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Original Poetry.

The Great Hush!

A PAUSE—and why?
To send our thoughts to our heroic dead,
Who for us all have fought and bled.
But dead? Ah, no, they are not dead,
They come so near that one can hear them say,
“We are not dead, we’ve only passed away
from mortal sight;
And through the love of our beloved God
We’re walking onward, on a brighter road.
This world of ours is full of love and joy,
And bright with many souls,
Who, freed from earthly cares,
Have reached a brighter home beyond the sky.”
So do not grieve for those whom you call dead,
But raise your voice in thankfulness to God,
Who opened up the gates of everlasting life
For all who, freed from earthly cares and strife,
Have passed the river you call “Death.”

—M.E.R.

Psychic Photography.

Interesting Experiments With a New Sensitive.

Fred Barlow.

Mrs. D., who resides in London, became interested in the “new revelation” some time ago and attended a Spiritualist meeting, where she was told, through a trance medium, that she could get “spirit” photographs. Being an amateur photographer, she experimented with this object in view—first with no success, but eventually indistinct faces appeared on her plates. The power increased with amazing rapidity, and in the course of a few weeks Mrs. D. has developed into a remarkable sensitive for these photographic results.

The imposition of rigid test conditions, as a rule, tends to create an atmosphere far from conducive to the best results. That it is possible to secure harmonious test conditions in connection with the investigation of psychic photography, so-called, has been proved by the fact that in many days many useful experiments were carried out early this month with Mrs. D. in my own home in Birmingham.

The conditions were very simple, but quite “fool-proof” and the tests convincing. With one exception all the results were obtained on plates taken from my own packets. These packets had been in the possession of Mrs. D. for about a fortnight before the experiments. The probability of success is very considerably increased if plates are used that have been in the medium’s surroundings for some little time. It appears as though the plates in some peculiar way become impregnated with the sensitive’s aural or psychic emanations. My four packets of sensitive plates were in this instance specially and privately sealed before sending on to Mrs. D., and I most carefully verified that they were all intact when Mrs. D. handed them back to me, the day before the first experiments took place. They then remained in my possession until after they had been developed.

Space forbids of a detailed account of the experiments conducted, but the results secured all tend to confirm the theory of the use of what has come to be known as a psychic transparency. I do not think that the lens had anything to

do with the formation of the psychic images which appear to have been PRINTED on to the photographic plates.

Several cameras were used in these experiments and simultaneous exposures made. In no case, however, did the psychic image or images appear on more than one plate at a time. The two halves of the plate in a stereoscopic camera were void of any supernormal result, whilst the plate in the camera next to it, exposed simultaneously with the plate in the stereo camera, showed clear supernormal images. This experiment was repeated several times. An attempt at direct colour photography was, on this occasion, unsuccessful as regards showing any supernormal effect, although an ordinary Imperial Special sensitive plate, exposed simultaneously, shows a psychic effect.

It may be, of course, that the forms after all ARE objective, and that, in conjunction with the lens of one particular camera, the operating intelligences use an invisible screen which enables the sensitive plate to record an image alike invisible to the unaided lens and the naked eye. This is unlikely, however, as occasionally a psychic image has been obtained which is a duplicate in every detail of one previously secured. This suggests that psychic transparencies may be kept and used over again. A similar instance occurred in these experiments where two psychic images were secured which were exact duplicates as regards “pose,” etc., of pictures obtained some time previously, with the curious exception that the arrangement of the draperies (surrounding the psychic figures) were entirely different.

Many negatives of these photographic results show signs of double exposure, and it is just this that has led so many hasty and inexperienced investigators to turn down the whole thing as a fraud. These signs of double exposure, however, in many instances tend to confirm the theory of the use of a psychic transparency, as this necessarily involves a double exposure—the one normal exposure and the other supernormal.

Many of the psychic faces obtained through the mediumship of Mrs. D. are full of beauty—almost too beautiful to be likenesses of ordinary human beings. With rare exceptions, the psychic images are the same way up as the images of the sitters, and this suggests, of course, that the operation of impressing the supernormal picture on to the plate takes place after the plate has been inserted in the dark slide. The following instance would suggest that this actually takes place whilst the dark slide is in the camera, after the focussing has been done.

Just before Mrs. and Miss D. left our home, I took a photograph of the two of them, together with my wife and myself, operating the shutter by means of a long thread. During their short stay Mrs. and Miss D. had several times told us that their “guides” had promised to be with them. The sensitives have previously secured what they are convinced are photographs of these “guides,” and they were a wee bit disappointed that they had not manifested during this series of sittings, by giving their own pictures. The preparations for this last photograph were hastily made. I used a half-plate camera, and the whole of MY apparatus. Immediately before making the exposure I specially placed Mrs. and Miss D. so that instead of one being behind the other, they came on opposite sides of the plate—the one sitting and the other standing. After exposing I straightway developed the plate, and we were delighted to discover that the beautiful “guides” of the sensitives were to be seen on the negative in correct relation to the sitters, i.e., “Bessie,” Mrs. D.’s “guide,” appears right over her head, whilst “Stella,” the “guide” of Miss D., is seen above her.

This is a beautiful psychic picture, and wonderfully evidential. In this instance no seance was held immediately

Mrs. Wreidt in Dublin.

A FORTNIGHT'S series of brilliant seances was brought to a close on November 7th, and all who have been privileged to participate in them are enthusiastic in their admission of this medium's extraordinary powers of trumpet mediumship. I have been present at most of the gatherings—all the open ones—and wonderful have been the results, as I can personally testify, and I am assured by friends and others who attended private and semi-private seances that the results were really splendid. It is almost impossible to chronicle the details without violating the privacy and secrets of domestic life, but I have heard our spirit friends speak of home affairs that none but speaker and listener were aware of, details of the manner in which soldiers have met their deaths that were in agreement with fact, or where details were supplied that have been guessed at. Concern was shown in the lives of those left behind, and wise advice tendered. Pet names have been given and forgotten; incidents recalled; and scores of evidential tit-bits supplied.

No fair-minded man could possibly doubt the identity of many who spoke through Mrs. Wreidt's trumpet. We have had voices speaking independently of the trumpet. My own son spoke to me when the trumpet was in service at the other side of the room. On another occasion we had three voices speaking at the same time, and at one time—a never-to-be-forgotten moment—we had four. It was interesting to hear a sitter talking with spirit visitors of life and experiences in Erin many years ago, names and places being supplied by the trumpet voice.

We have had songs; we have had two addresses, characteristic, from Mr. Gladstone, a not infrequent visitor to Mrs. Wreidt's seances. Dr. Sharp, the leading control, has regularly addressed the sitters with advice on matters of health and dissertations or colour waves, auric vibrations, and other relevant matters, and was always cheerful and genial.

On one occasion, explaining the uneven condition of the seance room, he gave it as caused by happenings outside, and told of a certain tragedy in a certain place in Ireland even then in progress. This was unknown to any person in the room, but was found next morning from newspaper accounts to be quite correct.

Mrs. Wreidt's visits was under the auspices of the Psychical Research Society, and right well did the members rally to her support. Her own friends, likewise, joyfully took advantage of her visit. Mrs. Wreidt has not spared herself, and one feels a little anxious lest she should overtax her strength, but throughout she showed little signs of weariness, and retained her genial and good spirits. She asks us to express her gratitude to her many Dublin friends for their hearty welcome, their unfailing kindness, their hospitality, and for the countless little acts of affectionate interest in her and her work. Through the kindness of friends she has been permitted to visit and admire much of the beauty of this glorious country, superb in its nature, green and resplendent Autumn colourings at this Autumnal season.

And so everybody is satisfied. Mrs. Wreidt thanks Dublin for its warm-heartedness, its hospitality, its patronage; and Dublin thanks Mrs. Wreidt for giving some of its citizens the opportunity of speaking once again with those "gone before," who "being dead, yet speaketh." Mrs. Wreidt is unique. God bless her and spare her to us yet awhile.

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An Urgent Appeal.

WITHIN this tight little island of ours there are between three hundred and four hundred Spiritualist Churches and Societies. All of them are trying in their own way, and according to their capacity, to spread the gospel of Spiritualism, and bring a knowledge of "Life beyond Death" to the mourner and the seeker after truth. These Churches have sought to strengthen their position by organising themselves into Unions.

In addition to the National Union there are fifteen County and Sub-County Unions. The general history of all the Unions has been one of struggle and sacrifice. There have been associated with each Union men and women who have given of their best, and their story of service and sacrifice will never be written. They have responded to the urge of the spirit and worked for great ideals against tremendous odds; they have waged a great fight against opposition from the Churches. The jeers of the multitude and rude and cruel jokes have been flung at them, they have suffered social ostracism, and have been regarded as spiritual outlaws, but they continued to give unstinted and sacrificing service to the spirit world, and never wavered in their allegiance to the truth they held dear.

It might truly be said of them "They suffered all things, dared all things, that truth might run and be glorified." They laboured, we have entered into their labours. They blazed a track through the dark lands, and they have led us all the possibilities of victory.

But if we would reap all the fruits of their labours, if we would achieve all they hoped for, struggled for, and suffered for, then we must have a much stronger organisation than we have at present. We have to-day got machinery, but it needs driving power. Every Union is struggling with financial difficulties, work is waiting to be done, the machine is ready for the work, but we are financially weak. Yet there are thousands in our Movement and thousands of others who have received blessings from our gospel who could help without depriving themselves of a single necessity, and if we all rendered according to our capacity, all difficulties would be removed.

There are hundreds of towns and villages where the gospel of Spiritualism has not been preached. Letters are reaching us frequently asking for help to open new churches in new districts. Some of the appeals are very urgent and some even pitiful, but we are hindered in our propaganda for lack of funds, and many other Union activities have to be curtailed for the same reason. The future is ours if those who can help will help, and money is urgently needed.

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First Spiritualist Society, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

ON Sunday, October 31st, our platform was occupied by the Hon. Janate Fazel Mazandaram, Prof. of Philosophy at the University of the Shah of Persia, who spoke on "The teachings of Spiritualism in Persia." The Professor is a Bahai, and is on a world tour in an endeavour to blend all nations into one religious faith, and one band of brotherhood. He spoke in the Persian language, and an interpreter conveyed his message to the large company assembled. He was accompanied by Rev. Arthur B. Vail, who has given up his church in Chicago to devote the whole of his time to the service of the Bahai religion.

Both these gentlemen find in the facts of Spiritualism a solid basis of scientific fact upon which the future world religion may safely rest, and their visit was much enjoyed. It may interest our English brothers to know that they will shortly visit the British Isles.—A. COOPER.

Spiritualistic Lecture at Runcorn.

Do the Dead Communicate?

Speaker who has Talked with and Touched the Departed

UNDER the auspices of the Runcorn Spiritualist Society, a meeting was held at the Empire Theatre on Sunday.

Mr. Mack presided over a good attendance, and in the course of his remarks said Spiritualism was discussed and then about more than any other subject. The meeting had been arranged by the Spiritualists' National Society with the object of giving information. Spiritualist philosophy was based upon seven principles, which were: Fatherhood of God, brotherhood of man, immortality of the soul, communion of spirits, ministry of angels, personal responsibility and compensation or retribution for good or evil done on earth, and eternal progress open to every human soul.

Mr. R. A. Owen (Liverpool), of the Spiritualists' National Union, said the idea that Spiritualism had to do with table rapping, fortune telling, and other types of phenomena had been sadly abused. For that reason the national society was holding various meetings to vindicate the principles of Spiritualism, and put forward its aims. Many asserted that all Spiritualist phenomena were superstitious and superstitious, but Spiritualists claimed that they were natural. Instead of catering for the superstitious, Spiritualism had been the means, to a large extent, of killing superstition that had existed for many ages. Spiritualism was of a threefold character, being a science, a philosophy, and a religion. The science of Spiritualism had been proved beyond all doubt by the demonstration of different psychic or Spiritualistic phenomena. The idea that Spiritualism had anything to do with philosophy was astounding to many minds. But the people who came to the conclusion that the facts of Spiritualism were the be all and end all of Spiritualism were on the wrong tack. The facts were the means to an end. The philosophy of Spiritualism which had been mainly drawn from the spirit world told them it was the life they lived here that was going to count on the next plane of activity. As to Spiritualism being a religion, it could be demonstrated to every man and woman that there was a great spiritual force which was working to combine humanity into one common brotherhood, and prove that such things as religious creeds must be broken up. Spiritualism was not the flimsy inadequate thing they thought it was in the past. It was a science, a philosophy, and a religion, and entered into every phase of life. The speaker gave evidences of certain incidents which had convinced him in favour of Spiritualism, and invited all those present to investigate problems for themselves, and, if in the slightest doubt, to go to Spiritualists with their inquiries.

Mr. Ernest W. Oaten, the Editor of THE TWO WORLDS, spoke. If there was no life after death what was religion worth, he asked. The whole basis of religion rested upon man's survival after death. If they asked the churches for evidence of this they referred them to certain records of events which it was claimed happened in Palestine 2,000 years ago. These had been translated, mis-translated, and re-translated, abridged and amended, and they were asked to rest their eternal future upon the legends of 2,000 years ago. And the people who asked that were the same people who said that God was the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. If that were so, then what God did for the semi-barbaric, semi-civilised tribes of Palestine 2,000 years ago would do for earnest, honest Englishmen to-day. He (the speaker) claimed that this country was as holy a land as Palestine ever was, and that he and they were as much in the sight of God as those people in Palestine ever were. If certain phenomena occurred 2,000 years ago was it true that the laws of the universe did not change? The Spiritualist was the individual to answer that question. With the solitary exception of the raising of the dead, as was recorded of Lazarus, and the stilling of the storm—which may have been a coincidence—there were no miracles recorded in the New Testament but which he had personally seen in England within the last twenty years. He did not stand upon the records of the past, but upon what he had seen, felt and handled. At one time he was an Agnostic, and he would never have renounced his opinions if he had not had personal evidence that the dead did communicate and that the personal identity of the individual who died here could be proved to exist in the hereafter. That being so, Agnosticism went by the board. The speaker proceeded to relate numerous instances of psychic phenomena that had come in his own experiences. He had not seen the form of Jesus, as did the doubting Thomas, but he had seen others. He had put out his finger and touched them. For twenty minutes at a time he had talked with them. Eleven years after his death he had two fingers in the mouth of his grandfather to see if he had the same number of teeth as he had here. How was it done? He did not know. There was one road to knowledge, and that was to search. He was standing there to tell them that the dead did communicate, for he had talked with them. If the churches had lost their hold of the spiritual world that was the church's fault. They needed to get back to sure foundations, and to labour together to make

this world a training ground for the manhood which would pass through into a larger and eternal life.

A special meeting was held in the Ashbridge-street Church in the afternoon, at which addresses were given by the two gentlemen.—RUNCORN "WEEKLY NEWS," Nov. 5th.

NORTH MIDLANDS DISTRICT UNION.

THE above Union recently conducted a three weeks' tour with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of U.S.A., which, from a propaganda point of view, proved to be most successful. Sixteen centres in all were visited, and some fine meetings were held. Mr. Taylor invariably delivered the address, which was very often of a high philosophic character, and Mrs. Taylor confined herself to the phenomena, some phases of which were quite original.

The tour opened at Burton, always a most difficult place to organise, and two rather moderate meetings were held. From there to the more active centre of Leicester, where two fine meetings were held, quite 800 people were assembled in the Rechabites' Hall at night. Swadlincote provided its quota, as did also Sutton-in-Ashfield. Good meetings in both places. The newly-formed Society at Long Eaton was allocated two nights (Thursday and Friday), which proved to be the wrong ones for that town, but good work was done there in propagating our cause. Belper, well known by the association of Alfred Smedley with Spiritualism and his record of experiences in materialisations, was also visited, a good impression being left behind. Nottingham (Gladstone Hall and Beaconsfield-street) splendidly welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and here again good work was accomplished. An attempt to open out the Cause was made by organising a meeting at Oakham, and it spoke much for the efforts of Mrs. Manton to create local interest, when 300 hundred people turned up. The fact that the people there are urgent in asking for more speaks well for the impression created and the future welfare of our ism in that town. Chesterfield, noted for its crooked church spire, but straight energetic Spiritualists, arranged two very successful meetings, the hall being full on each occasion. Hucknall made a great effort to reach the public by extensively advertising the visit, which was repaid by the largest Spiritualist meeting ever held in the town being conducted in the Co-Operative Hall. A return visit was paid to Leicester, which, if anything, surpassed the first. Ilkston and Mansfield were visited, and good seed was sown, and Beeston, where Spiritualism is new, organised a most successful effort.

The real tit-bit of the tour was left for the last place visited. Lincoln being a stronghold of the Established Church, great things were not anticipated, although a Picture House, with a seating accommodation of 900 was engaged for the Sunday. About 600 assembled for service in the afternoon, under the able chairmanship of Councillor A. Taylor. So great was the crush at night that the authorities ordered the doors to be opened before the stated time, and even after the hall was packed hundreds were clamouring for admission. It was estimated that at least 500 people had to be turned away. A. T. Davies, Esq., M.P., chaired a magnificent meeting, which will long be remembered in Lincoln.

Once again we are able to emphasise the fact that with efficient organisation and extensive advertising we are sure of getting the people to hear us state our case, which the above tour has fully proved. Great and lasting good has, we feel sure, been accomplished by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor in the above district.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BRITTEN MEMORIAL.

SIR,—Permit me to express the grateful acknowledgments of the trustees to "C. W. F." of Swansea, and Mrs. E. Holmes, of Manchester, for donations of £1 and £10 respectively to the Memorial Fund.

The first-named donor perceives that the objects of the Memorial scheme would do much to establish Modern Spiritualism as the strongest religious influence in the country—as it is steadily becoming. The pressing need, as is generally recognised, is for more and more capable public exponents and demonstrators to carry the gospel of spiritual truth into the numerous parts of the kingdom which have not yet been visited, and for this purpose the Memorial as a "School of the Prophets" would be of the greatest value and importance.

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Our Needs.

IN our last week's editorial we referred to the fact that the wonderful growth of Spiritualism is due not merely to the work of Spiritualists, valuable as that may have been, but in a larger sense to the fact that the spirit people themselves have acted directly on the mental atmosphere of this world, giving to men and women a sense of the actual companionship of men and women. Inspiration in its old Biblical and verbal sense has been ruled out of the realm of present-day thought, but the facts of telepathy are illustrating that thoughts are impressed upon some minds by others, both incarnate and discarnate, and these have a tendency to interpret themselves in accordance with the thought-habit of the recipient, and to clothe themselves with his habitual language, even though slightly heightened and broadened by the impact. Inspiration thus becomes expressed in terms of the impressibility of the thoughts and feelings of the recipient, and is limited and circumscribed in its form by the restrictions and habits of the person inspired. Even in the best communications from the unseen, the experienced investigator, if he be at all sensitive, is left with the suspicion that whatever message has come through is but a part of the whole. At every good seance one feels that more has been attempted than has been actually accomplished.

If this be the case, then, it must follow that all spirit communications can best be assessed at their true value by the careful comparison of a great many, and this not merely in order that we may determine the ideas expressed in common, but also for the purpose of discovering that in many of them which failed to find expression by reason of the limitations of the recipient and the restricted range of his habits.

A Beethoven Sonata could not be played on a five-octave instrument, not from any lack of the author's musical ability, but rather by reason of the limited capacity of the instrument.

It further follows that in addition to recipients (mediums) we must realise the necessity of interpreters. Says Paul, to one is given "divers kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues." Is it not just here that Spiritualism is lacking to-day. There is no doubt that the spirit world is pouring out a huge mass not only of phenomena, but of spiritual teaching, but there is also not the slightest doubt that this teaching is not reaching the public in understandable form by reason of the limitations of the individuals who receive and attempt to pass on the teaching.

In our own experience we have found scores of splendid clairvoyants whose spiritual vision is clear and powerful. The vast majority of them, however, have no ability whatever to describe what they see. They could not describe the house they live in, or the appearance of their next door neighbour. They fail to realise that since others have not

the vision, it is their province to be eyes for those others to convey to them the impress of that which they see. A Charles Dickens, a Victor Hugo, could give us descriptions which were vivid and real to our minds. "Little Nell" and "Old Scrooge" became living entities to us pulsating with life, and we felt we knew them from a mere description. They were perhaps (?) imaginary figures, yet if these can be made real why cannot we get vivid telling descriptions of the forms actually seen?

If this be true of phenomena, it is equally so in the higher realm of spiritual teaching. There is little doubt to-day as to the gist of spirit teaching, yet we venture to say that scores of our platforms are occupied by individuals of two kinds, viz., those who have no message to give and those who are quite unable to convey to others the thoughts which are clear in their own minds.

In other religious denominations there is quite a much piffle preached as from Spiritualist platforms, since the average cleric generally leaves his brains in the vestry when he mounts the pulpit, but he does endeavour to camouflage his lack of ideas by at least a veneer of cultured English. In many Spiritualist Societies, however, one finds individuals who have excellent thoughts clothing them with a mass of verbosity, which is neither grammatical nor understandable. The churches are taking up Spiritualism (not because they want to do) but purely because their old creeds and ideas are emptying their churches, and we are helping them to fill those churches by failing to clearly and definitely present the message of the spirit world.

Our pages of Society reports are illuminating in this respect. We are often receiving reports telling us that "Mr. X.Y.Z. gave an eloquent and soul stirring address" when as a fact Mr. X.Y.Z. could not put together a single grammatical sentence of ten words. Let us remember that "perspiration is not necessarily inspiration." Words are the tools by which ideas are expressed, and a man who cannot use the tools of his trade is a bungler at the best. We need not only to receive, not only to know. We need to be able to hand on the message of life in a clear and understandable manner.

We are continuously receiving calls to send suitable workers to open new ground. We know of five towns where the Cause is ripe for the establishment of Societies. To open such Societies means fighting the opposition. It means men and women who not only know their Spiritualism, but who can express it in understandable terms. We know that the financial need is great, but we repeat the need for qualified men and women—heaven inspired as well as intelligent—is even greater. Let us think it carefully over, and resolve to do something.

New Constitution for Societies.

WE are in receipt of a set of Rules which have been framed under the new Constitution of the S.N.U. by the Spiritualist Church, Southampton. These are not too extensive and verbose, but are direct and informative. We note, too, that this Society has realised the importance of National work, and is agreeing to double its contribution to the S.N.U., each member paying 1s. per year. In view of the work to be done and the need of a full-time National Propagandist, such appreciation is welcome. Any official desiring a copy of these rules is invited to send a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. G. Newton, "Dinedor," Welbeck Avenue, Southampton.

PREPARE your spiritual home by living good on earth.

THE consciousness in each man is a sliding scale, which identifies him now with the First Cause, and now with the flesh of his body; life above life, in infinite degrees.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON.

NOW much more frequently that spiritual summit, Obedience, is trodden by foot of dog or horse, than by rebellious unfilial humanity. Dogs likewise enjoy interchange of thought and sentiment with us far more intelligently than we, so thus commune with the next order of being above us.—SUSIE CLARK.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Striking
incident.

THE readers of this column may be interested in a little incident which occurred recently in an East Lancashire town. A few Spiritualists have been in the habit of holding a small private circle at the house of one of them, and they were recently joined by a young man who had been deaf and dumb from birth. He had attended only a few of these circles when he unexpectedly passed into the deep trance state, and, to the astonishment of all present, rose to his feet and began to address the company in good English. Questions were put to him audibly and he immediately replied thereto, having apparently heard them. On resuming his normal consciousness he retained no memory of the incident and is still deaf and dumb. We shall be glad to hear of parallel instances.

Is the Inability
Inherent?

WE are, of course, aware that dumbness usually accompanies deafness—not because of innate inability, but rather from lack of external stimulus, and because, too, the individual is unable to check what he says by hearing the spoken word. There is, too, in the case under notice, the possibility that the controlling entity heard the questions asked independently of the mediums' power of hearing. It must naturally follow, too, that the power of speech has been latent in the individual, i.e., that the disability was functional rather than due to physical derangement, and we should be pleased, therefore, to hear of similar cases so that by comparison we may come to probable reasons for the phenomenon.

Hammering
Improved by
Spirit Control.

WE remember an incident some years ago where a man who had an impediment in his speech (the worst case of stammering we have ever known) suddenly developed the power of trance speaking in which not a trace of his natural impediment ever occurred. Of course, stammering is a nervous disorder, functional in character, and it is probable that the deafness and dumbness of the aforementioned person is of the same class. In the case of our stammering friend, continued use of his trance speaking gradually improved his ability to control his speech when normal, and we think that with practise and development our deaf and dumb friend will find his missing faculties. May it be so!

IT is not generally known that Mr. J. J. Morse—one of our most fluent trance speakers—when a young man had a pronounced impediment in his speech which never showed itself when his guides were using him. Even in the later years of his life the stammering habit was occasionally noticeable to his intimates. In his case trance speaking gradually improved his normal use of his speech. This phenomenon is paralleled by hypnotic experiments, and is another evidence of spirit control being (at least in part) hypnotic in its nature.

The National
Hymn Book.

WE are being inundated with correspondence and orders for the S.N.U. Hymn Book. During the war the book ran out of print, and we could not get a permit to use paper for reprinting. In consequence orders accumulated for three years. The book is now printed, and the binders are busy turning out supplies. In the last few months 10,000 copies have been delivered, but we are still six months in arrears with orders. All orders in hand will be executed in strict rotation. May we ask secretaries to bear with us a little while. We are doing our best to deliver as quickly as possible.

Are We
Growing?

IT is a matter for congratulation that demands for 25,000 of our National Hymn Book have come to hand, and we are already considering the printing of another edition. In all the various editions some 100,000 copies have been sold, and this is a striking testimony to

the growth of the Movement. The demand increases every year.

The Weekly
Papers and
Spiritualism.

WE notice that a series of articles are appearing in the columns of the "National News"—a paper which has been none too favourable to our opinions—by Dr. Ellis T. Powell, LL.B., D.Sc., London, under the title "Death's Secrets Revealed." Dr. Powell is well-known as the late editor, "Financial News," a prominent member of the Institute of Journalists, and a Vice-President of the London Spiritualists' Alliance, and he speaks from twenty years experience of Spiritualism. Doubtless the success of the "Vale Owen Scripts" in the "Weekly Dispatch" are prompting imitation. Truly the world is changing towards us, but there is as much danger in their possible exploitation of us as in their opposition.

Is Spiritualism a Religion?

A PAMPHLET has recently been issued with the above title. In it many views are expressed from eminent men past and present, some for and some against, the acceptance of Spiritualism as a religion. Let us take this matter from the beginning.

What is religion? A system of faith and practice? A science of right living? The belief in God and a future state? Or a blind subservience to a man-made theology because we were told when we were young that it was good for us? Do any of these things constitute the highest in religion? Is it not better to regard them as so many by-paths attractive or repellent, according to our mental outlook, all leading the same way, and all, in the Eternal scheme of things, very necessary to man's evolution? We are ready to admit that the phenomena of Spiritualism as such do not constitute religion, nor is a religious frame of mind or religious atmosphere necessary for certain physical manifestations from the "other side of life." On the other hand Dean Inge is reported to have declared recently that "the Gospel of Christ is not a religion but religion itself in its most universal and deepest significance."

Sir William Barrett has said Spiritualism is an avenue rather than a goal, a road to religion, not religion itself. Now we come to the crux of the whole matter. As Spiritualists we affirm that Primitive Christianity and Spiritualism are not two separate lines of thought, but ONE and one only, and inseparable as daylight is from sunshine. Modern Christianity and Modern Spiritualism are unfortunately in many respects as far apart as the poles, but it is surely unnecessary to reiterate here that the accretion of centuries are to blame for this. In the essence of spirituality and truth the two are one, and the founder of Christianity was a psychic, a medium, a mystic, and a SPIRITUALIST! Thus, if Christianity is not a RELIGION, but religion itself, then no more is Spiritualism a RELIGION but religion itself in its most universal and deepest significance.

LEWIS S. COLEMAN.

Passing of an Old Worker.

WE see by the "Lyceum Banner" that Mrs. Millicent Thompson, of Accrington, has recently passed to spirit life at the age of 65 years. Mrs. Thompson had done good work as a medium not only in her own locality, but over a far wider area, and we believe was at one time engaged in a series of sittings with F. W. H. Myers, author of "Human Personality." She had been for some time laid aside with a painful and distressing illness, and her release from the flesh gives reason for congratulation. A strong personality herself, she was a fine instrument for the spirit world, and our thoughts go out to her in thanks and felicitations on her promotion.

During her illness whilst conversing with a friend, she said, "I know what my work in spirit life will be, I shall take up where I leave off here, and continue my work for Spiritualism." The interment was conducted by Mr. G. Ormerod, assisted by Mrs. M. E. Pickles. How strong the "old guard" are getting on the other side of the veil!

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 after-circles 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.*

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BRITISH MEDIUMS' UNION.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Pendleton, Ford Lane, on Saturday, Oct. 30th, and was well attended. Mr. G. Lee, President, occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen remarks opened the meeting punctually. In presenting his Presidential report, he laid before the meeting the necessity of closer co-operation. He reported on the interview held as to the position of the B.M.U. in the new constitution of the S.N.U. It was then decided to convene a special meeting of members to discuss the whole scheme on Saturday, December 11th, 1920, at Hollinwood (particulars later). The finance of the Union was considered very satisfactory, showing an increased balance of £10. The general working was passed as excellent. The supplies to Societies at short notice, being 50 out of 52 Sundays, met with general acclamation, and further lists are in preparation.

The propaganda meetings have proved excellent, and thanks were expressed to all members who had given voluntary service, whilst a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the secretary, and it was thought best to recognise his 17 years' service by a gift of not less than £20. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. George Lee; vice-president, Mr. R. Davies; secretary, Mr. W. E. Bentley, treasurer, Mr. J. Knight; executive council, Mr. C. E. Timms, Mr. W. James, Mr. Massey, Mr. Bacon and Mrs. Ellis. The meeting was brought to a close by a special vote of thanks being extended to the friends at Pendleton for their excellent catering and accommodation.—W. E. BENTLEY.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT COMMITTEE

THE Monthly Conference of the above was held on Sunday, Nov. 7th, at Barnsley. The Barnsley Society has met for 23 years in George-st. until early this year, when the property was bought over their heads, and they were turned out. During the months that have intervened they have been buffeted from pillar to post, some Sundays not holding a meeting at all. A sharp look out has been maintained, with the result that they have now bought a large warehouse, which promises to rank second to none in Yorkshire. There are a num-

ber of very active workers, and reconstruction is taking place. Some months must elapse before completion. There will be a ground floor capable of holding a Lyceum session of 200 or 300 scholars. This is the third Society in Sheffield District Committee who now own their own buildings. It was in these re-constructed buildings that we met last Sunday, a good representative gathering, the one regret being that we had not our old worker, Mr. Webster, with us. There were some of the old pioneers present, Mrs. Thickett presided at all the meetings of the day. The business was an ordinary character. We had expected to hear from the S.N.U. propaganda committee. Societies are getting very anxious. Dates have been submitted and time is flying. The report of the propaganda committee at the conference was hopeful, but unless they get busy there will not be much to report as a result of another twelve months. The District Committee gets the blame for these matters. We suggest that the quarterly meetings of the Y.S.C.C. be held on Saturday, Sunday being devoted to propaganda work. Good meetings in the afternoon and evening, with very successful clairvoyance brought a very enjoyable day to a close.

ALLOA.

A LECTURE was given on Nov. 10th by Rev. W. A. Reid, of Glasgow, on "The Church and Spiritualism," which was listened to by a good and appreciative audience. It is noteworthy that it was on this rev. gentleman's motion that the last general assembly of the church of Scotland appointed a committee to investigate Spiritualism. He is well able to expound the philosophy of our Cause, and should prove an acquisition to our platform now that he has been bold enough to take this step.

BEDWORTH.

OUR Lyceum anniversary on Nov. 7th was conducted by Mr. G. Passant, of Wolverhampton. Special hymns were sung by the Lyceum. In the morning our conductor, Mr. Rowe, unfurled a banner and presented it to the Liberty Group, and in the evening Mr. Passant presented the Lyceum with a shield, which goes to the three scholars who have made full attendance during the year. The hall was packed. Good collections in aid of the Lyceum fund.

CARLISLE.

OUR week-end meetings were conducted by Mrs. Charnley, of Leeds, the hall being packed to its greatest capacity. Her impressive and scientific addresses have brought many new members to the fold. Her clairvoyance gave convincing proof of spirit return. The collections were a record. She named the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huggins (Mary Thelma). The collection was given to the babe. Our President occupied the chair.

DAIRYCOATES.

ON Wednesday, Nov. 10th, the above Spiritualist Society held a bazaar and sale of work in Dee-st. Hall, the proceeds of which are for the building fund. The bazaar was opened by Mrs. Sharp, President of Grimsby Society, who was presented with a bouquet by Miss Sharp, of the Lyceum. Mrs. Chapman, of Barnsley and Mr. Littlejohn, of Exeter, was also in attendance. There was a splendid show of both useful and fancy

goods, which gave good credit to the workers. In the evening there was a musical entertainment, and dancing by Misses Wing, Mrs. Duncan officiating at the piano. Also musical selections on the mandoline by E. E. Shaw and C. Powell. Mr. Johnson, president of the above Society, expressed his gratitude and thanks to all who had tried to make the effort a success. Mr. Downs, President of the E.C.D., also passed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Buckton, secretary of the building fund. The sale of work continued during the following day.

SEGHILL.

THE above Society is only ten weeks old, and held a grand tea and meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6th. The meeting was taken by Rev. Moody, of Chester-le-Street, who gave a very able address on "Spiritualism" and a number of clairvoyant descriptions, which was very good.

HULL: HOLBORN HALL.

WE have had a six days' mission by Mr. Littlejohn, of Exeter, who all through drew good audiences, and interested them in the following subjects: "Thought waves from all over the world," "Psychical symbols," "Character sketches and conditions from photographs," also the blessing of babies. Mr. Littlejohn gave delineations of material and spiritual conditions. The Friday evening meeting was given in the funds of the East Coast Council, under whose auspices Mr. Littlejohn visited us.

ROTHERHAM: PERCY STREET.

ON Sunday, Oct. 31st, our platform was occupied by Prof. Timson, of Leicester, who spoke in the evening on "Spiritualism: Scientific and philosophical." Some grand thoughts were expressed. On Monday well-attended meetings were favoured with descriptions of departed friends. On Sunday, Nov. 7th, Mrs. Gibson, of Manchester, gave good addresses and clairvoyance, and on Monday medical psychometry was given to a very appreciative audience.

EXETER.

MR. AARON WILKINSON, the ever popular speaker and clairvoyant, has once again paid us a most welcome visit. On Sunday large audiences gathered to hear him. In the evening the hall was crowded, all standing room being occupied, and many were turned away. Mr. Wilkinson discoursed on "Spiritual gifts" to an audience whose attention was sustained throughout, and afterwards gave remarkable clairvoyant descriptions. In connection with the propaganda policy, which is a strong feature of our Society's activities, we engaged on the Monday the large Manor Hall, Sidmouth, and gave the local people their first opportunity of taking part in a Spiritualistic service. The hall was full with an audience of over four hundred people, who listened to Mr. Wilkinson with obvious interest and respect. We feel good has been done. We hope to arrange further meetings to help the loyal little band of Sidmouth Spiritualists. On Tuesday we engaged the large Barnfield Hall, and a crowded audience once more testified to the secure position of Spiritualism among the religious bodies of the city. Mr. Wilkinson gave a grand propaganda address, and followed with extraordinary clairvoyance. The meeting was full of feeling, and was a real success from every point of view. At the two week-night meetings over 1,000 people attended.

MANCHESTER : LONGSIGHT.

ON Thursday, Nov. 4th, a special meeting was held at Shepley-street to hear Master Arthur Clayton, the blind medium. Mr. Grindley in a few well-chosen remarks introduced Master Clayton. The crowded audience listened with close and sympathetic attention while the medium told in simple and straightforward language of the circumstances that brought him into connection with Spiritualism. His interesting address was followed by clairvoyance of a remarkable description. Delineations, accompanied in many instances with names, were, almost without exception readily recognised.

NEWCASTLE : HEATON & BYKER.

THE 27th anniversary service of the above Society was held on Sunday, Nov. 7th, in the Imperial Picture Hall, Byker Bank (kindly lent by J. H. Darnie, Esq.). The speaker, Mr. W. Robinson, took for his subject "What will this babbling say?" and dealt with his subject in his usual forceful and logical manner. The large audience listened most attentively to the various points of the address. The singing, which was a prominent feature of this most successful service, was led by the Tyneside District Lyceum Choir, who rendered the anthems in a most efficient manner. The chair was taken by our President, Mr. R. Hunter, who thanked Mr. Atkinson for his splendid address, the choir for the splendid singing, and to Mr. Darnie, who was present, for kindly allowing the use of the hall.

NORTH SHIELDS.

RIFFON HALL, North Shields, was filled by a very fine lecture on Nov. 7th, by Mr. William Walker, of North Shields, on "A glimpse of heaven." The lecture was listened to with rapt attention by a good and appreciative audience. At times one was carried away by the eloquence of the speaker, who gave his audience a glimpse into that heaven of which he spoke. Attention never wavered during the whole of the hour and three-quarters of the lecture. Mr. Walker gave this lecture in aid of the S.N.U. Fund of Benevolence, and was only too willing to comply. The result was a material benefit to the fund of £3 4s. No doubt in the near future we shall have the pleasure of again having Mr. Walker in a repeated effort for the fund. Mr. S. Robson, President of the Northern Counties' Association, occupied the chair.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.

As a final celebration of the Jubilee year, a grand Jubilee bazaar was held on Nov. 10th, 11th and 13th. On Wednesday, the 10th, Mrs. Coun. J. Greenwood was the opener, with Mr. A. Wilkinson, of Blackpool, as chairman. Thursday, Mr. A. Sutcliffe, of Halifax, opener with Mr. T. Thorpe as chairman. On Saturday, Mrs. Entwistle opener and Mr. E. E. Law chairman, both of Huddersfield. On Wednesday, a very acceptable sketch was given by the young men and women. Thursday, musical items by the choir. Saturday, an excellent concert party from Halifax. The stalls were well filled—children's, young men's, young ladies' and married ladies. There were plenty of refreshment stalls. Side shows consisted of an art gallery, with a splendid array of spirit photos and old workers, met by many friends, whom we thank most heartily. It was good propaganda. There was also a galvanic battery to strengthen the nerves after the pockets

were weakened. One of the ladies got out a souvenir booklet, which was a success. On Saturday our hearts were made glad when the secretary read a letter from one interested enclosing a donation of £50. Our best thanks and wishes are tendered to the donor. The total receipts were £340. All worked well, and our thanks go out to them.

BIRMINGHAM : SMALL HEATH.

MRS. ALICE SHARPE gave a stirring and very telling address on "The unknown." It was very interesting at such an appropriate time. A piano-forte and violin solo was rendered by Mr. Oliver and Mr. J. H. Sharpe. A duet was given by Miss Moore and Mr. T. Sharpe in memory of those who fell. Mrs. Sharpe gave floral readings to an overcrowded audience, who gained much comfort.

GLASGOW.

ENTHUSIASTIC audiences welcomed Mrs. Lind-af-Hageby on her first appearance on the platform of the Glasgow Association on Sunday, Nov. 14th. Her morning address on "Spiritual unfoldment" was highly appreciated, and in the evening a gathering of about 1,200 people crowded the hall and listened with rapt attention to a convincing address on "Spiritualism and religious resuscitation." The collection for the day including the retiring one for the Building Fund exceeded £50. Mr. P. Galloway presided.

MANCHESTER.

ON Sunday, Nov. 14th, a memorial service was held at the Topley-st. Church, flowers being brought by members and friends (with names of loved ones attached), which made a beautiful and bright display. After the service, which was very impressive, the flowers were sent to the sick friends and members, and also to Monsal Hospital. Those who took part in it must have felt joy in the knowledge that their loved ones still lived making their presence felt throughout the service. Our president, Mrs. Donaldson, presided. Mrs. Farrell, of Harpurhey, was the speaker.

LONDON : LITTLE ILFORD.

ON Wednesday, Nov. 10th, at the Carnegie Library, Manor Park, Miss Felicia Scatcherd gave a most interesting and thought-provoking lecture on "Spirit photography and allied phenomena" to a large audience. The lecture was accompanied by lantern slides, depicting spirit photographs and photographs taken on the continent and in this country. At the close of the lecture Miss Scatcherd clearly answered questions. Much good would be done in enlightening the people if Miss Scatcherd could be persuaded to give more lectures in and around London.

On Thursday, Nov. 11th, a meeting was held in reverence to the boys who had passed on through the war. Mrs. Marriott conducted, and she gave a most comforting address to bereaved ones among us. Convincing clairvoyance followed at the close of the service our President, Mr. Watson, spoke of the warriors, who were still with us, remarking that it was shameful that such men should be allowed to walk about homeless, hungry and unemployed.

NUNEATON.

ON Sunday, Nov. 12th, Mr. Kirkham, of Birmingham, filled the platform at Nuneaton. He gave an inspiring and instructive address on "Confusion," and also spoke of the love of a mother for her child. After the address he gave clairvoyant descriptions. Mr. Bartlett, of Coventry, presided as chairman.

In the evening Mr. Kirkham's subject was "How are the dead raised up," this subject fascinating the audience, which was a large one, and his discourse was followed with great interest. He again gave descriptions after the address, many soldiers being described and recognised. Mr. Bartlett again took the chair.

MEETINGS HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 1920.

BARRY, Atlantic Hall. — Mr. Northam, of Cardiff, gave an address, followed by a number of clairvoyant descriptions, nearly all recognised.

BEDWORTH. — Mrs. Pears conducted a memorial service in memory of our brave heroes, and also gave clairvoyance. The choir sang special hymns. Crowded audience.

BIRKENHEAD, Hamilton. — Miss Barton gave an address on "Why there is another life to progress in." Spirit messages followed. Mr. R. G. Roberts presided.

BIRMINGHAM. — Morning, at Bristol-street Council Schools, Mrs. Charnley gave addresses and clairvoyance, also in the evening. At 1, Loveday-street, Mr. A. Cook addressed a good congregation.

ASTON: Mr. J. G. Wood spoke on "What is truth?" followed by successful clairvoyance. Mr. Tozer in the chair.

BRIGHTON, Athenæum Hall. — In the unavoidable absence of Mr. F. T. Blake, our platform was well sustained by local workers.

BRISTOL, United. — Mr. Jones, of Cardiff, delighted all by the masterly way he dealt with his subjects. Miss Avent rendered two solos.

UNIVERSAL: Mr. Rudman gave good addresses and convincing clairvoyance. Mr. Pring presided.

DIGHTON HALL: Miss Mary Mills conducted our services in her usual admirable manner. Harmonious meetings and good audiences.

CLIFTON: Mr. Atkinson spoke on "The music of life." Clairvoyance by Mrs. Seagen.

CARDIFF, Central. — Miss Rogers, of Newport, gave splendid addresses and clairvoyance to large audiences.

CARLISLE. — Mr. and Mrs. Dodds, of Low Fell, Gateshead, took our service. Mr. Dodds gave an address on "Heal the sick." Mrs. Dodds gave convincing clairvoyance.

CHESTERFIELD. — Mr. Aaron Wilkinson spoke in the evening on "Things know." Appreciative audience.

EARLESTOWN. — Mrs. Roberts, of Oldham, delivered a very instructive address on "The great need of Spiritualism in our lives here." Mr. Atherton presided.

EASINGTON LANE. — Mr. Jones discoursed to an appreciative audience on "Religion." A lady visitor gave convincing clairvoyance. Mr. Mason, of Murton, ably officiated at the organ.

EASTBOURNE. — Mrs. Oliver gave an address and clairvoyance. Mr. A. W. Orr presided.

HIRST. — Mrs. Gladys Davis, the Union missionary, spoke on "The unknown soldier." Clairvoyance very satisfactory.

LIVERPOOL, Daulby Hall. — Mrs. Alice Wokes gave an address on "The path of discipleship," which was listened to with rapt attention by a good congregation. The chair was taken by Mr. E. A. Keeling.

LONDON. — Battersea: Well-attended morning circle. Afternoon, Mr. Caley lectured to an attentive audience. Miss K. Chapman sang a solo, which was much appreciated. Evening, Mrs. Marriott gave an address and good clairvoyance.

Brixton: Mrs. Neville gave an address on "The open door" followed by well recognised descriptions to a crowded audience.

Clapham: Mrs. Graddon Kent gave an address on "Spiritual testimony of the ethereal body," followed by well-recognised clairvoyance.

Croydon, 96, High-street: Morning, Mr. P. Scholey. Evening, Mrs. Wallace.

Hounslow: Short address by Mr. Fruin, followed with clairvoyance by Mrs. Edey, all clearly recognised.

London Spiritual Mission: Morning, Mr. Ernest Meads spoke on "Activity and duty after death." Evening, Mrs. Worthington gave an address on "The power of death."

Manor Park: Morning, Mr. Mead conducted a healing service. Afternoon, Lyceum. Evening, Mr. Mead gave an address on "The greatest of these is love."

N.L.S.A.: Morning, addresses given by Mrs. Redfern and Mr. H. Prior, and clairvoyance by Mrs. Pulham. Chairman, Mr. Losack. Evening, our first propaganda meeting was a signal success, and most encouraging. About 600 present. The speaker, Dr. W. J. Vanstone, gave much food for thought to the strangers. Mr. Punter's clairvoyance was very clear and definite. Miss Wilcox's solo, "Vale," excellently rendered, as was the violin solo by Miss Vandanbeusche. Mr. C. Drinkwater ably officiated at the piano. Mr. Pulham in the chair.

S.L.S.M.: Morning, circle conducted by Mr. C. J. Williams. Evening, Mr. Lund addressed us on "The object of life," after which Mrs. Lund gave clairvoyance.

LOUGHBORO'. — Services conducted by members. Afternoon, questions. Evening, reading on "The prophecies in the time of Enoch, and their fulfilment."

MEXBOROUGH. — Mr. C. N. Porter, of Sheffield, gave a discourse on "Man, what is he that Thou art mindful of him?" to a good audience.

NEWPORT, Central. — Mr. Halestrap addressed us on "Silence." Mrs. Essery gave clairvoyance.

NORTHAMPTON. — Services conducted for the week-end by Mrs. Brooks, of Birmingham, in her usual excellent manner. Good attendances.

PETERBOROUGH. — Addresses and clairvoyance by Mr. Flavell, of Kettering. Good audiences. Mr. F. W. Rickett presided.

PLYMOUTH, Morley-street. — Mr. J. Looome gave a discourse on "Do we live forever?" Mrs. Pearce sang "Light in Darkness." Mrs. Cook gave clairvoyance.

Stonehouse: Meeting conducted by Mr. H. Pearce. Solosist, Mrs. Herd. Address by Mr. C. Osborn on "The general aspects of our Spiritualism." Clairvoyance by Mrs. Joachim Dennis.

PORTSMOUTH, Temple. — Mr. Chas. Tarr, of Exeter, gave intellectual addresses to large audiences.

ST. LEONARDS. — Mrs. S. G. Heath gave addresses and excellent clairvoyance, which was well recognised.

TREDEGAR. — Evening, Mr. E. Jones gave an address on "The Son of man came to save that which was lost." Mrs. Halestrap gave clairvoyance.

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