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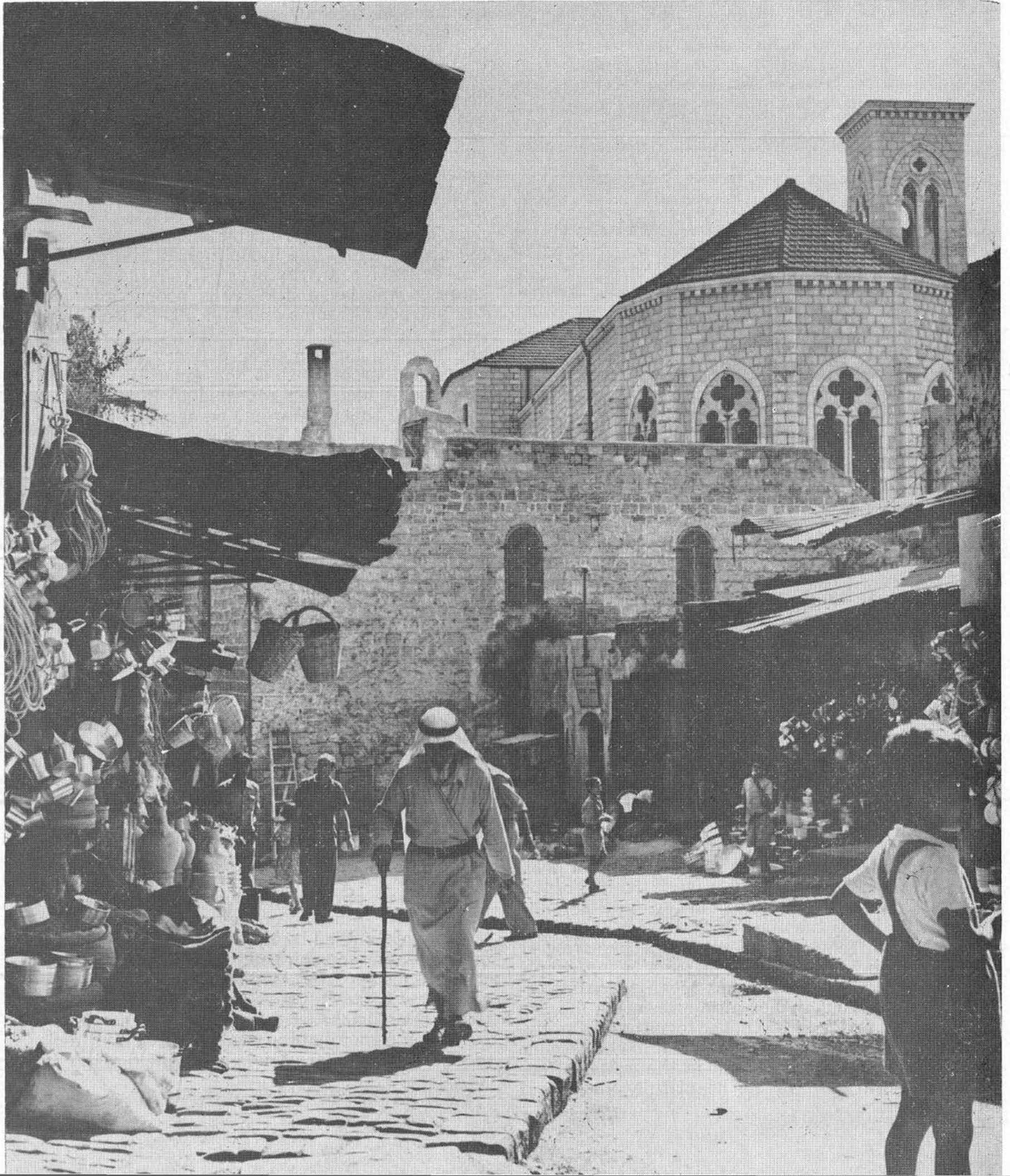
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THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER

Each year Nazareth, Israel becomes the focal point for Christmas celebrations and religious observance. The community of Nazareth is much the same as it was when Mary and Joseph lived there and when Jesus spent his youth. Visitors from all over flock to Nazareth for the holy days and pilgrimages are also made to other places associated with early Christianity such as Jerusalem, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Tabgha and Ein Kerem.

EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS AND YOU

Christmas you say? What do you mean by that? What meaning does it have these days for us in Spiritualism? Is it wrapped up in bright colored papers tied with many colored ribbons; spangled greens spattered with tinsel and silver snow; Yuletide greetings hidden behind a postage stamp; a modernized wassail drunk from a crystal bowl or a plump turkey, gazing on a plum pudding burning with brandy? Does it mean in infrequent visit to a church service or a gala trip to a sports arena? For many people in Spiritualism it does not mean these superficial things but rather an appreciation for life itself, the magic of birth, the love ties of family, the knowledge of a world eternal. Is the essence of true Christmas thus lost in the welter of social celebrations? Is the beautifully allegorical

magic of the birth of Jesus a basis for such revelry or do we find the true mystical explanation of a dedicated life, in the symbol of the eternity of Spirit.

The basis of all religious development in ages past has been through the recognition of phenomena; the visitation of conscious communicative spirit to the mortal mind; the approach of finite understanding toward the infinite the guidance of forces seemingly supernatural; in the slow but effective growth of naturalism. To the mortal mind these approaches are comprehended through awe, through fear and most of all through an expression of Love.

The week preceding this historic event was one of excitement throughout the land. All taxpayers had been cited to come to Bethlehem in order to pay their tax tribute to the government on a certain day. It seems there were tax problems even in those days. The people, then as now, had economic problems and for those who did not normally live in Bethlehem the journey was expensive. In the eyes of the Judeans the country was large, the trails poorly guarded, the journey tiresome and difficult. Especially so was it to Joseph, his wife Mary was pregnant and nearing her time for delivery. There was the added problem that she must travel with him and it had been revealed to him through Spirit that this child would be heaven blessed in worldly experiences. This is an esthetic hope in the approach of any first born.

Nazareth their home was farther distant from Bethlehem than any other province in Judea, the whole experience was shrouded in fear and gloom.

On arrival there was no room for them in the over crowded inn. The only recourse for them was the barn on a pallet of straw in the manger where the child was born. As becomes the natural instinct of motherhood. Mary tended the child wrapping him in swaddling clothes that he might be warm. Thus in the lowliest of outward circumstances, the Law of Love exerted itself in the relationship between mother and child. Love the fundamental basis for growth in the nature of the babe; love in the outward expression of life in the heart and mind of the mother.

Not far from the birthplace there were shepherds tending their sheep in the field. The night was cold and dark, they huddled with one another when suddenly a great light appeared among them and a voice spoke telling them of the birth of the Babe. They counselled among themselves and led by the light they visited the manger and worshipped. These lowly sheep tenders, perhaps the lowliest in social standing were first to recognize this natural demonstration from spirit. At the same time at some distance some merchants, wealthy, wise and definitely from another social class beheld a star in

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1973 CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

The 81st annual convention of the N.S.A.C. in Los Angeles was an exceedingly busy week. We spent a great deal of time discussing by-laws with pro and con votes and getting delegate counts for each. We did have much spiritual fellowship which all of we delegates enjoy each year.

The Biltmore Hotel provided us with most comfortable accommodations. The banquet prepared for us Monday evening October 8th was beautifully appointed. The food was elegant and our favors at each place were most thoughtful, especially the beautiful small orchid corsages that the ladies were presented with, flown directly from Hawaii. We had a fine representation at our banquet from all over California and many states throughout the country.

The evening concluded with a splendid entertainment prepared by Reverend David Burr and his most accomplished wife Julia.

Tuesday morning opened the convention proper, there was a very large and enthusiastic army of delegates on hand, after the first report of the Credential Committee the convention got underway with the appointment of various committees. The morning concluded with a fine Symposium by the N.S.A.C. Teachers Club. I am sorry I cannot have it printed because this was one of the many copies which I did not receive. We will reprint the copies that we have this month of December and January 1974. I wish to congratulate the Ways and Means Committee—consisting of Janice R. Baynes, Glenna Clark, Henrietta Cox and Bryan McCotter. They again completed a most successful work in raising money in cash and pledges as they have done for so many years.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

To the Officers, Trustees and Delegates of the Eighty-First Annual Conventian assembled, Los Angeles, California, October 9, 1973

Greetings:

In his report President Joseph Merrill mentions the sudden passing to the Spirit Realm of our late esteemed President, Robert J. Macdonald, saying that we must now evaluate accomplishments of the past with the progress of the future for our Organization.

He unhesitatingly and proudly announced that the N.S.A.C. is the recognized leader of all Spiritualist Associations. For factual information pertaining to Spiritualism, researchers, authors and publicists turn to our Organization. Interest in the psychic is prevalent everywhere today and Spiritualism can meet the challenge of times just as long as it follows the original tenets set down by the Founders of Modern

Spiritualism and **not** promote reincarnation, life-readings, astrology and all other occult fads.

Although Spiritualists are pioneers in the spiritual science and scientific advancement, we do not do the research of our own phenomena that we should. Physical science is forging ahead toward spiritual science and one day a merging of these can be expected. Our President questions what the role of the Spiritualist will be when these two sciences meet.

Next turning to the subject of Healing, he states that the entire medical profession is studying "Unconventional healing", and is moving ahead in psychotherapy and mental hygiene. Our spiritual healing is one of the loftiest phases of Mediumship as witnessed in our established Healing Center with its prayer groups all over the country. **But** we need to do even more.

The Rev. Mr. Merrill questions the adequacy of our present educational systems. He believes a Spiritualist College should be activated providing practical experience for student ministers to have close contact with teachers. Our need for trained teachers is great even in our established churches.

In striving to move forward we must remember that our religion was established to be distinct and apart from every other religion. It should be presented as it really is, free of paganistic sacraments and practices of supplications to a personal deity.

The President feels that the National Association should be closer to its Churches in resolving issues for the greatest good for all concerned. **He suggests** that "any member of our churches who has constructive suggestions to offer that might bring about progressive changes may send them to the President, who in turn, will submit them to the N.S.A.C. board for study and serious consideration". He mentions the splendid missionary work and promotional activities and seminars held under direction of the Reverends Evelyn Muse and Mona Berry, and the valuable publicity received **gratis** through these efforts.

In schools, colleges, and universities, scientific investigation is of greater interest than the religious aspect of Spiritualism, where its main influence is on the individual character. The President further states that "Outer Space" experiments have brought the world knowledge of scientific facts that the Spiritualists have been preaching and teaching about for 125 years, explaining "Inner Space" and our link with the Universe.

Spiritualists stand at the threshold of the temple of science, which conceals the mighty laws that govern the Universe of the Mind, and all invisible forces kindred to it, and to this end we step through the doorway to continue as the

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leading Spiritualist Organization, and urge the moving ahead in the field of spiritual science, wherein we have pioneered for so long.

In closing, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Merrill recommends that the Spiritualist Church fling wide the door of knowledge and impart its wisdom of spiritual science to the world.

Respectfully submitted,
(Rev.) Genevieve Woelfl,
Chairman
Martha Rusboldt
(Rev.) Alfred A. Conner
Francis Owens
Cheryl Dupont

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE SECRETARY'S GENERAL REPORT

Officers and Delegates of the 81st Annual Convention of the N.S.A.C.

Greetings:

We, the Committee on the Secretary's General Report wish to commend him on his very good concise report. We appreciate his efficient handling of the affairs of his office during very difficult conditions. We are pleased to note the progress being made in the construction of a Library Room at the N.S.A.C. Headquarters. We hope that many more reprints of Spiritualist literature will be made for the convenience of those who may be unable to visit the library in person.

It seems incredible to us that churches do not send in their Annual Reports promptly. Surely they do not realize that if they do not do so the N.S.A.C. cannot be responsible for their recognition as religious organizations. These churches who are tardy should be made aware of the jeopardy in which they place themselves.

We appreciate the report of Progress in Seminars, the Healing Center, newly ordained ministers, N.S.T. degree and especially our newly chartered Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Katharine F. Tohey
Marie E. Day
Anna Gross
Bernard L. Cusmano

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION REPORT 1973 Convention

Rev. Eli Goodreau
Seventh Principle

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.

Man being a free moral agent, his actions are, with the exception of the major events of his lifetime, within his regulation. No prize is worth having that is not earned; and that so

called heaven of passive contentment is a hell to an active and progressive spirit. Worthiness is tested by the persistence and sincerity expended in pursuit of the prize.

The plan of Infinite Intelligence for man's perfection comes first; such perfection for mankind is attained only by the training which comes from sincere effort. Progression ceases when we stop striving. To overcome our moral and spiritual short-comings, we must strive, aim high, and concentrate our efforts toward the goal.

The living of each of us must change before we can have a change of heart. As we spiritualize our thinking it follows that our lives become spiritual and divinely healthful.

The new testament affirms that man is judged according to his deeds. If his life is evil, only the quality of evil awaits him at the end of his life's journey. This doctrine admits of nothing like a vicarious atonement. It tells of no "scapegoat" marked with blood, as was the custom of the ancient Jews, that the guilty might be absolved from the consequences of their evil deeds.

Sin is undeveloped good, says one philosopher. At least sin is a state of ignorance of Natural Law. The spiritually awakened man seeks after righteousness; he shuns even the appearance of evil. He knows that to be good he must do good to others.

Only as the human race has spiritually developed, has it become finer intellectually and clearer visioned.

No human being has been damned. No vicious tyrant stands over human souls to take delight in their destruction. The sincere desire of the great architect of creation, is that mankind acknowledge the divine spiritual nature of that creative power in this expression of life, and realize that as our human race develops spiritually, it becomes finer intellectually and clearer visioned; this means to obey and practice spiritual perfection.

That greatest Medium of the ages has said, "Be ye perfect as are the Angels in heaven."

WHAT IS GOD?

By Rev. Paul Wilson

At sometime in the Evolution of man's thinking he began to speculate as to the possibility of something that might have an influence on him and what he did. As he thought about it the idea slowly developed. One of the things of great importance to him was the probability that it could help or hinder him.

Next came the desire to learn how to get this help in ways that were beneficial. He, thinking only of himself, and his needs, developed ideas which led to offering things of value from him to this idea. Man like customs

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and rites, often brutal, were developed and practices leading to formal religions were developed. He thought that by making these sacrifices or offerings that in return values would be received worth the efforts.

In our earliest records we have the story of Adam and Eve demonstrating human qualities of God so imperfect that they were almost a duplicate of manlike characteristics.

This led to practices and customs that were used for centuries and even now to some extent continued. Man likes ceremony and ritual, from the lowest one to the highest one.

Even now most people, in thinking or in custom and religious practices think of the deity as acting like a man, in the hope that man can influence God in his favor. He often selfishly asks for what he wants even to the point of injuring others. Most religions foster this idea and use it in common practices.

At first God was thought of as an unseen powerful man. Since the leader was accepted and understood, being stronger and often wiser he formed the pattern of the current understanding. The King was thought to be more than mortal so God was understood to be a "KING OF KINGS".

Fear developed some ideas that are common and still used.

Love, later, developed other better ideas. Both were accepted as qualities found in the God idea and incorporated in religions sometimes for selfish purposes.

Each group of people developed at a different rate and fashioned customs and beliefs according to their natures and needs. Heredity and environment had a definite influence on the trends of the thinking. There is a similarity in the main ideas wherever found.

Since the man-like God was understood then each group, no matter how small, or where they lived, had a God. For instance, each village had a God, often one for each need.

As the villages grew together forming a larger town, so many Gods seemed unnecessary. Being only ideas they were forgotten. Those representing the most powerful group usually selected the God which would be accepted.

In later religions, as in the formal Christian religion, the idea of Evil was cultivated and so the Devil idea was fostered making it a dual worship.

In our religious writings often references are found relating to the seeing of presences

in the human form, which were sometimes thought to be a God in human form. Bible verses show this.

Gradually the idea of a location grew from living on mountains or inaccessible places to eventually in the heavens or sky yet manifesting human qualities and human needs.

As man progressed he learned more about himself and the earth and space. He began to understand that it takes more than a man's intelligence to make the world operate. He began to study the operation and growth of what was around him including the stars and space.

Religion, with its fixed ideas, often opposed any new ideas which seemed to conflict with what was being taught by the churches.

One of the greatest steps forward in enlarging upon the God idea was taken by the Spiritualists at their first Convention in 1893. At that time after 3 days of discussion and hot arguments a new understanding of the Creator was developed and accepted officially. This is called "INFINITE INTELLIGENCE". By this time thinkers were realizing that a universal something was everywhere and in all individual forms, man, animal, plant and all that the eye could see and more than any telescope could reach in space. Astronomy and kindred sciences have done much to help man to understand himself and his CREATOR.

Since man sees the continuous operation of the planets, growth in Nature, changes of seasons, etc, never stopping or changing except by slow Evolutionary processes everywhere, he began to understand himself better and to live with it in a more beneficial way. He also began to see that man-like ideas could no longer apply to nature and all life as to origin and growth of which individualism is so apparent.

Since God or the CREATOR cannot be like a man in form or substance it is in every thing but unseen. Man, therefore, had to learn slowly, with varying conceptions and by observation of Natural things. He is now aware that Nature is an example of Creation in action, continuously creating, designing newer forms without duplication in all forms of life both animate and inanimate. Including all that is in space and space itself. This may be called individualizing and shows the use of "INFINITE INTELLIGENCE".

Man then conceived the idea that law governed even in Nature. So NATURAL LAW was proposed and is now being accepted by many thinkers and Organizations. Yet man-like ideas die slowly.

NATURAL LAW may be defined as follows: THE UNVARYING WAY IN WHICH NATURE DOES THINGS.

By observing Nature we can better understand what is the Cause of these Laws and that of growth and Individualization.

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Man's chief attempt at making contact with his CREATOR is through prayer and an attempt to improve himself and his way of life.

Prayer may be defined as an expression of the souls sincere desires. It is also the use of words, by which, man attunes himself to the Creator by making conditions, by the use of Natural Law, which will lead to receiving something under the operation of these laws that he presently needs.

Answers to prayer come by the action of the Natural Laws and are added to by Man's efforts. Note that a man's prayers are often only partly successful. It seems that he gets what he really needs under the law instead of all that he, so often, selfishly asks for.

There is no evidence of direct divine intervention in the affairs of men. The forces governing the operation and perpetuation of the Universe never varies from natural changes.

If there was divine Intervention then God would be working against Natural Law which is similar to that of a judge interpreting legal codes to fit his whims. Thus more of a man than a God.

Man, therefore, is only a small part of Creation—an individual part. Everyone is different in size, personality and in other ways. This is a concrete demonstration of UNIVERSAL INTELLIGENCE acting through the designing of forms. Man's collective Intelligence is too little to prevent duplication. Even every animal, plant, inanimate object and even the celestial planets and all matter is individualized and constantly changing under the operation by the creative force acting upon matter, using various applications of energies. More than the physical part of the Universe is designed, operated, and changed by this process. Life in spirit, after physical death, and the design and operation of spirit bodies living both inside and outside of physical forms are operated and governed by these laws.

Astronomy and kindred sciences bring to us a better, yet imperfect understanding of our Creator and the Creations showing purpose and plan. This purpose and plan seems to be that of constant improvement and of better individual species.

Intelligence is shown by apparent purposes and plans which religion often does not wish to recognize. We are now learning more about creation and the Creator by science than was ever attempted by Religion. In our laboratories many men become believers after studying Creation in action. The written word has never revealed the depth of what the laboratory is finding through unbiased research.

As we expand our consciousness we comprehend a little more of this creative force or Cause. But the finite mind cannot comprehend the INFINITE. "ONLY A GOD COULD UNDERSTAND A GOD".

God or INFINITE INTELLIGENCE is everywhere, never stopping, sleeping or resting or ceasing, operating by Law and Order as shown by Natural processes. The purpose and plan seems to be that of continually creating newer and better forms which are animated by the life or spirit within which is capable of surviving physical death.

This creation is constantly continuing in the physical as well as in the spiritual worlds.

For lack of a better word or words we call this great Cause or Creator GOD or INFINITE INTELLIGENCE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

To the Officers, Trustees and Delegates of the 81st Annual Convention:

GREETINGS:

1. Be it resolved that we pledge allegiance and loyalty to the government of the United States of America.

2. Be it resolved that the flag of the United States shall be displayed on our platform at all services in its proper position.

3. Be it resolved that a letter be written to thank the Biltmore Hotel and its management for its services and courtesies during the 1973 N.S.A.C. convention.

4. Be it resolved that a letter be written to the C.S.S.A. for their acting as hosts.

5. Be it resolved that the National Spiritualist Magazines, The Summit and The Spotlight, be prominently displayed for sale in all churches together with books approved by N.S.A.C.

6. Be it resolved that the Declaration of Principles be read at all church services.

7. Be it resolved that all churches include healing as a part of the devotional services.

8. Be it resolved that only literature approved by the N.S.A.C. be sold at N.S.A.C. conventions.

9. Be it resolved that all services of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches should commence at the appointed hour.

10. Be it resolved that all N.S.A.C. mediums that do private work have literature available for those interested.

11. Be it resolved that the National Spiritualist Association of Churches does not condone the use of artificial stimulants, i.e., illegal drugs, alcohol and similar items.

12. (not carried) Be it resolved that specific but separate courses for both mediums and healers be provided to facilitate certification.

13. (refer to the by-law committee) Be it resolved that no duly elected officer of the National Board shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms of office, and at the conclusion of third term must stand down for a period

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of one (1) year before being permitted further nomination. Should no nominations be received for that vacant office at the N.S.A.C. convention, the above restriction may be waived for a further period of one year only.

Edward C. Beesley,
Chairman
Dr. Eldred Kress
Paul Keller
Rita Havermaal

CHANGES IN BY-LAWS-N.S.A.C. PASSED AT 1973 CONVENTION, LOC ANGELES, CALIF.

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After the word Institute add—and has a calling to serve as Pastor or Assistant Pastor in a regular N.S.A.C. Chartered Church

New Section

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After the Convention of 1973 no ordination shall be granted by sanction or special dispensation. All applicants for ordination must meet the requirements as set forth in Article 9, Sec. 4.

New Section

Sec. 14 (B)

After the Convention of 1973, students having completed the General and Advanced courses, and having been a member of a regular chartered church for not less than three (3) years may apply for a National Spiritualist Teacher's Degree. The same shall be granted after having passed both the written and oral examination.

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Words I want to use tonight are just very short.

When Jesus The Christ says "Test the spirit and see if it is of Truth," it matters not that there are spirits but it does matter if they are of truth, because we want no part of those that are not of truth. Truth teaches us everything in every way where those untruths will lead us into pitfalls.

Again Jesus The Christ says "Fear not those who can destroy the body but fear those who can destroy the body and soul." In pointing out to you those who can destroy the body and soul be sure to have a good look in the mirror at oneself because to me having destiny at your command to have in your power to build your soul to the highest.

Now I'm going to take you on the flight of a little rain drop to bear in mind the potentials that each one has in his own consciousness. We take the sun and as we say when ever it has reflection from the clouds and the clouds are in a certain position we say that the sun is drawing water. Now we know that clouds doesn't have to be there to do that, because put some water in an urn and put it outside where nothing can get to it and that water will evaporate, so it doesn't take the sun shining from the clouds to draw water, it is a natural thing for water to dissolve in the sun light. Now this little drop of water floating around in the ocean or in a river, in the lake or where it is, is drawn up and it mingles with other drops of water. It comes to earth, maybe on the highest mountain peak, it flows down from the mountain picking up little particles here and there on its way to the ocean.

Now when we hear people speaking on their weather report about sea level that is quite a different thing to water level because water has no level, that is where in your consciousness has no level either. It is up to you how far you can expand this into the things beyond the physical expression of life. So as a drop of water flows gently or swiftly whatever the case may be until it reaches the ocean, there it accumulates a little salt, and then will come back through the earth dropping a little deposit of lime of every chemical we have under the surface of the earth until once again it comes back to the surface so it has a continued revolution what is it doing in all this time, serving a good purpose for man kind so aren't we considering ourselves a little better than a drop of water? What are we doing in return for mankind, are we idly wasting our time thinking of things that we can see, things we can hear, you might say enclosing ourselves in space no larger than this room or are we expanding our consciousness where by we know that we are in the presence of God, not of something to be said, "Yes

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we are in the presence of God" and let it go at that. If we are in the presence of God and are conscious of the God things around us, we are going to be dissatisfied with ourselves until we find out what purpose we have in life and how to apply it not only to ourselves but that it will help humanity because if we are going to serve God we are going to serve humanity, because that is the only way we can show, only way we can do, to show our appreciation of all the things that have been bestowed upon us.

On occasions when you feel like you are at the end of despair that everything has turned against you, meditate and pause and ask yourself, "What have I done today that has been worth while"? I am sure, naturally, in this expression of life we have certain obligations to perform to abide by the laws of the physical. There are certain things we have to do in order to survive because we don't go through this life as a leech expecting a hand out at all times in order for us to have a survival, but we do have to apply our daily actions and our knowledge of our daily actions for our usefulness for the things of this physical body. So in return when we are doing things for the spiritual growth of the body, the mind and the soul, we have to ask ourselves this question and as I say, when you feel like things have gone against you so much, the days starting, some days it seems as if a fellow has two left hands, two left feet, because everything you do is wrong and the days start out like that and it seems as if there is no end to it but never the less it could be, well here is a lesson for me, let me see what the lesson is for me, it will also help me that I am helping others.

So as we are gathered here today we are seeking something, what are we seeking?

It is not necessary of course, but is nice to have the social hour before class or before church and afterwards to have the social hour but this is not the sole purpose of our coming together at this time. We are coming together in search of something that we have not found yet. We are coming for a spiritual growth and spiritual development. Naturally everyone here believes in a continuous life and we believe in communication with the spirit and we are seeking for this communication. We are seeking for a comfort within in one respect because we have come through this life up to this state we haven't been taught from our childhood the continuity, the continuation of life and the fact that communication with the so called dead is a fact.

What we are seeking for a truth for a divine revelation to us that will show us a continuity of the life and a communication. However we do not while we are in this physical body go around at all times talking with spirits. We live a natural life while we are in the physical body but there are certain times during the day

where by we can thank spirit and we can thank God for the things that have been shown to us and the things that have been revealed to us.

We know that constantly as we go about our daily life there are little incidents that come along that we know some one else has told about this, that is in the spirit but we wonder because of our lack of growth and our spiritual understanding we meditate and wonder who it is that is bringing this revelation to us that is why it is necessary that we sit and unfold this development where by we know where it comes from.

As it has often been told to you in class to come here and hear Daisy talk or come to hear me talk and that is not what class development is held for. The class is for your unfoldment. In class development if anyone receives any impression it does'nt have to be be something you can see, it can be an impression or you might say in one sense of the word it is something I or you feel because if one feels something disconnected from you it is spirit trying to reveal something to you. So as this little drop of water has taken its course by the way it never wears out, water is something that never wears out. We can take our ground here and it can rain and soon after the rain the ground becomes dry but not because the water has worn out, it's because the water has gone about its business. So let us bear in mind to always be about our father's business. It has been said here that look at the good things in one's family. I have members of my family that I would not want as a guide for anything in the world because they had a very jealous nature and all that one can do is to pray for them, yes, I pray that the hand of love will be extended out to them in the event that they will grasp it and find happiness. Oh' yes, it is nice to talk to your people, but for guides no, for the ones attracted to me have to be proven that they are of truth, educated and extending love and that they are trying to advance to unfold their mind to reveal to me what they have learned and that I in turn might go along and extend not only my mind but my spiritual understanding. So bear in mind, test the spirit and see if it has the qualifications mentioned above and if not of truth, pray for them.

THE WAY TO HEALING

By Madeline Edwards

There are many, many references on this very important subject, in both the old and New Testaments.

When we have become aware of the Christ Consciousness within, Isaiah says in the 58th Chapter, "Then shall your light break forth like the Dawn, and your Healing shall spring up

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speedily". How wonderful it is to know and understand this promise for oneself.

Jehovah, God, Christ, have all spoken through Ezekial saying "I will put my Spirit within you and you shall be healed and live". Truths like these were depended upon by peoples all down thru the ages and are universally accepted now.

Christ understanding the Scriptures and having Faith in the Truths therein, made Healing an important part of His Ministry. He declared His Faith in Healing when he said "All things are possible to him who believes".

"I Believe", is a positive affirmation and one that we need when confronted with the many experiences in life as well as Health. To truly believe that something is true and to affirm "I Believe" implies an open stabilized Mind.

The Power of Healing will expand and grow in our consciousness as we develop a firm belief in God and His eternal promise of Love and Life. We then can build a strong foundation for our own well being. Belief must become action if we are to realize Healing and get the most good out of life.

Belief in God will bring Health, Happiness and Peace of Mind. God is the working power in your life. Expressing this great Vital Force thru you, thru your Mind and thru your body. Think of God as the very Spirit within you—working in and thru you as that something vital and strong, stirs within you as you feel New Life and New Strength. The thrill of life and health thus aroused, renews, revitalizes and restores your body.

This Power is Light. It is Life. It is Love. It is Health. You will want to share this Power with others.

When you prepare to administer Healing to others, there must be a desire for the Presence and Power of the Spirit—this contact is made by turning within, in quiet Prayer. There you will find His Life, His Love and His Healing Power. With this concept of Spirit Power, we, like Jesus the Healer, can dare to believe that "all things are possible".

Remember that Jesus said "Before Abraham was, I am". And again He said "It is the Spirit that gives Life". The terms are different, but the meaning is the same. In our prayers we use Christ in you, the Spirit of God, Infinite Intelligences, God, Our Father—hence the Name that makes one feel closest to God is all one and the same Eternal Spirit of God.

Jesus used Himself as a symbol of the Universal Christ. The things He did, He commissioned every man to do. He counted on you. We are the children of God and can be cleansed and healed thru His indwelling Spirit. The lesson for us to experience is that thru the illumined faith, the Christ Consciousness is revealed to us, our bodies are freed of physical and mental ills, we are revitalized and healing springs forth.

Healing is the keynote of the Spiritualist Ministry. The work has grown and prospered thru Healing groups all over the world, with many healings of Mind, Body and affairs reported from time to time. The Healing Ministry is based upon the teachings of Jesus the Christ.

Spiritualism teaches a way of Life. A way of Thinking. A way of praying, that brings man to the full attainment of his Christ potential. Spiritualism believes that man's need for Healing arises because his loss of contact with his Spiritual Nature, which can and must be restored thru prayer.

Isaiah 61st Chapter, we read: The Lord spoke thru Isaiah saying "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted, he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to captives loose those who are prison bound". Isaiah was attuned to the message of God that was spoken to him, as did Jesus, recognize the voice of the Father when spoken to him; when as a boy He went to the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and as he stood up to read He opened the Book of Isaiah and found the same words written "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me", because He Jesus was anointed to preach and to heal the poor. Jesus closed the book and sat down, saying "Today the scripture has been fulfilled". Jesus was so sure of the Truth of His Spiritual Nature that He knew the Scripture was fulfilled in Him.

Our Spiritual Nature must also be aroused to this point of confidence, so that we can say with assurance "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me and it radiates thru me as Healing Power". We are growing and developing daily in our Spiritual Nature and need not wait until our Consciousness has developed to the Christ Consciousness. We should use the Truth that we know and understand, to heal the sick and set man free who are bound in negative thoughts and conditions. There are many methods of Healing and each one contributes its speciality to the general field of Healing.

Spiritual ideas are the basis of Healing in Spiritualism. When an individual is awakened and comprehends the Truth of his own Spiritual Nature, he realizes that Healing must come from within himself. He realizes the impart of Paul's instructions, that we be transformed by the renewal of mind. It was the Mission of the Christ to show man the Truth of his true Nature. In our life we function mostly as the Natural Man and the Physical Body. Ill health comes because there is a lack of co-operation in man with his spiritual nature.

When the idea of ourselves, as spiritual beings, has been aroused our lives are no longer affected by the impulses that hinder Spiritual growth. As we learn to pray, we release Spiritual Powers and energies and forces that heal

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the mind and body. We learn to think of the body as an expression of the Spirit in us, with every atom of the body as filled with life, intelligence and health. Pray with feeling so that the subconscious will take up the ideas and Healing will spring forth.

The next time you pray a Healing Prayer, send the Healing words to the depths of your being so that every atom of your body will accept and respond and the body will be cleansed, purified and made new. When we pray in this manner we are not making healing a personal effort. The pressure of stress and strain does not bring about Healing. Healing comes thru releasing ourself entirely to God. Speak the Healing Word for yourself and for others, then release the anxiety. From this point on accept the light and life of God as your own. Know that you have God's Spirit and the Christ Spirit within you. Know that thru this consciousness of Spirit you can do all things.

Start where you are. Love God. Love People. Love Life, because your faith works thru Love.

In Closing: Think of your body as an expression of eternal life. Come into full knowledge of the Truth of which you speak. Then you will know as Paul knew, that you, "have put off the old nature with its failures and practices and have put on the New Man after the image of its Creator.

Christ is all, and in all.

SPIRITUALISTS—"LIGHT THE CANDLE OF LOVE."

There's a Song in the air and a prayer in the hearts of all Spiritualists as we come together, this blessed Christmas 1973 to relive the old, old story of Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men through our Prayers.

Like the three wise men who followed their mystic star, bearing gifts for the newborn Prince of Peace, again we know the greatest joy—the joy of giving. Spiritualists particularly welcome Christmas as a time for expressing

love for all and prayers for those less favored by fortune.

Our cup runneth over—into good works for the N.S.A.C. Healing Center, as well as among our families and friends. And every member of the Healing Prayer Group is proud to belong to, and work for an organization so united in purpose and dedicated in helping all mankind.

How important it is that we keep our lamps of faith burning brightly! Not for our own sakes alone, though there will be many times when only faith can show us the way through the problems and sorrows and perplexities of the day; but even more for the sake of others. Often the greatest thing we can do for another is to impart to him something of the strength and assurance of our personal faith. Richest of all the gifts that we can make is to give new courage to a friend in his time of need. Always we are blessed of God-Spirit in order that we may ourselves be a blessing.

Most of us have had the experience of starting a new day with dread in our hearts for what it may bring us. The day may have for us some onerous task to be performed, some heavy burden to be borne, some sorrow or loss to be endured, some heartbreaking disappointment to be met. It is on such days that we recommend "ONE EACH DAY" to refill our cup of life.

It is difficult for us to grasp the fact that God-Infinite Intelligent is everywhere. In the words of the poet, "Nearer is He than breathing, closer than hands and feet." We are not going to debate this, we are simply telling you it is true because we have been witness to it. We have seen a little group of people gathered in silent prayer for something they cared about; and we have seen miracles take place as a result. Not because of the people, but because God-Spirit enlarges their feeble powers into something great.

When measured by the love for humanity, our acts of kindness, of mercy and goodwill become much larger. Our friendships can be the instruments for transforming personality; our concern can wipe out disease; our love can give men hope; our faith and prayer can change the world. For when our efforts are measured by

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this kind of love and concern for our fellowman they become magnified by the Power of God-Spirit.

There is always the temptation to desire the blessings of prayer without fulfilling the requirements of prayer. Yet we have no right to expect the one without the other. Prayer must be sincere, and it must come from a believing heart. Because Prayer helps us to realize that we are never alone, it gives us courage to fight on in the battle of life. But it does something for us far greater than that. It also links our inadequate lives to the inexhaustible resources of God-Spirit, so that when weariness comes upon us and our burdens seem greater than we can bear, our strength is renewed and we find wings for the soul.

Let this glad outpouring of Christmas joy spill over into all the days of a grand NEW YEAR—this is our wish for you. And with it, our lasting thanks for your contributions which has been so helpful this year. Send your Christmas Gift of Love that the good works may continue. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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LYCEUM—REV. NORMA WHITING

“At what age do you stop studying?” This question was asked of me a couple of weeks ago, and my honest answer had to be **never**.

As we work our way through the world, we become ever more aware of the great necessity to amass all knowledge possible, and that it is, indeed, a never ending process. As by learning we open up new vistas, there also appears yet another door that can be unlocked only by the accumulation of added knowledge.

We as Spiritualists believe in Infinite Intelligence. The very word Infinite denotes that which cannot be limited by time or space. We believe we are units of Infinite creation, and that also, all else contains this limitless force. If we are to live in accord with this precept we must then recognize that it behooves us to learn all possible about **all** aspects of creative force and energy. We realize and accept the fact that we are living in the present, and that it is our responsibility to live today in accordance with the highest dictates of our conscience. We recognize the importance of taking each lesson from the day as something that will improve our lives, and we share our knowledge, peace and love with all who are seeking. We know, also, that it is important to study the events of yesterday, for it is by learning of happenings of the past that we can best avoid the pitfalls of today, and we realize that as we are living in eternity, we must gain as much understanding as possible from each day, to help assure swifter, constant progress for the future.

Time does not or can not stand still. We cannot stand still. We must work at all times, striving to achieve growth and greater at-one-ment with the Infinite. We must constantly reach out to uncover added truths that will help to mold our character and will aid us in our search for still more advancement.

Truth, like God, is Infinite. It is the same today as it was yesterday, and will remain the same throughout the eons of eternity. The only

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thing that changes is man's understanding of Natural Law, and his ability to harness this energy for the betterment of all. If our concept of truth is the same today as it was yesterday, or last week, or last month, then something is wrong. It means that we have not exercised our ability to observe and learn, and that we have not taken the strides ahead that were possible. We must never be content with the way things are now, for always there are greater lessons to be learned, and new avenues of knowledge are just waiting our footsteps.

Life becomes a much more pleasant experience when it is used to search and investigate. Each day dawns brighter when it starts with a new adventure, and what more pleasant adventure is there, what offers more excitement, and what stimulates your very being, more, than learning something "new".

We are never too old to learn. In fact, maturity (not merely age) serves to enhance this process. Fresh lessons, when observed and experienced, with the temperance of wisdom gained by the very act of living, can become jewels of intrinsic value. One learns not to be startled by the brilliance of greater understanding, but uses the added light to illumine the area about him, and his light is such that it acts as a beacon for others who are searching.

If we are to drink the most from our experiences, we must share willingly and freely with others. We do not have to ask that we might share, but they will come to us, as they will recognize our peace, our understanding and our ability as "wayshowers".

Partake generously from the well of life. It offers an inexhaustible supply. When you do your life will take on new meaning, as you will comprehend more completely your place in the scheme of things.

NATURAL BODY AND SPIRITUAL BODY

By Catherine McCann

If the Soul can create a body here, there is no reason to deny its ability to create one hereafter. We leave our physical body here, **but** our Spiritual Body lives on eternally, experiencing an upward perfection.

The word **Soul** is synonymous with the term **Spiritual Body**.

In 1st Corinthians we read where Paul says there are celestial bodies and there are physical bodies. The glory of the celestial bodies is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another which is higher. We read in Corinthians, 44th verse, where "It is sown a natural body and also a Spiritual Body, which is a replica of the material body, and at the time of so-called death the Soul or Spiritual Body withdraws from our physical body."

Our Spiritual Body is a finer substance and is permanent. We just change into a much higher vibration. We are then really free, be-

cause our Spiritual Body is released from the physical, **but** we still remain the same as we were before this change called death. Our emotions remain the same. We have our own mind, we retain what knowledge we had while we were encased in flesh. Our habits, our thoughts, even our memories and characters remain with us. We just change from one state of consciousness into another greater and finer one. So it is better for us to do the best with our lives while here upon the earth plane, so we can progress to a much higher vibration and attain happiness.

It is really up to each one of us as an individual to start while here to build our home which we will have when we go into the next expression of our lives.

Our resurrection comes to each one of us between so-called death and the entering into the next expression on a higher plane. Some of us can realize almost immediately where we are because of the knowledge and wisdom that we have gained while still upon the material plane. **But I repeat**, our lives or our way of living while here upon this material plane has very much to do with our life hereafter. Justice places each one of us into the condition that we have built for ourselves while here upon the material plane. Everyone of us has the opportunity to make a beautiful home for himself while here. It is never too late for us to try and better ourselves while we have the opportunity. God gives each one of us this time to prepare ourselves.

We do not wait in our graves until the trumpet blows, as many believe. There's nothing in the grave for us but just the shell that our Spiritual Body dwelt in while we were here upon this earth plane. Our physical returns to dust, so you can understand that there isn't anything left in the grave. Our Soul leaves our physical body at the moment of death.

The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates spirit return. Where Jesus appeared after his resurrection He manifested His Spiritual Body. The resurrection of Jesus is demonstrated and mentioned 104 times in the New Testament.

Many, many people cannot understand how we can communicate with our departed. Samuel communicated with the psychic at Endor, Moses and Elijah communicated with Jesus and three of his disciples on the Mount. All of these demonstrations prove that we have a Spiritual Body and can communicate with our departed many times. Jesus says, "What I do, man can do also." Nothing is impossible with those who believe. Resurrection comes to each one of us the moment we leave the physical body. **Resurrection is a part of life.**

Remember when Jesus turned to the thief and said to him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

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We continue to evolve into a more beautiful and higher plane, but we must work for this through prayer and faith.

When Jesus died he proved to everyone of us eternal life, Because He says, "Because I live you shall live also, and the works that I do man can also do." Nothing is impossible with God.

I would like to close with this verse:
The tombs of earth do not contain
The Spirits of those who pass from sight.
Around us still they live and love
In radiant form, as angels bright.

ALL OF THESE THINGS

By Rev. Susie Murphy

In all religions, philosophies, questions are asked, this being a normal reaction, especially to something new. There is absolutely nothing wrong with asking questions, although in time it will begin to look as if the most satisfying answers are found within, when one has gained more experience based upon personal growth in spiritual understanding. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find," but in seeking one should not become totally dependent upon another to the point of not being able to think for themselves. Each soul has a different rate of vibration, making each individual express different levels of consciousness and awareness. In a sense, this makes each person right, at their own level of understanding. It is not unusual for the beginner to put a teacher, a medium, or a minister on a pedestal, but it is best not to do this, because sooner or later the idolized person will say or do something that will bring about a disillusionment, and maybe the person seeking truth and understanding will turn away. In my own experiences as a minister and teacher, when someone begins to become too dependent upon me or appears to be putting me on a pedestal, I gently move back while at the same time carefully putting distance between us, in an effort to help that dear one remain a free-thinking, independent individual.

Those entering into Spiritualism are told they have a band of spirit guides and teachers, and that these souls work with them. Sometimes the newcomer, when able to sit in class for unfoldment become overanxious, thinking every manifesting spirit belongs to them. When I observe this happening and the inclination of the class student to claim all the manifesting spirits, especially one who has entranced the teacher or a medium, I point out that it is the usual thing for each sitter's band of helpers to work with that individual, rather than flitting from one sitter to another, and if a discourse is being given through an instrument, then most likely the entity belongs to the instrument. Class is not the same as a seance, nor should it ever become as such, even though many stu-


dents eagerly await their teacher to trance or begin to give spirit greetings. This should not be, for the students should be learning to attune themselves to their spirit helpers in order to unfold their own phases of mediumship; this being the main reason for a development class.

Quite often the teachings of a medium or teacher is relayed to other mediums, teachers, and ministers, for comparison. While this is not entirely objectionable, it is a little out of line, or maybe unfair, because every teacher differs in their way of teaching since they are at a different level of understanding, awareness, and soul growth. Those who run from medium to medium, or class to class comparing what has been said only add to their own personal confusion. The individual's inner conviction based on their own experiences provide the best answers and sources of evidence. Realizing the need to question all things, I find it best to tell students and other searchers not to rely completely on me, but to find out for themselves by looking within, because it is not my desire to control them or their thinking, for to attempt to do such a thing is not within my rights.

From time to time the question will be asked as to why some people receive better and far more evidential messages than some one else does. The reasons are many. There are as many different vibrations as there are people, and some individuals are like an open book while others remain closed even though their desires and need to be convinced are quite strong. Sometimes a medium has a better rapport with one than with another, whether it be the one seeking the message or the manifesting spirit entity. No medium or psychic can truthfully read for **all** people. Among the searchers are those who just know, without a doubt, the reality and the validity of the spirit message, and there are those who will never seem to be assured, who will always seek more and more evidential messages. This is caused by each one having a different vibratory rate and level of conscious understanding, and in no way indicates one person is greater or lesser than another. Every soul accepts, understands, or rejects according to their degree of understanding, thus there will always be doubts and questions among people of all walks of life.

The question frequently asked, is "Why look only to the Spirit people for help . . . why not go directly to God for help and knowledge?" All persons are channels through which God aids and maintains His creation. Those who ask this question might also ask why have educators on earth to educate the conscious mind, why must children look to parents for guidance, food, clothing, et cetera, why depend upon scientist and inventors for new things, why consult lawyers for legal aid, doctors for medical care, the farmer, the manufacturer, the musician, the

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NOTES from the FIELD

MT. PLEASANT PARK CLINTON, IOWA

Pastor Anna Gross had the blessed privilege to christen Le Ann Ruth Turner at the 2 P.M. service held at the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp on July 29, 1973.

She was born on June 30, 1973 and is the daughter of Mary Ann and Glen Leon Turner, Jr.

Le Ann's beautiful traditionally long christening dress and bonnet were made by her mother.

Grace Struve, a dear friend of Glen's mother and James Taylor were the Godparents. Out of town business prevented her father from attending.

Many of the congregation had never witnessed a Spiritualist naming ceremony and were deeply impressed.

It was an inspiring way to open the camp engagement of Anna Gross.



Left to right: godfather James Taylor, Mother Mary Ann Turner, baby Le Ann Ruth, Anna Gross, godmother Grace Struve.

VACAVILLE, CALIF.

Rev. Joseph H. Merrill, acting president of the N.S.A.C., was the honored guest and featured speaker at a special service of the Spiritualist Chapel of Awareness, Friday, Sept. 28. His inspiring and enlightening address on the Fundamentals of Spiritualism in Today's World was enthusiastically received by friends and members who packed the Veteran's Memorial Hall. Rev. Clyde A. Dibble, accompanied Rev. Merrill and introduced him from the podium. A social hour was held after the service, at which time both gentlemen were introduced personally to the Chapel Board members and to many others. It was a spiritually uplifting evening and we are deeply grateful to Rev. Merrill. Unfortunately, Mr. Larry Clark was ill and could not be present. A speedy recovery is wished him by his friends in Vacaville.

SWAMPSCOTT, MASS.

The Swampscott Church of Spiritualism celebrated its 3rd Anniversary in October and the Pastor was surprised by the presentation of a beautiful two tier cake by one of our loved members, Donald Walsh, State Superintendent of Lyceums.

On October 7 we were honored to have as our guest Mrs. Helen M. Davis, of Amesbury, Mass. Mrs. Davis, a long time medium, wrote the words and music for seven of the hymns in our Spiritualist Hymnal (the one with the Red cover)—numbers 123 through 129. They are all beautiful hymns and we have enjoyed singing them for several years, but, as two of our members discovered, Mrs. Davis had never heard them sung in a church. It was decided, therefore, that we invite Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Davis, to visit our church, and all the hymns sung that evening were ones she had written. Mrs. Davis, who was presented with a rose corsage, expressed her pleasure in being present, and gave us a very good prediction for the future of our church.

On Saturday, October 27, our recently formed Guild had our monthly meeting at the home of one of our members, Mrs. Blanche McMillan of Middleton, New Hampshire. The day was lovely, the foliage most colorful, and the blue water of the lake—all combining to make it a most enjoyable outing, as also did the hospitality of our hostess in her lovely home.

Twelve representatives from Swampscott Church attended the Spiritualist Service at the Cathedral of the Pines at Rindge, N.H. in September, conducted by Mr. Merrill and Mr. Clark. Some of our members, who are commissioned healers, took part in the concluding healing service.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

The Progressive Spiritualist Church of San Diego was filled to capacity Sunday October 21st when the N.S.A.C. President the Reverend Joseph H. Merrill of Lily Dale, N.Y. and Larry Clark, of Syracuse, N.Y. served the church as lecturer and message minister respectively.

The subject of Mr. Merrill's lecture was "The Misconception of Spiritualism", and was delivered in a dynamic and convincing manner. Mr. Clark's evidential messages were delivered rapidly and accurately.

It is hoped that both representatives can return in the future. Augmenting the spirit greetings were the Reverend Gladys Boland, Pastor of the church and Mrs. Bernice Minard, Secretary.

The invocation and benediction were given by Reverend Arthur C. Willis of Harmony Grove, Escondido who accompanied the speakers of the evening. The healing portion of the services was conducted by Larry Clark, Julian F. Vesterfelt and John C. Guthrie.

The musical portion consisted of a solo by Ernest Marino, who sang "God Understands" accompanied at the piano by Andrew Frost Stevens.

BROCKTON, MASS.

The First Spiritualist Church of Brockton, Massachusetts was favored with a Christening on Sunday September 23, 1973. The first to be held in this church for many a year. The baby, Bethany Ann Bolles, daughter and seventh child of Mr. & Mrs. William Bolles, of Randolph, Massachusetts was Christened by the Rev. Gertrude Stevens, Pastor of this church assisted by the Rev. George Gordon, CO-Pastor of the Brockton Church. The parents, baby and sponsors, Mr. William Bolles, and Miss Clara Bolles, were ushered to the rostrum by Mrs. Ruth M. Dyer, Sec. of the Brockton Church. The baby was a dear and the blessings of Spirit will always be with her. Over one hundred members and friends attended this occasion which was followed by a delicious buffet.

Every hour spent on earth
Is a step toward eternity.

Hilda Schneider

TRANSITIONS

Leshar—Miss Eula Lee on Saturday, 10:45 A.M. at the Carrol's Care Center Nursing Home, Deland, Florida. She was 80 years old. The past 25 years she had made her home with a close friend, Mrs. Cora Chester in Deland. Her parents, Henry and Maude Leshar, preceded her passing some twenty years ago. Miss Leshar's father was a former member of the Board of directors of the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp. Miss Leshar was a student of Psychical and Spiritual Research. She was a student in the early 1930's of Rev. C. H. Engel, who conducted Miss Leshar's funeral service at the graveside, in the Lake Helen-Cassadaga Cemetery on Thursday, October 25, 1973 at 10:00 A.M. Viewing for friends was on Wednesday afternoon at the Allen-Summerhill Chapel, Deland, Florida. (By—Rev. C. Harrison Engel, Cassadaga, Florida).

Foreman—John W. 84 years, passed to the greater expression of life Oct. 13, 1973. Survived by his wife, Rev. Mollie Foreman, one daughter, Mrs. Pauline Gunn, one sister Mrs. Margaret Homberg, Joliet, Ill., four grandchildren and nine great grand children. He was a member of Ninth Spiritualist Church, Kansas City, Mo. Services held at Floral Hills Chapel, officiated by Rev. Florence Anderson.

Underhill—Mable A. 79 years old, of DeLand, Florida. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Harrison Engel, at the Allen-Summerhill Funeral Chapel at 11:00 A.M. on October 15, 1973. Dr. Harold Giffin of Stetson University music department was solost. Mrs. Underhill is survived by her son Amory Underhill of DeLand, Fla., and Washington, D. C., and two sisters, Miss Pearl Alderman, DeLand, Fla. and Mrs. Gladys Beavers of Jacksonville, Fla. Interment will be announced later. The Underhills relate closely to the history of The Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Association. In Eulogy of Mrs. Underhill Rev. Engel spoke of the historic tie with George P. Colby donor of the land for the camp and how they aquired the home and spring from which Mr. Colby drank the water that healed him. Mr. Amory Underhill in speaking with Rev. Engel said that the family was interested in making a healing shrine at this spring, and also of making a park opposite the camp auditorium in memory of George A. Dimmick, a famous healer in early Cassadaga, on a vacant lot where Mr. Dimmick's house was located before it burned down. In the science and philosophy of Spiritualism and related religions, of healing, Mable Underhill and her mother Lena Walker Alderman were students in Rev. Engel's classes in the early 1930's. Mrs. Underhill's parents, William and Lena Alderman settled in Cassadaga in 1924.

Foreman—John William, passed into the higher expression of life, Oct. 13th, 1973, at the age of 84. He was born in Kankakee, Ill., and lived in the Kansas City area 50 years. He was an iron worker and former owner of "Jacks Aluminum Foundary. He was a member of the Ninth Spiritualist Church, Treasurer of the Missouri State Spiritualist Association, also Treasurer of the former Third Spiritualist Church of Kansas City, for many years. He leaves his wife, Rev. Mollie Foreman, 1 daughter, Mrs. Pauline Gunn, 1 sister, Mrs. Margaret Homberg, of Joliet, Illinois, 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, & many, many friends.

"THE TREE OF LIFE"

Life is like a mighty tree. Its branches reaching toward the heavens, bright and strong beneath the bright blue sky.

Its leaves, thousands of them, drawing strength and love and life from the Mother trunk.

Starting from the tiniest twig that could not live but for the trunk—The body of the tree. Then, through the stem of the tiniest leaf. Thus, sustaining its life.

Then—the bark which protects the body—or the trunk, from the evils of the world.

I liken this bark unto the saying, The tree puts on "the armor of God"—Then, "All things are possible—if you have the faith of a grain of mustard seed—"

Then—there are the roots of the mighty tree. We could take a valuable lesson from the roots. They grow strong, and always, they follow the path, unerringly, to the water of life.

Even though Nature has put stumbling blocks such as rock formations beneath the soil, the roots spread out and find cracks and fissures in the rocks and make their way to the life-giving water.

We could, through faith, pierce the rocks and find that water of life and develop strong and true—

like

the
mighty
tree!

By;

Mabel L. Kinney.
LORD OF LIFE.

Love is ever Lord of life,
Love will dissapate all strife,
Love the leaven lightens the load,
Love the compass at each turn in the road.
Love the bright and shining goal,
Love the target of every soul,
Love the star that points the way,
Love the magic that helps you pray!

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artist, or anyone who provides useful services and benefits . . . why not go directly to God, completely bypassing the middle man? While we should not become totally dependent upon the spirit helpers, it must be remembered that these souls do provide channels through which God's blessings and much good come to us. The soul is a portion of the life force of God that activates the physical body. Does this cease to exist at the death of the physical body? Absolutely not! Isn't it logical to assume it still exists in another dimension of life as an unseen channel for the God power as was its purpose for existing in a flesh body in a material world?

Another question asked by newcomers and eventually by members and class students of Spiritualism is why do many Spiritualists, especially those teaching from the rostrum, not live fully what they advocate while expounding the philosophy. This is evident in all religions and areas of life. As long as we live in a physical body, in a material world, functioning mostly through a conscious mind, governed by the emotions, there will always be such contradictions, inadequacies, or discrepancies. The mind, body, and soul do not always keep pace with each other, and whenever there is a marked degree of inharmony between either, inconsistencies will be expressed. There has always been the struggle for survival through attempts to gain control of others through power, because the mind has misinterpreted the meaning of survival. As long as an erroneous attitude abounds, there will be all kinds of contradictions in thoughts, words, and actions. Many negative attitudes, often kept well hidden, will burst forth when one's power, prestige, self-esteem, or ego is threatened. When this happens, it indicates insufficient soul growth. Understanding these things helps one overlook the failures of those who say one thing and do another.

TRUTH

Life's cup is filled
with a mixture strange,
A mixture of bitter
and sweet,
Of trouble and joy,
disappointments and strife,
But from none of them
should you retreat.
They've all been mixed
by a Master hand;
Each cup for the soul
it belongs.
Have strength to separate
good from bad
As you travel through
life's changing throngs.
Drink deep, my dear,
from the cup of life
With its contents
so strangely mixed;
From the dregs
seek wisdom, faith and love . . .
HIS laws for Eternity
are firmly fixed.

ANNA W. LaBARR

What a person does, thinks, says, is not for us to judge; this being their experience, their lesson, and that to which they **alone** will have to answer. Our own attitude towards the discrepancies in another's way of life determines whether or not the things we question become a lesson we, too, must face and work out. When questioning another's way of living or the contradictions expressed, be sure the effort to understand is not really a condemnatory attitude. If we judge or condemn, then we are no better than the person whose life we question. Minding our own business is a full time job, and working to eliminate our mental aberrations leaves no time to fret about the inconsistencies in the lives of other people, even those who hold rank over others or who claim to have great knowledge and spiritual growth.

Time and again, when teaching or simply talking to people, I have found it necessary to elaborate upon the subject of the different rates of people's vibrations, different degrees of mental awareness, and soul growth, all of which accounts for the extremes of character, personality, abilities, and expressions in life, and that each individual must function at their own level of understanding. When this is understood, much can be overlooked and forgiven.

All of these things, and ever so much more, go into the effort of explaining the Philosophy of Spiritualism to the searcher; no easy task but it can be done.

LESSONS IN LIFE

There are so many lessons in life we can learn, and first of all from each other. Not by forcing our opinions but with the natural act of example. When we try to force our opinions on others we are judging, and it is almost like stripping someone else's soul. We need to apply love in our hearts for that is the greatest healing vibration of all. It is very difficult when someone does us wrong, we should remember it is the act we dislike and not the person. Then the next step we need to take is forgiveness. To wipe the slate clean, for if we keep it locked within us, the bad feelings can grow, and grow. Bitterness only stops us from communicating with anyone. We are very fortunate to be in such a beautiful religion. For it teaches us a very important lesson, that we are responsible for our own actions. All of the teachings of Spiritualism, the philosophy, healing, are gifts from the great spirit, that we can share with mankind. I believe that every human being is linked to the next, some weak, and some strong. But every link of this human race is made for a reason, and every day of our life we are learning, to try to live in peace and harmony, with that link fence we are part of. When we pass into spirit we are stripped of all our material possessions. It matters not whether we were rich or poor, for now only our soul shows up, and the progression we earn in spirit totally is up to our learning process on the earth plane. So to sum it all up in life the greatest source of supply is love, and not to separate ourselves from each other because of race or religion. We are all from the same human family.

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Truth may ring a bell that hurts
Though less harmful than deceit.
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STRATFORD—The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C. Boothe Memorial Park, "Old Homestead," Old Putney Rd., Stratford, Conn. Services 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sat. of each month. Healing after services. Mr. Donald L. McCausland, Pres., Tel. 734-8374, Mrs. Judith McGuire, Sec., 14 Cedric Ave., Derby, Conn. 06418.

WILLIMANTIC—The First Society of Spiritualist, Inc., N.S.A.C. Founded 1864—Incorporated 1917. 144 Valley St., Willimantic, Conn. Services: Lecture, Healing and Spirit Greetings, Sun. at 2:30 P.M. Class instruction, Wed. 7:30 P.M.; Mrs. Frances MacDonald, Sec. 37 Lonergan Acres, R.F.D. #2, Willimantic, 06226. Mrs. Clinton Cady, Pres., P.O. C, Willimantic 06226.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

FLORIDA

CASSADAGA—Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Services in the Auditorium every Sunday, 230 P.M. Lecture Spirit Messages, Healing, Mr. J. Buchanan, President.

HOLLY HILL—Little White Church, 1531 Center Ave. 32017. Sunday Services, 11 A.M., 7:45 P.M. Thursday, 7:45 P.M. Flower Message Service. Minister, Enid Brady Williams, Telephone 672-0520.

FORT PIERCE—Trinity Spiritual Church, 704 South 5th Street. Sunday. Divine Worship and Message Service: 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Divine Healing and Message Service 7:30 p.m. Pastors Revs. Flora and Charles Petteplace. Phone 461-2480.

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS

Illinois State Spiritualist Association—Pres. Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, 3501 Shakespeare Ave., Chicago 60647. Treas., Joseph Buechel, 1519 Fargo, Chicago, 60626. Sec. Bernard Powell, 4118 W. 24th Pl. Chicago, 60623.

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

BURNHAM—Puritan Spiritualist Church, 13906 Greenbay Ave., Burnham, Illinois 60633. Anna Gross, Pastor, Services, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Message Service.

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. Mrs. Kathryn Duha, Pastor; Mrs. Clara Hardt, Secretary.

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

CHICAGO—Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple, 6146 Ashland, Chicago, 60636. Sun. Services 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. First Sun. of each month. Communion Service. Louise Washington, Pastor; Ruby McJeely, Sec.

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

EAST ST. LOUIS—United Spiritualist Church, 51st St. & Ohio Ave. Services Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Rev. Otilie S. Dryoff, 700 N. 85th St., East St. Louis 62203.

ELGIN—First Spiritualist Church, 77 Villa Street Elgin, Church services Sun. 7 p.m. Duane D. Ohl, Pres. 320 Washburn St., Elgin, Ill. 60120. Ph. 697-0174.

FREEPORT—N.S.A.C. Chapel of Prayer, West on 20, Route No. 4, Freeport, by The Flanenburg Crossing. Services every Sun. 2 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Leona M. Nickel, Licentiate Minister. Tel. 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. Phone 962-2066. Elsie L. Phillips, Secy., LeRoy, Ill. Phone 962-5751.

PEORIA—Spiritualist Church of Harmony, 1110 North Sheridan Rd., Peoria, Ill. Church services Sun. 10:30 a.m. The public is invited. Rev. Ethel Phillips Weltz, Pastor, 3118 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria, Ph. 682-9597.

INDIANA

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

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

MICHIGAN CITY—First Spiritualist Church, 220 W. 10th St. 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, 300 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 each Sunday, Lyceum, 1 P.M. Church services, 2:30 P.M. First and Third Sunday each month, Dinner at 5 P.M. Message Circle, 6 P.M. Pastor, Rev. Geneva Carter, President, Della Howe, Sec.-Treas. Patricia Gregory, Rt. 1, Frankfort 46041.

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

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, 6928 Alabama St., Hammond 46323. Ph. 845-2310.

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

INDIANAPOLIS—Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 1415 Central Ave. Sun. Ser. Healing, 7 p.m.; Church Ser. 7:30 p.m. Tues. Message Ser. 2 p.m.; Thurs. Ser. 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glenna Clark, 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. Sun. and Wed. Services 7:30 P.M. Paul Keller, Pres., Neva Daubenspeck, Sec'y.

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

PERU—First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 62 South Miami St. Services every Sunday 2:30 P.M. Mable McKinney, President, 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.
DAVENPORT—Spiritualist Harmony Church, 512 East 12th St., 52803, Phone (319) 324-9659. Worship and Message Services, Sat. 7 p.m. followed by a Social Hour. Open all year. Wm. E. "Bucky" Buchholz, Jr., Pastor. Wm. & Anita Buchholz, Associate Pastors. Anita Buchholz, Sec., 1509 W. 7th St., Davenport 52802, Phone (319) 326-3453.

KANSAS

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

MAINE

Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

President—George Hall, 193 Thornton, Bangor, 04401.

Secy.—Joyce H. Drukker, R.F.D. 3, Waldoboro, Maine 04572.

AUGUSTA—The Augusta Spiritualist Church, Court and Perham Streets. Sunday Services, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Pastor Richard Drukker, Rt. 3, Waldoboro, Maine. Pres. Major Paul R. Curtiss, Box 845, Augusta, Sec. Florence S. Carr, Tasker Road Augusta, Maine 04330.

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

DOVER-FOXCROFT—First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church. Sun. services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Older American Center, Main Street. Mrs. Gladys Dickison, Sangorville, Me., Pres.; Miss Myra Burgess, 41 Vaughn St., Dover-Foxcroft, Sec'y-Treas.

ETNA—Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, Services Sunday 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. May thru October. Vera G. MacGregor, President; Wilson C. Gilman, Sec'y-Treas.

PORTLAND—Portland Spiritualist Church, 176-178 Sawyer St., South Portland, Maine. Services Sunday 7:30 P.M. Ruth Estes, 17 Brackett St., Portland Me. 04102, Pres., Sec'y. Wayne A. Robinson, 40 Avalon Rd., Portland, Me. 04103.

MARYLAND

ARNOLD—The Golden Light Chapel, 839 Clifton Avenue, Arnold, Maryland 21012. Healing: Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Services: Sunday, 3:00 p.m.—Conducted by Pastor Blanche Seader.

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. Roberta Miller, 210 Forest Spring Lane Baltimore, Md., 21228.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists—
President—Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers, Mass. Secretary—Mrs. Muriel Karoliles, 70½ Liberty St., Danvers, Mass. Telephone 774-2753.
BOSTON—First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society, 354 Longwood Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215. 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.

BROCKTON—First Spiritualist Church, 54 Green St. Church Services Sun. Lyceum 11 a.m., afternoon service, 4 p.m. Healing Service 6:45 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Thur. 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's Hall, 9 Center Street, Methuen, Mass., Services, Sunday, 3 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Anne P. Boulanger, 78 North St., Andover, Mass.

NEWBURYPORT—First Spiritualist Church, American Legion Hall, cor. State and High St., Services Sunday 3:30 p.m. Pastor, Mr. Fred Davis; President, Mrs. Norma Sargent, 14 Beacon Ave., Newburyport; Sec'y, Hilda Metcalf, 38 Warren St., Newburyport.

ONSET (CAPE COD)—First Spiritualist Church,

Highland Ave., Onset. Services, Sun. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Class 7:30 p.m. Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Gladys Custance, Co-Pastors.

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

SPRINGFIELD—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., 33-37 Bliss Street. Sunday Services 3:00 P.M., Healing 4:45 P.M. Message Service third Thursday each month 7:30 P.M. President, Arthur H. Cosby, Coy Hill Rd., Box 348, Warren, 01093. Medium Sec'y, Mrs. Alyce Andrews, 53 Burns Ave., Springfield, 01119.

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

SWAMPSCOTT—Swampscott Church of Spiritualism, Services held in the Unitarian Universalist Chapel, Burrill St. Sunday, Lyceum 11 A.M. Evening Church Service 6:45 P.M. Pastor Mr. Robert Simpson, 20 Putnam Lane, Danvers; President, Mr. Frank Whitcomb, 391 William St., Stoneham; Sec'y, Mrs. Kathryn Gamble, 18 Hayes Ave., Beverly, Mass. 01915.

MICHIGAN

Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches—
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; Elsie Mayhew, Secy, 1102 E. Division, Boyne City, Mich. 49712.

DETROIT—Pontiac Ministerial Association of Spiritualists. Meetings 3rd Thursday each month, Sept. thru May, 8:00 P.M. First Spiritualist Church, 576 Orchard Lake Ave., Pontiac. Rev. Goldie Dodd, Pres., Rev. Lillian K. Gleiser, P. O. Box 07006 Arndt Sta., Detroit, Michigan 48207 Phone 568-2691.

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 Ave., Detroit 48202.

LESLIE—Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, West Bellvue St. Lyceum. 10:30 a.m.; Church service, 7:30 p.m.; 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. Mrs. Loretta Farris, Secy, 1807 West River Rd., No. Muskegon, Mich. 49445.

PONTIAC—First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C., 576 Orchard Lake Ave. Pontiac. Church Services 7:30 P.M. Sunday, Lyceum, 6:30 P.M. for information call, 334-3715. Ralston Butts, President, Sharon Bucy, Sec.

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

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—First Spiritualist Church 1414 East 9th St. Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Conference every third Sunday. Pastor, Rev. F. W. Hutchinson. Secretary, Mrs. Mrs. V. Lindblom, 135 W. Owatonna St., Duluth, Minn. Ph. 728-3437. Licentiate Minister, Mrs. Thelma Gesme, 702 Lake Ave., So. Duluth 55802.

MINNEAPOLIS—2nd Spiritualist Church, 2300 Lyndale Ave. N., Sunday service 3 p.m. Healing 4:30 p.m.: Coffee hour 5 p.m.; Lyceum circle 6 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Students Service; Secretary Chrissy Olsen, 3253 31st Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406.

SAINT PAUL—Spiritual Science Church, Y.M.C.A. Bldg. 9th. & Cedar Streets, Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Lyceum 10 A.M. Secretary, Mrs. Menalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., St. Paul 55104.

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, Rev. Leota Childress, co-pastors, 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. Rev. Bryan McCotter, Assistant Pastor. Church Phone 483-5499; Mrs. Loreen Morgan, Sec., 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. Dorothy Buss, 1856 Switzer Ave., St. Louis 63147.

Burkett Spiritualist Church, Inc., 3816 N. Girard Ave., St. Louis 63107. Services, Sun. Lyceum, 9:30 a.m. Devotional & Healing Service 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Boschen, Licentiate Minister, Mrs. Lillian Mayer, Sec.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

DERRY—First Spiritualist Church of Derry, S. R. S. of N.H. 1 Pinkerton Ave. Derry Village. Sunday services—Healing 6:30 P.M., Evening worship 7:00 P.M. Pastor Henry A. Ward, Secretary Mrs. Adrienne Tanguay—For information telephone: 603-432-7624 or 603-432-2612.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey State Assoc.—Pres. Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, 350 W. Graisbury Av., Audubon, N.J. 08106. Sec. Tres.—Isabella Prince, 39 Rutgera Pl., Passaic, 07055.

Camden—Fourth Spiritualist Church, 28 No. 26th St. Sunday, Lyceum 10 a.m.; Wed. 8 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Pastor, 350 W. Granisbury Ave., Audubon, N. J. 08106.

PATERSON—First Spiritualist Church, 142 Carroll St., Services, Sun. Morning Lyceum, 9 a.m. Sun. Morning Services 10 a.m. Wed. Afternoon Service 1 p.m. Wed. Evening Service, 6:30 p.m. Every Second Wed. of Month, Progressive Circle, 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. First Fri. of each month, Students Test Night (Members Only) Pastor, Rev. Emily M. Hewitt.

NEW YORK

New York State Conference of N.S.A. Churches—President, Martha Rusbult, 4 Second St., Lily Dale, N.Y. 14752, Secretary Ruth Bender, 251 Glenwood Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14613.

BINGHAMTON—1st National Spiritualist Church, 97 Riverside Drive, Sun., Lyceum 10 a.m. Church Service 11 a.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m., Robt. Howell, Pastor.

Spiritualist Sanctuary, N.S.A.C. 196 Main Street, Binghamton, N. Y. 13905. Services—Sunday, 11 a.m., Lyceum 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Communications and philosophical discussions, 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Clyde Yoder, Sec'y, Linda Russell.

BUFFALO—Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey at Hazel. Healing, Worship Service & Clairvoyance: Sun. 2:45 p.m. Mid-week Message Service: Wed. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Rev. J. F. Hooper & Rev. J. R. Wind, Co-Pastors, Tamara Reisch, Sec.

Center of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 695 Elmwood Avenue at West Ferry Street, Services Sunday at 2:15 p.m., healing, worship, and clairvoyance. Pastor: Rev. Jay William Smith, Jr., Medium: Grace Stine, Healer: Betty A. Hefner.

EAST AURORA—First Spiritual Temple, 29 Temple Place, Tel. 652-5018. Services every Sunday 7:30 p.m. The 4th Sunday of each month 3:30 and 7:30. Dinner at 5 p.m. Circle Service at 6 p.m. Lyceum 6 p.m. Sun. except 4th Sun. Healing 7:10 p.m. each Sunday. Pres. Paul Spencer, Sec. Maude Spencer, Tel. 492-1567.

FREEVILLE—Harmony Center Church, Freeville Camp Grounds, Freeville, N. Y. Services, First and Third Sundays each month, 2:30 p.m.

LILY DALE—Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, Lily Dale N. Y. Services, Healing and devotional, 11 a.m. each Sun., September through June. Robert Sabol, Pres. Adeline Detlefson, Sec. Lyceum Director, Mrs. Julia

Goodworth. Sun. Classes from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. **LONG ISLAND**—Temple Of Metaphysical Science (N.S.A.C.) 340 Old Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, N. Y. 11704. Telephone 516-587-3041. Service Sunday, 11 a.m. Alternate Sundays. Rev. Edna C. Clausson, Pastor. Classes, Tuesday 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m.

LONG ISLAND—Chapel Of Spiritual Truth, Bethpage, Services, Sunday 2 P.M., (Sept. until June) Rev. Henrietta Cox, Pastor, Mrs. Edith M. Connor, Secretary. Phones, 516-598-3190 or 516-221-8450.

ROCHESTER—Plymouth Spiritualist Church. 889 S. Plymouth Ave. Sunday Services, 3:30 p.m. Circles, 5 p.m. Healing at all services. Rev. Harry W. Bender, Pastor, Margaret Washburn, Secretary.

SYRACUSE—First Spiritualist Church, 535 Oakwood Ave., Services: Sun., 11 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m. Margaret H. Tice, Pastor and President, Phone 468-5638; Mrs. Gladys Leverette, Secretary.

OHIO

Ohio State Spiritualist Association—President, Rev. Amy Pearce, 544 W. Glenaven Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Secretary, John Kittle, 1345 E. Turkeyfoot Lake Rd., Akron, Ohio 44312.

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. Services 2:30 p.m., Philosophy 4:00 p.m. Sec. Irene Garoutte, 300 Lake Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004.

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. 2:30 p.m. Message service and Public Healing. Rev. Ralph A. Whitney, pastor Mrs. Avanelle Unteed, Secretary, phone 235-9775

First Spiritualist Church of Linden, 1751 Aberdeen Ave. Columbus, Ohio. Devotional Services, Sun. & Wed., 7:30 P.M. Public Healing at all services. Last Sunday in the month from Sept. through May, Services at 3:30 and 7:30 P.M. with Dinner served at 5:00 P.M. Childrens and Adult Lyceum Sunday 6:30 P.M. Rev. Maudella J. Rowe Pastor and Secretary, John R. Rowe Pres. Woolley Park, Ashley, Ohio. Tel. 614-747-4402.

Federation Spiritual Science Church: Services Sun. & Thur. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Special attention given to Healing, 231 W. 4th Ave., Rev. Nellie C. Brown, Pastor.

DAYTON—Central Spiritualist Church, 848 Clover Street at St. Paul Ave., Sun. Service 2:30 P.M. Pres. Francis Beeson. Ph. 233-0550, Sec. Gertrude Frasher.

EAST LIVERPOOL—First Spiritualist Church, 631 Dresden Ave. 43920. Services, Sun. and Mon. 7:30 p.m. Sara H. Bowersock, Pres. 334 East 8th St., 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, Pres. 15791 Hemlick Rd., Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022. Edward Schimmoeller, Sec. 213 Pearl, 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, Mr. Earnest Koch. Secretary, Mrs. Lois Knous.

MARION—Memorial Spiritualist Church, 667 Henry Street, Marion 43302. Pastor, Mrs. Irene Stafford, President Gay Anson. Sunday Services, also Healing Services. Sylvester Stafford, Healer.

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 Glenhaven, Youngstown. Phone 782-1090.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association—President, Lester C. Scoles, 4448 Woodedge Drive, Del City, Secretary, Mrs. Alta J. Soles, 4448 Woodedge Drive, Del City.

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. Mrs. Catherine Hinton, President.

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.

Mrs. Margaret Litak, President, 238 East Fairview Street, Allentown, Penna. 18105.

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

McKEESPORT—First Spiritualist Church, 809 Locust St. McKeesport, Pa. Services Sunday 7:30 P.M. Healing, Lecture and Messages. Wed. Message service 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Laura Salvador, President.

PHILADELPHIA—Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, Rising Sun and Park Aves., Phila. 40. Services, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Healing—Sermon—Messages. Services, Wed., 7:30 p.m. Healing and Messages, President, Rev. Mahlon Simon, Pastor, Rev. Reba E. Fasnacht. **Second Spiritualist Church**, 423 South Broad Street. Church services, Sunday, Healing, 7:00 P.M., Lecture and Messages, 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, 8 P.M. Message Service. Rev. Alida Neige, Pastor, Rev. Augusta Taylor, Co-Pastor.

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

PITTSBURGH—First Spiritualist Church, 256 Boquet Street, Pittsburgh 15213. Service Sunday 2:30 p.m., Friday 7:00 p.m.

READING—First Spiritualist Church of Reading, Reading, Pa., Zion's United Church of Christ, Cedar and Washington Sts., Reading Pa. 19601. Services Sunday 2 P.M. Rev. Clara Senior, Pastor, Lititz R.D. #4, 17543. Ph. 717-733-4547.

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. Sunday Church Service, 7:45 P.M. Developing Class, Thursday, 8 P.M. Pastor, James F. Bradley, 388-2668, 388-1402.

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

EL PASO—1st Spiritualist Church, 2328 Grant 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 864-0474. Rev. Willie B. Dearmin, Pastor, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Devotional, Healing and Clairvoyance; Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Psychic demonstrations, Healing and Clairvoyance.

St. Paul's Spiritualist Church, 1416 Potomac Dr., Houston, 77027. Pastor and President, Rev. Leonard Parsons, Phone: JA 9-7776; Assistant Pastor, Mrs. Cecil Worcester, Phone: MI 9-0716. Services: Sunday—Lyceum 10 A.M.; Devotional, 10:30 A.M. Healing Service, Thursdays, 7 P.M. Clairvoyance, third Friday of each month, 8 P.M.

SAN ANTONIO—Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, 1627 Pan Am Express Way N., Services Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Garrett H. Scholtz, Pastor; Mrs. LeNelle Marsh, Secretary, 139 Peach Valley Drive 78227.

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. J. Arnold Bombard 203 Woodlawn Rd., Burlington. Sec'y-Treas.—Barbara R. Howard, Colchester.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK—Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C., 307 W. 27th St., Lyceum, 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Devotional Services Sun., Wed. 7:30 p.m. Secretary, Miss Florence Siebert.

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PUYALLUP—First Spiritualist Church, 341 2nd St. S.E.; Sunday service, Friendly Hour 6:30 p.m., Evening service 7:30 p.m. Pres. Merton B. Boss, Tacoma, Wash. infiton; Sec'y. Theresa G. Boss, 1802 S. Adams, Tacoma, (98405) SK 97144.

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

SEATTLE—Tower Memorial Church N.S.A.C., 2116 West Dravus Street, Seattle, Wash. 98199, Services, Sunday 11 a.m. Dorothy B. Kinney, Pres., 470 McGraw St., Seattle, Wash. 98109, phone MA 2-3646. Treas., Georgetta Hartman, PA 2-2467, Secretary, Viola Paris, PA 3-2684.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

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

MILWAUKEE—First Psychic Science Church, 3319 North 24th Street, Devotional Services and Lyceum, Sunday, 10:30 A.M. Mrs. Shirley Bauer, Secretary, 4339 North 36th Street.

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

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the sky moving in the direction of Bethlehem and decided to follow it, the star led them to the manger and they, overcome with awe gave of their worldly goods then rode away having decided not to reveal to the reigning powers their experience, they had been instructed by spirit so to do. The voice and power of Spirit, not a supernatural personal god, had revealed the power of Spirit through Natural Law giving to future generations the awaited prophecy of newer religious developments. At the same time Joseph and Mary knowing the cruel governmental edict that the first born son of every family should be destroyed departed from Egypt taking the Infant Jesus with them.

Matthew and Luke have slightly different versions of the birth of Jesus, but we must remember that the writers of the Gospels attributed to the Disciples never saw Jesus and the story came to the writers after generations of its wonders had been recounted orally. Thus the theory of Immaculate Conception was developed in the curricula of Christian dogma and creed. These experiences are considered the personal visitation of a personalized god. In Spiritualism we have discovered that these seemingly supernatural events are the expression of Natural Law through the avenue of Mediumship. This Law was and still is, Universal.

To Spiritualists, Christmas becomes a day of mutual celebration for the many blessings which are ours, not the birth of a Saviour of redemption but the recognition of an Infinite Power is around and about us, a recognition of that Power which requires of us, honor, service and brotherly love. This then is the true meaning of Christmas Day in all religions implemented by these basic principles. The gifts from the Magi have been lost in the subtle commercial attitude more emphasized than that of the spiritual. Is the true message of Christmas to be found in shining tinsel and gay colored greeting cards? No, these are not the true interpretation of the Day. In Spiritualism we hold that the Day is not a remembrance of something that happened once and never will again. We hold that the Day is one to observe our own personal expression of Brotherly Love through the understanding and enactment of the Golden Rule. On this Day in the long ago, love triumphed over hate, poverty over riches, humility over hauteur, ineffable beauty over the squalor of bedding down with the beast of the field. It is a Day of wonderful spirit achievement and this we believe is the true meaning of Christmas Day.

We wish our readers:

A Happy Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

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National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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

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