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PRICE TWOPENCE.

Original Poetry.

"Only Better."

To J. J. M.

So this is how you find it on the side
Of life, where now you function from your letter;
For you, our friend, the gate is open wide,
And "better."

Companionship of kindred spirits still Is yours, and freed from all the bonds that fetter, Like one of old, who did the Father's Will, "Tis "better."

To "player" and to "philosophic" guide, E'en you, and we, were very truly debtor. Now, working with you on the other side, Much "better."

We send our greeting to you, where you are.

This we would do, who write, as in a letter

Greeting that goeth heavenward, where your star

Shines "better."

"Tis better on before"—the psalm we sing Of praise to Him to Whom we are a debtor; In "the sweet by and by" we'll make it ring, But "better."

Our journey onward, upward, lessens fast; Soon 'twill be ours, release from earthly fetter; Then, when this pilgrimage is o'er and past, Oh! "better."

-H. HALLETT B.

he Super-Physical Universe: Its Origin in Nature.

AthLecture under the Auspices of the California Psychia Society, delivered at Armory Hall, San Francisco, California, Sunday, January 5th, 1896. by

J. J. Morse.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

If nature is simply one constant merry-go-round, ading and regrinding, dissolving and re-combining her ments over and over again eternally, then the dance of and death is indeed meaningless, and the possibilities any further advance from what you see around you, that to say, the possibility of any extension from the limits of aleriality, is of course entirely done away with. But if this commingling, from this evolving, from the someelse that will evolve, a higher order and a loftier puris unfolded, then, by the laws of evolution, the necessity stopping with the highest organism, or the highest mater-Point, ceases, and it goes on from those points of highest pment, and starts on a higher plane; it may be under conditions, governed by some laws with a different lication, but laying the foundation of that superscal universe strictly in accordance with natural law, by principle just the same as this material uniis, and offering to its inhabitants a real world as and offering to its innaoriants a real and necessary to their existence as this world is and necessary to your existence.

Where shall we find this super-physical universe?

Is indulge in a trifle of analogy. We will assume that

you have died. And death, by the way, according to all authorities, is not by any means so disagreeable an experience as the majority of people imagine. It is a great deal more feared in coming than when it has actually arrived. God and nature are infinitely kind to man. They prepare him for that mystic transition, and being under such capable guidance, he takes the journey without any fear or dread. We will suppose, then, that you have taken this journey, and we may put a question to you. What do you think you would be like? To assist you, suppose that you are an angel-or that you are something that is not an angeland for the moment, just disabuse your minds, if you entertain the supposition, of there being nothing at all after your death; just suppose that you continue to exist. Now, what would you like to be? Putting your sentiments on one side, your answer would naturally be "I should like to be myself." Precisely. Self, self-consciousness, the I, myself, is the charter of your individual being. If you remain yourself, then all that has made you, all that makes you to-day intellectually, morally, spiritually, consciously what you are, must remain with you. If you retain these possessions, your personality and your individuality will necessarily continue to be. And if you continue (we will not stop to enquire how) to be yourself, as yourself, the next question that you must put is, "What sort of world would you like to exist in?" There is only one answer to that question. You would naturally like to live in a universe that would minister to your requirements, and that would supply you with all that was necessary to your existence; that would make you happy, add to your wisdom, aid in your development, and make you feel that in the continuing of yourself you were being continued for a good and useful, and if we may be permitted the phrase, a workable

Now, if this is true, and you are an objective creature the kind of universe that would minister to your existence must be an objective universe. You must sustain relations It must be possessed of phenomena, it must be governed by law. Its operations must depend on fixed princi-It must be as much a matter of certainty and as much ples. a matter of reality to you in your then condition, as is this world to you in your present condition. Any other kind of after life, to use a current phrase, is utterly inapplicable to a sound solution of the question. We shall be told, of course, that in the hands of God all things are possible, and this has been made the warrant for the wildest and most curious conceptions of the after-life that have ever been current in the world. This has destroyed the very reality that we are pleading for; this has destroyed that element of certainty, and law, and order, belonging to that other life, that is so absolutely necessary to the mind of the careful thinker when pondering over these questions. If men would apply to their theology the same rigid rules of scientific inquiry and the same laws of evidence that they apply to the practical concerns of their ordinary daily life, whether scientific enquiries or philosophic considerations, there would be but very little theology left; but the world would be a great deal better for it, because sounder conceptions would prevail. (Applause.)

Having reached the point, then, that this universe must be an objective and relatively real universe, the other question comes, "Where can it exist?" If the universe is entirely filled up with the material contents of the universe, there does not appear to be room for any other kind of universe. But after all, this may, perhaps, only be a juggling with terms. We will now consider that you are "over there," and we will endeavour to tell you the story as you will find it by and by. But it seems, as we said, a

juggling with terms. What do we mean by this other universe in which you are to live?

Let us first, however, return in the matter of our argument to another very nice distinction. We have all along insisted, you will remember, that nothing has been put into either the universe or man since they were both formed. Hence, if you have that about you which persists as a conscious creature or entity after the death of this physical mechanism, it must be in you now. It is not to be put into you when you are dead, it has not been put into you at any period of your life. It is a part and parcel of your very self. It is the divine self, and it exists in you now. Here, then, is the proposition: two sides to man's nature, that which is visible, which is summed up in the chemical and physiological conditions of the organism, and that which is invisible and which is summed up in the terms mind, feeling, consciousness, intellect. Are these two sides of things separate or separable? Do they refer to distinct personalities, objective and subjective, or are they all a part of one whole? When the external mechanism falls in death, do the whole of the phenomena, vital, intellectual and conscious, that have been associated therewith, cease to be? If so, then all our argument in favour of a super-physical universe may be dismissed at once. If not, another question arises: there is this inner and outer part of you, and as each part within you will naturally be related to those conditions of existence which can best sustain it and its qualities, it follows that there must be two conditions in this physical universe itself, one set of conditions that minister to the external man, that he may maintain his vital and physiological life, and the other set of conditions that sustain the other side of you, the super-physical or psychical side of you. And there must be a nexus uniting these two conditions, holding them in sympathy and relationship during the continuance of the bodily existence. Here we have some warrant for a scientific trinology, physical, spiritual, psychical. And in the intermediate division that lies between the outer physiological organisation and the inner consciousness or soul, there lies that domain of psychic life and experience where the dividing line is found between the purely physical and the purely psychical. But in either case we have to remember that we are dealing with real things. There is a material man, there is a psychical man, there is a soul man. They are absolute realities, and they are each depending on their appropriate conditions in the universe for their continuance and sustenance. If, then, you have souls, alive, and are destined as souls to live after death, that is only possible because your souls will be continued in precisely the same condition of existence after the death of the body that necessarily sustains them while you are dwelling within these bodies. There must be an inner universe, an inner set of conditions to this physical universe, capable of sustaining this inner set of conditions belonging to yourselves. Here, then, we are justified in using the term, the super-physical universe. A condition parallel, if you like, with the conditions of the material existence, but on a higher plane, an evolution from the involution in the material universe of that conditioning energy that mysteriously manifests itself alike in the consciousness of man and the evolution of physical being.

If we can take this line of argument, the existence of a super-physical universe is but an evolution of the possibility immanent in the constitution of being. What would be the result of such an argument? The materialist will sneer at it at once and say, "We cannot find any evidence of these things. We can burn our dead man, but that is the end of it. We can cut up our dead man, and we find no end of it. spirit of the person, or anything corresponding thereto. We can take our tree, our plant, our flower, we can analyze them all, we find no evidence of any of those things." Quite But, if you do not find what you expect, that is not always evidence that the expected thing is not to be found. It may just as reasonably be an evidence that you have not found out the method of how to find this thing. This, we take it, is a solution of the difficulty. The man of science has looked at the universe from one point of view, and because he fails to find other things by the agencies he has used to find the things he possesses, he has come to the conclusion that those other things do not exist.

Now, either there is this latent possibility of a super-

physical evolution in the constitution of the universe, at the super-physical life of man becomes naturally part of universe, or else, if there is a super-physical universe, may be the result of miracle. Truly it would seem miracle to argue as we are arguing to-night for usuper-physical universe as the outcome of material universe is universed. Truly it would seem if such a universe is universed to universe is universed to the evolutions of the natural universe that is the greatest marvel and the greatest minutes of them all. And to the truly scientific man nature one vast miracle. The student is appalled and overwhelm by the wonders upon wonders that he is constantly in covering. He asks himself, how can these things by Truly the miracle of nature is the greatest of all miracle and eclipses all the miracles of theology combined.

But where do we stop? The super-physical univeras the evolution of the material universe seems increase But look at the world to-day. Conceive in your minds. you can, what she is. Ask what has produced all that to see around you, the fading glory of the sun, steam like a ship of fire across the sea of blue! The verdant ments of glade and field, that fill the world with beant Humanity, with its infinite diversity of character and natural All that is the teeming life and action of the world! When was it in the long gone past? What prophesy was the that these things should be, when this world first took the tale of life? Could you, standing at some point int vast universe, facing this world when first she took place, have prophesied from what she then presented you, this world as it is now? What would be the picture before you then? It would be a scene so wildly impo bable of present conditions that we doubt if you con even have formed the conception of the conditions of the present. And yet, strange as it would seem, this present the result of what was then latent in the condition of the world, when first it was created, shall we say, or forms

(TO BE CONTINUED.

Bilson Receives Promotion.

John G. Wood.

It was nearer four weeks than three weeks since I had seen my friend Bilson. On the last occasion upon which I had visited his house, I had secured the promise the himself and wife would accompany their children to the Lyceum to which I had introduced their daughters. It greeted me with his usual warmth and his good wife and girls were apparently as pleased as himself to see me again.

"Well, you're looking tired."

"I must admit that is how I am feeling, but never min that will pass away in a few days. Change of occupation you know, is the best method of resting."

"Now," said he, "I suppose you will want to know what has occurred since we saw you last. In point of fact, many things have occurred during the last three of four weeks. First of all, the Lyceum. We all went the next Sunday after you were here last, and the children have been every Sunday since. Neither Mrs. B. nor myself have been since, but we saw sufficient on the Sunday we did so to cause us to place no obstacles in the way of the your folks going there themselves."

"Well, how do you like it now?" I asked Lily; at the other girls each voiced their pleasure, as well as the elder sister, with the Lyceum teachings and methods.

"There is no trouble to get them to go there," said in friend's wife. "I think if they turn out naughty I know what will be the worst punishment I could inflict upon them.

"Now, mother!" they said, "you wouldn't keep away would you? We like it better every time we go.

"Now, come along in here," said Bilson, and I followed him into his own particular domain. Bilson began to offe up his usual incense, and we commenced to chat.

"More things have happened in the last four webstathan might usually be expected in four months or four years. I have got an offer of promotion, and I think I shall be very unwise to refuse the chance. It will take make a way from home rather more than I shall appreciate, but there is always something we should like to be arranged

grently. One of our travellers is retiring, and my firm are offered me the post. A bit of a change from a stool an office to the life of a commercial traveller, with all its lange of scene and variety of calls. However, thanks to I shall go away more contented in one respect than I have done one short month ago. I must tell you at the attitude of my children with regard to that Sunday shool had worried me a great deal. Now that's all put ight I am glad.'

"Well, I must say, your children have done more in a weeks than I have been able to do in years.'

"Oh, I don't know about that! It is partly due to that our children became dissatisfied and began to things out for themselves, and I have very often, then stating objections and difficulties, voiced those I have and others express as well as, and perhaps more than, yown at times. Now I have rather a big ground as far as ristol on the one side and Nottingham and Leicester and seffeld and other places in the opposite direction, and as shall sometimes be away for a week or two at first, inbing Sundays, as I have to consult our old traveller and thoroughly into things and get posted up fully, I should glad if you would write me out a list of places and people would be well for me to come into touch with.'

"I will do that with pleasure. I know the ground broughly, both as regards our Cause and in some other spects also."

Then came a knock at the door, and we were called to of our respects to the good meal provided. The time ed all too quickly; fun and jokes were in evidence, and on the hour arrived when we must once again part for a

"0h," said Lily, "I thought of you the other day, and ose words of yours, 'There are some folks who don't know id who don't know that they don't know.' I went on an and for mother, and there were some ladies talking to whother, and the shopkeeper was also taking part in the wersation, and so I had to wait a little. Someone dered presently to 'Dissenters,' and one lady exclaimed, Il. I don't believe in those Dissenters, we always go to the aptists. No Dissent for me, thank you!! Ah well. great thing for us all to remember is that we all have a at deal to learn, and that not one of us is infallible, not en the youngest of us."

'Nor the oldest," chimed in Rose, "either, you know, h. Wood."

"Quite right, my dear, and now, really, I must be off. Fell, I hope you will enjoy your new experience and occupa-M, old friend, and that when you do come home your and children will make things warm for you. I shall interested to hear of your visits to the places I told you and to the places I will write out a list of also. Now, s Bilson, I hope you will be all right. I know you won't lonely with these lively young ladies. And as regards three young people, I think I shall have to catechise some day to see what you have learnt.'

"Oh," said Lily, "that won't be at all strange, for you always catechising us," and with their merry laughter my ears, and with a hearty hand-clasp from my friend ad his wife, I at length tore myself away.

- ... A Successful Protest.

THINGS are moving at High Wycombe, and the young tiety there is making itself felt. At a meeting of the the Council of the Church of England recently, Mr. & Foskett, a member of the Council, moved that certain allars and pamphlets condemning Spiritualism and buting its manifestations to demons, with other papers a controversial character be removed from a table in Church, where they had been placed by the Vicar, Rev. meth Dodds. The Council agreed to the motion, and offending papers have been removed.

Mr. Foskett has been elected president of the High combe Spiritualist Society, which seems to have a long useful life before it. Enquirers should address Mrs. Watson, 84, Castor Street, High Wycombe.

You are all equal in the sight of God; He loveth all.

Materialisation or Apports?

A REMARKABLE seance was held at Morecambe, on October 20th, which will long be remembered by those present. As far back as February last the spirit guide of Mr. J. R. Rutherford promised that he would bring some flowers to each sitter in the circle if they would provide the harmonious conditions necessary.

A special seance was, therefore, arranged in the room of Mrs. Nutter. The room was thoroughly examined to make sure that no flowers were present, this despite the fact that the sitters were well-known to each other, and had mutual confidence. The window was securely fastened, the door locked and key given into the keeping of one of the sitters. Fourteen persons comprised the seance, and these were arranged in circular form. After suitable and spiritual opening exercises the light was extinguished. Singing was indulged in from time to time, lively, cheerful,

and devotional hymns being favoured.

The medium's guide (Mr. Jenkinson) took charge of proceedings, but claimed that he was assisted by a number of spirit helpers. From time to time remarks were made by him such as "All is going well"; "The boys gathered the flowers to-day"; "The flowers have arrived, but there is one bloom short"; "They must go back for another; " etc. It was stated that "little Harry" (a son of one of the sitters) would produce a flower for his "Daddy," whilst a voice stated that the guides would produce knockings when the process was complete. The boy Harry was described by one of the sitters standing between his father's knees. At last clearly audible knocks were heard, and the guide stated that he had been successful in his task. seance closed with a hymn and benediction, and on the gas being lighted there on the carpet before Mr. F. H. Simpson lay a beautiful crescent of fresh flowers. The sitters handled and smelt them. When counted there were fourteen (one for each sitter) and their perfume pervaded the room, fourteen waxy blooms fresh, clean and beautiful. One leaf of foliage of a bright shining green was noticeable, and was presented to one of the sitters. No one present could name its species, neither could the sitters name the flowers, there being no botanist present.

Hands were joined during the whole circle, and the medium's hands were held by sitters on either side of him, and he did not move from his chair. The flowers were photographed next day, and divided amongst those present.

Appended are the names of all the sitters who signed their names as to the bona fide nature of the happenings:

Susan E. Shackleton; Mrs. Spencer, Kildwick; Mr. Tyson and Mrs. Tyson, of Carlisle; Mr. Nutter, Mrs. Nutter and Miss Nutter; Mrs. Dixon; Mrs. Huck; Mrs. Walter Pyrah; Misses Raby; Mr. T. H. Simpson and John R. Ratchford.

The spiritual tone of the whole seance was a longto-be-remembered experience, and the sitters give thanks to God for such an evidence of spirit power.

SUSAN E. SHACKLETON.

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT UNION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

WITCHCRAFT ACTS AMENDMENT COMMITTEE.

SIR,-Donations received by the M. & D. Union for the S.N.U. Parliamentary Fund are as follows: Previously acknowledged, £119 1s. 3d.; Altrincham Society, per Mr. Wilde, 13s. 8d.; Dukinfield Society, per Mr. Bacon, £1 12s.; Shaw, Lyon St. Society, per Mr. Wormall, 12s. 10\d; Mr. J. W. Wormall, 7s. 6d.; Mr. Bacon (Donation), 5s. 9d.; Bank interest to date, £2 12s. 9d. Total receipts, 9ld. Postage and expenses from Sept., 1917, to Oct., 1920, £6 0s. 11½d. Cash sent to Mr. T. H. Wright,

This fund is now closed. The books have been audited, and all cash handed over to the general treasurer of the S.N.U., for which I hold receipts. On behalf of our Auxiliary Committee, I tender warmest thanks to each one who has assisted in any way to achieve this result.

W. H. WOLSTENHOLME, Hon. Treas. "Hollinhurst," 109, Manchester Old Road, Middleton.

Another New Church.

Inaugural Meeting at Nuneaton.

A SPIRITUALIST Church was formed in Nuneaton on Sunday, Oct. 24th, when a meeting was held in the afternoon at the Picture Palace, Queen's Road, and the election of officers took place.

The position of the church in relationship to the churches of other denominations was briefly expounded by Mr. Bartlett, of Coventry, who conducted the proceedings. He said that if the churches would arouse themselves to the real precepts of Christ in the Gospels and follow the injunctions of the Apostles in life and practice, instead of seeking honour and comfort as they do now, there would be no reason for Spiritualists to carry on under a separate label. There would be a better and truer condition of life generally, both materially and spiritually, and they as Spiritualists would continue to support the Christian Churches. It was because the churches had somewhat gone astray in the theorising of what Christ came, lived, taught and suffered for, that the angel world had opened the door once again to re-establish the truth of life, and that the inevitable law of nature is "As we sow, so shall we reap." No outside person could save them from the consequences, and each lived according to environment, birth, knowledge and opportunity. Just and righteous were the laws of God and one could not escape them by attempting to hide himself behind any innocent and pure man-life when his life and truth did not correspond thereto.
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"We do not die," he continued, "but simply change our state of life. Although each individual differs from his neighbour, yet all in some way—simple and profound—can receive unmistakable evidence that there is no death. If the churches had stuck to the spirit of the Gospel instead of the letter, there would be no complaining about the empty churches and the inaction of the ministers."

During the service prayers were offered and two hymns were sung. Mr. Bartlett recounted how the spirits had told him to come to Nuneaton and form a Society. He was glad to say that everything proved favourable and no obstacles were put in his path. Through the kindness of Mr. Smith they had secured that hall for services every Sunday afternoon.

The following officers were then elected: President, Mr. Mason; treasurer, Mr. T. Allen; secretary, Mr. Day; assistant secretary, Miss S. P. Twaddle; members' secretary, Mr. Bloxham; committee, Mesdames Hall, Day, King and Stanley and Messrs. Taylor and W. Twaddle.

A Curious Experience.

WE have received the following curious experience from a gentleman in the Midlands, which awakens strange thoughts:—

"Some twelve years ago I lost part of my left leg as the result of an accident. On a recent Sunday I was indulging myself by an extra hour in bed. I was lying awake, and could have described everything that the room contained. I had no sense of dozing, but presently I had a consciousness of getting up, and found myself walking down the stairs. Then a strange thing happened. I had come to the middle of the stairs when I was conscious of treading on something WITH MY LEFT FOOT-the one I have not got. It caused me a severe shock. A quiver ran through my whole system, and I became aware that I was still lying in bed, whilst still conscious of the sensation which awakened me. I cannot convey to you the actual reality of the feeling I experienced, and it has caused me to think that though I have physically lost my left foot. I still retain its counterpart, and I believe that when I leave the body I shall regain that limb. I have related the incident to many friends, and thought it might be of interest to readers of THE TWO WORLDS.'

We thank our correspondent, "Interested" (whose name and address we possess), for so thought-provoking an incident.

The Hanson G. Hey Testimonial.

SIR,—I have pleasure in submitting further subtriction for the H. G. Hey Testimonial Fund: Brought for ward, £524 11s. 11d.; Mr. F. W. Bacon, Dukinfield, 18s. Plaistow Spiritualist Church, £2; Mr. H. Wright, Plaistow, 10s.; Mr. Byers, Plaistow, 10s.; Victory St. Spiritualist Church, Sunderland, 13s.; Abbey St. Spiritualist Church, Accrington, £2; Brighton Spiritualist Brotherhood (2nd Donation), £5; Lady Oakeley, 10s.; Per W.A. O. Thomas, Darlaston, £1 Is.; Dalton Spiritualist Church, £2; Ealing Spiritualist Church, £3; St. Peter's St. Church and Lyceum, Blackburn, £13 15s.; Slaithwaite Church and Lyceum, £3 3s. 6d.; S. C. D. Union of Spiritualist, £50; Mrs. R. Darby, Prestwich, 10s.; Derwent Spiritualist Church, Sunderland, £6; per Mr. R. A. Owen, £2; per B.S.L.U., £3 10s.; Sympathic, 5s.; Hamilton Spiritualist Church, Birkenhead, £4 2s. 8d.; Fernie, B.C., 9s. 2d.; South Shields Spiritualist Mission and Lyceum, Fowler St., £15 10s. Total, £641 11s. 3d.

T. H. WRIGHT, Hon. Treas. 10, Victoria Avenue, Sowerby Bridge.

WE are asked to announce that this fund will be closed on November 30th next, and to urge collectors and Societies to forward all moneys to Mr. T. H. Wright, 10 Victoria Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, before that date. Up to date some £650 has been received. The S.N.U. called for £1,000. Can we do it? The faithful service of an honest soul who has become broken by his superhuman effort, should be worthily recognised, and amongst ten thousand Spiritualists the effort should be light. Many can help one who has been true to the Cause of the angels. Have you done you bit?

The Deaf and Dumb Language.

At a public meeting at Radcliffe (Lanc.) a description was given to a lady of a spirit who had been deaf and dumb. After recognition had followed, the medium Mrs. Charnley, asked if the sitter knew the finger language used by the dumb, and on receiving an affirmative reply, proceeded to successfully and rapidly convey a message in such larguage. Mrs. Charnley knows nothing whatever of such language. Does anyone know of a similar case?

Note.—In view of high costs restricting our pages, will secretaries kindly curtail reports. We are receiving enough special reports to fill six pages weekly. We endeavour to distribute our favours impartially, but it is impossible to use all. Reports of ordinary meetings are not special reports.

THE Australian papers just to hand are eulogistic in their reports of the first meetings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. At Adelaide the halls were packed to capacity, and "our knight's" reception was a great one. We are pleased to report that he and his have benefitted by the voyage, and are feeling equal to their exacting tour.

PORTSMOUTH, SPIRITUALIST CHURCH BAZAAR.—Spiritualist Church, Luke Road, held their first bazaar and sit of work recently, and the function, thanks to the untiring efforts of the workers, proved a great success. Mrs. Main performed the opening ceremony, and was presented with a bouquet of bronze and white chrysanthemums, tied with ribbon to match, by Master Bryant.

THE LATE MR. J. T. WARD.—The Blackburn Spirit ualist Temple have decided to permanently record the services of Mr. John T. Ward to the Society by the erection of a marble tablet commemorating his work, which will be placed in the front of the rostrum, and will bear a suitable inscription. The cost will be something over £46. It is believed that many old friends of Brother Ward would like to be associated with this tribute to his splendid work, and donations towards the cost may be sent to Mr. R. Wolsten holme, 4, Montague Street, Blackburn, who will be glad to acknowledge them. The tablet will probably be unveiled at the Sunday evening service on December 26th next.

BRADFORD, KEIGHLEY DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

THE Monthly Conference of the above Committee as held in the Spiritualist Church, Batley Carr, on Sunday, it. 17th. Representatives of Societies and associates asent, 36. Mr. Lightowler (President) presided the hole day. Mr. Williamson, of Bradford, gave the invosion, which was followed by ten minutes spirit communion. Mr. Newsome, President of the local Society, gave a larty welcome to delegates and associates, and stated that gave him pleasure to welcome them. He trusted the light of the importance of the Cause would bring out the sentiments of each one. Mr. Yates was appointed steller.

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The President expressed sorrow at the absence of Mr. lughton (secretary) who was unable to be present as he is under medical treatment, but Mr. Leng had kindly are over his duties for this occasion.

The usual routine of business was dealt with. A combination was bid against one of the Societies not advising stakers of their dates, and instructions were given the consecutive to communicate with that Society. The President, referring to the Y.S.C.C. agenda, pointed out that the lb.K. & S. motion was not included in agenda, which for the consecutive council meetings had been put off in spite lithaving precedence. A motion of protest was registered mass the Y.S.C.C. for the omission of same. Mrs. Solon, of Batley, Mrs. Lofthouse and Mr. Newshome, of alley Carr, were nominated as new associate members.

Leng was instructed to be present at the Y.S.C.C. inference in place of Mr. Claughton on this occasion. It is concluded the business meeting.

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MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT UNION.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Pendleton intualist Church, Ford Lane, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, John Jackson (President) presiding. It is pleasing to that this meeting was the largest gathering of deless and associates in the history of our union, there being societies represented and 45 associate members in leadance.

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The minutes of the last annual general meeting were all and confirmed. Applications from Societies and prosective associeties were considered, resulting in the following man admitted to membership:—Societies: Oldham members: Mrs. Ann Fitton (Ashton), Mrs. E. Rowe, Mrs. Mrs. E. Woodings, Mr. F. R. Penny (Stockport), frimms and Mr. Leonard Fieldhouse.

(opies of the balance sheet were presented to the meeting. Receipts, £194 4s. 10d.; expenditure, 121 8s. 4d.; balance in hand, £72 16s. 6d. Mr. R. C. and (senior auditor) gave his report. He mentioned the balance was satisfactory, and that the books had an well kept. The balance sheet was adopted and the millors thanked for their services.

The President's address was well received. In the same of his address, reference was made to the work address the future. Space will not permit giving a details.

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At this juncture an interesting interlude occurred in alom of a presentation of a gold watch, suitably inscribed, IIr. D. Morgan (hon. secretary). The President, who was pated to make the presentation, expressed the pleasure are him to do honour to such a faithful worker. Mr. san had proved a most efficient officer, and the Union appreciated his abilities and devotion. He also pressed the hope that Mr. Morgan may render many as faithful service to our Union and the Movement, and awe him the greatest pleasure in handing him the watch a slight token of our esteem and appreciation of his suces. Mr. Morgan made a feeling response, and example of the Union toward another pleasing item was the rendering of an inspiration, appropriate to the occasion, by Mr. Morgan's The secretary next gave his annual report, in the last of which he referred to the great progress made by linion.

Mr. Racon (secretary Witchereft Acts Amendment)

Mr. Bacon (secretary, Witchcraft Acts Amendment militee) presented his report and thanked the mediums a societies who had assisted in raising funds during the a He also read a letter from Mr. Yates, stating that mather progress could be made at present. Mr. Wolsten-len, treasurer) read the balance sheet. Total spis, £121 10s. 4½d.; paid to Mr. Wright (S.N.U.), £100; sacs and postages, £2 8s. 0½d.; cash in bank, £19 2s. Mr. Wolstenholme suggested that the time was ripe disbanding this committee, which could be formed anew something tangible was in view.

It was resolved that the Witehcraft Acts Amendment Committee be disbanded, and that the balance of £19 2s. 4d. be handed to Mr. Wright of the S.N.U.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. John Jackson; vice-president, Mrs. Holden; secretary, Mr. D. Morgan; treasurer, Mr. W. Page; executive, Messrs. Chandley, Bacon, Rowe, Turner and Mrs. Adcock. Messrs. Grant and Barlow were re-elected auditors.

Appreciation was accorded to Mr. C. G. Rickards, the late treasurer, and it was regretted that he could not see his way to further serve the Union owing to change of residence. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting in December at Ashton (Burlington-street) and the annual general meeting in March next at Ardwick (Maskell-street.). The remaining items on the agenda were left to the executive to deal with. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local friends for the use of hall and preparing excellent tea. This closed one of the most successful meetings yet held by the Union.

In the evening at 7, a public meeting was held, presided over by the President, Mr. J. Jackson. An appreciative audience greeted Mr. W. Rex Sowden. His address was listened to with interest, and the clairvoyance was of a remarkable character.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

It must be fully understood that the Editor does not necessarily endorse the views of correspondents whose letters are published from time to time in these columns. Correspondents must send name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. In order to avoid delay or the necessity for curtailment, it is requested that letters to the Editor be made as brief as possible.

AN APPEAL FOR SERVICE.

SIR,-Nuneaton, with its 40,000 inhabitants, has not hitherto had a Spiritualist Church. During the past few weeks a Spiritualist Church has been formed, and is now under the guidance of the M.D.U. executive, who are providing speakers for the remainder of this year.

From January 1st, 1921, onwards, this new church will require platform supplies. Many are the expenses connected with any new church, and it will tax the efforts of the officers and especially the secretary of this church, all of whom are new to the work. We would earnestly appeal to public speakers, with or without the gift of clairvoyance, for their services upon any date that we can fit in, with the stated amount of their fees, independent of railway fares and entertainment, and also if they would give the first date (or any) for entertainment and expenses.

The Palace Theatre, Nuneaton, which will accommodate 500 persons, has been let to us for Sundays at a nominal rental. Convenience for week-night meetings has not yet been secured, but efforts in that direction are not lacking, and we expect an "Open Door" for this need in the near (MR.) A. DAY, Sec. future. Address

2, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

THE RECENT CHURCH CONGRESS.

SIR,-As the rank and file paper for everywhere Spiritualists, I am pleased to see the remarkable progress our phenomena and evidences are making to-day. The recent Congress, where scholars—professional divines—were in attendance, it staggered me to learn that the highest Anglican of our land—the Archbishop of Canterburyhad realised the necessity for recognising cautiously psychic manifestations (hitherto ignored by churchmen) which undoubtedly (so spoke this great divine) existed to many unawares. This latter word (unawares) is the keynote to the slow progress (in comparison with its remarkable phenomena) that Spiritualism has thus far made, although it is leaving all other 'isms in the rear and making many obselete. If lecturers and speakers would quote these recent utterances, giving place, time, and exact words spoken, then Spiritualism would have an additional lever to raise fact from fiction, truth ascertained from that imagined, and so on. I wonder what our pioneers think over wonder. A. B. BUFFHAM.

Special Note.—Will our numerous subscribers please note that the postal authorities have raised the postage on newspapers from one halfpenny to one penny per copy, In consequence we are obliged to raise our subscription rates to 13/- per annum. Per half year, 6/6; per quarter 3/3.

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Growth or Stagnation?

THE wonderful growth of Modern Spiritualism during the last seventy years has long been apparent to those who had eyes to see. The "raincl ud no bigger than a man's hand" as the late Lord Brougham put it, has filled the otherwise "cloudless skies of scepticism" until the whole civilised world is being watered and refreshed by the water of life which falleth from above, and the arid plains of conventionality and sacerdotal ceremonial are becoming alive with the new growth which is gradually hiding its camouflaged barrenness.

When the new evangel broke upon the world, materialism, and what was loosely termed scepticism was spreading itself throughout the intellectual world; it was attacking men's cherished beliefs and threatening the ascendancy of the established religious forms. To-day it is on its defence, has adopted the apologetic attitude, or is flirting with new conceptions of non-material ether as the basis of all energy. In its blatant form it probably still lingers in a few backwaters, but the tide of spiritual consciousness flows strongly by on its way to the ocean of the larger truth.

We believe that Modern Spiritualism is chiefly responsible for the change—not solely by the work that Spiritualists have done, though that has been valuable-but in a larger sense, because the people of the spirit world have acted directly on the mentality of men, and opened their minds to the larger issues of life. The phenomena of Spiritualism go to show that the spirit poeple can upset the equilibrium of physical matter, as shown by levitation, etc., they can impress and direct men's sensory perceptions, as evidenced by the wide range of mental phenomena, and telepathic experiments go to show that they can lead or direct the thoughts of the bulk of men in a manner of which such men are unconscious. We are of opinion, too, that the degree of such power is increased in proportion to the decreasing density of the medium used, i.e., the spiritpeople are least powerful in controlling matter, more powerful in impressing human perceptions, and most powerful in saturating men's mental atmosphere with thoughts and suggestions. In increasing degree the spirit world is saturating the mental world with suggestions of life transcendent.

When our growth is considered in this light, it is an amazing fact that the bitterest opposition Spiritualism has had—the most violent attacks which have been made upon it—and the bulk of the vituperation which has been showered upon it has come from the representatives of established religions. In the wonderful economy of human life, however, Eternal Justice has its place. "Whatsoever a man sows, that also shall he reap." "Who soweth the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

The first Spiritualist Societies were largely composed of those who had been driven out of the Churches because they had dealings with this "unclean thing." They gratitated together in a defensive alliance to sustain one another against persecution. Such associations led to the closer study of the phenomena in which they were interested, and they grew strong and numerous. From town to town, from country to country the Movement spread, until every large and progressive city now has one or more Spiritualis Societies, and every attack strengthens them. Within the past year we know of three Societies newly established in towns where no previous meetings had been held, and in each case the formation of the Society can be directly traced to a denunciatory sermon preached from a local pulpit.

Those faithful souls whose cherished opinions have been attacked have formed Spiritualist Societies for mutual defence and study. We do not hesitate to say that the Churches have forced us into forming these associations and through these associations men have found that in close communion with the spirit-world, they discover all that the Churches gave them and more. Yet we find the Church Congress bewailing the fact that men are accepting Spiritualism as the WHOLE of religion, and are forsaking the Established Church entirely.

Speaking for ourselves, we do not hesitate to say that for thirty years we HAVE found in Spiritualism all that seems necessary to our spiritual well-being. It has satisfied at once the yearnings of our nature for spiritual communion with God and His angels; answered the questionings of our mental life; given us the stimulus and ambition for higher attainments; and the sense of an ever-present spiritual

companionship. We do not doubt that some of these

could be found in the Church; the fact is that thousands have found them OUTSIDE its "communion."

Signs, however, are not lacking that a broader tolerance is stalking through the ranks of the theologian, and we are glad. In these days of stress and unrest every agency which can be used to heighten the spiritual idealism of the nation should be welcomed, and we are convinced that no instrument which can better human life and give it point and purpose is negligible. All the instruments of God, whatever their form, are necessary in the moulding shop where men are cast for eternal life. We have no animus against the Churches, we only object to them claiming that they possess the ONLY key to the kingdom, since this savours of egotistical snobbery and Phariseeism.

Spiritualistic Societies are no longer ramparts of defence, they have become organisations for propaganda, bearers of the angel's message to those who live in dark places. Calls for service are coming from many districts where Spiritualism has not yet established itself, and we call upon our Societies to realise their responsibilities. These calls must be heard, they must be responded to: and to meet the need we must have two things, (1) men and women whose hearts are in the Movement, and who have an intelligent understanding of our principles, and (2) money to meet the growing needs. Whilst the latter is important, the former is of far greater moment. Every Spiritualistic Society should be a centre of spiritual life members should think outside the limits of their little Society and their little town. The Societies which are strongest to-day are those which are doing something for others outside.

There is every sign that the Churches, with their tremendous resources, are making an effort to capture and control this Movement—we must awake to the facts. This wonderful Movement of ours is probably the only one on earth which has never had a leader. We had our pioneers, but we have never had a dominant personality who could be called leader. Is that strange? No! it is understandable. Our leaders are behind the veil, and we are content that their lead is better than that of priest or prelate.

Now! what is your Society doing? Is it a little mutual admiration class, where you scratch one another's backs (or faces). Is it a meeting-place where you go to hear a nice address, or get a description of grandmother? It should be more than that. It should be a centre of spiritual life, bringing an influence for good into the neighbourhood. You are the earthly representatives of the angel world! Your province is to spread a great truth and

spiritualise the lives of men and women. Rise in your ngth. Get your duty done. You can establish heaven eif we will. The spirit-world is calling to you. They the reins—get into the shafts of the car of progress pull. Thus will the spirit-world inform your life and ke it well worth living.

CURRENT TOPICS.

eathy or

ONE of the most astonishing papers read at the late Church Congress was that of Miss Lily Dougall. It was both interesting and analytical, even whilst it is dy interesting because it ignores the obvious and applies andard to the Spiritualistic position which Miss Dougall ald certainly not accept for her own position. In the mpt to make telepathy fit as a hypothesis explaining thic phenomena, she, of course, selected only those points which suited her foregone conclusions. As far know no Spiritualist has denied the fact of telepathy. Spiritualists could adduce personal experiences of its ulity. Many would be prepared to admit that many it communications are conveyed to the medium by carnate spirits by a telepathic process. Therefore, to berately select a case or cases where telepathy with the mg would explain the facts, and ignore the many cases mit is insufficient to explain them, may be very interest-

ritual Life ?

MISS DOUGALL next discounts the pictures of life beyond the grave as painted by Spiritualistic writers, and talks about the best productions of earth being on a

er spiritual level. As far as we are concerned, whether tlife is higher or lower is a valuable but quite secondary deration. SPIRIT LIFE IS WHAT IT IS, and whether it s with what we would like is a minor matter. d appear to us that if discarnate souls could be disred robed in white sitting on marble slabs twiddling thumbs, or something equally useless, whilst wearing serious faces and golden halos, Miss Dougall would the them as transcendently spiritual souls. The hi has yet to learn that a man on earth who hews a ton oal or erects a workman's dwelling, thereby does eas spiritual a task as the parson who conducts church ice or administers holy communion. We could better without the latter than the former, though both have a tual value dependent on the motive prompting the act.

but is certainly begging the question.

MISS DOUGALL'S arguments against mi's Good for Spiritualism, however, are shattered when she begins to state her own position. She says, "We have by faith in ist spiritual communion with departed souls. The nomena of Spiritualism afford no evidence of such A greater perversion of facts was never ten. There is not one churchman in a thousand who, thom psychic phenomena, would claim any consciousof communion with departed souls. We believe that and Paul and even doubting Thomas had evidence his type, but we make bold to say that such a declarais absolutely and entirely without foundation. Will Dougall produce any evidence whatsoever, apart Spiritistic phenomena that she has any such com-

"ggestion" agination.

WE know the power of suggestion and auto-suggestion. We know the persuasive influence of repeated affirmations. We imagine Miss Dougall has been brought up in the religious atmosphere

to such ideas have been suggested to her and accepted her, until by repetition and auto-suggestion she has pted such hypothesis without corroborative evidence; accepted it without question. Yet we believe such sare based upon the same foundation as the small boy's el in the "bogey man," and we suggest this because at time we were the victim of similar procedure. The statement appears to us to be mere assertion of wild inings, based on accepted suggestion, and without a tilla of evidence in corroboration.

Sentimental Balderdash.

In his little pamphlet, "Present-day Spirit Phenomena and the Churches, Rev. Chas, Tweedale tackles Lord Halifax on the same question (The Communion

of Saints). He says, "Has his lordship ever been spoken to by the departed?" "How have the departed spoken to him or he to them?" "Has he ever had any communication from the spirit world by direct writing or by signals, by signal shown to him direct when awake, or seen clair-voyantly by a psychic or by verified dreams?" "If not I tell him bluntly that all his talk about his communion of saints is mere sentimental nonsense and pious makebelieve." That's the language of a vicar of Miss Dougall's Church!

Argument.

Do not let us be misunderstood. It is Wretchedly weak our fervent wish that the Churches should be linked up with the spirit world certainly and solidly, but the real fact

is that for at least ten or twelve centuries the Churches had not produced a particle of evidence that there is any spirit world or that there are any discarnate souls in existence. We want them to share our certainty and be able to tabulate their evidences as we have done, and are doing. To quote a carefully selected portion of our facts and hurl them against us. To pretend there are no others, and then to take a superior attitude and rest on mere assertion may be excellent as a debater's trick, but it is neither fair nor spiritually honest, and we hold the opinion that no one at the Congress was deceived by such methods.

A Little Knowledge. REV. CHAS. TWEEDALE'S pamphlet (which we can supply at 31d. post free) has been reprinted in Australia by the editor, "Harbinger of Light," and is

being extensively used in connection with Sir A. Conan Doyle's propaganda meetings there.

Spiritualism in Holland.

MR. A. VOUT PETERS, the well-known clairvoyant, is at present touring Holland, and writes us:-

"I am now in North Holland, at the old city of Hoorn, speaking and demonstrating (through an interpreter) to the local Spiritualist Society. This is one of the cld-time dead cities which has been left behind in the competitive race by the growth of Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The architecture of the old houses strikes one with admiration, whilst the Old Town Hall is 'a thing of beauty and a joy forever.' On Oct. 22nd I had the largest Spiritualist meeting ever held here, some 2,000 persons assembling in the large Concert Hall. A trained choir rendered beautiful choral music (unaccompanied). The audience was enthusiastic and sympathetic to me, and though very few of them had any acquaintance with the subject, the descriptions of spirit people were closely followed, and nearly all recog-

"Our Cause is slowly growing in Holland, and the local workers are labouring hard for success. It would please our English friends to see their enthusiasm. It is an open secret that if an International Conference is held in England in 1922, as suggested, Holland will be well represented. One book by Julius Magnussen entitled 'God's Smile' having a tremendous run. It is written in Danish, and 10,000 copies have been sold.* Yes! Holland is sound, and our beloved Cause is on the crest of the wave.

*"God's Smile." By Julius Magnussen. English Translation. 8vo., 185 pp., 7/6. Appleton & Co. We can supply this at published price plus postage.—EDITOR.

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A LETTER to hand from Mr. Claude Piers, of California, conveys greetings and goodwill to the many friends of the Societies and Lyceums who were kind to him during his visit to England when on military service.

WE have received enquiries re the bona fides of the Moss Side Lyceum, who are appealing for funds for a piano. This is a newly-formed Lyceum, and a breakaway from an old established one. Whilst accepting no responsibility in the matter, we are satisfied that the moneys will be used strictly for the purposes for which they are subscribed.

REPORTS OF SOCIETARY WORK.

1.—Ordinary Reports, to ensure insertion, must be confined to accounts of Sunday meetings only, and must not exceed 40 words in length. Use post cards. Reports must reach us by first post on Tuesday morning. Accounts of aftercircles are excluded.

2.—Prospective Announcements, not exceeding 24 words, may be added to Reports if accompanied by six penny stamps. Longer notices must appear in our advertisement columns.

3.—Special Reports, to ensure insertion the same week, should reach this office by first post on Tuesday morning. 150 words are allowed free; all beyond are charged for at the rate of 2d. per line.

4.—Important: No special or Ordinary Reports two Sundays old will be inserted.

** In all cases where the address of a meeting place does not appear in a 1.—Ordinary Reports, to ensure inser-

a meeting place does not appear in a Society report, it will be found in the Platform Guide.

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150 words are Inserted free. Above that number a charge of 2d. per line is made. Send stamps with your report.

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT UNION.

A SUCCESSFUL tour has just been concluded with Mr. W. Rex Sowden, the celebrated clairvoyant. Crowded audiences greeted him at each of the centres visited. His addresses were greatly appreciated, and the clairvoyance was most convincing. From the reports to hand the tour was a success in every way. The limited space will not permit of giving a full report of the meetings held, but we take the opportunity of thanking the local churches and Mr. Sowden for their valuable assistance in making the tour a huge success.

MANCHESTER: HIGHER OPENSHAW

THE members of the Higher Openshaw Church, Manchester, regret to announce the passing to the higher life of Mrs. T. Winston, wife of Mr. T. Winston, an ex-President of the church, on Sunday, Oct. 24th, 1920, aged 46. The interment took place at Phillips' Park Cemetery, Manchester, on Friday, Oct. 29th. The burial service was conducted by Miss Peterson, and a good number of members and friends joined in singing "Lead, Spirits Bright" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which a short service was held at the grave side, followed by "Abide With Me."

THE BRITISH MAGNETIC HEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE above association held a propaganda meeting in the Allen-st., Newton Heath, Spiritual Church on Saturday, Oct. 30th. We had a splendid audience and plenty of work for the healers. Seven or eight working healers were present, and the patients, when counted, were about 40. Many of them testified publicly that the treatment had been beneficial to them, and they appreciated it so much that the collection taken amounted to £2.

On Sunday, Oct. 31st, this church gave us the use of their room for a Hospital Sunday. The meetings were at 6-30 and 8, the speaker being Mrs. Walton, of Harpurhey, whose subject, "The basic principles of Spiritualism," was very much appreciated by the audience. Mrs. Williams' phenomena was good and recognised by the persons who got their spirit friends described

to them. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Barlow and others worked strenuously to make our meetings a success. The collections proved this, for at the two meetings we collected £4, making a grand total of £6 taken on Saturday and Sunday.

- **-MANCHESTER : MOSS SIDE.

On Sunday, Nov. 7th, we held our first musical and Shakespearean festival, which proved a huge success. Over 200 people were present. The singing of Madam McFarlane and Miss Davis was beautiful, as was the playing of Miss Waterland and Master Donklin. The acting of the Shakespearean Company was far above the average, and the players excelled themselves. Mr. Gilbert in the five leading roles was received with great applause, then came in succession the playing of Miss Baker, Mr. Burgess, Miss Young, Arthur Moulson, Roy Morgan, Fred Clark, Gertie Hyland, Gertie Bell, Florrie Foster and Harold Moulson. Each young artiste was accorded a tremendous ovation, and altogether what with superb acting and utmost appreciation by the audiaccorded a tremendous ovation, and altogether what with superb acting and utmost appreciation by the audience the afternoon was a gorgeous success. In the evening Mr. Meek gave a most inspiring address, afterwards excellent psychic delineations being given by Mrs. Leigh and Misses Smith and Sykes. All The Two Worlds sold out. Collections amounted to £6. Collection for the Hanson G. Hey Fund amounted to £1 10s.

---BIRMINGHAM.

At the King's Heath and Moseley Spiritualistic Church the children's service was taken by Mr. Brampton. This service was well attended, and the children were very much interested in Mr. Brampton's address. In the evening an address was given by Mrs. Brookes, which was highly appreciated and instructive, and her clair-voyance was recognised without an exception. The attendance at both evening services was exceptionally good. A fine solo was rendered by a friend entitled "The Glory of the Sea."

---BIRMINGHAM : HANDSWORTH

On Sunday, Oct. 24th, Mr. E. Spencer, of Glasgow, commenced a fortnight's mission at the Forward Church, Villa-road. His discourses from Biblical texts were intellectual treats, and the eloquent manner he dealt with them from a Spiritualist's view-point left a deep impression on the mind of his congregation. His clairvoyance was also very good. He also favoured us by giving two evenings to Shakespearean and miscellaneous recitals, which were very much appreciated. His last evening with us was spent at a social and dance, when everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. ---

PROPAGANDA AT GOOLE.

On Sunday, Oct. 23rd, a week's mission was commenced at Goole in the Carlton Picture House. Lecturer, Mr. R. H. Yates; demonstrator, Mrs. Gladys Davies. The meetings were continued throughout the week, and were well sustained by Mr. A. E. Beety and Mrs. Davies. With the exception of Tuesday and Friday night, when Mrs. Davies held flower services, the audiences were not large, but many expressions of satisfaction were heard. The outlook for the growth of our Movement at Goole is considerably brighter as the outcome of the clearer definitions of our philosophy, and the definitions of our philosophy, and the

high tone and excellence of the pl high tone and excellence of the mena presented. Many crude lide to Spiritualism were dispelled, undoubtedly the week's mission more than justified the outlay. Or Thursday the unique method of ing the services of the Town Channounce the closing services adopted, and created quite a single processing the process of the small beauty and the process. thanks are due to the small band workers who rallied round us so in

GREAT YARMOUTH.

ON Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, at a schoolroom of the Unitarian Church meeting called for the purpose considering what action, if any, show the taken to promote the Causa Spiritualism, it was resolved that Spiritualistic Society should be formed Mr. G. F. Brown was elected as I're dent and correspondence secretary Miss Constance Cross, assistant sectors, Mr. T. Tembridge, treasure committee, Mesdames Davis, La Cross, Miss Farrant, Messrs. Mr. Bensly, Davis, Long, Cole and Mr. Resolved that a minimum subscription of not less than 1s. per quarter paid, it being understood that members might subscribe according to the ability to do so. Resolved that it Society be affiliated to the Spiritualists' National Union. Resolved that the Society meet every Tuesday.

PRESTON : CLARK'S YARD.

BEFORE a large congregation in Amy Williams, of Liverpool, performed a very pleasing ceremony the évening service, that of unveiling a framed enlarged photo of Mr. Alfa Kitson, presented to the church as Lyceum by Mr. and Mrs. Holt, wo of the oldest members of the church and Mr. Beetham, financial secretary spoke appropriate words of the blove and labour of Mr. Kitson. To guides of Mr. Williams, in unveiling spoke words that reached the heat and souls of all present, adding to the thoughts of love for Mr. Kitson. To ceremony will long be remembered by all. Many pioneers in spirit we seen standing by to pay tribute. In choir ably rendered two appropriate anthems from "The Songster."

GWAUN CAE GURWEN & DISTRICT

ON Oct. 31st the opening ceremon of the above Society was performed by the well-known medium, Mr. E. Powell, of Merthyr. Before calling upon Mr. Powell our chairman, Common D. D. Davies, explained the purpose the Society. Mr. Powell's control and an address in the afternoon entitle "What Spiritualism stands for," an another in the evening entitled "What happens at death?" to large gatherings. Some remarkable clairvoyand was given by the control, with name The condition of the meetings was uplifting. New members were enrolled. ON Oct. 31st the opening cerem

ONTARIO, CANADA.

On Monday, Oct. 18th, at the how of the President of the East Hamilton Spiritualist Church, Mr. H. Pickles we held a surprise party in aid of the Building Fund. 65 members and friends were present, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Songs and recitations were rendered. At 10-30 Mr. Pickles called a halt for refreshments after which Mrs. Gretton (late of Blackburn, England), one of the founders of the Society, was called upon to make a present to Mr. Pickles of a gold watch (subscribed for the society).

members) as a mark of appreciaof his labours. Many felicitous
was were made by members.
Batten, of Bolton, England, who
of the party, added a few words of
wagement to the members. A
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singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

EETINGS HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1920.

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RRY, Atlantic Hall. gave an address on "Can Chris-and Spiritualism be reconciled?" his subject from an opponent's Good clairvoyance. Mr. d presided.

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MENHEAD, Hamilton. — Lyceum

M. Afternoon, open sessions.

M. Service of Song entitled.

Angel in Disguise." Mrs. Leigh
Mrs. Leigh
Mrs. Thompson

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MINGHAM, Bristol-st. — Morn-devening Mrs. Ruth Darby gave ses and clairvoyance. At Love-Mr. Croshaw. Good audience

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ISTOL, Universal. — Mr. Rudman excellent addresses and clair-

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quised clairvoyance.

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an address on "Religion" and toyance to a large audience.

ELISLE. — Mrs. Charnley, of s, gave a splendid address to the

t audience that has ever assem-in the Carlisle Society. Many I away. Mrs. Briggs occupied hair, and Mrs. Graham presided organ.

char, and Mrs. Granam presided the organ.

ARYCOATES. — Mrs. Littlejohn, teter, spoke on "At eventide there the light," which was much appresed. Soloist, Mrs. Story.

ASTBOURNE. — Meetings conducted Mrs. S. G. Heath, of Brighton. ices well attended. Many floral ings sent, which were afterwards in to the infirmary.

WERPOOL, Daulby Hall. — Mr. A. kisson, of Halifax, conducted both ices. He gave a trance address clairvoyance in the evening. All intions recognised. Good congress. Mrs. Keeling presided.

ONDON. — Battersea: Mrs. Adakins, of Bristol, gave good clairance.

Mrs. Maunder followed with eing clairvoyance. Miss M. ably rendered a solo, "A Dream radise.

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of religion." Evening, Mr. E. W. Beard gave an address on "Friendship with the angels."

Peckham: Morning circle conducted by Mr. H. Cowlam. Evening, Mrs. Bell addressed us on "The principles of Spiritualism." Mr. Clarkson afterwards gave clairvoyance.

LOUTHBOROUGH. — Mr. T. Humphries gave addresses on "My spirit is at peace with all," and "A message from the angels," and also gave tests.

NEWPORT. — Very successful meeting conducted by the Executive members of the S.W.S.U., who held their meeting here during the day. Address by Mr. Northan, of Cardiff, Clairvoyance by Mrs. Halestrap, Tredegar. Mr. Richards, of Cardiff, acted as chairman.

Peterboro' — Addresses by Miss Krijkh

Peterboro' — Addresses by Miss Knight, of Leamington, also clair-voyance. Good audiences. Mr. F. W. Rickett presided Rickett presided.

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