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UMBRELLA AS PSYCHIC EXTRA

Magdalena Haertel of Bad Salzuflen, Germany, 7 Herforden Str., a teacher, was walking in the public park with her adopted son in the brightest sunshine on May 21st, 1950. At the entrance, their picture was taken by an unknown street photographer. Miss Haertel ordered one copy and was given a ticket with the number 26 260.

When she received the picture, a few days later, she got the greatest surprise of her life. Right beside her, on the picture, there floated an umbrella, *an old-fashioned lady's umbrella in the air!*

The photographer, Miss Titgemeyer, Bad Salzuflen, corner of Park Str. and Lange Str., had not even noticed it in the first place and was now greatly surprised too. She said she could not think of a plausible explanation. Something like this had never occurred before. The film was brand new and was developed the normal way.

Miss Haertel, who was known to me, asked my advice on this mysterious umbrella. By analyzing her replies to my questions, I was able to clear up the matter.

At that time, Miss Haertel lived with her father, a well educated man, who died in July, 1950, of cancer, 85 years of age. During the latter months of his life, he was subject to long spells of unconsciousness. During these spells, his spirit traveled to the spheres and also to remote places of the earth.

It Happened In Germany

By Dr. Paul Brandt

Frankenthal, Germany

After consciousness returned, the dying man used to relate to his daughter all experiences he was able to memorize. A great deal of this did not make any sense to Miss Haertel, same as many things or utterances he told her. For instance, he once

world. When a spirit vividly thinks of a certain object, it is simultaneously materialized in its true form out of the same kind of material of which his own body and his surroundings consist.

There is no difference be-

The Extra Umbrella of Bad Salzuflen



A snapshot, see numbers lower left corner, was taken of Miss Haertel (right center) by a commercial photographer. See umbrella, the psychic extra, extreme right center.

told her, very emphatically: "*Magdalena, you will not have to get a new umbrella for protection.*"

We know of what importance thought forms have in the other

tween a discarnate spirit and the traveling spirit of a living man except for the latter being still connected with his body by the silver cord.

The incident at the entrance

of the public garden in Bad Salzuflen must have happened the following way: Miss Haertel's father must have had one of his spells while the former went out for a walk. The father's traveling spirit carefully and concernedly accompanied his beloved daughter.

In a sort of monoideism, he must have thought: "*Magdalena, you do not need a new umbrella for protection.*" Suddenly, he was carrying in his hand an umbrella as a real psychic object while he walked beside Miss Haertel. "*Magdalena, there is an umbrella!*" the train of his thoughts might have continued.

At this instant, the photographer took the snapshot. I should explain that Miss Haertel has the power of a good medium herself under the influence of which the psychic umbrella as a form thought of by her father got sufficiently materialized to be photographed even when it could not be seen.

That is how we got the extra.

The old-fashioned, almost funny appearance, of the umbrella is striking and its sharpness of the picture is remarkable. The appearance of the umbrella would not permit the assumption it could be the creation of thoughts out of Miss Haertel's subconsciousness as an Amimist would attempt to argue. She is a modern young woman and would never think of an umbrella other than a fashionable one. (More Page 2)

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The appearance of the umbrella is evidence enough for the fact that Mr. Haertel's spirit sensed the psychic focal point made possible through his daughter and produced it. I asked Miss Haertel whether they have a similar umbrella at home.

"You are justified in wondering about the peculiar shape of the umbrella," she replied. "As a matter of fact, my father used to keep such an umbrella, being a little peculiar himself in many ways.

"It still makes me laugh when I recall that I used this umbrella when I was still a bobby-soxer. It's stick was a steel rod and this appealed to my father. He later had it refashioned with digerent fabric for a cover as

a man's umbrella and used it himself.

"Thus, it was neither a man's nor a lady's umbrella. I do not doubt it any longer myself that the umbrella which appeared in the picture was thought and created by my father's spirit since it looks like the one he had. The only difference is the handle and the tip were dark instead of white as in the picture. If all parts were black, I would have thought it was caused, perhaps, by the scratched surface of the film. However, pictured with the white parts, this seemed out of the question."

After investigating the origin of the extra, I came to the conclusion that it is genuine and

no fake. It is no skotograph as the umbrella stands vertically in the picture and the background does not show through it. The white parts, however, look somewhat lean or unfinished as though not wholly materialized.

There are two reasons for making this extra, which was taken in bright sunshine, a rarity: Firstly, we have a picture taken of a psychic object, which was caused by a traveling spirit instead of a discarnate one.

Secondly: Since the usual extra pictures show spirits that sometimes carry objects like flowers, etc., we have in this extra, an object by itself.

The "Extra umbrella of Bad Salzufjen" is certainly unique.

Brandt's Letter to the Editor

Frankenthal (Pfalz) Dec. 27, 1950
Wingersstr. 14b
Germany

Dear Mr. Pressing:

Thanks a lot for your nice letter dated 29 September 50, which I received on 31 October 50, as well for the copies of "Psychic Observer" of March 26th and May 10th and October 10th, and last, but not least, for those four pamphlets composed by yourself which I received November 4th. That will show you that the mail, unfortunately, still takes a long time from Jamestown to Frankenthal.

I better not take your valuable time away by giving you a lengthy report on how much these pamphlets and copies mean to me though I would very much like to do so. I will rather start off with the report on activities of Spiritualism in my vicinity as you asked me to do.

I do not believe this necessary any longer since you already published an article about "Germany's Outstanding Psychics and Mediums" in the edition of August 25th, 1950.

I could not help smiling when I read this article because my friend, Edmund Ad Hesse, asked me, a few months ago, to translate same into English for publication in an American periodical. He did not, however, tell me in which particular one.

You can surely imagine how surprised I was to find it again in the edition of "PSYCHIC OBSERVER" you were so kind to send to me.

I am under the impression that Mr. Hesse gave you too favorable and too optimistic a report on the position of Spiritualism in Germany. The truth is that the situation is very bad. I would say it is almost desperate if I would not sincerely believe that the truth of Spiritualism can never fail.

As, all over Germany, there are just a few home circles in my vicinity. Only in big cities, there are some small groups that try to carry on. The small circle I have been running represents one of them. But for a few exceptions, there are no first-class mediums known and even those are members of small circles only.

Materialization mediums and direct-voice mediums do not exist in this

country. We lack an energetic person who is always conscious of our goal and who is able to lead us there.

There is also a growing number of friends and members of the Greater World Christian Spiritualist League, London, especially since the latter has started distributing free copies of a German edition of the periodical, "The Greater World" to all friends whose addresses are known to the League.

Zurich, Switzerland, is the headquarters of the Christian Spiritualist, "GEISTIGE LOGE" (Spiritual Lodge) which has made great progress lately and has also found many followers in Germany. They publish a weekly paper, "GEISTIGE LOGE" not being distributed free of charge though.

Like spirit teacher, Zodiac, and the medium, Winifred Moyes of the

explain to her how the umbrella got into the picture.

She sent me an original print of the film, 26 260, size 1 inch by 1½ inch on which the umbrella is not quite a quarter of an inch. I had enlarged copies made of this print, one of which is enclosed.

These however, did not satisfy as they lacked well-focused clearness. While corresponding with Miss Haertel to learn more about the whole matter, I asked her to get the photographer to make enlargements from the original film. Two of them, size 3¼ inches by 2¼ inches and 5 inches by 3¼ inches are enclosed for your disposal.

Even if it is not "THE PICTURE OF THE CENTURY," I would be tickled to death to hear you say: "WHY THAT'S THE PICTURE OF THE MONTH!"

My friend, Dr. Ruldolf Schwarz, leading German Spiritualist and psychical researcher, whose picture and personal history was part of Mr. Hesse's above mentioned article has examined the picture and is of the opinion that it is quite a rarity.

I gave him permission to send the picture and report to David Bedbrook, General Secretary of the International Spiritualist Federation, London. However, I made the condition that Mr. Bedbrook is not authorized to publish anything about it before you choose to do it.

Of course, I do not want any compensation for any expenses and work I had to do to prepare my article, "UMBRELLA AS PSYCHIC EXTRA." I only wish to serve the cause of Spiritualism.

I would, however, always be glad and grateful for a free copy of the forthcoming editions of "PSYCHIC OBSERVER" and for interesting books, even if they are second-hand ones. This would greatly help me with my work.

I hope to hear from you soon. Presenting my compliments to Mrs. Pressing, I remain with kindest regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Paul Brandt.

SPIRITUALISM IN GERMANY

"GREATER WORLD," there are Joseph and Beatrice Brunner of the "GEISTIGE LOGE"

The spirit, Joseph, lived in southern Scotland, according to his own words, where he died in 1935, as a member of the orthodox church and father of a family.

I wish to apologize for not writing sooner. The reason for this delay has been the attached contribution for your paper. I would like you to accept it as a token of my appreciation for you. It has taken sometime to prepare it. I would be happy to know whether it found your approval.

"UMBRELLA AS PSYCHIC EXTRA" and the pictures have not been published yet. It was a lucky coincidence that let me come across the extra pictures of the umbrella.

Magaolena Haertel, who has this strange experience, was known to me by a mutual friend, who is also an ardent Spiritualist. Miss Haertel was seeking my advice as a well-known Spiritualist and wanted me to try to

More Prophecies for 1951

through the mediumship of

Emma Bell Roney-Roehlfing

Of all the prophecies received at the office of *Psychic Observer* during the past months, none have been optimistic—in the sense that the world situation will improve.

Two mediums who gave prophecies for publication last year, report that their spirit collaborators declined this year — saying things would be so bad that it was distasteful to them to prophesy the world situation.

The prophecy to follow was wire-recorded by Dr. Charles Rohlfing during the regular class held January 1st, last. The entire discussion, made possible through the mediumship of Rev. Emma Roney-Roehlfing, pastor of the Christian Spiritualist Science Church, Roosevelt Hotel, St. Louis, was received from the medium's principal spirit collaborator, Mildred, who also permitted the students to ask questions.

The highlights of the prophecies disclose that the people of the United States will be subjected to their greatest trial during the coming year.

Mildred said: "Japan will work with the U.S.A. because they are aware of China's fate; even the Chinese Communists are not aware they were organized to fight the American doughboy.

"The Russians will intimidate still another nation and ask them to fight for them; look for an eruption in Russia; other leaders jealous of Stalin so much so that there may be a little tear in the Iron Curtain.

"Even though the people in the European countries have had their spirits broken by almost continuous war for the past 34 years, many will come in with the United Nations only because they feel by so doing they can help to crush the power of Communism.

"Possible removal of those high in office in Washington and this before the year runs out. Two high officials will be under fire. There will be a passing of five of our nation's leaders during the year. All are now doing good work at the nation's capital.

"It will be a year of tragedy, accidents, floods and fires—hotels, hospitals, private homes and theaters as well as forest fires. Many the result of sabotage. A warning to those who drive automobiles; unusual number of train wrecks and airplane accidents, even among army planes.

"America's greatest year for agriculture; tremendous crops—enough food for this country and half of

Europe—all due to timely rain and sunshine.

"Spain will stay neutral; their trouble will be internal; Argentina also neutral as well as Sweden. All other countries will do their part. Russia will never control the world. God did not intend one human being to control, hence the different languages and different countries in which to live. There will be rulers and presidents as long as the world stands because no one, at no time, can be the Lord and Master of the world.

"The stock market will have its



Rev. Emma Roney Roehlfing.
"You are still free"

thrills and chills; a series of ups and downs.

"This country, America, will supply oil to an unheard of extent — Texas, New Mexico and even Kentucky—the supply will be doubled."

At this point, a student in the circle asked the question: What about inflation?

Answer: It will not get out of hand this year although prices and wages will be frozen — especially food prices.

Question: Will our eastern coast be subject to attack?

Answer: Only if war is declared on Russia. If so, then expect bombs on either coast, not from the air but from from submarines.

Question: Are there enough Com-

munist in New York to overthrow the government?

Answer: For seven years, the FBI agents have been working underground. Many have attended meetings, data is assembled. There are fellow travelers all over the U.S.

Question: Will we use the bomb on the Russians?

Answer: Not at this time.

Question: Will Russia take over the western part of Germany?

Answer: Not in that sense of the word as this part will come into the United Nations.

Question: What will happen to the Koreans if and when the U. S. forces are withdrawn?

Answer: The Russians will be fed first.

Question: How about the spiritual upliftment of our people this coming year?

Answer: A closer drawing to all churches. More praying, a greater desire to ask God for divine guidance. Many will pray with a greater understanding of the spiritual life. *Spiritualism's growth in the next five years will be the greatest or even greater than its growth during the past 100 years.*

Question: Are we going to have heavier taxation?

Answer: We are already having it but that will be the least of our hardship.

In closing, Mildred admonished the students that they had always lived in a sort of heaven; that the U. S. was heaven as compared to the continent of Europe whose people have suffered for the past ten years; that all will have to suffer a little hardship in this country and this will be difficult for those who have, in the past, had everything.

"Remember students," said Mildred, "that there has not been a day when most of you have not been able to sit down to three square meals a day. There has not been a day when most of you have not been warm and comfortable. There has not been a day when you have not had sufficient clothing.

"Remember that many of the people in other countries cannot say that. They have been cold and hungry but they have always faced it so if taxation is a little heavy, meet it with a smile, remembering always that you are still in America. You are still free. That is the important thing.

"You must always cherish your right to be able to come and go; think and speak as you please. These are the things you must fight for. The geographical accomplishments are never the end even though it may appear to be.

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A PROPHECY FULFILLED

MEET "DR. MOON" SPIRIT PHYSICIAN OF THE SANCTUARY OF THE SPHERES

While attending their very first transfiguration seance, an unknown entity from the etheric world addressed the Gerlings, J. Bertram and Helene, through the entranced instrumentality of Emily Giles, a Canadian medium, serving in Rochester, N. Y. It was amazing! The entire countenance of the medium seemed actually to be transformed, not only in the features, but as if there were some sort of plastic or cloud-like "mask" enshrouding the face as well. The manifesting spirit, *Doctor Moon* presented himself as an oriental physician. And indeed, he did look the part.

The Doctor said he was desirous of working with the Gerlings, giving

by **C. John Steele**

promise of "great things to be accomplished"—if they would accept his offer and "abide in mutual co-operation."

Dr. Moon suggested the matter be given careful consideration and that the answer be postponed until a later date. Some few days followed, when at a private trance sitting, this same spirit manifested again. At this time, he proffered more specific details as to his identity—of special interest to reincarnationists. He claimed he had previously lived on the earth plane as Galen (*) and, at a later date as Harvey (**).

The medium never heard of these historical personalities and the Gerlings had known only of Dr. Harvey. Then *Doctor Moon* asked for their response to his offer of spirit collaboration. Upon their acceptance and agreement, they were assured he would give proof of his existence and co-operation in many ways. With this, he uttered a specific prophecy which, at the time, did not seem of import. In fact, it was almost forgotten but the remarkable sequel is that twenty years later—to the very month—it was fulfilled!

Here is the prophecy: In a score years, I will present to you my likeness in symbol . . . through the hand of an artist-medium.

Shortly after these experiences,

(*) Claudius Galen: Greek physician and writer of Pergamus, Asia Minor, 130-200.

(**) William Harvey: English anatomist and physician, 1578-1657.

the Gerlings visited the late Etta S. Bledsoe. Among other things, this medium said she "got" the name of a spirit teacher . . . *Harvey-Galen* . . . but that there was some confusion as she "felt an oriental influence with this individual."

Incidentally, it was at this seance that the Gerlings decided to enroll at the Morris Pratt Institute, thus starting their ministerial careers in the field of Spiritualism.

Since that time, many mediums, students and spiritual healers throughout the country have confirmed the presence and co-operation of *Doctor Moon*.

Some of the mediums who contacted this highly evolved soul during the last twenty years: Mamie B. Shulz, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Melvina Taylor-Hostak at White Water, Wisconsin; Raymond E. Burns at Rochester, N. Y.; Minnie M. Sayers at Los Angeles, California; Minnie Cooke O'Hara at Lily Dale, N. Y.; Anthony Camardo at Chicago, Illinois; Evelyn Cummins at San Antonio, Texas; Mae Potts at Toronto, Canada; Frederick Nicholson at Cassadaga, Florida; Jessie Curl, Australia; George Daisley, London; and Kathleen Philpott, New Zealand.

In his personal practice in spiritual therapy, through the co-operation

of *Dr. Moon*, J. Bertram Gerling has effected innumerable healings—the most remarkable case was that of a young man in the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y. This youth had been pronounced incurable and, as such, recommended to the State Hospital. Today, he is living a healthy and happy life as a fine family-supporting citizen. Then, too, there is the almost miraculous recovery of Mr. Gerling himself, from a partial paralytic stroke, through spirit healing . . . with absolutely no medical treatment.

A Prophecy Fulfilled

The Gerlings served the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Association, Florida, January, 1949. This is the winter home of William Elliot Hammond, acknowledged peer of present-day Spiritualist orators.

Mr. Hammond, psychically inspired, has pioneered some most outstanding advances in uranium-paint art work. Words are absolutely inadequate to describe this marvelous demonstration of mediumistic art. Truly, it is of the spirit.

Now, it so happened that Billy, as he is affectionately referred to by his friends and admirers, paid a very high honor to Helene Gerling. He opened his home one evening to her Cassadaga Sunshine Class at which time he displayed his unusual art accomplishments. The visit included an opportunity for the visitors to view many of his rare art pieces collected from the four corners of the earth.

At the close of the evening, Hammond presented Helene with a per-



This is Linda Lynn (Linhos), UNIVERSAL PSYCHIC SCIENCE Spiritual Healing Servatrix of the SANCTUARY OF THE SPHERES with the Statuette-Symbol of "Doctor Moon".

sonal gift—"a tribute to her as a teacher and for her spiritual services to Cassadaga." The token: an antique statuette of a Chinese Physician!

Mr. Hammond said: "I don't know exactly why, but I feel this belongs to you people. Some one in spirit wants you to have this—this particular item."

The story is not yet complete; for today, *Doctor Moon* and his staff are serving their brothers of earth through the *Sanctuary of the Spheres*.

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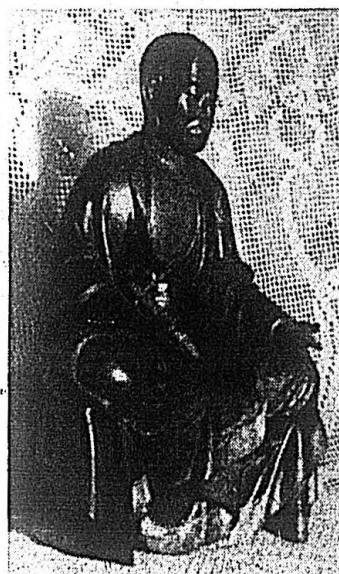
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Rev. Janet Stine Wolford
"Not too promising"

many of America's outstanding mediums. A mimeographed copy of the prophecies received through the mediumship of Rev. Janet Stine Wolford, pastor of the Church of Revelation, 1306 N. Irwin Street, Hanford, California. Lists coming events by the months throughout 1951.

Briefly, according to Rev. Wolford's spirit collaborators, John Taylor, Martin Thomas and Korean Kyham, the world situation for the coming year does not look too promising.

The prophecies disclose:

March: Warfare reaching into other countries besides Korea; a difficult month; good time to sell property; investments good; factories open for production; hundreds of boys go overseas; Chinese strike for additional territory; numerous fires over the country.

April: Great loss and much sickness due to floods; the building of dams and channels necessary; Russia planning to invade the U.S.A.; MacArthur shake-up; Eisenhower given great place; Russian's invasion plan may be disclosed.

May: Agriculture's greatest year; U.S.A. finances okay; Alaska's great preparation for defense; areas of defense will prevent Russia making any headway; more floods; although

enemy submarines "close by," our waters will be protected by radar.

June: Difficulty with the railroads; peak in automobile casualties; sabotage in government service; more training camps open; another peace movement will receive wide publicity; three new war factories in California; keep plenty of food on the shelf.

July: A boom in building; flare-up of strikes; talk of much deportation of undesirables; farmers warned to watch their crops; possible poisoning; explosions will be traced to sabotage.

August and September: More explosions; extreme effort exerted to weed out undesirables.


October: All should watch health conditions, lungs and paralysis; all should watch for spine conditions; successful month for realtors.

November and December: Spies evident; more sabotage; more taxes, attempts on the lives of leaders of this nation; passing of three great statesmen; *Spiritualist movement will grow steadily throughout the year*; Russia may ask for peace, it will be too late; little actual fighting on foreign soil in Europe this year.

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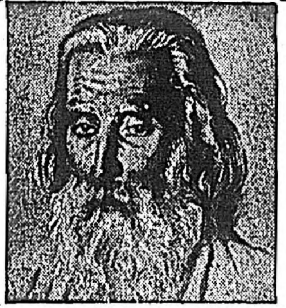
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Preface

Physical phenomena, as we Spiritualists understand it, has its being in the activity of the spirit world. A spirit must be manifesting. Because a spirit is manifesting, the worthiness and truth of the manifestation become a fact.

These sensational witnesses for spirit power gave the world the great revival of faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings. Without such witness and manifestation through these instruments (mediums), there could not have been any church to be called after the name of its founder.

This is a part of "the stone which the builders rejected." Strange to say, even today the Christian builders are rejecting spirit manifestation. Preaching an ethical religion, with the moving power of spirit left out, they are trying to tell the real story of Jesus. That story is incomplete and vague as long as they omit the preaching of the reality of the spirit world. Angels can mean nothing to a thoughtful Christian if he refuses to include his grandmother in the ranks of "angelhood".

Jesus declared, "Because I live, ye shall live also."

The frailties of the flesh prove its kinship with the dust of the earth. Lord Bacon said, among other wise things,

*"Man is akin to the beast of the earth by his body,
if he be not akin to God by his spirit, then he is
indeed an ignoble creature."*

Accept that statement as fact and you admit that the spirit world is true, and that man's destiny must take him into it!

There is no possible way to corroborate the words of Jesus Christ in what he said of his Father's kingdom, except by the way of the manifestation of spirit. If spirit cannot manifest to us today, there is no reasonable proof that it has ever manifested. If so, what becomes of the New Testament testimony? It falls down completely. But if you admit that spirit is active today and that it is able to prove its identity to us now and here, then you have lifted the record of Jesus Christ into the pure light of reason and corroboration.

Jesus also said, "God is a spirit, and ye shall worship Him in spirit and in truth." With such an authoritative statement we cannot leave out the Spiritualist's interpretation of the philosophy of life. Here in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles we see the moving drama of the manifestation of God's power as "a spirit"; we see the living witness of the actions of the spirits of His world motivating and communicating with those disciples whom Jesus enjoined to carry on his mission to the souls of mankind.

Dare we doubt such a record? How long will the present-day church which bears his name ignore the truth of his disciples? These disciples lived his doctrine of spirit intercession.

If immortality is the theme of religion, then let us not be ashamed to preach it in a practical way.

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1 Now about that time Herod the king, stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also.

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord; and they went out, and passed on through the street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. —Acts, 12

Shall we not understand from this that angels are interested in the affairs of the people who live in this world? The kinship between heaven and earth is a very intimate one. It is a part of the great family of souls, divinely instructed to call God "Our Heavenly Father."

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Peter certainly knew that angels come to the assistance of mortals, and he understood how close the spirit world is to this:

11 And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.
—Acts 12

As the Rev. Moses Hull points out, there are some impressive things to be considered about this spirit visitation: Peter was in prison, chained and guarded. The manifestation occurred in the night; there was no light except the celestial one that the angel brought with him. A radiant light accompanied the angel. The prison doors were opened by spirit power, as also were the gates of the city. These spirit happenings, if they took place in our time, would receive scant credence from anyone except a Spiritualist. Christians surely would laugh them to scorn.

When Peter arrived at the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, he found many gathered there praying. When he knocked at the gate, the damsel who came to answer him, though knowing Peter's voice, was so excited that she did not open the door, but ran back to report that Peter stood before the gate.

Those gathered within could not believe that it was Peter, but said that it must be "his angel." A guardian angel is believed to watch over every soul on the earth. It was so believed in Peter's time.

We have an account of the direct guidance of the spirit of Jesus, for in verse seven in the sixteenth chapter of Acts, we read:

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not.
—Acts, 16

The reading of the verse in the Greek, renders it *pneuma Jesou*, which, translated correctly, is "the spirit of Jesus." One version gives it: "The

spirit of Jesus did not permit them."

We can understand why Jesus restrained them from departing to Bithynia, for in the night Paul experienced a vision. There in the darkness a spirit communicated with him. An intelligence that wanted to say something, stood near him:

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go



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into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord (Jesus had called us by the spirit of the Macedonian) for to preach the gospel unto them.
—Acts, 16

When Paul met the damsel who was possessed by a spirit which incessantly cried out, and which used her person for the purpose of soothsaying, bringing gain to those who held her captive to their mercenary purposes, he rebuked the spirit and it went out of her:

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out that same hour.
—Acts, 16

For this Paul and Silas were cast into prison.

In the prison these two apostles sang praises unto God.

They held a spiritual service there, and so wonderful was the spirit power which they invoked, that the prison was shaken:

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awakening out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas.
—Acts, 16

It was midnight and in darkness. How then did Paul know the keeper of the prison was about to take his life? But he did know. Therefore we must believe that Paul, through his spiritual faculties was informed of what was taking place in another room of the prison, — Paul was clairvoyant!

Jesus speaks to Paul again, as recorded in the eighteenth chapter:

9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.
—Acts, 18

We remember that the "man from Macedonia" also spoke to Paul in a vision. It is important to identify both of these spirit visitations as psychic conditions in which Paul was clairvoyantly able to perceive the spirit. There is a spiritual gift of psychic sight and it is here specifically exemplified.

At Ephesus Paul laid his hands on twelve disciples and they received the gift of mediumship:

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied. —Acts, 19

As at the meeting on the day of Pentecost, so at Ephesus, the power of the spirit was manifested.

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Paul's mediumship is again emphasized in the nineteenth chapter:

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. —Acts, 19

When others sought to imitate or equal, Paul's psychic powers in the casting out of evil spirits, they met with failure. Seven sons of a certain Jew named Sceva tried their skill at this and were rebuffed by the spirit:

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.—Acts, 19

Paul lodged with Philip at his house in Caesarea, — the same Philip who was caught by the spirit on that day when he baptized the eunuch. This Philip had four daughters who were mediums:

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did Prophecy. —Acts, 21

Agabus, the psychic, is again encountered there. He was a psychometrist and was able to foretell future events by touching personal articles:

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. —Acts, 21

This prediction was fulfilled in every particular.

In the twenty-second chapter Paul relates the wonderful story of his conversion. In the ninth chapter is the first account of this conversion, as told by the narrator of Acts. Paul now tells of being in the temple shortly afterward, and how that

he was in a trance state, and heard Jesus speaking to him:

17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance.

18 And I saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles. —Acts, 22

So here again we have a real conversation between Jesus, a departed spirit, and Paul his medium. When tempted to deny the truth of spirit communication, we should consider these definite statements of the New Testament. The Bible is reckoned to be the sure guide of truth for all Christians, and all the world of mortals. Its testimony concerning the spirit world should be received as sure and certain. If that testimony is identical in character and substance with the testimony of our day and age as Spiritualists have experienced it, then is every one duty bound to accept it: we are forced, in all reason, to believe in, and prepare ourselves for, that future life, where we shall walk and talk with angels, and be "known as we are known."

There is a remarkable statement made in the twenty-third chapter, which sheds light upon what manner of resurrection was believed in at the time of the apostles; we read:

6 But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope of the resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

8 For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor

spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. —Acts, 23

The Pharisees argued with the Sadducees, and said:

9 We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God. —Acts, 23

Some, therefore, looked for a resurrection (or raising) of the spirit. There is here no mention of the physical body. Paul had talked with spirits; he knew that those spirits had at some time left their mortal bodies and been "resurrected" into the spirit world. Paul also knew that the Greeks believed in the return of spirit.

The Jews were not clear in their minds as to what a resurrection could mean. The only way of proving such a fact was by spirit communication. Jesus proved his resurrection by returning in spirit and talking with his disciples. Others could, and did so, as this record proves. Even the evil ones came back and took control of living mortal bodies, and were cast out by Jesus, Paul and others.

We might respectfully ask, "Where are the physical bodies of Peter and Paul today? Are their spirit personalities consciously living in the spirit world, or do they wait in silence for a time when the old bodies they inhabited while on earth shall be 'raised from the grave' and given back to them?"

Such a belief is called "psychopannychism,"—the belief in the sleep of the dead.

Of what use will it be to re-inhabit the cast-off earth body? Life is to be in the spirit: Jesus comforted his friends by telling them of our Father's house of many mansions. The risen soul has no need to be re-joined to the physical body. The change called death releases the spirit from the bondage of sin, age, and death.

If we say there is no release for us at death, then we topple all the structure of our spiritual philosophy. Our faith in the truth of the appearances of Jesus after his crucifixion is

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fled as the morning mists, and the "sun" which dispersed it is darkened indeed. In despair we stand with the Sadducees and can accept no theory of a resurrection, either of angel or spirit.

But we do believe, and our faith, both Christian and Spiritualist, looks forward to a life in which sin, disease, and death are unknown. Immortality is the great hope of humanity; it is the divine purpose of our creation; it is the fulfillment of Eternal Love.

During Paul's great trouble and stress at the hands of his enemies, Jesus again speaks to him:

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also in Rome.

—Acts, 23

Paul refused to return to Jerusalem to be judged according to the hatred of the Jews. He knew that there he would be given no fair trial. Instead he appealed to Caesar. King Agrippa, who heard his case, found no fault in him, and said of him, "This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds." Paul stood firmly on his rights of Roman citizenship and so was granted permission to be taken to Rome.

However, on the journey by ship, and under strict guard of the soldiery, the prisoners were beset by storms and danger of ship wreck. Fear and dismay filled every heart.

Paul warned against taking a certain course which warning his captors did not heed. Now in the night a spirit stood by Paul and communicated a message of hope to him:

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no

loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God whose I am, and whom I serve.

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

26 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

—Acts, 27

In this instance it is not the spirit of Jesus, but another spirit, — "an angel of God." There were guardian angels with the ship and one of them spoke with Paul!

The ship was completely wrecked, as the angel had foretold. Paul and every one that was on the ship got safely to land. The barbarous people on the island of Melita where they landed, treated them kindly and gave Paul great honor and esteem, considering him a god. Their adoration was occasioned by Paul's wonderful mediumship: When a venomous viper seized on his hand one day as he was putting some sticks on the fire, the natives were astonished to witness that its fangs did not poison nor kill Paul. It had always meant certain death to be bitten by such a creature.

There were wonderful healings through Paul's mediumship, so that the natives of the island were much impressed and gave the captives all such things as they needed.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius (chief man of the island) lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed. — Acts, 28

For three months Paul and those with him were entertained on the island of Melita. Then they departed in a ship, landing at Syracuse where they tarried for three days, finally coming to Rhegium, and on the next day to Puteoli. Here they were met by Christian brethren.

When they at last reached Rome, Paul was allowed to

dwell by himself, though subject to a guard. Here he called the chief of the Jews together and plead his cause with them, explaining that the Jews at Jerusalem had accused him and had placed him under bonds.

He preached unto them Jesus and his resurrection from the dead. Some believed in what he said, and others doubted. Then Paul, as a Jew, quoted to them from Isaiah to the effect that they were dull and blind for refusing to hear his words and to see the truth.

The Book of Acts is not finished, probably due to the fact that the writer of it, (Luke) was put to death soon after these events. The last we read of Paul is that "he dwelt in his own hired house for two whole years, and received all that came in unto him."

My first desire in setting forth "The Psychic Story of the Book of Acts" is to emphasize the fact that the founders of the Christian religion held a positive faith in the spirit world and in communication with it. Angels and spirits were their companions from the very beginning of their apostleship. The Christians were inspired and urged forward by the spiritual beings of that world which Jesus came to tell us about.

If there is any comfort in religion, it is the comfort of the promise of eternal life. That promise is made sure and certain through the knowledge that there is another life for us. We do seek an eternal country where we shall dwell forevermore, and where the knowledge of God and His laws will be our delight.

The disciples of Jesus firmly believed this: therefore let us go on in that knowledge, led by our dear risen loved ones. As they journey at our side, their smiles and blessings are upon us, encouraging us today, just as they encouraged the apostles of the early Christian church.

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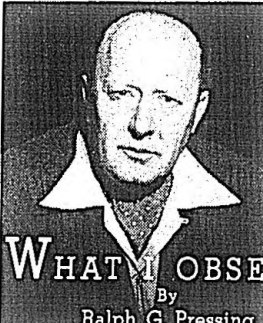
"Quite some time ago," says
John J. O'Neill, Science Editor
of the New York Herald Tri-
bune, "a group of newspaper
men with varied special inter-
ests discussed a question:
'What is the greatest and most
important story that could be
written?'"

According to O'Neill, there
was an amazing variety of opin-
ions for he says: "One thought
that if there should be no mar-
ket for U. S. bonds, that would
be the most important story.
Another expressed the belief
that a cure for cancer would,
undoubtedly, be the greatest
story.

At this point, O'Neill, in his
usual quiet but positive manner
said: "Gentlemen, it is my be-
lief that I wrote the most im-
portant news story ever to be
printed when I revealed that the
secret of the release of atomic
energy had been achieved by
Professor John J. Dunning of
Columbia University in the year
before we became involved in
World War II." (Read the
"Mighty Atom" by J. J. O'Neill,
Psychic Observer, \$1.00.)

On second thought, the sci-
ence editor said: "Even so, I
don't think that this is the great-
est or the most important story
that could be written because,
if and when, the existence and
survival beyond the grave of
the human spirit can be proven
—on the same sound basis as
Dunning released the energy of
the atom—so that its powers
could be applied and we would
be able to establish positive
identification and communica-
tion under direct control and
thus achieve means for com-
plete knowledge of this fact to
the world at large, that, in my
opinion, would be the greatest
story."

Before O'Neill's buddies had
an opportunity to utter a word,
the little man with the keen
mind (O'Neill) again startled
this staid group by saying: "I
have a strong feeling that there
will be important developments
in this field before my type-
writer gets cold and I trust that
it happens in time for me to
write the story."



WHAT I OBSERVE
By
Ralph G. Pressing

Nancy Hanks' Slippers

A notarized statement, dated
November 20th, signed by Mil-
dred Burt Groch, 916 N. E.
Hazelfern Place, Portland 13,
Oregon, recites an outstanding
case for personal conscious sur-
vival when, at a seance conduct-
ed by Rev. Iona Brandt, St.
Louis, Missouri, materialization
medium, Nancy Hanks, ap-
peared and told her about the
slippers that recently came into
her (Mrs. Groch's) possession.

Mrs. Groch states that she
had no idea and was not think-
ing of Nancy or the slippers
when she attended the seance
and when the materialized form

**NANCY HANKS' SLIPPERS
L. A. FAMILY HEIRLOOM**



These slippers, it is said,
were 121 years old.

Mrs. Ida Lucy Watson Douglas be-
ing fitted with slippers which she
maintained Nancy Hanks, mother of
Abraham Lincoln, wore at her wed-
ding with Thomas Lincoln, 144 years
ago. Close-up of the slippers, treas-
ured as heirloom in her family for
generations. Her husband, W. C. Dou-
glas, is trying them on his wife's feet.
The late Chauncey M. Watson, Mrs.
Douglas' father, who gave her the
slippers, said he got them from his
mother, who was, he said, related to
the great President. Several years
ago, Mildred Burt Groch inherited
these slippers and now has them in
her possession.

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of Nancy appeared, she felt hon-
ored and wondered how the
spirit happened to come to her.
Nancy replied by saying:
"Some vibration had drawn
her."

A natural response since she
would naturally be attracted to
the owner. (See picture this
page.)

"Thy Son Liveth"

During my recent trip to New
York City, I learned that the
author of the book, "Thy Son
Liveth" (\$1.50) is Mrs. L. N.
Geldert. For years, I have been
questioned as to the authorship.
This is for the record.

Anne Besant Said It

"Death is the easiest form of
life," says Annie Besant, the
great Theosophist, "And ghosts
just ordinary, everyday, casual
things. I saw So-and-So today,
and he told me this and that,"
Mrs. Besant writes nonchalant-
ly. So-and-So may have been
dead twenty years. Some peo-
ple criticize Mrs. Besant for this
frankness; but others, Thomas
Alva Edison, for instance—say:
"Annie Besant, the most inter-
esting woman I have known."

The last time Mrs. Besant
was in New York, she arrived
somewhat late at a tea. "I am
so sorry," she apologized, "but I
was looking at the old homes of
this section as I came along,
and thinking of my old friend,
William Q. Judge, and of how
fond he had been of New York,
when a quiet voice at my elbow
whispered, 'And I am still'; and
there he was walking beside me.
So you will forgive me for be-
ing late, won't you?"

After Four Years

Of the dozens of articles con-
stantly being submitted for pub-
lication, few are received that,
for one reason or another, do
not have to be rewritten.

It was a pleasure to pick up
a manuscript just recently by
Emaline F. Christian, 150 W.
Broadway, Plymouth, Ohio,
who said that she has been in-
terested in Spiritualism for
over four years but that there
are no churches in the vicinity
and no mediums conducting se-
ances or classes and that they
had organized their own home

circle which can best be described by Mrs. Christian herself for she says: "Our seances, mostly, have been conducted in our own home with but the two of us present. Possibly no more unorthodox seances have been held anywhere, for we are constantly interrupted—by the demands and intrusion of the children, the telephone and callers.

"The lights have burned brightly throughout them all except the first few. When we become stiff from sitting, we get up from our chairs, walk around, discuss ordinary things, and then return to our table. Yes—according to many people—we are the lowliest of the lot: we are table-tippers, although we are bold enough to maintain that results are what count and not the method of obtaining the results.

"We admit that our first attempt to communicate was promoted out of curiosity. We were 'psychic investigators' in those days, and like most investigators, interested in reasoning 'how these things could have happened,' rather than to proceed on the premise that we were mediums and in contact with the spiritual world. Anyhow, I had seen a table do some amazing things. Miles, my husband, had not, so we set about to prove that if such things could happen, we might be able to cause them to happen.

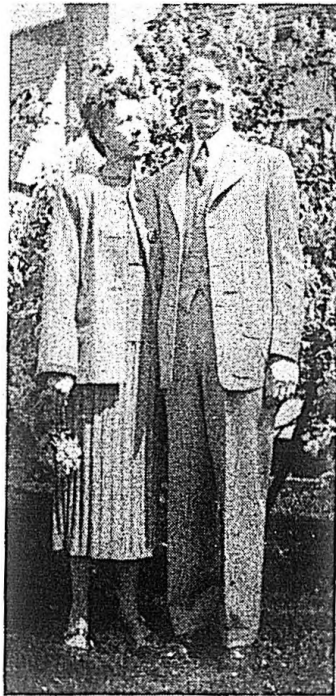
"There was no response from our table until both of us placed our hands lightly on top and then we had the supreme thrill of seeing an ordinary piece of furniture stride about the room and attempt to climb onto the davenport in response to our commands! After a week of following the table as it walked about, we became bored and wondered what purpose was being served by a moving table.

"We sought ways to receive messages, and eventually hit upon the age-old plan, which worked. I repeated the alphabet and the table tipped on the desired letters, spelling out

words and sentences. I always kept another table at my right, with pencil and paper handy, so that I could transcribe what came through.

"Then, one night, something occurred which made us feel that we were truly in contact with forces outside ourselves. Miles always sits on my left, usually closing his eyes during our sessions, so he cannot see my notes. This particular night, I suddenly remembered that having been a secretary, my shorthand might speed matters. The message which was coming through from our Dr. B. was

They Inherited the Slippers



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groch (above), Portland, Oregon, Spiritualists. Mrs. Groch (Mildred Burt) inherited the "Nancy Hanks" slippers (see page 10). Data substantiating this fact were presented to the Grochs by Nancy Hanks who materialized at a seance held recently in Portland, Oregon. Rev. Iona Brandt, St. Louis, was the medium.

coming fast, and I wrote a few words in shorthand, then waited for his next sentence. (There is a definite pause after words and sentences).

"To our amazement, instead of continuing with the serious trend of his lecture, Dr. B. spelled out, 'Ha, ha. Your writing is funny!' Only then did Miles know I had written in shorthand.

"During those first few months, doubt was part of our experience. We weren't quite sure that the other wasn't 'making the table say' what came through. However, when subjects were discussed of which we had little or no knowledge, and when words were used which neither of us had heard, we had to accept the fact that we were innocent of fraud. I doubt if any couple would continue with any sort of work for years if only to fool themselves and/or each other.

"More recently, we have been approached by individuals at various times who (knowing of our interest in Spiritualism) have asked our help with their problems. In cases where the recipient has followed the advice given us for him, definite help has resulted. In such instances, we are usually given information which I must pass on to the inquirer to check for accuracy. Very often, I have been embarrassed, for much of the information is of a highly personal nature which we would have no way of knowing, and yet, being confirmed by the inquirer, is extremely convincing.

"Our chances for helping others are few and far between, and we have hoped to be of some value in this work. The messages and lectures which have come to us have helped us and others and we have wondered if they might not be yet more far-reaching, perhaps through the *Psychic Observer*. For this reason, we will pass along some of these lectures given us by four different entities. (Lectures follow.)

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As a result of these regular sittings with her husband, Mrs. Christian has been inspired to write bits of philosophy:

"The world is run on the theory of Survival of the Fittest. With the result of this theory, you have war to eliminate the weak and determine the strong. Then you have the strong trying to determine who is stronger. Thus you have the theory applied again. This process continues with war until there is a complete elimination of life, or weakening of the strong until they have to turn to each other for brotherhood. In this, they find God, and in God, they find Peace. Apply this to history and see how it fits. You might predict the future from it."

"The cause of illness is wrong, fearful thinking. You have learned that fear and worry cause a toxic condition to be set up in the body, thus causing a poison to be given off into the bloodstream. If worry and fear stay in the thought process, the toxic condition becomes so great that the physical body is weakened, and sickness follows."

"The primary principle for Understanding is peace of mind, which can only be mastered when the mind is made receptive to vibrations that keep it attuned to the good. This condition cannot help but produce the feeling of brotherhood of the highest esteem. Thus, love would predominate all evil. Thus, understanding sublime.

"You can apply this to your most minute problem. Each individual can apply it; all groups, governments, worlds. Peace is the individual, basically. Thus, peace of mind is peace for the masses when applied as prescribed.

"Let you attune those minds you daily search to the chords of goodness. 'Tis a heaven you will create; a shepherd leading to peace eternal."

"Religion is something which man cannot explain or define. We all

have our lives to live eternally — earth-life being the most confused. All so-called religious people have different ideas of heaven and hell and the lives that they live before getting there. These beliefs cause much trouble on earth and here. Many earth lives have been lost because of religions. This will always cause trouble.

"True religion is in the love for good and in making those near you happy.

"Kings, queens, gods will always be, and man will continue to worship them. When all learn that love for good and happiness is the most powerful thing in any life, then religions, creeds, sects, cults, etc., will become one."



Emaline F. Christian

No Spiritualist churches in the vicinity, so she sits regularly with her husband.

"Happiness can be yours if you apply the lectures given you. If you will let the past be your guide to the future, you can see how to live and how not to live. Do you know how to have a happy world? The husband makes the wife happy; the wife makes the husband happy. This keeps the children happy, then the dog is happy. A happy dog gives us a happy cat—thus a happy household is had by all. If all households have this contented condition, the world will be a happy one. See?"

"You live according to the law of harmony and you sometimes work against it. Let us look into this thing called harmony. First, you find the Universe working in harmony. When the law is broken, disaster takes place.

"We bring this law closer to you, stopping at earth. The earth functions according to the law of harmony. This brings you the seasons which are determined by the law of harmony. The seasons bring the weather, which is the result of harmony. The weather and the seasons bring you many things. Food is one. The quantity and quality is determined by the law of harmony.

"Food gives you physical strength. Physical strength usually gives you the ability to increase your mental power. This normally opens up channels for spiritual development. All of this process is based on harmony. To accomplish the best in this, you have to live and appreciate the Laws of Nature, for if you defy the Laws of Nature, you set up a vibration of disharmony which throws your physical pattern out of balance—mental and spiritual, too. Anything that is not in balance cannot do its best. This word, 'harmony,' is the force which tries to get all things to function in accordance with the Laws of Nature. Thus, you can see the importance of harmony.

"Think about it and give it all the support it should have by living according to Nature's Laws."

"The most poisonous thing in the world is not arsenic; the most destructive is not a storm; the most harmful thing is not a plague. The answer is—'The Human Tongue.'

"More people have been poisoned, destroyed, harmed and plagued by the tongue than by any other thing. More soldiers have been struck dead by the lash of the tongue than by the lash of the sword.

"The one thing that could do the most good for man does the most harm. Sometimes, we think harm, but if we would keep these thoughts away from the tongue, little harm could be done. You will remember this: 'My tongue can help or hinder the progress of Mankind toward perfection in understanding and harmony in peace'."

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From out of the world of Soul, I, Etta S. Bledsoe, greet you the children of Earth and sincerely hope and pray that I may have the vision given by Infinite Intelligence to touch upon the important problems that are so trying and confusing to you at this hour.

War, the product of hate and greed, and jealousy, the sinister force of destruction is so close to your shores of Mortality, so let us peer into the tomorrows, and discern from spirit that which is most likely to happen.

Let us turn our pages of thought to the International conditions of the Earth Plane. Immediately comes this quest to mind — will there be war? From our side of Life, let me say the belligerent nation that you most fear is not ready to declare War, or is the nation necessarily wanting the declaration of War to be sounded.

There is no hesitation in my mind that Russia desires to intimidate, and see Democracy fail, and be destroyed, but is not prepared to make a face to face battle for some time.

It is very true that Communism has made wide victories in the last decade, and will continue to do so until the year of 1953.

The Korean situation appears most indelible in your thoughts. Great news from the war front even before March of 1951. February of the New Year brings great efforts from the communistic front to bring fear to the U.N. by exploding a trick attack. Watch this month but do not let the conditions weaken your morale, trust in the superior forces of good, and the vibrations of God, for He will sustain thee.

Also watch the Youth groups in Eastern Germany in the early Spring. There are dangerous happenings similar to the conditions that moved the convening of the Korean War.

During the next three months, I feel that a great conflict of words will be waged, and the armies of the mind will be in full operation. Propaganda will be the most im-

portant phase that disturbs the hope for peace that the World is seeking. It is the desire of the belligerent minds to weaken the United Nations—by fear that they have the power to produce by their threats, and aggressive attitudes. Moscow knows not a sign of Peace, and therefore, it is most likely to happen that April, or possibly June may bring to you months to watch, and think upon this subject, War.

As you go into the month of March of 1951, we discern much trouble concerning the USSR, and a bordering nation This may cause the USSR to prolong her intentions with the U.S.A. and the U.N.



Etta S. Bledsoe

From "that glorious country"

Talks of Peace prevail just dimly in early April, but will fade as the May flowers begin to bloom. June is again, may I say, a very important month to watch and prepare for.

Let us now turn our attention to the Near Eastern, and Central European countries to see if any of these might become theaters of war.

A great political crisis seems evident in Turkey during the first part of 1951, and March means trouble in that country. This country has mutual borders with the Soviet, and could be drawn into

trouble over the Dardanelles. Seems like the waterways to the world will be a very important question.

Trans-Jordan is a very vital point of interest. Watch the rising of the February sun. There may be darkness that prevents the light of peace to continue in this region.

The Iranian Parliament is in line of fire in the month of March. The month looks critical, and disruptive. With such foresight the country may strive to do all it can to avoid friction, but it is bound to feel nervous about the Russian state on its northern border.

West German Republic reveals special military preparations in February and the critical June affects West German Republic, and the same time stimulates the U. S.

East German Republic has always been more vociferous than its neighbor. An eruption of violence comes in the early part of the year. Watch the very disturbing Youth Movement that takes place in the Spring.

Italy seems to experience intense restlessness in Government circles and changes in personalities during the late June period. Watch.

France will also suffer tension during February and March — internal conditions, strikes, and property damages are very high as we see the vibrations for this country the first portion of the new year.

The Pacific will continue to be an area of disquietude during the new year. You will spend much time and energy and money in preparing necessary defenses for Alaska this year.

A great international speed up in military preparations can be expected throughout January and February of the coming year.

Let us now turn to the national picture. First as we touch the shores of America throughout the first six months of the year it will be filled with tension and fear that comes from the heart strains of its peoples. Last year I voiced to you a vital message of Spiritual fortification, I tried to impress upon your consciousness the importance of Spiritual Unity, and Universal Fellowship. We, from this experience of Life, saw the chaos and the wranglings that were formulating, but, I do not see—universally speaking—progress and attainment of Peace and Security, and an atonement with God, and Spirit.

When will you realize the strength of God and Prayer? When will you construct, rather than create

These prophecies were given by Etta S. Bledsoe, December 30th, 1950, at the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church, Jackson, Michigan, through the mediumship of Rev. James Tingley, minister.

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destruction? When will the temple of your Soul be filled with Love, and Peace, and the hands of body mould the material duties for God, and Immortal Happiness?

Military activities will be the subject topic during the next ninety days. Military induction will increase, it is likely to expect, as you travel into the Spring months of the new year. Many will take up the cross of the country, and be called to the fields of training in preparedness to the actual explosion, which we from Spirit pray may be altered before the June roses reach toward the sun.

It is most likely to expect the Chief Executive to be very active in the new year. It seems likely to expect that he may regain some of the support that I feel that has been drifting from him in the past few months. In times of distress we feel that political differences should be out-ruled, and Unity of peace loving people be made manifest.

As the Easter lily begins to show its face of beauty, the President of the United States may run into deep waters so to speak with the 82nd Congress. It is most likely to happen that drastic taxations and levies may be expected in full operation near the May Day period.

I think to protect American interest an all-out cost will be the message from Capitol Hill in the months of February and March of this next year.

As we turn toward the largest court in the land, we discern many out of the ordinary happenings. None too popular, and most unexpected as you are influenced by the March trends should appear.

Communism, it seems, as black as it is, will shadow the Supreme Court Chambers, it is likely to expect, and think about. Run-away price values may be increased, and, therefore, conserve and save the blessings materially that God and Spirit has blessed you with in years past.

It is advisable to note the radical moves, and turns in the Stock Markets, which seem most likely to occur in the April month.

As we cast our vision toward the Capitol Seat again, it may be expected your very prominent personalities may make the transition to the world of Soul. One may cause great grief, and heartache to the Nation.

Watch the dark shadow around the Senate as we turn toward the July month of your Earth Plane.

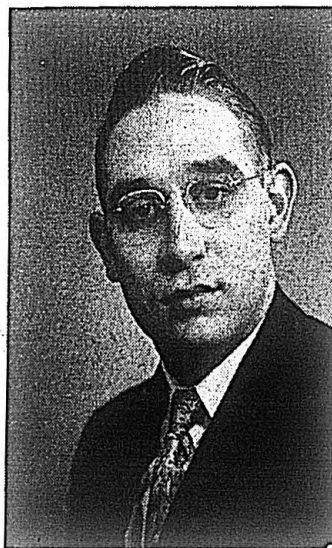
A series of new hospitals will be

erected to house those who have not received the light of Truth and Understanding. Why, dear friends, are there so many who passed into a non-intelligent world? Because too much stress has been given to material means and materiality, and not the safe keeping of the mind, and the cleanliness of God's temple.

Housing, and real estate may be in great operation as we turn to the months of February and March of the New Year. Many promises that have been made it appears may come to the satisfaction of the American public.

Watch the month of April for a possible decision handed down from the National Seat. This should benefit the popular vote.

Again we see the passing of five very noted film stars to the Angel



Rev. James Tingley

World, and ask you to remember the August month concerning a possible tragedy that may occur in the Film World.

Watch the South West this year. It may bring very distressing news concerning winds, and explosions, as we go to the Spring of the year.

With the instability that predominates generally, we discern bad weather conditions may affect the wheat bins of America.

We suggest that you, the children of Earth, focus your attention on the Railroad situation again even though there seems to have been much arbitration during the last three months of the year.

Again we think much water, and flood conditions touching the shores of many Southern cities.

Watch National News coming from the State of New York as you go into the April month, and discern the underworld activities

that are very important in that particular state.

A very shocking experience may come to your attention as one who holds a key position in foreign relations may be cited, and much of interest told the people of the nation.

In conclusion as to the national situation, let me say to you "The internal conditions of your country are most important. The economic peace negotiations, the peace treaties of factions made, and the most important of all the Spiritual Unity derived from Brotherly Love will be the key to tomorrow's happiness, and peace of the world.

Now let us turn our eyes to the great State of Michigan that you are living in.

As we, from Spirit see, it is expected that a great task will be upon the shoulders of the Michigan people as you go into the next three months. As the Arsenal of Democracy, the Michigan Mind will be filled with much labor, and problems, especially as we go toward the April first period. Great changes in the Industrial World.

As a vital War Point, much energy, time, and money will be promoted in the next sixty days for the protection of the State.

Large factories will grow larger. Different types of housing will be created, due to this Atomic Age. Michigan, it seems, will start the pace to a great mobilization program.

In the Automobile Industry of Michigan, it is expected many changes that occur especially in the month of February of the new year. Watch the days between the 20th and the 25th of March as important days in Michigan history.

Politically speaking, it is most likely to happen that much dispute may come from the State Seat this year. Many very unpleasant revelations that have already been discovered may interest the mentalities of the State in March.

Again we see the possibility of great news in the penal conditions of the State.

The housing project may grow very rapidly in Michigan, and it can be expected good news for housing and real estate in the March and April months of the new year.

New homes for the mentally sick may be the subject of conversation in the June period, or perhaps just before June. It is very necessary that you train the mind, dear Michigan folk to see the Light, and follow therein.

Beldsoe Prophecies

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Heavy fires are most likely to be very great in number as we see the March winds blowing. A large fire is expected in the heavy industrial area before May has expired. Watch the fire conditions during the entire Spring time.

A fire may happen in the hospital world which may take the lives of several people.

Watch the northern part of the state in the month of April, great news may come from this area.

One who has held the highest honored position of the State may take on the cloak of immortality before the year has advanced too far.

The Michigan farmer may fare much better than the average state farmer this year. Prosperity, and a good table is spread for the inhabitants this year.

Now, let us turn our vision to your little city of Jackson, Michigan. With the general conditions of the world, and state, the Jacksonians will fall in line in an all-out effort to maintain, or bring peace to the world.

A brighter picture to the unemployed world comes to the city as we go into the next three months of the new year. New industries appear, and older ones resume activity as was some five years ago.

The Fire Spirit may rest with you it is expected, and watch for four very important fires this year. One in the downtown area. The passing of six very important personalities take their toll for Jackson this year it is to be expected.

Watch the air over Jackson this year. Winds and bad weather cause the man of Agriculture a little hardship.

As I touch the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church this year, I say, much of happiness comes to you. This year proves forth something in a very material, and spiritual way that you will be proud of, and the community will laud.

The Church will prosper under its leadership, and grow Spiritually to be one of the finest institutions of God in the city. You will be recognized by a large amount of publicity of good this year. Three from the Church may come with me this year.

May God bless you again, dear children of Earth. I will be with you to guide you, and direct you in the Pathways that lead to God. God walks with Man and shows him the Eternal Road of Light. Seek Ye the Light and May His Love ever bless you.

This is Etta S. Bledsoe.

Coming Events

March 31: Rev. Lula Taber and her daughter, Rev. Gloria Taber arrive Jamestown, N. Y. for series of seances, April 2nd to April 14th. Private consultation by appointment only. Phone: Jamestown (N. Y.) 6788.

April 1 (Sunday): 2:30 P. M., 102nd anniversary of Modern Spiritualism; West Room, mezzanine floor, Hotel Jamestown. Free will offering. All are welcome; Rev. Lula Taber and Rev. Gloria Taber; lecture, clairvoyance and billet reading; sponsored by American Foundation for Psychic Research, Juliette Ewing Pressing, President.

April 1 (Sunday): 8:00 P. M., Materialization, direct voice and apport in red light. Rev. Lula Taber and Rev. Gloria Taber; West Room, mezzanine floor, Hotel Jamestown; sponsored by the A.F.P.R.

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April 20-22nd incl.: Annual mid-winter mass meeting of the State Spiritualist Association of Minnesota, Junior Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota. Featured medium, Rev. Ralph A. Whitney.

May 6 (Sunday): 3:30 and 7:30 P. M. Special Spiritualist services featuring Juliette Ewing Pressing, editor of Psychic Observer and Rev. Ralph A. Whitney, Columbus, Ohio, at the Scientific Center of Spiritualism, Orchard Room, Midland Hotel, 172 West Adam Street, Chicago, Illinois. Catherine Larney, Minister.

June 30th to August 26th: Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana; 1951 season: June 30th to August 26th; For programs, write: Mable Riddle, Sec'y.

September 26-30th: Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc., Culliton Ballroom, De Sota Hotel, 11th and Locust Streets, St. Louis, Missouri. For information write: Rev. Nelle G. Carter, convention chairman, 3921 N. 19th Street, St. Louis 7, Missouri. Phone: Chestnut 6921.

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One of the world's leading brain surgeons says scientists must still visualize a "spiritual element" in man which controls his complicated brain mechanism.

The statement was made by Dr. Wilder Penfield, professor of neurology at McGill University and director of the Montreal Institute of Neurosurgery, in a lecture on the "geography" of the brain.

Modern neurology envisages a master center—"like a central switchboard or headquarters"—within the brain to co-ordinate sensory and motor impulses.

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But all this still leaves unanswered the question of the human "mind," he acknowledged.

He observed that the "physicist may turn his attention to the problem, may refer to feed-back mechanisms and coin a new term, cybernetics, but he is in no better position than the physiologist, or the psychologist—or even a surgeon, for that matter—to explain how nerve action becomes

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Rev. Marie Wilson, minister of the Elizabeth Memorial Spiritualist Church, 729 N. E. 71st Street, has a busy schedule during the next several months.

Recently, she was featured Sunday evening speaker at Rev. Erial McNabb's new Little Shenandoah Spiritualist Church, affiliated with the National Spiritualist Association. Rev. McNabb is president of the Florida State Spiritualist Ministerial Association.

Rev. Wilson's itinerary: *Key West*, Florida, guest speaker and medium at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey H. Hamilton; *Jamaica*, West Indies, featured medium at several associations and societies.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Theodor C. Russell, "America's Premier Psychic," Buffalo, N. Y., completed a two-week engagement of lectures and class work at the Church of Revelation, 114 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, of which Rev. Katherine Fidell is the minister. Services were held by Mr. Russell three times a week, afternoon and evening, Rev. Fidell assisting at all meetings.

New York City

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Rodin, formerly of London, England, now citizens of Canada, have arrived in the United States and have located at Hotel Seville, New York City. Rev. Rodin, during the past ten years, has traveled extensively throughout the United States demonstrating trance mediumship and spiritual healing. Many will recall his spirit collaborator, Sun God, who has lectured frequently through his instrumentality.

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Peace prayer meetings are being held every Thursday evening at 8 in the city of Grand Rapids. The ministers of several churches: Baptist, Congregationalist and Spiritualist alternate in this service.

This report was submitted by Rev. Emma Farrington, President of The First Church of Truth (Spiritualist) Grand Rapids.

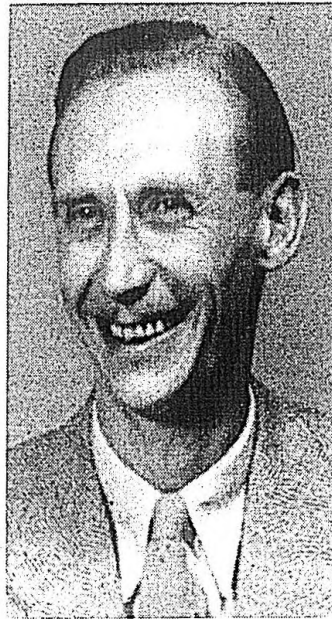
Phoenix, Arizona

The leader of Harmony Chapel, Edwin Warren Ford, N.S.T., was ordained recently by Dr. Victoria Barnes, who also presented the N.S.A. charter to the church. At

this service, the program lists others taking part: Dr. W. A. Riggs, Mable Randall and Lewis Riggs.

Each week since the chapel was organized early in 1950, Rev. Ford has published a monthly bulletin

Ordained



Rev. Edwin Warren Ford

of the church's activities at 1738 West Van Buren Street. Services are held at the Harmony Chapel every Sunday: Lyceum, 9:45 A. M.; Morning worship, 11:00 A. M.; service, 2:30 P. M.; classes for Junior League, 6:30 P. M.; and evening worship, 7:45 P. M. Circles and private consultations are scheduled every Thursday evening; the medi-

ums: Mable Randall, Nadine Owens and Lewis Riggs.

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Kalamazoo, Michigan

The mother church of the new Spiritualist Research Association of Kalamazoo, Michigan, reports a membership of 65 persons. The pastor of the church, Rev. Beth Roche, 714 North Rose Street, conducts services every Sunday afternoon and evening at 309 North Burdick Street; Rev. Ina E. W. Pirt is associate pastor and Rev. Edith E. Voke assists.

Rev. Roche, who holds regular classes for spiritual unfoldment every Friday evening at her home, reports the passing of Hazel Lockwood, staunch Spiritualist and member of the church.

Washington, D. C.

No one truly thinks when he thinks he thinks," says Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, minister for the Church of Two Worlds. *"Things look dark,"* he says, *"and sometimes very black but I do have faith in our philosophy and our religion, if we live it! So keep smiling and remember we are all working for the same cause so we might just as well be good fellows about it."*

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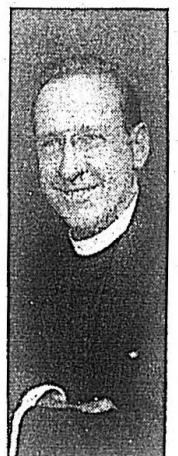
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"It was in June, 1946, that Commander Jordan with his followers purchased the church edifice in Norfolk, Virginia, at a price which other

throughout America, preaching Spiritualism as the coming WORLD RELIGION and ministering to the sick on his journeys. All the donations for his services were given to the International General Assembly of Spiritualists of America, and to his church.

"During last September, when Commander Jordan was taken critically ill, he was removed to the Naval Hospital where little hope was given for his recovery. The best surgeons and doctors marveled when this stricken man refused to die—*simply refused to die.* Through Dr. Whitehead, his own diagnostic doctor in the Spirit World, God had sent His word that Commander Jordan would not die in the Naval Hospital. To the anxious nurses hovering around him, Commander Jordan would smile and say: *'Do not worry about me; I am not passing.'*

"When he was convalescing and the doctors permitted him to return to his home over week-ends, he occupied his own pulpit lecturing, giving messages and healing to hundreds who crowded the church. His help extended to those who had written or phoned for assistance, all of which Commander Jordan gives without money and without price, but only for the love of God and America. His most earnest prayer is for America in the dark days which lie ahead.

When Commander Jordan was finally released from the Naval Hospital, he paid a glowing tribute to his wife, Esther, saying that without his wife and pal, he could not have made the grade. His appeal to pay off the church mortgage touched all his friends, Catholics, Jews, Protestants and Spiritualist, who gave Commander Jordan the final \$1050. The mortgage was burned at a church service, Jan. 15th last, by Rev. W. Blount Darden, President and B. L. Rose, Vice President.

"Commander Jordan wishes to express his deep appreciation for all the gifts from friends far and near, to his Church Board and Members and to all those who, by their thoughts and prayers, assisted in every possible way. God Bless them all, is his earnest plea.

"Rev. C. P. Diaz of Charleroi, Pa., has been elected First Vice President of The International General Assembly of Spiritualists of America, which from this date on will have its headquarters at 20th and Omohundro Ave., at Norfolk, Virginia, to which all mail should be addressed."



Commander Jordan
"God is on our side"

religious groups considered ruinous, eliciting their prediction that he would fail within six months. It was on January 2, 1951, that the last penny of the debt on the church was paid in full.

"For all Spiritualists this was a gala occasion at The Light Truth Church of Divine Healing, of which Commander Jordan is Pastor. This church is headquarters of The International General Assembly of Spiritualists of America, of which Commander Jordan is president. It was a triumph for he had declared that the work would succeed, as voiced in his daily motto: **'GOD IS ON OUR SIDE.'**

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