spencer. The final rose placed by Mr. Sax was in memory of all members and friends of the church not mentioned. Mr. Sax concluded the special service by rendering the solo "Absent" to the accompaniment of the organ and piano.

Immediately following the close of the service, the Women's Club served refreshments to all members and friends present, which included the serving of a huge cake with yellow roses and the numeral 5 on it. At this time, representatives of the various Spiritualist churches extended congratulations. Mr. Joseph Merrill, secretary of the National Spiritualist Association; Mr. Harri Milesi, Pastor of the Third Spiritualist Church of West Allis; Mrs. Rose Kress, President of Wonewoc Camp; Mr. Otto Mueller of the Christian Spiritual Church; and Rev. Otto Schuh, of Kraft Memorial Center.

Mr. Urban introduced the officers of the church, the Women's Club, and teachers of the Lyceum, which is held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. also. Mr. Urban, in his remarks, mentioned how fortunate the church is in having as members the following mediums, who serve our church so faithfully; Mrs. Florence Kehoss, Mrs. Mae Larned, Rev. Adele Zimmerman, and Mr. Joseph Sax. Mr. Urban also expressed his thanks and those of the members and officers upon receiving a check in a substantial amount toward our building fund from one of the members.

Picture taking and visiting among all present concluded the happy Sunday, and all who left were of one thought—what a beautiful Golden Anniversary Celebration this was, and may God grant many more Anniversaries to the church, its officers and members. The soft glow of the golden candles lit throughout the room, reflected the serene and happy thoughts of all.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The National Officers may be all business when they meet in executive sessions in the spring and fall but they are not slow to inject a bit of pleasure especially when it comes to a birthday of an officer who has given years of service to Spiritualism.

At the recent spring Board meeting held at the Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin word had been passed of the approaching 88th birthday of the Reverend H. Gordon Burroughs Vice-President of the N.S.A.C. The Reverend Evelyn Muse and Mrs. Jeanette Knepprath arranged for an appropriate cake and gift and the Board used their dinner hour to pay tribute to Mr. Burroughs for this particular time of his life.

Following the dinner hour the Board went back to work and if you read the June issue of The Summit you will read of some of the constructive work in Healing and Prayer Groups that came out of this spring meeting.

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

The Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Spiritualist Association was held in the First Spiritualist Church of Paterson, Saturday and Sunday, May 2-3, 1970. This Association is one of the oldest

and most progressive in the Federation of N.S.A.C. Associations and this year the convention was a happy and constructive series of meetings. Saturday sessions were devoted to business with many new suggestions being offered for the welfare of the Movement, at the close of the mornings meetings luncheon was served, it was prepared by the ladies of the First Church and it was a most delicious repast. The afternoon of Saturday was devoted to more business and the election of officers for the ensuing three years, the results of the vote are

President — Rev. Elizabeth Giberson
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 Mrs. Florence Barnes
 Mrs. Hazel Hook
 Mr. Howard W. Dinger, Sr.
 Mr. Jacob Fenderlander

Most of the officers elected are re-elected and their staunch efforts in the cause of Spiritualism and the welfare of the people of N. Jersey is reflected in their success. The editor of Summit is most grateful for the hard work of Mrs. Isabella Prince, each year she makes a concerted drive for new and re-newed subscriptions for the Summit and throughout the years she has never failed; thank you Isabella. Saturday evening was devoted to Progressive Circles, open to the public, this was a well attended event with many newcomers being served by the mediums of the convention and with great success.

Sunday religious services commenced at 10 a.m. and continued throughout the day. Afternoon services were at 2:30 p.m., the service was largely a Memorial service and the presentation of a plaque which will be installed in the First Church of Paterson from the membership of the Second Church of Paterson. The plaque is in honor of Mrs. Emma Lachner whose life was dedicated to Spiritualism, especially the work of the Lyceum. Mr. Arthur Prince officiated at this impressive service.

Guest Speaker for the Sunday services was Rev. Kenneth D. Custance, vice president of the Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists and co-pastor of First Spiritualist Church of Onset, Mass. Rev. Custance is a well known and excellent speaker and medium and his words at this convention gave the delegates and visitors much food for thought with a splendid understanding of Modern Spiritualism. Organist for the afternoon religious services was Mrs. Ethel Lovell of Wyckoff and the soloist was Mrs. Jacqueline Carlisle, whose beautiful rendering of "The Lords Prayer" and "How Great Thou Art," held the congregation spellbound. Spirit greetings and clairvoyance was delivered by Rev. Custance and by the Certified Mediums of the association. The convention was most harmonious and constructive and the delegates went to their home churches with a more positive assurance that all was well with their church progress.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR PRECIOUS GEMS ?

In the beginning of man's ability to think there has been many metals that has been looked upon as having some value, either in imagination or for monitary purposes.

We have at present copper, brass, silver and gold as well as diamonds, rubies, pearls and other gems. Each of these metals and jewels have a certain man made value. Gold so much per ounce, silver so much per ounce and so on.

But is an ounce of gold worth any more than an ounce of sand in the Light of the Great Creator?

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From the Columbus (Ohio) Post Dispatch

We all recognize the necessity of needing some standard of regulation for the purpose of a medium of exchange. But if we allow ourselves to get to the point of letting these creations dominate our thoughts, we lose sight of the beauties of Nature that surrounds us.

Did you ever see a grain of sand sparkle in the sun-light, or see a drop of dew sparkle on a morning glory as the little flower opens its face to the sun?

Perhaps we would say that the sparkle of sand is only for a fleeting moment, or the drop of dew will evaporate in an instant. But knowing that our passing this way is just a brief stop over on the progress to Eternity. If the sparkle of sand and the dew drop lingers in our memory and we hold it there from now on, isn't the value of this possession worth as much to us as the ounce of Gold or Silver?

We have spent our day for this year in recognition and memory of the greatest jewel the world holds for us

Who was the one who answered your smallest whim when you were an infant?

Who did you turn to with a bruised foot or sore finger when you were a small tot?

Who has been your maid, your cook, your house-keeper, your doctor, your lawyer your legal advisor, your nurse and your spiritual advisor?

Who is the one who laughs with you when you are happy?

Who cries with you when you are sad?

Who spends many sleepless nights when you are away and no word is heard from you?

Who is the first to say that you are forgiven, regardless of the wrong you have imposed upon her, when you ask her to forget?

Yes, I would say that the greatest jewel one can possess is the memory of the love our Mother holds for us.

- M—No one like Mother
 - O—She stands above all Others
 - T—To her we owe our Thanks
 - H—To us she gave her Heart
 - E—Her love we have for Ever
 - R—She is the most valued Ruby.
- Huey S. Smiley

TRANSITIONS

Kreisa—Rev. John F. Kreisa, Vienna, Virginia, April 12th, 1970. Survived by one son, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Rev. Kreisa was a former pastor of First Spiritualist Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, until his retirement to Vienna some years ago. Memorial Services were held in the Harrisburg church, by Rev. Clara Senior, President of the P.S.S.A., interment was in Memorial Park, Falls Church, Va.

Hauselmann—Anna Hauselmann (72) Seattle, Washington, April 18th, 1970. Survived by husband, one son, two daughters. Mrs. Hauselmann was prominently identified with Spiritualism for many years, she held several positions on the Tower Spiritualist church board at different times. Funeral services were held from Tower Spiritualist Church. Rev. Effie Goben offered the invocation and pronounced the benediction, Flora Culp Peterson delivered the eulogy.

Adams—Miss Jeanette C. (Nettie) Adams, Buffalo, New York, April 26, 1970. Survived by brothers Edwin and Phillip Adams. Miss Adams was a member of the Church of Eternal Brotherhood, Buffalo, New York, for nearly 30 years. For many years, she and her late brother George were caretakers of the Church; and, up until illness forced her to give up all activities, summers would find Miss Adams at her post at the Admissions Gate at Lily Dale, New York. She served as secretary of the Church and as both president and vice president of the ladies auxiliary, the Alpha Club. Rev. Joan F. Hooper and Rev. Joan R. Wind conducted services for Miss Adams on Thursday, April 30, 1970.

Early American churches executed in the Georgian style are not uncommon, but one might well wonder how so excellent an example of Norman architecture happened to be built in Columbus, Ohio, in the year 1857.

Thus wrote architect Daniel W. Weiny in the year 1923. His five-page article in the magazine *Architecture* included photographs and many measured drawings of this church (the Spiritualist Church at Sixth and State streets) and its elegant details.

It was once Westminster Presbyterian Church and its membership included many of the young city's most prominent families. It was completed 113 years ago at a cost of \$16,000. Architect Weiny wrote, "The entrance . . . is particularly interesting, the columns on each side being of cast iron, the archivolt of stone, and the heavy walnut doors with their quaint wrought iron hinges impart the impression of dating back to 1157 instead of 1857."

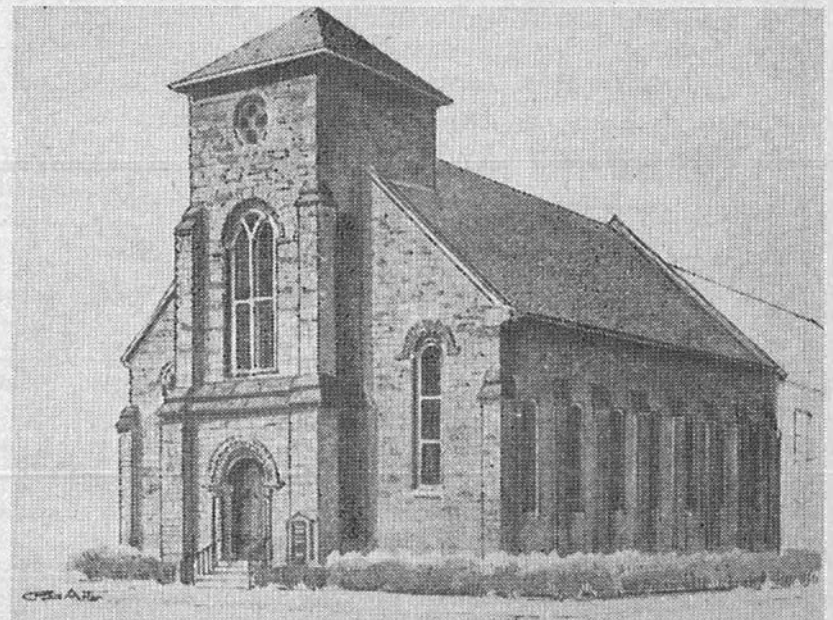
Many other details are extraordinarily handsome, including beautiful twin, walnut stairways and graceful roof trusses. The rich stained glass windows were brought from Europe.

The entrance which Weiny considers noteworthy is, indeed, much noticed, and was once featured in a television film. Its zig-zag moldings and fantastic columns have never been duplicated in these parts. A planned spire was never built. (Neither was the spire intended for St. Joseph's Cathedral. The towers of both structures are capped with low, pyramidal, "temporary" roofs.)

The story of its acquisition by the Spiritualists is as interesting as the church's architecture: Old Westminster, once vigorous and well-attended, fell upon evil days as the years went by. At about the century's turn it was dissolved and its congregation joined another. The building was put up for sale.

Eva Fay, a Spiritualist minister and medium, was consulted by Ebenezer Barcus. He had been offered what seemed a large sum for a big block of railroad stock he owned. He wanted to know whether he should sell or wait for a better offer. He is said to have promised to buy the Spiritualists a church if he got profitable advice. Eva Fay told him to hold his stock for a rise. He did so and sold out later at a huge profit.

According to the story (I've heard it from several sources) Barcus was as good as his word. He bought this church and put it in the name of three trustees for the Spiritualists. Three trustees still own it. One of them tells me they are being importuned to sell it,



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the land to be used for a parking lot—a rather sad thought.

I hope the trustees do not sell and allow the city to lose still another architectural treasure. Too few such fine things remain for our children to admire and enjoy.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Activities for the past few months of The Church of Two Worlds N.S.A.C.

We have been building and our young people are coming, They tell us to find a place where Friendship, Love, and understanding abide.

Licentiate Minister Roy Burkholder Jr. came to worship with us and gave a helping hand. He joined with us when we first opened our Church doors. Roy makes friends with all, especially the young group, as they say he understands their problems.

Eight new members joined in fellowship with us Feb. 10, 1970. Mr. Robert N. Willett and wife, Jane, two sons Mylaes and Roni; Mrs. Anne Bingham and Mrs. Barbara Frey. On March 19, two more members joined Church Fellowship, Mrs. Mary E. Garver and Mrs. Frances Milford. After each Church Service members accepted in Church were welcomed by Rev. Bessie Childress and Roy Burkholder.

All members and friends stayed to welcome the new members. In the Church dining room refreshments were served. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

To our new members from all of us—we welcome you in the church of your choice, in Spiritualism and Service to do God's work.

Easter Sunday the church was decorated with beautiful flowers. Breakfast was served in the Church dining room by the members. A good time was had by all.

Mother's Day the Church was decorated in red and white flowers for the Mothers in the realms of Spirit and for those who are still here with us.

Rev. Bessie Childress and Roy Burkholder con-



Left to Right—Leota Childress, Roy Burkholder, Mary E. Garver and Rev. Bessie Childress.

ducted the Services. Roy gave a beautiful sermon dedicated to all Mothers.

Licentiate Minister Leota Childress and Healer had charge of the Healing Services 7:15 p.m. Sunday. The new members are also members of Roy's Developing and philosophy Class.

While Mr. Burkholder is away for the Summer season, the two classes will join together until his return this Fall. All of us are so grateful to Roy for his service to the church.

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ORLANDO—Spiritual Research Society, Inc., N.S.A.C., 2500 Conway Road, Orlando. Sunday services, Healing Service, 4 p.m. Lecture, 4:30 p.m. Open Forum and Message Service 7:30 p.m. Leader, B. Anne Gehman.

MIAMI—Metaphysical Science Church (N.S.A.C.)
601 S.W. 7th St. SUNDAY: HEALING SERVICE 7:30 P.M., Lecture and E.S.P. Demonstration 8:00 P.M. . . . ALL MESSAGE SERVICE: WED 8:00 P.M. and THURS. 2:00 P.M. Rev. Sophie Busch, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG—Church of Spiritual Philosophy and Vedanta Center, NSAC, 216 19th Avenue, S.E.
Services Sun. and Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Healing 7 p.m. Minister, Rev. M. MacBride Panton.

TAMPA—Co-Operative Spiritualist Church, 115 South Packwood Avenue, Worship and Healing Services, Sunday, 3 p.m. Wednesday Message Service, 7, p.m. Mrs. Alice Leon Knight, Pres. 1714½ North A. Street, Tampa. Phone 258-0411.

WEST PALM BEACH—Spiritualist Church Of Divine Life, 205 North A St., Lake Worth. Divine Worship, Sunday 7:00 p.m. Classes 7:30 Tuesday and Thursday. The Reverends J. Martin, B. Selwa, E. Krauel and L. Althouse. Phone 965-0684.

ILLINOIS

Illinois State Spiritualist Association—

President—Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, 3501 Shakespeare Ave., Chicago 60647.

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AURORA—Christabelle Spiritualist Church, service at 7 p.m. Sun. in Room "C" YMCA Bldg. Ben D. Jones, Jr., Pres., Jeannie H. Jones, Sec'y; 200 Willow Ave., Joliet, Illinois.

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

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 Berg, Secretary.

Puritan Spiritualist Church, 10957-59 South Park Ave. Services Sunday 2.30 p.m.

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

CHICAGO—Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple, 3843 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, 60653. Cunday Services 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. First Sunday of each month, Communion Service. Louise Washington, President; Ruby MacNair, Secretary.

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 at 2:30 P.M. Pastor Rev. Ottilie S. Dyroff, No. 12 Kingsway Court, 934 St. and Ohio Ave. Services Sunday at 2:30 P.M. Pastor, Kingshighway, 62203

FREEPORT—N.S.A.C. Chapel of Prayer, West on 20, Route No. 4, Freeport, by THE FLANENBURG CROSSING. Services every Sunday, 2 p.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, 12:30 p.m. Worship Service, Sundays 2:00 p.m. Rev. Walter Holder, Pastor, 313 E. Center Street. Phone 962-2066. Elsie L. Phillips, Secy., LeRoy, Ill. Phone 962-5751.

PEORIA—Spiritualist Church of Harmony, 1110 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, Ill. Church services, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. The public is invited, Pres., Mrs. Helen Logan, 109 Homewood Ave., Creve Coeur, Ill., Sec. Mrs. Hattie M. Caughey, 2101 E. Longshore Pl., Peoria Heights, Ill. 61614. Rev. Ethel Phillips Weltz, Pastor, 3118 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria. Phone 682-9597.

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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1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46220

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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. 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 742-4567; 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; Della Howel, Pres.; Janice Lowe, Secretary, 58 West 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. Mrs. Helen Schaller, Pastor; Mrs. Jean Fleener, Secretary, 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.; Wednesday 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. Mae 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. H. S. Smiley, Assistant Minister. Sec'y, Mrs. Lilliam Grief, phone 243-2391.

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

KANSAS

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

MAINE

Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

President—Robie Robinson Etna, Maine

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AUGUSTA—The Augusta Spiritualist Church, Court and Perham Streets. Sunday Services, 2:30 and 7:30

p.m. Co-Pastors Abbie Bates Perry, Box 13, Brooks, Maine, Margaret Stevens, 61 Water St., Hallawell, Me. Pres. Margaret Stevens, Secretary Florence S. Carr, Box 724, Augusta, Me.

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 and Leonard E. Blatchford, Healers: Healing Service, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Sec'y: Mrs. Lavalette Surjcek, 861 W. 36th St., Baltimore, 21211.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists—

President—Rev. Gladys Worsencroft
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BOSTON—First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society, 88 Exeter Street. Services Sunday, 3:00 and 7:00 P.M., Tuesday evenings, 7:30. Mrs. Wilhelmina Crane, Pres. 58 Ships Avenue, Medford, Mass. 02155. Ernest A. Coffin, Secretary, 12 Trinity Ave., Worcester, Mass. 01605.

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.

METHUEN—The Church Of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist) Red Men Hall, 9 Center Street, Methuen, Mass., Telephone 689-9117. 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 Culance, 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, Mr. Francis Persip, 20 Dartmouth St., Springfield, Mass. 01109.

SALEM—First Spiritualist Church, 34 Warren Street, Salem. Sunday, Lyceum, 10:45 a.m., Evening, First Service, 5:30 p.m.; Second Service, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 2 p.m. Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, Pastor.

MICHIGAN

Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

President—Mr. Arthur Beesley, 1474 Pontiac Trail
Walled Lake, Mich. 48088

Secretary—Rev. Goldie M. Dodd, 89 Delaware Ave.
Detroit, Mich. 48202

BAY SHORE — Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, one mile west of Bay Shore on old Route No. 31. Services, Sunday 10:30 a.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 3rd Thursday each month, Sept. thru May, 8:00 P.M. Royal Oak Church, 114 Pingree Ave. Rev. Goldie Dodd, Pres., Patricia Beesley, Secy., 345 Bortman Drive, Troy, Michigan 48084.

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—National Spiritualist Church, 2101 Jefferson St., Muskegon Heights, Michigan 49444. Sunday School and Church Service 10:00 a.m., Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Marvell Francisco, Pres. Lenore A. Schleeter, Secty, 1005 Taylor, 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., Thomas Wm. Case, President; Marguerite Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030, Secretary.

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 & Lynedale Ave. N., Consultations Thursday 1-4 p.m. Services Sunday 10:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Birdie Torgerson, Secretary, 3253 31st Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406.

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, Mrs. Patricia C. Bynum, 8825 Riley, Overland Park, Kansas City 66212.

KANSAS CITY—Ninth Spiritualist Church, Rev. Frances R. (Maude) Tucker, Founder 2301 Van Brunt Blvd. 64127. Sun. Services 7:30 p.m.; Healing Services 7:45 p.m.; Spirit Communication Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Florence Anderson, Pastor. Church Phone 483-5499; Mrs. 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, Mo. 63107 Sundays, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Devotional and Healing Service 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Boschen, Licentiate Minister.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey State Association—

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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—First Spiritualist Church, 142 Carroll Street, Services, Sunday Morning Lyceum, 9 a.m. Sunday Morning Services 10 a.m. Wed. Afternoon Service 1 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. Every Second Wed. of Month, Progressive Circle, 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. First Friday of Each Month,

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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.

BUFFALO—Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey at Hazel, Services, Sunday, 2:45 p.m. Healing, Worship Service and Clairvoyance. Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Clairvoyance. Co-Pastors, Joan Wind, Joan Hooper.

BROOKLYN—The Temple of Divine Guidance, Rev. Bertha Fischer, D.D., Pastor, Service every Saturday, 7:30 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.

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, Margaret Washburn, Secretary.

SYRACUSE—First Spiritualist Church, 535 Oakwood Ave., Services: Sun., 2 p.m. and Wed., 7:30 p.m. Margaret H. Tice, Pastor and President, Phone 468-5638; Vera M. Weaver, Secretary.

OHIO

Ohio State Spiritualist Association—

President—Rev. Amy Pearce 544 W. Glenaven Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

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5465 Main Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio.

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. 7:30, Wed. 8 p.m. Philosophy Class Friday 8 p.m., Herb Seiler, Pastor.

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 Temple, State and Sixth Streets. Church phone 228-1112. Services Sun. 3 p.m. Message Service, Thursday 8 p.m. All Message Service, Public Healing. Rev. Nellie Brown, Minister.

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 at 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, 848 Clover Street at St. Paul Ave., Sunday Service 7:30 P.M. 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. Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Pratt, R.R. No. 5, Phone 227-7446.

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 Salvodar, 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 Drowned, Pastor, 4964 Rising Sun Ave. Telephone Gladthone 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.

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. Rev. Elmer Aetkinson, Pastor.

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, AT 6-4962. **Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas.** Hotel Dallas. Devotional ad 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 Ave. 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 Pam Ann 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, West Fourth Street, Taylor, Sunday Services 2 p.m. on the first and second Sunday of each month, evening services 7:30 p.m. Lecture and Messages. Homer B. Kelley, Pastor, Evelyn Cervin, Secretary, 1015 West 7th St., Taylor.

VERMONT

BURLINGTON—Church of Spiritual Light, Vermont Room, Hotel Vermont. Services, first and third Sundays 2:30 p.m.—Dec. thru April. 7:30 p.m.—May, June, Sept., Oct., Nov. Pastor, Allen K. Howard, Colchester. Pres.—H. Bert White, Huntington. Secy-Treas.—Barbara R. Howard, Colchester.

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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our achievements, and occupations, including our dreams and goals and our eternal selves. However, with all our getting, may be get understanding, including the wisdom from the words of others. Words spoken or written can be deathless and meet us in eternity.

In the Gospel of John we read, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." St. Paul in *Colossians*, carrying out this thought of the Christ being the Word with God, the Son of God, says, "He is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature, for by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in the earth, visible and invisible . . . and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."

We being finite and not the Infinite do not in our present stage of development expect to understand many things, or to be a solver of riddles; but rather to commit our way unto Him in His will, and welcome the lightening and the sunshine, the waves and the winds, and all signs and wonders placed in the clouds and in the flowers that bespeak faith to our souls, "We look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness," as the Bible tells us. In those coming times, we expect that our spoken and written words will be far wiser, will have greater attention given them, and will solve more problems than our present words.

FISHER (Continued)

The so called dead are all about us. We must cease believing that they are dead and gone. They are alive with the life of God. Man is under a hypnotic spell in the belief of death. When he lets the scale of centuries of false beliefs fall from his eyes, he will realize that he has an existence beyond time and space as we know it.

Man will see and feel the presence of those he calls dead. I look on death as a birthday into the fourth dimension where we go from mansion to mansion is an ascending scale. The journey is from glory to glory; man goes onward, upward and Godward.

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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.
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Infinite Spirit, make me
To love life here
Make me to live it to it's
Full liltig fullness
Make the golden hours
In this Thy World
Filled with Thy Presence
Be Sweet with promise
Fulfilled in Thee