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#### MY – GARDEN.

REGORY OF LIFE. DEATH AND THE RESURRECTION.

r into my garden : it was SPRING-time, and I knew pluebells there would greet me, and the sweet narcissis, too ;

for I'd hear the blackbirds and the thrushes singing there,

PEACE I'd find, and GLADNESS, in that sanctuary fair.

atinto my garden as the SUMMER-time drewinigh, reses and the lilies smelt so sweet as I passed by; red by the sun-dial, and it seemed to say to me: RPASSES, and the Sunshine will NOT ALWAYS be with thee!"

t into my garden after AUTUMN's fading hand whethed the lovely blossoms, and the leaves they all are tanned !

whe year was dying—how I LONGED for it to stay me a little longer—but it faded DAY by DAY !

Winto my garden, it was WINTER-time, and O! hings, which I had cherished were all buried 'neath the snow.

"grew not despondent as I gazed upon the view, EW THEY WERE BUT SLEEPING-TIEY WOULD RISE AND BLOOM ANEW!

-MAY C. PHILLIPS.

## On Tour.

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#### By HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S.

WHING my recent tour through Massachusetts and Hampshire great interest was evinced in Spiritualism, I church or public building in which I lectured and estrated being filled to capacity, notwithstanding teharges being made for admission and the month being mber.

The cause is excellently represented in New England. Interesting people associating themselves with it, is largely due to the capable leaders in these parts, all ion impressed me as putting the welfare of the ement before all else.

tiwas pleasing to find that the philosophical side of balism is put well forward and evidently adequately field, as, although messages and clairvoyance were for, they were not over-stressed, and I was asked to much in my addresses as time would allow. This very agreeably to an Englishman, who has long been her with this point of view.

Owing to the sympathetic nature of the audiences I theasy to obtain phenomena, and felt after the meetthe little satisfaction at having been the means of bringthe two worlds into closer contact.

shall long remember my visit to Springfield, Massathe because of the remarkable scance I had with Dr. Randall-Kellogg and her husband. Mrs. Randallis a fully-qualified M.D., who was prepared to leave <sup>(5)</sup> pital petients for a while that I might witness her <sup>(6)</sup> pital petients for a while that I might witness her <sup>(6)</sup> a fully mediumship, which consists of telekinesis and the "direct voice." The manifestations were very impressive, the "direct" voices singing quite as loud as the sitters and the gramophone. The music was kept time to by the invisibles playing tambourines, drums and a guitar magnificently.

Perhaps the most enjoyable period of my visit to New England was spent under the auspices of the Enfield (New Hampshire) Society for Psychical Research. I shall always remember the great kindness and pleasant companionship of Miss E. Barr and the Rev. Lyman Rollins. Both friends have been serionsly interested in mediumship from a scientific and religious standpoint, and wonderful have been their experiences. The outcome of them has been the founding of one of the most alive branches of the S.P.R. I lectured and demonstrated before the members of this organisation with great pleasure and success.

It was largely through their good offices that I received an invitation to lecture at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, one of the fluest and most exclusive colleges in the United States. Hundreds of students and professors filled the fine auditorium, and listened with rapt attention to my lecture on "The Phenomena of Materialisation," illustrated with lantern views of experiments conducted by leading orthodox scientists who have experimented in this phase of mediumistic phenomena. The questions that were asked after the lecture showed an intelligent and sympathetic grasp of the subject. A day or two later I received a letter from the Chairman, saying the lecture had caused a great stir, and was the centre of much discussion in the College. Well it might be, as a short time ago a census of the religious inclinations of the students was taken and it was discovered that unbelief was astoundingly. popular. It will do the youngsters no harm to discover that there is scientific evidence of human survival. doubt in future the subject will be less neglected, and that is a guarantee that many will be won to a reconsideration of their scepticism.

<sup>•</sup> A traveller naturally attends to the nature of the country through which he is fortunate to pass. I have been in more than twenty countries, temperate, tropical and subtropical, from far-off New Zealand in the Pacific Ocean to Sweden in the North of Europe, but I have never seen such lovely Autumnal tints as those which graced the countryside all the way through Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The Pilgrim Fathers had no cause to complain at being blown out of their course by adverse winds to the shores of New England, from a scenic point. Lovelier country it would be difficult to find anywhere in the world.

The return to the great metropolis of New York to work for two months under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Church, seemed quite prosaic after the excitement of "breaking new ground," but Spiritualism is itself so romantic as well as true that a Spiritualist lecturer and psychic need never be uninterested. This great city ought to be the stronghold of psychic science and its religious implications, but unfortunately it is not. There are doubtless natural reasons for this. It is certainly not owing to any lack of effort on the part of those who so gallantly keep the flag flying among this people of many tongues. No doubt this great admixture of the members of different nations has something to do with the slowness with which Spiritualism grows here. Different nationalities have different temperaments, and, of course, many different orthodox faiths prevail among them. Orthodoxy is always conservative, and the faithful are usually too nervous to investigate, anything unorthodox. Where there is no orthodox religion in New York, there is the great search after pleasure

and wealth. A more pleasure-loving city I have never seen.

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Notwithstanding all this, my meeting at the Hotel Astor, under the auspices of The Spiritual and Ethical Society, was packed to standing, while two meetings held by the inimitable John Slater attracted immense audiences. The outlook is distinctly good.

One very good sign of genuine interest in our cause is the fine body of students that has enrolled in the series of lectures that I am giving on "Super-psychology and Mediumship," under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Church. Many members of the local branch of the Society for Psychical Research have subscribed, and make some of the most interesting members. There is no better method of making permanent recruits to the cause than to treat the subject serially in this way, explaining the facts of psychism and their relationship to our normal stream of consciousness and life, laying particular stress on how best to develop mediumship.

Considerable interest has been aroused in the forthcoming lecture and public demonstrations of spiritual and mental healing to be given by C. A. Burgess, S.H., of Chicago, and Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader. Both these famous workers are themselves excellent examples of the teaching they are so splendidly spreading, and much good is sure to follow their ministrations.

#### HARVEST TIME.

- THE harvest moon shines down upon the world, as does the love of God upon His children : it shines equally upon fields of corn or weeds, and favours neither gardens of sweet roses nor poppies of the opium heart; it sails serenely on, spreading its radiance over a shadowed earth beneath.

Life is much like a garden : some of us are flowers and some are weeds ; some of us like the grass, soothing to the tired eyes and feet of others; some may be likened to the hedges, safeguarding the "green pastures" of life; and others seem no more than the dust of the roads. How shall any of us judge of another's value ? For even the dust of the earth may hide within its make-up latent glory for a future day, and it is not for the flora of life to comprehend the mind or will of the "Gardener."

It is just as great to be a herb in the hedge, if a balm for human ills, as a rose giving of its exquisite scent and beauty, because soothing and healing are as much needed in human life as are powers to delight the senses.

The harvest of one's life is just what one can make of it: what one can raise within oneself and give of love and helpful appreciation. The power of realising and nourishing the good and great in our fellow creatures is one of the finest attributes of man.

"God loveth a cheerful giver," not only of harvest fruit and flowers, but of human love and friendship, for which it sometimes seems the world is starving.

Give the fairest flower of the human heart-gratitude-to God for life, with all its wonderful possibilities. As to your fellow-men, give a word of encouragement. even though your own feet feel clogged in clay ; give a smile to a jaded but aspiring soul, though perchance your own soul chafes against seemingly hopeless fetters ; lend a hand to a oripple, and loyal, loving heart's faith to every friend; and so lay upon the altar at harvest-time the fruits of the spirit of Christ in man, human pity-Divine Love.-S. FREAKLEY-BRITTAIN.

THE first anniversary of the founding of the Barnsbury Spiritual Church was celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 19th, by a social evening, at which tea and supper were There were 50 guests present at the tea. Mrs. served. Rogers gave a presidential address of welcome to the guests, who were afterwards entertained by a concert at which several well-known artistes took part. A very happy time was spent by all assembled, and the officers desire to record their appreciation and thanks to those who took part in the evening's activities:

# A Melody of Peace. By Ellen Moore.

WHO are the angel band who stand and wait for striking of the hour of silence? They are the hear angels, who stand on guard ready to open wide the gates of memory.

What is the mighty throng that is pulsating ing light and strength?

IT IS THE MIGHTY ARMY OF THE FALLEN, the sons, fathers, and brothers, and each has come to the banner of Light and Peace. The great ones of earth pass by :

#### THE CENOTAPH

is heavy with flowers, the gift of many hearts. Sile the hour strikes. The Angels of Light look down people of saddened memories. Once again do ther aloft

#### THE BANNER OF LIGHT.

Once more does the cry of the living men resound : "LET THERE BE PEACE,"

Let there be no more war.

And you who stand, lift up your eyes, lift up your bear and see with the eyes of vision this mighty army of lin men.

Death, glory, honour, all is theirs. Yet now l fight for peace.

Let your gift of love to them be cradled in peace

## Then and Now.

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#### By DAVID GERALD.

IT has all passed like a dream now, and only me incidents and such conjure up memories to those whole come out unscathed.

But then, O ! God, how different we all were. ped we went forth to kill, annihilate, joyous in the kill ledge that we were going to slaughter other men a coolly shoot other men in cold blood, with no such pers staring us in the face as guillotine or hangman's rope.

We were heroes who could take a machine gun sin handed or kill a dozen foes-and heroes if we died atten ing the same.

Hatred was screamed from the very house-tops, victory was shouted at every street corner. Then, light, regardless of the sacrifice entailed to all 1 fellow-men lay strewn, as ours did, lifeless, a grim specie of the so-called Brotherhood of Man.

With hell's how Religion-where was it then? let loose we lost any religious scruples we ever had-its way miserably under the test. Catholic, Protestant, Jew all wallowed together in this bloody onslaught the pious fought alongside the agnostic, each out to kill

Four odd years did it take mankind to learn the full of it all; and then only when thousands, ave million the world's bravest and fairest had paid the price, and pa through the gates of what some still call "death."

Man's heart and sympathy were his only religi those days. To hold a cup to the lips of the dying almost as ghastly a mockery as the Roman soldier pas up the vinegar-soaked sponge to the dying. Christ! even came to the surface then-when a poor mained gassed soldier spluttered in dying gasps "Mother.!."

O God ! let it be the prayer on all lips-the determ tion in all minds this Armistice-tide-to show our i for all those who did not live to learn the lesson, and ind honour may we ever shun war in all its forms. If we ferment something, let it be Brotherhood, stimulated their memory.

Let's live-and let live

Buy a " Elanders Poppy."

## Spiritualism and Its Critics.

DR. BALLARD VISITS THE WEST RIDING.

The high reputation so long borne by Dr. Frank Balit, the President of the Sheffield Society for Psychical search, both as a seeker after, and a fearless champion of, gious truth, att acted a good audience at the Mechanics' stitute, Bradford, on Monday, Oct. 21st, when he addresthe first meeting of the winter session arranged by the st Riding of Yorkshire Psychical Society on the subtof "Modern Spiritism and its Critics."

In fairness to Dr. Ballard's own views, any report must themention of the four heads of his introduction, although actually dealt with only two. The subject might be rided, he said, into (one) Psychical Research, concerned the facing of the facts undeniably abnormal, and the arch for their significance; (two) Spiritism, which on the soft he certainty of the facts asserted, as the only contion that covered the whole case, that they were caused the action of the spirits of the departed; (three) Spiritlan, the religion ensuing from Spiritism, and definitely intarian; and (four) Christian Spiritualism, which was health held by the lecturer himself, and had room for the I Gosepel of Jesus Christ.

Dealing with Psychical Research, Dr. Ballard told how himself had in 1882, assisted in the formation of the ety for Psychical Research, and reminded his audience the vast amount of time, thought and energy that had given to the subject by some of the keenest minds of past and present generations. He recommended two ks, " Phantasms of the Living," and, still more warmly, Thirty Years of Psychical Research," by Professor Richet. slatter was the most remarkable book he knew on these tions. Prof. Richet refused to accept the Spiritist epretation, but this was because he started with a preemipation. The actual occurrences Richet regarded proved up to the hilt. We, however, could not rest at stage that contented Richet. Our state of growth in a things demanded that we should " put away childish gs" and press on to the fullest satisfaction our minds ild grasp.

This eventually led to Spiritism, and under this head Ballard first dealt with the negative or critical aspect, viewing with much detail all the usual objections and is. 'The abuse from scientific quarters he stigmatised quite unworthy. Such scientists as those from whom bis abuse came did not live up to their high calling. They used for one reason only-they did not face the facts. be of the favourite sneers was "" the gullibility of the We ge man." We were concerned with men like Sir liver Lodge, Sir William Crookes, Conan Doyle, Marshall III, and scores of others belonging to minds exceptionally Very keenly trained. Conjurers had often claimed to aduce equal phenomena: Dr. Ballard had himself folred and accepted the invitation to be on the same platmand shake hands with a "ghost" raised by Maskelyne. whand was not that of a "ghost," but of a living woman. conjurer's effects were not equal, and moreover dended claborate machinery, for which Spiritism had no The famous conjurer, W. Goldstone, had told the were that Maskelyne, for all his public hostility, had consed to him his certainty that the Spiritist phenomena ere true.

It was often said that the occurrences at seances were ling, but the fact was that the "only man who despised the was a fool." Electricity was a very big thing, yet it sai in such a silly trifle as the twitching of a frog's hind a Again, people said that it was dangerous. The aggeration here was so tremendous that another word an exaggeration would seem to have to be coined. Such a weak and unworthy of our manhood.

Several other "criticisms" were also summarily deoblighed by Dr. Ballard, who then passed on to the positive sect of Spiritism. He maintained without the least fear blocks and unbiassed contradiction that the only explanation but the phenomena were produced by the action of blocked spirits. The continuity of human life after death al been absolutely proved. He further claimed that the

subject had an ever-increasing impression both upon the public mind and upon the churches; all of them, including even the Roman. Twenty-five years ago it would have been impossible for a speaker at a Church Conference to make the statements he had heard at one recently.

Much research, too, was being carried on quietly, without advertisement of any kind, of great value nonetheless, in private circles. All this was intensely gratifying. Spiritism had an unspeakable value, which no other branch of knowledge could supply, as a definite and final antidote to materialism, whether philosophical, as with the scientists, who claimed that the brain was the mind, or practical, as with the "man in the street," with his devotion to pictures, football, and gambling. It had perhaps a still greater value in teaching us more of our own wonderful selves.

There was no contradiction between Spiritism and genuine Christianity. To this latter Spiritism was a buttress to the wall. One of the greatest benefits would be in compelling the churches to revise their eschatology. It was said of the average man that he does not want to go to heaven, and fears to go to hell. Spiritism would infallibly make spirituality the great aim.

The chairman was Dr. J. B. Allan, who is Professor at Rawdon College, near Leeds. Dr. Allan, who is well known in Bradford, was cordially received, and in his opening remarks made it clear that he was convinced of the facts of Spiritualism. The lecture was well received by all.

## Remembrance Day.

ARRANGEMENTS for the various Spiritualistic Armistice celebrations are now nearing completion, and it is pleasing to note the growth in the number of local organisations' under whose auspices Services of Remembrance on Sunday morning, Nov. 10th, are being held.

The Marylebone Spiritualist Association has arranged to make the Royal Albert Hall, London, the venue of a mass meeting of Spiritualists in the morning, and the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 10th. At the morning service, which will commence at 10-45, wellknown speakers will address the meeting in the following order: The Rev.  $C_{\mu}$  Drayton Thomas, Eler Grace the Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, Mr. Hannen Swaffer, Mrs. Hewat McKenzie, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Miss Lind-af-Hageby. At the evening service at the Queen's Hall Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Mr. H. Ernest Hunt will be the speakers and Mrs. Estelle Roberts the clairvoyant.

The London District Council is organising an Armistice Service at the People's Palace, Mile End Road, on Nov. 10th, at 10-45 a.m. At this meeting Messrs. Hannen Swaffer, M. Barbanell and H. Boddington will speak under the chairmanship of Mr. F. Whitmarsh, President of the Council.

In Manchester Miss Florence Morse, Mr. E. W. Oaten and Mr. Middleton will address a meeting on Armistice Sunday morning at the Manchester Central Church, commencing at 10-45. Mr. P. S. Mills-Tanner will be the speaker at a special meeting of the Occult Research Society, London, on the same date and time, and other societies at which Remembrance Services will be held include Croydon National, Salford Central, Miles Platting Progressive, and Little Hford Christian Spiritualist Churches.

It is interesting to contrast the note of assurance in personal survival which usually characterises Spiritualistic meetings with those of other religious movements, and its presence at these special meetings should be helpful and refreshing to many who suffered physical losses in the LAST war.

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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY.

SEVERAL friends have in past years made donations to the Britten Memorial Fund in remembrance of dear ones who fell in the war, believing that by fostering an effort to encourage communion with the spirit world they will be adding something to the happiness of that world and this. The suggestion may be worth considering, and the Secretary is Mr. John Jackson, 30, Buxton Road, New Mills, near Stockport.

### Progress at Doncaster.

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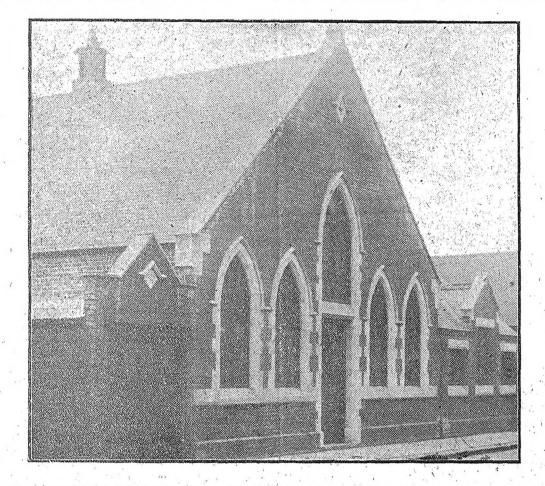
#### OPENING OF £2,500 CHURCH.

THE Doncaster Spiritualists' Society had a "field" day on Saturday, Oct. 12th, with the opening of their new church and schoolroom in Baker Street. The church has been erected by Messrs. Hemsworth Brothers, contractors, of Doncaster, from plans made out by Messrs. J. Simmons & Sons, architects, at a cost of £2,500.

Mr. C. Neal Porter, of Sheffield, an old and capable speaker, who has occupied the platform regularly from the first year of Spiritualism being introduced in Doncaster, suitably performed the opening ceremony and dedication, supported by the Lyceumists, members, and friends. Ockleford, and J. Davis. Recitations were rendered. Mrs. Bysouth.

Mr. Booth, who has been President of the Society nineteen years, in his opening remarks, said : "We have a been in lodgings over thirty years, and now we have a be of our own," and he impressively extended his arms to full, and with the words said "To all and sundry, we come home !"

Mr. Porter said he attended the first meeting. Doncaster 32 years ago in the old County Court at a Guildhall, and had recollections of visiting the Alexand Rooms in Netherall Road, the Temperance Hall in Sepulchre Gate, the Dolphin Chambers in Market Placed old schoolroom of Mr. Gibbons in Spring Gardens, a no in the King's Arcade, St. Sepulchre Gate, and in the beau



On one side of Mr. Porter stood a four years old Lycerimist "white" boy, Eric Matthews, who presented him with the key, and on his other side stood a natural "coloured" four years old Lyceumist boy, Geoffrey Smith, who presented a bouquet.

The Lyceumists in a body impressively sang "Open the Door for the Children," the last verse being sung while the children were entering the church.

The church has seating accommodation for 250 to 300, and the Sunday School will hold about 150 scholars. The schoolroom is divided from the church with a partition, which can be opened out to give at least 100 in the schoolroom full view of the church rostrum, thus enabling about 400, if needs be, to be comfortably seated with a clear view of the speaker, and the building is in the safe hands of the National Union Trustees.

The opening ceremony and dedication in the afternoon was attended by about 300 people, 200 of whom stayed for tea, and there were about 200 at the evening service. In the afternoon the chair was taken by the President (Mr. E. H. Booth), and the speakers were Mr. Porter, Mr. Oates, of Sheffield, Mrs. Langford, of Manchester, Mr. Ockleford (Secretary of the Lyceum), Mr. H. Stubbings (President and Conductor of the Lyceum), Mr. H. Stubbings (President and Conductor of the Lyceum), Mr. H. Stubbings (President and Conductor of the Lyceum), Mr. H. Stubbings (Mr. Bysouth (Secretary of the Society): The soloist was Mrs. Bysouth (Doncaster), and the accompanist Mr. Ward Casey, Mus. Bac. At the evening service the chairman was Mr. Booth, and the speakers were Messis. J. Oates, Levi Crowcroft, J. ful church they are now to occupy. He recalled the name of pioneer Drury, Messrs. Green, Button, Hopwood, and others.

Mr. Alfred Crowcroft, who has been secretary of the Society for 22 years, received quite a lengthy ovation, and in his maiden speech stated that the ambition of his life had been partly realised by the erection of such a splendid church, and he prayed for the day of full realisation of his ambition, which was to see it absolutely clear of debt.

It is to be regretted that there is a mortgage on the church and a portion of the equipment. At the moment every effort is being made to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of a new organ, and already £40 has been subscribed.

The Secretary (Mr. Alfred Crowcroft, Carltonville, St. Augustine Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster) will be pleased to hear from anyone impressed with the new enterprise, and will also gladly accept any financial encouragement.

THE SURVIVAL LEAGUE. The Council of the Sunvival League met on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, and elected an Execu tive Committee composed of the following : Mrs. Julia Cannan, Miss Estelle Stead, Messrs. Gow, Bradley, Whit marsh, Barbanell, and Jaquin. Having begun with a suc cessful meeting, the next business before the League is <sup>the</sup> work of consolidation.

#### Little Powder-in-the-Jam Tales.

AREN'T DOCTORS WONDERFUL?

By IVAN COOKE.

"THOSE<sup>1</sup>tonsils," said the doctor, "must come out, and dould have his adenoids removed at the same time, if yet you."

I glanced guiltily at my wife, she at me. Now, what laul results had we brought upon our innocent? How ical seemed the thought of such chubby cheeriness being scrated by the sweet sickliness of an anæsthetic, and m-the knife!

"He has been complaining about a pain in his side there, doctor," said my wife. "Nothing, of course ?" The doctor pursed his lips, explored, extracted a squeak in Hopeful, and gave a nod of satisfaction. "There's buble here," he said, "trouble here. This appendix must one out sooner or later. Perhaps it would be as well, all the tonsils are being removed——" He paused, an gectant eye upon us.

"Let me see, doctor," I said, trying to avoid Hope-"Is eye, which was seeking to resume a "winking" game esometimes played with much mututal satisfaction. "Let "see. You advise then the removal of tonsils, adenoids, with appendix at the same time ?"

"If he stands it well enough---if not, later."

"And you were telling me downstairs to have him sinated at once, in view of the recent smallpox scare !" "Most advisable, in my opinion."

"Then I confess, quite frankly, that I am puzzled. would seem, then, that Nature has provided my son with number of 'spares' which are not only useless, but posirely superfluous, and should be cut away as soon as posbe. Do I understand, then, that he would be actually effer WITHOUT such trimmings; that he will no more is them than an old trunk would miss discarded luggage hes?"

There was a roll in the doctor's voice as he answered at outed me. "I have advised you to the best of my blity, sir. I can do no more. A second opinion would, I asure, corroborate mine. Why, in my student days, we ad to remove the tonsils of a thousand children in a week. his fact alone will prove to you how necessary it is. Experite has proved that certain parts of the human body are werthous, and better removed."

But—but, doctor, is it wise, is it essential for his the being to squirt a lot of germs into his blood stream? Sub the danger actually greater than the risk of infection smallpox? Are you sure that you doctors know therethan Nature, and can improve on her?"

"Sir," answered the doctor, very shortly, very huffily, the tell you that for the last hundred years the whole pilation of these islands has been vaccinated, regularly, sistently, and without question; let me add that I well vaccinate several hundreds yearly. You speak of thre—Nature, my dear sir, is a fetish, a superstition, a why which we of the medical profession are rapidly improvtout of all recognition. Our handiwork, I assure you, better than Nature's."

Aren't doctors wonderful ?

THEN the forms of the departed

Enter at the open door';

The beloved, the true hearted,

Come to visit me once more.—LONGFELLOW. THE ARMISTICE DAY.—Many think only of those who fill in the Great War, yet how many have fallen during the value of life between the first Armistice Day and this last one. Thousands have passed the border since last the procession is going on, and since the first Armistice Day direction is going on, and since the first Armistice Day direction is held for them. Remember this vast army also, and offer prayers for them.—Truum BEARER.

## Spiritualism and Crime.

#### By GEORGE WARD.

Ir seems strange, while we in the movement sometimes get such conclusive evidence as to the help given by the spirit world in the elucidation of our material and domestic affairs, that well-paid and professional detectors of crime do not make more use of the help we know we get. The increasing number of undiscovered murderers is somewhat of a public scandal, when we know that the public purse is in no way stinted in the matter of expense in the pursuit of criminal inquiry. The spirit world does not, either, get its fair share of credit for the comparatively few discoveries that are made.

On a recent Saturday evening I noted an elderly man looking into my psychic bookshop window. I ventured to speak to him, and ask if he was interested in our movement. He replied, "Yes and no !" He " was not a Spiritualist, but had travelled so far, and (in seventy years) had learned so much about the world, that he would never deride any views, honestly held, that were contrary to those he had made his own." And (seated and smoking) he confided to me some of his wonderful detective experiences as a "thief-catcher." He is a canny Aberdonian, who joined the police force at 16, was sergeant at 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, and had been in the force ever since, now having a good knowledge of the Continent and America. His name is ex-Detective Inspector Fraser, and his long and varied experience gained him the position of personal attendant to General Sir Frances L., commanding the Home Division in the late world war.

Some of the experiences he volunteered in our friendly chat were strong evidence of the help he unwitting received from "the other side." I asked him jokingly, "My dear sir, tell me by what inductive or deductive processes of reasoning you get such remarkable results?" He replied that " he had no method, that was the uncanny part about it ! " He just had his orders from headquarters, gave himself up, mentally, to "the job," and then "waited." Waited for what, I asked? "That I cannot tell you," he replied, " for I don't myself understand what it is. I only know it comes to me, and when I start off in the direction of the impression given, I am then as sure of the end as I am at the finish of the job. I cannot explain it to anyone. I am just told what to do, in my head." One instance will offer proof of this outer guidance. Ex-Inspector Fraser was summoned from his home in S.E.23 to Headquarters, Scotland Yard. The nephew of a provincial Dean (a man about town) had passed a worthless cheque for a large amount. and could not be found. The "Yard " had searched, without result. A C.I.D. sergeant was offered as assistant, but Mr. Fraser was mentally impressed to demand the help of a Vine Street man. His assistance was retained by phone, and starting from Vine Street Station, with the name only of the "wanted" man, they passed along Piccadilly, till they reached a narrow street, only known by name to the superior officer. Something said "down here,' and, stopping half-way down under a lamp, "something" said "Go in, he's there !" They went into a club, showed their official cards, and at the end of the card room the " wanted " man rose to meet them. Within fifteen minutes of leaving Vine Street the officers and the "wanted" man were back in the police station. He does not understand, but "kens verra weel" he is led.

## CREMATION.

THESE was an indication of the consistent progress of c em.st.on in this country when, at the annual meeting of the Manchester Crematorium Ltd. the secretary reported that in the five years ended August 31st last the number of cremations had risen from 265 in 1925 to 436 in the last twelve months. The national statistics showed a similar advancement, the number of cremations for the twelver months ending June 30th being 4,195 as compared with 3,266 of the preceding year. Although there are now eighteen crematoria in this country, several additional ones are at the moment being contemplated.

## NEWSY NOTES.

#### THE DEATH PENALTY.

At last the work of the men who fought so consistently for the abolition of capital punishment shows signs of fruit, and we read with interest the decision of the House of Commons to appoint a Select Committee to inquire into the whole question. Mr. Brown, the Labour representative for Wolverhampton, who moved that the death penalty be abolished, pointed out that it should be the root of all punishment to be remedial, and not punitive. Capital punishment cannot hope to be remedial, but it is to the last degree punitive. We recall that in 1874 a Committee of the House voted for the abolition of the death penalty, and in 1886 a Royal Commission recommended similarly, and this new step gives us reason to hope that the day will not now be far distant when Capital Punishment will no longer slur the Statute Book. If Capital Punishment were necessary to protect the lives of peaceful citizens it would have unaimous support, but if not, as Sir Herbert Samuel has trenchantly stated, "it is a terrible thing for society in cold blood and by a legal process to put an 'end' to a human being's life." A man who smashes the windows of other people's homes does not have his own windows destroyed, nor does the thief have some of his own belongings stolen, as a means of punishment by law. Both are, rather, confined, and we should remember that in exercising the death penalty we are merely freeing the offender to a wider state instead of (as in the other cases) limiting the field of his activity, or, preferably, correcting the weakness which in many cases is either born through circumstances or inherited from another.

#### A SERIOUS "GAME."

Dr. Hugh Brown, LL.B., writing in the October " Hibbert Journal," exploits the theory that life is not, after all, a fight or struggle against evil, but a great game in which all must necessarily take part. Although to all outward appearances the world appears to be labouring under a continued state of war, science, he believes, has satisfactorily proven that behind all this strife is a stable background of law and order. "We find ourselves set down in a physical and social arena, whose outlines are well marked, the rules we have to observe are simple and defined, and we are supplied by nature with certain objects of action, which in practice we readily accept, though we may philosophise about their validity when we have leisure," states Dr. Brown. If in our lives we comply with these conditions Dr. Brown submits that here and now we shall be rewarded with a profound joy altogether independent of either success or failure in the achievement of personal goals. "The world has the structure of a game, and, if accepted in the proper spirit, affords a sthetic joy." is the basis of his argument.

#### INVESTIGATION THE BEST TEST.

Hitherto the conceptions of life and the universe at large as either "artistic" or "one continued strife," have, it must be admitted, claimed much more philosophic consideration than Dr. Brown's hypothesis of one great dypainic "game." But it is perhaps true that the idea of a continued struggle lays too little stress on the universe's background of law and order, while, on the other hand, th artistic idea lays too much. The "game" conception appeas to be more moderate on this point, although it cannot claim to be conclusive, or indeed satisfactory in most other respects. Amongst its advantages the theory favours personal immortality; it insists upon free will, while at the same time making a wholesome contribution to morals. Dr. Brown regrets one great "disadvantage"-the conception has no room for the second head in the Trinity, but it is just here, perhaps, that the theory will best harmonise with the trend of modern thought. The theory is rather yague in its conception of good and evil and the process of creation. It is, however, at least ingenious, although we are inclined to question whether it reflects a genuine vision of reality.

#### DEFENDING THE HOME GOAL.

Another attack on the unseen has found publicity the "Sunday Graphic," and in a recent issue the Rev. Au Lee, M.A., writes under the alarming heading of "Hear Hell and Spiritualism." Mr. Lee says: "I cannot the that human beings, when released from the material, having set foot on another rung of eternal progress; going to return simply to say and do the fatuous the that are recorded of them. Ghosts that utter 'blooden ling yells' and throw stones at bungalow dwellers, J instance. And the things recorded of our Spiritualists a every bit as fatuous. I have scanned book after book vain for one really good remark from the other side. have searched for one single ennobling thought. Not idea have I come across that did not smell of the car earthy." We have heard it said that one rarely gets me out of any effort than one is willing to put into it, and pro ably here we may find the explanation for Mr. Lee's appa ent fruitless investigation, for few religions can claim pas ages of so high a spiritual nature as those recorded in son of the Spiritualistic literature. Their perusal will not of be found ennobling, but will also give a new stimulus toth quest for knowledge and further enlightenment-a stimul which, it is to be regretted, is sadly lacking in most of the ranks of modern Christian movements.

#### A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Rev. Austin Lee, continuing, says : "It would be foolish to ban Spiritualism as a whole. The modern work does not believe that any field of inquiry should be taken and I think the modern world right. Let the searching truth, then, go on, as in all other spheres, and all honouris given to those who are leading us away from superstiller and prejudice. But the search must not be in a darked room. It must be able to stand the searchlight of ream. Some day, perhaps, I shall know why people come L through luminous trumpets, throw brickbats, and the ghosts find it necessary to worry-respectable country dags men. I shall be interested to know." We are reminded the words of Christ, the great Spiritualist, in reading Mr. Lee's latter remarks. He once stated that "they that at whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," and perhaps there Mr. Lee may find the answer to his last que tion. We are not sure whether we have caught Mr. Leen a lighter vein or not, for his position in regard to Spiritual ism is suspiciously unstable. We wonder if Mr. Lee really serious in making these remarks, or whether he is merely endeavouring to "defend the home goal."

#### A CLERIC ON HEAVEN.

It is quite common to hear Spiritualists criticised because of their determination to inquire into the nature of the next state of existence, but Sir Genille Cave-Brown Cave, Vicar of Londesborough, must have occasioned his readers no little surprise when in "Reynolds'" recently h went a step further, and embarked upon an elaborate dea cription of Heaven. "I assisted a celebrated divine, the head of a large theological college in America, to work oil the size of the Great City described by St. John in the Boo of Revelation, and thus secured some concrete impression of what we may expect Heaven to be like." . He said "Now, according to these calculations, we have very definite information. The walls are each 1,500 miles long and 240 fect high, and in each wall there are three gates, made on pearl and guarded by angels. In all there are 3,000 streets, crossing each other at right angles. One mile is allowed to each block, and so from the centre street to any of the walk. there are 750 blocks. Perhaps the buildings themselves will seem most wonderful. These are all 1,500 miles high and have 392,000 floors. In all there are some 27,320,832,000 rooms, each 20ft. by 20ft."

#### THE MAN TO ASK.

Truly, as the Bible says, this would be "many mansions." We hardly think, however, that Sir Genille's description of Heaven will stand much investigation; certainly it will find little support amongst reasoning, thinking people. It amounts to nothing more nor less than a glorified card.

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Tis very questionable whether such a phase of existfould appease the vivid imagination of the revivalist, at the same time, the hardened outlook of any same ter. 'But, when all is said and done, has not Sir Genone a step too far? . We are not yet far enough along whi've life to build up thought-forms of an ultimate and dexistence, even if such a moustrous state could be mid possible. So far as the Spiritualist is concerned, reed not look to those more distant scenes : he has taken step across the border, and finding thus something of nature of the NEXT existence, has found also, like the mist of old, one step at a time sufficient. Let Sir Genille be beyond the veil by all means, but let him also keep in the bounds of reason, for by such he cannot fail to ise that, so far as the next world is concerned, the Bible, over truthful it may claim to be, must give way to the requalified pronouncements of the man who has stepped tophysical garments and made that world his bome.

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#### THE AMERICAN CONVENTION.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the National visualist Association of the United States of America is held during the week Oct. 15th to 19th, at Boston, is, when the headquarters were established at Boston's est hotel.

On the first day of the Convention more than 1,000 sple assembled at the Hotel Statler to hear the Vicemident (Mr. Thomas Grimshaw) expound the Spiritualte philosophy. The President (Mr. Joseph P. Whitwell) and as chairman at the meeting.

A feature of the Convention was a typical "Margery" ance, at which the President and several associates were cent. Propaganda meetings were frequently held, and approceedings were regarded by all the delegates present highly successful.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Frank keph, pastor of Logan Square Church of the Spirit, heago, Ill., treasurer; Mr. F. W. Constantine, of Buffalo, Mr., having resigned that position. John Wesley Norrice, of Roxbury, Mass., was elected to fill the unexpired an of Dr. J. S. Maxwell. President, J. P. Whitwell, of Paul, Minn.; vice-president, Thos. Grimshaw, of Whitener, Wis., and Judge F. E. Stivers, of Los Angeles, Cal., mere-elected for three years.

It was decided to make Detroit the venue of the next wivention.

#### "PERSONAL "RESPONSIBILITY."

Ax interesting evening was spent at the meeting of the dondon District Council Discussion Group on Oct. 14th, then the Rev. Geo. Ward opened discussion of the above abject.

The speaker opposed the doctrine of "Determinism"-that our actions are pre-ordained--on the ground that hereby our free will would be a myth, but agreed that heredity and environment were factors of great influence four lives. The discussion was very keen, and elicited plats, such as that free will was restricted to one's ability to hard, or accelerate rates of progress; that culpable ignornee is not an excuse for error, although responsibility and be applied to unconscious wrong doing. The influace of discarnate spirits was also a reckonable factor.

On Oct. 21st the discussion of "Spirit Teachings" as resumed, chapters dealing with mediumship occupying the attention of the meeting. The difficulty of finding a uedium with the necessary qualifications of unselfishness and unworldliness, etc., through which the higher messages hav be given was emphasised, the requirements being of a try elevated order. Selfishness and arrogance were given with most antagonistic forces to mediumship, and a toluded life as the most fayourable.

It was suggested during the discussion that in physical Menomena less advanced spirits were involved, possibly discred by higher intelligences, in the actual production but it was stressed in contradiction that, although more abundant in the past, it did not follow that thought of that time was less involved. Many dissentient views followed, the main point being that as there are most probably specialists in the spirit life as in this, it was inconceivable they should be unable to perform the same work as any less progressed spirits.

#### THE SURVIVAL OF, MAN.

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MR. CHAPMAN COMEN, the éminent Freethinker, and Mr. Shaw Desmond, the well-known Irish novelist and Spiritualist, debated on the question "Does Man Survive Death?" at the Caxton Eall, Westminster, on Friday evening, Oct. 25th. The hall was filled to overflowing, and both speakers were followed with rapt attention throughout the whole of the debate.

Mr. Shaw Desmond noticeably confined his arguments to Spiritualism, and spoke fluently and convincingly on the subject. Says "The Freethinker": "Both disputants were thoroughly in earnest, and were more concerned at getting at the truth than scoring debating points. The scientific precision of Mr. Cohen's mind worked out often in the bantering vein which did not conceal its fine reasoning, while Mr. Desmond could have gone on all night retailing with gusto 'psychic' facts utterly unexplainable except as from ghosts or spirits."

Mr. Cohen spoke along the lines that life after death was an absurdity, although he failed to meet satisfactorily those cases cited by his opponent.

Dr. Bernard Hollander ably presided.

#### BRADFORD DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

THE monthly meeting was held at the Old Robin Rooms, Cleckheaton, the President (Mr. Nixon) in the chair. Twelve churches were represented by sixteen delegates, six associate members, and three officers. The opening exercises helped to create a feeling of harmony. Mrs. Woodcock gave a homely welcome to the conference, Mr. Nixon giving thanks on behalf of the members of the committee. Minutes and correspondence were read and quickly disposed of. The Y.D.C. report was given, also a report of the rally, tea and diploma presentation. Two associate members were confirmed and two were nominated for next month. The committee heard with regret of the passing on of two old workers. In the evening a propaganda meeting was held, Mr. Nixon being in the chair. Mrs. Harrison spoke on "Prayer, the soul's sincere desire," and Mrs. Ledgard on "Spiritualism as a religion." Mrs. Farrow was the clairvoyant. Mr. Nixon gave thanks to the workers of Cleckheaton for the day's entertainment.

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#### Buy a "Flanders Poppy."

ON IMMORTANTY .- "For an examination of the ovidences of the soul's immortality and eternal progression I will state three conclusions that lead legitimately to more sublime and desirable ones. We are immortal because (1) Nature was made to develop the human body. (2) The, human body was made to develop the human spirit. (3) Every spirit is organised unlike any other spirit, to maintain its individuality throughout eternal spheres. Every human spirit possesses within itself an eternal affinity of parts and powers, than which allinity there exists nothing superior in power and attraction to disorganise or annihilate. Let tranquillity reign throughout the chambers of the dying; when the body is cold and the immortal soul is gone, then calmly rejoice, sweetly sing, and be exceeding glad; for when a body dies on earth a soul is born in heaven; When the hour of death arrives, the chamber of the departed will not resound with sighs and lamentations, it will. echo to the soothing strains of sweet and solemn music, and there will be, not mournful wordy prayers or tearful discourses, but a quiet and holy passover."-ANDREW JACK-SON DAVIS.

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## The Armistice.

#### TWO MINUTES' COMMUNION IN SPIRIT.

On Monday next the nation will hold itself in silence for two minutes in memory of our kinsmen who fell in the great war. Gradually the animosities which were fostered by the gigantic struggle arc dying down, and there are doubtless many thousands who will remember that the pride of many nations were cut short in the fullness of life, and that in every country which was involved in the catastrophe, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, and countless hosts of friends, will turn their attention for a few moments from the occupations of earth, and let their minds dwell for a few short moments upon those whom they loved and have apparently lost.

We deeply pity the hopelessness of those to whom the great army of the dead are but a sad memory of the past. We sympathise with the spiritual poverty, too, of those who have nothing but a nebulous hope that some time in the future they will meet again. To many of us it has been forced home as a gigantic truth that the real life-the life worth the having, the life which makes our strivings worth while-is the life which exists beyond the limitations of a physical existence. Sir Oliver/ Lodge, speaking at the Reformed Jewish Synagogue on Sunday last, said : "How we came to be associated with matter at all puzzles me, but some of our life appears to be crystallised upon this planet. It is a temporary arrangement, and we shall find that our real home is elsewhere. We are only here for a time : the object being, as far as we can see, to develop a personality. an individuality to isolate us from the rest of the universe. Incarnated in matter, we are cut off from intercourse with the great universe to which we really belong."

Spiritualists in particular are able to realise just what this means, for they have communed in actual fact with those who have found liberation from the thraldom of physical things, with those who have entered into the life abundant. The fuller scope of life is theirs, whilst ours is a disjointed truncated existence. We are in the same position as the toddling child just learning to walk, whose range of action is limited to the room in which it happens to be placed under the watchful eye of its parent. It is not allowed to climb the stairs or enter into the freedom of the great city. Such freedom would not be safe until it had learned to walk. Death merely shatters the house in which we are confined, and leaves us the great universe in which to continue our development. Since, however, love and memory survive, the lives of those who have passed behind the veil are incomplete without us. It cannot be too often insisted that communion with us is as great a source of pleasure and satisfaction to them as to those whom they have left behind. It is unthinkable that the lads whose bodies were left on the stricken fields of Flanders, and who have escaped into the larger life, can have forgotten mothers, brothers, sisters, wives and children who are still left to struggle with the handleap of physical things. They would be less than, human if they could forget, and just as they fought for their own homes and firesides, so will they be struggling now to help, assist, guide and inspire those they still love. How foolish is the attitude of those would put them to rest in their graves; would shuft off from the joy of those human fellowships which were mainspring of their action; from love of their homs friends.

During this week-end the thoughts of millions of pa will be directed to those who found life through the ave of death, and who from their higher vantage-point are striving to influence the lives of those they left behind, are sometimes told that the losses of the war heightened interest in Spiritualism, owing to the fact that the berg were seeking tidings of those whom they had lost. The another side to the picture. The intense interest in Su ualism since the war is quite as much due to the acti of those who passed over by the processes of the war cannot have a million men, young, active and vigo passing out into the larger life of the spirit world, and che ing loving thoughts and memories of those they left be without those millions influencing those who still rem We have spoken to hundreds of people who are not Smi ualists, who have never attended a seance in their lives have had no whisper through the veil, but who haven in their own homes that their loved ones were at theirs and the sense of that presence has comforted and sin thened and helped them. The Spiritualist has gone as further. He has not only sensed the presence. He, tried to respond to it, and to open avenues of commune tion, that the unspoken word may become the spoken we that the hint of the nearness of the beloved may become accomplished and evidenced fact.

& On this coming Armistice Day, then, let us not me dwell in the chambers of memory. The war is over, and its lessons have been well and truly learned, then the quite its incidents are forgotten, the better; but those while on the stricken fields are not memories. They are real at living presences with a work to do, a mesage to tell in an impetus to give to those who are left behind, and we the two minutes' silence not merely as an opportunity offer thanks for the past, but as a means to cement the gu ing unity between the spirit world and this. After a those who have left us have but taken a journey who sometime we all must face. We shall each presently end the land where old bonds will be re-united, old friendsing reconsecrated, and old companionships re-established. men only understood the real facts of spiritual life, the fact that we are all spirits here and now, and consequently of if we will obtain some personal contact with the spirit world there is no reason why death should sever any friendson or cause any hiatus in our companionships. The so-calle dead are the only people who are really living. We are but sojourners in a forcign country. Our real home is the spiritual worlds, "I go to prepare a place for you," sal the Master, "and if I go I will come again and receive ! unto myself." Such a statement may well be made every soul who passes from this world into the next : in the silent hour they come again. Spirit speaks to spin hands are joined across the gulf of death. They but away us on the further shore, and many of them will refuse have definitely refused-to take one step forward un they are joined by their own best beloved. We call relate hundreds of cases in which messages have come across from the farther shore which insisted that the loved was waiting for wife or husband, or child or parent, below complete happiness could come into their lives.

Whether we will or not, we are parts of one another. Whether we exist on the hither or the yonder side of an Valley of Death, we are all parts of the one great human family, and our destiny is to live and labour together in the fulfilment of God's eternal laws. The Spiritualist is the man who recognises this fact, and is putting it into practical effect. AIMISTICE DAY affords us a unique opportunity of uniting in thought with the deathless anny of human souls who have crossed the border before us. Let us thank them for all they did. Let us pladge ourselve to continue the effort for human upliff, in the hope of which they sacrificed physical existence, and in the juyous suf-

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The S.N.U. AT BRIGHTON. The quarterly meetings of the Council of the S.N.U. were held at Brighton on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26th and 27th, the attendance of councillors being

somewhat restricted owing to distance. Mr. Ernest Keeling presided over the proceedings in the commodious church premises at Mighell Street. Business commenced at 10-30 am. and continued until 9-30 p.m., and on Sunday from 4:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Brighton Church excelled itself in the welcome and hospitality it extended to the members of the Council. Mr. H. T. Everett offered a cordial welcome, and at the close of the visit Mr. Keeling expressed the gratitude of the councillors to the church, and especially the ladies who had catered and entertained. An enthusiastic meeting was held on Sunday evening, which was addressed by Messrs. M. Barbanell and E. W. Oaten. The church was crowded, and extra seating had to be provided for the enthusiastic audience. The collections were generously devoted to the funds of the Union. Though the visit meant all-night journeys for several of the Council, the loyalty and inthusiasm of the Brighton friends was considered a rich www.

Sir Oliver Lodge on Personal Timortality, WE listened with pleasure to Sir Oliver Lodge's broadcast talk on Saturday. Nov. 2nd, one of a series which have been delivered by popular men. It was a brave "straight from the shoulder" talk. Sir

Oliver pointed out that if immortality safact, it was not a fact concerning the race in its material sense, since cosmic processes must surely put an end to the possibility of life on this planet at some time in the future, but he insisted on the immortality of the individual. Personality survives death, and he believes goes on surviving. The immortal principle in man is a non-physical thing. While the biologist insists that nature is careless of the individual, but careful for the race. Sir Oliver would seem to claim that the object of racial existence is to give rise to idividual units, and though these seem to be cut off at death, they actually survive eternally. Sir Oliver pointed out that the chief purpose of evolution seemed to be to cuable us to live together, to work together in mutual cooperative bonds. For this reason, war-which he claimed was a "damned dirty business"--must give place to someling better-mutual protection and mutual companion-Sir Oliver's talk was a fine piece of optimism, based upon observed facts in the experience of himself and others, and we are glad to hear that it is to be published in "The listener;"

ANOTHER OLERICAL CHITIC. IN a recent issue of the "Sunday Graphic" the Rev. Austin Lee offered some criticisms concerning Spiritualism, and though these were more free than usual from offensive remarks, they showed a lack

LEP'S GET To FACTS. MR. AUSTIN LEE, we fear, has done very little "scanning of books" if he has failed to find one real good remark from the other side. Wild exaggerations of this

<sup>kind</sup> are of little value, and tend to defeat themselves. We wild recommend the Rev. Austin Lee to take a course of <sup>A</sup>, J. Davis, and compare it with his own teachings. Whilst <sup>being</sup> trained in the Sunday School of his particular church,

we were taught that every child was "born in sin, shapen in iniquity"; that all man's righteousness was "as filthy rags," and that the only quality that could be attached to him was through the vicarious spiritual qualities of another. Even Mr. Lee's own church has had to abandon such a doctrine in practice, if not in theory, and has had to accept instead the principle laid down in the statement of Spiritualism's first medium, Andrew Jackson Davis, "The child, is the repository of infinite possibilities." That principle, new to religion eighty years ago, has gradually permeated the whole of our educational and religious systems; and as a result of the altered policy the major portion of the activities of the nation to-day are being devoted to drawing out the potential qualities of the child. Though the statement is but one of many hundreds of similar striking sentences which occur in the spirit teaching given through Andrew Jackson Davis, it cannot be denied that since Spiritualism came into the world the majority of the basic creeds and dogmas of Mr. Lee's church have had to be abandoned, and in substitution therefor the Church is adopting the teaching of the spirits. Facts speak for themselves, and all the hot air contributed to popular newspaper does not alter them.

#### UNINFORMED CRITICISM AGAIN.

The Spiritualists of Doneaster have opened a new church, and as a result there has been the usual uninformed attacks from the local pulpits. The Rev. L. E. Soul, preaching at the Baptist

Church, claimed that there was an alternative explanation of the psychic phenomena which he considered ought to be more widely known. We were rather anxious to know what this new explanation was; to our surprise our well-worn and threadbare friends, telepathy and sub-consciousness, were trotted out. We had thought that these hardy annuals had found their true level, but Mr. Soal seems to imagine that they are new. He is only fifty years behind the times. He claims that the explanation of spirit photographs is that they are simply photographs of what is known as ectoplasm, produced from the body of the medium. Responsible Spiritualists were the first to assert that fact. But an ordinary photograph is merely an effect produced by light on certain chemical salts, but that does not explain the taking of the photograph. Who prepares the plate? Who acts as Who develops the film? It is the entity who is sitter? active behind the process that matters. Every psychic investigator knows quite well and has known for forty years that there is a material and mediumistic element involved in all psychic phenomena. You cannot explain a message over the telephone by suggesting that it is done by the wires. Mr. Soal talked of the deteriorising effects on the mediums themselves, and the fact that in some cases the incentive to dabble in psychic phenomena comes from a desire for money. We suppose that cannot apply to the pulpit? To say that, what is missing in Spiritualism is a challenge of service for God is, we fear, a display of ignorance of the facts, since Spiritualists individually and collectively are doing their full share of the reformatory work necessary to turn the children of men into the children of God.

WHERE IS THE ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATION ? THE Rev. J. E. Reding also dealt with Spiritualism in his sermon at the Priory Church, Doncaster, and ventured to state that "Spiritualism is absolutely materialistic, and dominated by purely physical

processes, and that the phenomena of movements, sounds, voices, etc., will be traced ultimately to laws of personality of which we have at present little knowledge." We can only say that fifty years ago the Psychical Research Society, was definitely founded, and during all that time has been deliberately endeavouring to trace these "laws of which we have little knowledge, and to find an alternative hypothesis to the Spiritisitic one," but the farther their investigation goes, and the more surely their records are tabulated, the clearer it becomes that there is no alternative explanation to the phenomena of Spiritualism as a whole, than that discarnate spirits are producing the phenomena. May we suggest that both the Rev. L. E. Soal and the Rev. J. Et Reding will kindly give us some proof-capact from

psychic phenomena-that there is an after-life. We are not asking for sentimental appeals to our emotions. We are asking for concrete evidence. The Church for about 1,500 years has failed to produce such evidence, though the early Christian records are full of them. The fact appears to be that the Spiritualists of to-day are the only pcople in the world who are following the example of Christ and His Apostles by producing evidence of communion with the spiritual worlds.

### The British Mediums' Union.

The annual meeting was held at the Sharston Street Spiritualists' Society, Harpurhey, Manchester, on Saturday, Oct. 19th, at 4-30 p.m., Mr. James Tinker presiding. There was a fair attendance of members, and the meeting was opened by the singing of one verse of a hymn, followed by an invocation by Mr. Tinker. The President called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting; which were passed as read. In his address the President gave many interesting details, dwelling very largely- upon the suggested scheme of the National Fellowship of Mediums, also the closer co-operation between speakers and churches, and the loyalty of both to each other. He was heartily thanked for the strenuous work he had done on behalf of the Union during the year.

The Secretary reported upon the statistical side, setting forth what progress had been made in the Union's activities. The Treasurer gave his report on the financial side,

showing the stability of the organisation.

Both reports were accepted, and each speaker thanked for his services.

The auditors testified to the accuracy of the accounts, and outlined certain improvements which could be effected in the future.

The reports of the Lancashire District Council and the Manchester and District Group were given by Mr. J. Tinker and Mr. E. Shipley respectively. The S.N.U. Conference report was given by Mcssrs. Shipley and Bacon, being supported by Mr. Tinker, and accepted with thanks. The successof the propaganda work was outlined by Messus. Shipley and Ely, joint secretaries—of Mr. T. Lewis's seances, propaganda meetings at Railway Street, Radcliffe, also circle conducted by Mrs. Kelley, all of which were greatly appreciated.

Mr. Tinker spoke of the pleasure it gave to himself and all present in having Mrs. M. E. Adcock with them again. This was the first occasion since she met with her unfortunate accident. He trusted her recovery would be maintained.

A sumptuous tea was enjoyed by all present, and a good spirit of geniality was made manifest in the transaction of the business.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. James Tinker; vice-president, Mr. W. E. Bentley; secretary, Mr. F. W. Bacon; treasurer, Mr. W. Ridgway; council members, Mr. E. Shipley, Mr. R. Charnley, Mr. W. Tonge, Mrs. E. H. Rothwell, and Mrs. M. E. Adcock.

A vote of thanks was given to the Sharston Street Church for the kind hospitality.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual general meeting a suitable badge submitted to the members, embodying the sunflower and the B.M.U., to be worn by the members, was adopted, and the Secretary, was instructed to order them accordingly.

#### Buy a "Flanders Poppy,"

Orr may the spirits of the dead descend, To watch the silent slumbers of a friend; Or hover round his evening walk, unseen, And hold sweet converse on the dusky green. Off when he trims his cheerful hearth, and sees A smilling circle, emulous to please;

And bless the scene they loved in life so well.

ROGERS.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### BUDDHIST EARTHBOUND SPIRITS.

Sin,—In the carlier texts there are only four states, as, in Dhanimapada 126: "Some to a womb are born again Wrong-doers unto purgatory; to Paradise the pious go, the sinless to Nirvana." But in later texts a fifth state is added: the realm of ghosts (Pali, peto; Sanskrit, preta). Originally peto is a spirit simply, but it came to mean a suffering soul, a soul in purgatory, who can be helped out by our good deeds, done in his name. The purgatory in the verse above is really a terminable hell, whereas the preta-world is the realm of earthbound spirits.

The book about Pretas in the Pali Canon was not in the original collection, but appears to have been added in the island of Ceylon about the time of Christ. The tales therein are so much alike that they can be reduced to a formula: Brother X. meets a suffering soul and enquires the cause. The reply is avarice. This can be remedied by Brother X contributing liberally to the Buddhist Church in the name of the ghost, transferring the merit to the latter, all A similar book was translated into Chinese about A.D. 300, and made a great stir in Buddhist circles in China. It is high time that this book was translated, for it is some three centuries older than the oldest Catholic purgatory stories, which began with Gregory the Great, who died in A.D. 604.

The Pali book, Peta Vatthu, has been translated by Henry S. Gehman, of Princeton University, but so dense is the ignorance of our publishers that it has never appeared in book form. One section appeared in a Philadelphia sectarian magazine, and others in an extinct periodical in Ceylon, but the whole has never seen the light.

Let me warn all students of the Buddhist Scriptures in Pali that critical knowledge is in its infancy. One of the great safeguards to an ancient text is the oldest translation thereof. Now the oldest extant version of the Buddhis Scriptures is in Chinese, and until that version has been compared with the Pali, all our statements must be made with risk. For instance, I said that, in the oldest texts, then were four states of the soul, not five. A Pali scholar could reply: "But the preta-world is in the Iti-Vuttaka." Where to I retort: "Yes: in a section of that book which does not exist in the Chinese version of A.D. 650."

A. J. EDMUNDS.

#### SPIRITUALISM AND REINCARNATION.

SIR,—Mr. John Monger's interpretation of the Scriptural passages he refers to is at fault. In Matt. xi. 13-15 Jesus explains that John as a prophet (psychic medium) was preaching under control of the spirit of Elias: "And if ye will receive it, that is Elias which was for to come" and speak through John.

Likewise, in chap. xvii. after being present at the materialisation of Moses and Elias, Jesus replied to an enquiry concerning the coming of Elias: "But I say unto you that Elias is come already, and they knew him not." And the text then states that "Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist." Both texts refer to the control of John by the spirit of Elias, and have no concern with reincarnation.

As to John ix., how could the curing of a man blind from birth have any bearing on reincarnation? Was be a reincarnated Homer, or whom? The Master said "Neither hath this man sinned, nor hath his parents." If then the man.was sinless, what need would there be for his re-hirth into earth life? It is only sinners who, according to reincarnationists, have to come back and complete their. Karma. Besides, the man was cured, and that was contrary to the immutable law of Karma, under which every person must work out his or her own salvation from fur ther earth lives.

The healing, materialisations, and references to spirit control in these passages are pure Spiritualistic phenomena and processes. They have no connection with the theory of reincarnation, and there is nothing in the Bible that sustains a belief in it. H. T. WHORLOW.

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## TRANSITION OF MRS. WARD (WHITWOOD).

We regret to announce the transion which took place on Sept. 30th, WHydesville," Lumley Street. Whitrood, of one of the old workers in the person of Mrs. Ward, in her 68th year. was perhaps better known to the neration of Spiritualists of 30 to 40 ars ago. Previous to her becoming a pritualist she was a Wesleyan, afterids a Salvationist, and through the and a start anomale, and among the accuragement of Mr. Ward she he-ame a member of the Rothwell Spirit-Castleford as members and workers The church. Mrs. Ward developed nince mediumship, and travelled the country week after week for 35 years, will last year she had to cancel all her regagements owing to failing health. The interment took place at Whitwood Remetery on Oct. 3rd, the service being goducted by Mr. Rothery, of Nor-anton. The choir of the Castleford fingel sang at the house and church When the Leaves Shall Fall and When the Leaves Shall Fall and Wher, "Come, Gentle Spirits," and ab Truly Death is Not the Fnd." When the Wither," "C d, Leeds (Psycho.), Normanton Queen Street and Walson Street), Hull ad Wakefield. Our sympathies are stended to the bereaved in their phycal loss.

#### PROPAGANDA AT BRISTOL.

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The first-public propaganda meeting the winter session, organised by the bistol (National) Spiritualists' Town opaganda Committee, was held at Co-operative Hall on Saturday Oct. 26th, when the hall was wining, led to its utmost capacity, not a spare at being available.

Mr W. Northam (President of Mr. F. W. Northam (President of Bistol Universal Society) occupied the mir, and introduced Mr. James Woodid, of Cardiff, who gave an excellent diress on the history of Spiritualism ch we live.

Questions were invited, and were suitactorily dealt with by Mr. Wood-

Mr. B. Prince, of Shrewsbury, folwed with clairvoyant delineations, of which were "placed." This was "Prince's first visit to Bristol.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. E. diction seconded votes of thanks to the speaker and clairvoyant, and also mounced particulars of a further setting to be held at Bedminster on standay, Nov. 23rd, when Mr. W. H. Laries will be the chairman, Mr. J. Wolland speaker, and Mr. F. W. Sotham clairvoyant.

Handbills were distributed to the dience advertising church services, nd the meeting was of marked proganda value.

## 14-WOOLWICH : VILLAS ROAD.

very successful social and sale of was held on Monday, Oct. 21st, e Perseverance Hall. The sale the Perseverance Hall. pened at 3 p.m., and there was an cellent display of hand-made em-Mary, fancy goods, provisions, etc., Wey, Mrs. Mote and Mrs. Prince w bie mediums in attendance, and S Biggott and her orchestra fea-ed prominently in the social pro-

## THE TWO WORLD'S BRISTOL : GROSVENOR ROAD.

Ox Sunday, Oct. 27th, a very pleasing incident took place in the above church. Mr. Alan Williams, the son of Williams, one of the best workers Mrs. in the church, presented a beautiful brass cross for our altar. Our Secretary (Mrs. Hoskins) read a letter from Mr. Williams. Our President (Mr. Bowen) dedicated the cross to the glory of God. The speaker and clairvoyant was Mr. Prince, of Shrewsbury. The church was crowded, many being unable to gain admittance.

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## LONDON : FOREST HILL.

ON Sunday, Oct. 20th, a naming ceremony took place at the Lyceum session. Over 90 Lyceumists and friends were present, and many brought Howers. The baby was the daughter of Howers. The baby was the daughter of Mr. and Mis. George Wadey, and the eremony was performed by the life President (sir. A. E. Payne). All pre-sent felt undiffed by the address, and the bayy of flavors gave a very bright and happy feeling to the meeting. The of spirit children was very presence pronounced.

## SOCIETY ADVERTISEMENTS. Manchester Society of Spiritualists, 38. MASKET, STREET. SATURDAY, NOV. 911, at 7-30. DANCE. NEMO FIVE BAND. 1/3 inclusive. SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 10-30, LYCECM. 3 and 6-30, MR. TINKER. AtMONDAY, at 8, Miss Scott. TUESDAY, WHIST DRIVE. Admission 6d. WEDNESDAY, at 3 and 8, MISS GOODWIN SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH. MISS WALLWORK Manchester Contral Spiritualist Church, 5, PARSONAGE, BLACKFRIARS STREET SUNDAY, NOV. 10rH, at 10-45, ARMISTICE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. At 3, OPEN PUBLIC CHRCLE. At 5. OPEN FUSICIO CHRELE. At 6.30, MISS F. MORSE. MONDAY, at 8, MISS 'F. MORSE, Clairvoyance. WEDNESDAY, at 8, MR. P. J. WALL, "Reincarnation."

Questions and Discussion Invited. SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. JESSY . Greenwood, J.P.

**Collyhurst National Spiritualist Church** 

Collyhurst St., Manchester.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 10-30, LYCEUM At 3. OPEN CHRCLE. At 3. OPEN CHRCLE. At 6-30 and 8-15, MRS. JACKSON. MONDAY, at 3 and 8. MRS. BENSON. WEDNESDAY, at 3 and 8. SERVICE. SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, ROLL OF HONOUR

Longsight National Spiritualist Society SHEPLEY STREET (opposite Pit Entrance, King's Theatre).

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 2-30, LYCEUM. At 6-45 and 8, MISS RICHARDSON: Monday, at 8, Open Chrole for HEALING and CLAIRVOYANCE.

TUESDAY, at S, MR. J. SMITH. THURSDAY, at S, MRS. PITT. SATURDAY, at S, OPEN CHRCLE. SUNDAY, NOV. 17, MRS. WOOLFENDEN.

Moss Side Progressive Lyceum Church 1, BUCRINGHAM STREET (64A, GT., WESTERN ST.), Moss SIDE.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 2-30, LYCEUM. At 6-30 and 8-15, MRS. O'KEEF, of Liverpool.

MONDAY, at 10-30 and 3, SERVICES OF REMEMBRANCE, MISS JESSIE RENTON. TUESDAY, at 3, OPEN CIROLE. THURSDAY, at 3 and 8, MRS. BURTON WOOD:

SUNDAY, Nov. 17TH, at 3 and 6-30, MR. R. P. BOSTOCK, Dipl. S.N.U.

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Miles Platting Progressive Spiritualist Church, COGLAN STREET, LODGE STREET.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Speakers : MESSIS, MUDD AND WHITELEGG, At 6-30, Subject, "What Think Ye of Christ?

At 8, FLOWER SERVICE. Vocal Items. Silver Collection. MONDAY, at 3 and 8, Mus. DONERTY.

WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 8, PUBLL: CIRCLES.

THURSDAY, at 3 and 8. Mrs. BRETWELL, SUNDAY, NOV. 17th, Miss GOODWIN,

Moston Spiritualist Church and Lyceum CHURCH LANE, MOSTON.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1074, at 10-30, LYCEUM At 3, OPEN CIRCLE, At 5-30, Mr. WALTON and Mrs. COOKSON.

WEONESDAY, at S. MR. DOREA.

New Manchester Lyceum Church, BRUNSWICK STREET, C.-On-M.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10ra. at 10-30 and 2-30, LYCEUM.

Ar, NOV. At 6:30 and 2, SCEUM. At 6:30 and 8, Mus. A. SHAW. MONDAY, at 3, MRS. PIFT. At 8, OPEN CIRCLE.

TUESDAY, at S. MRS. CROMPTON. WEDNESDAY, at S, MEMBERS' CLASS. THURSDAY, at 3 and S, MRS. GERSHON. SATURDAY, at 8. OPEN CHECKE.

Pendleton Spiritualist Church, 94, HIGHFIELD CHAMBERS, BROAD ST.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-30, MR. RICHARDSON (Notts.). MONDAY, at 3, OPEN CURCLE. At 8, MRS. DAVIES. WEDNESDAY, at 3, MRS. GRANGE. 'At 7-30, HEALING CIRCLE. At 8-30, MEMBERS' DEVELOPING CIRCLE THUESDAY at 8 MES SAVDING OF

THURSDAY, at 8, MISS SANDIFORD. FRIDAY, at 8, OPEN CIRCLE, MRS. WOOLFENDEN. LYCEUM every SUNDAY at 2-30.

Salford Central Spiritualist Church, ST. PHILIP'S PLACE, CHAPEL STREET,

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 10-30, SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, MRS. SPENCER At 2, LYCEUM.

At 3-15, CIRCLE, MR. BOLD. At 6-30 and S. Miss BROMLEY.

MONDAY, 3 and 8, MRS. SMETHURST. TUESDAY, at S. CIRCLE, MR. MORRIS. WEDNESDAY, at 3 and 8, MR. MAYHEW." SUNDAY, NOV. 17, MRS. SHEARSMITH. Every SATURDAY, at 7-30, SOCIAL. 1s., Refreshments included.

Bournemouth Spiritualist Mission, CHARMINSTER RD. (Opposite Richmond: Wood Road), BOURNEMOUTH.

SUNDAYS, at 11 and 6-30, ADDRESS and CLARVOYANCE. TUESDAYS at 7-30 & THURSDAYS at 3, CLARVOYANCE and SPIRIT MESSAGES THURSDAYS, at 7-30, ADDRESS and CLAIRVOYANCE.

Local Clairvoyant : MRS. W. G. HAYTER

Bournemouth Spiritualist Church, (Affiliated to the S.N.U.) 16, BATH ROAD.

Resident Minister, MR. FRANK T. BLAKE

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 and 6-30. TUESDAY, at 8, PHENOMENA. THURSDAY, at 3, PHENOMENA. At 8, EDUCATIVE LECTURE and

Discussion. FRIDAY, at 6, HEALING. Guild in at tendance to give treatment to sufferein

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SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11-15 and 7, MRS. CROXFORD,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11 and 7-30, MRS. ETHEL THOMPSON.	Distance of Dame
Monday, at 8, Healing Circle. Thursday, at 8, Address and	THURSDAY, at 3, MEMBERS ONLY. At 6-30. for Public, Mrs. N. MELLOY	MR. C. J. STOCKWEL
CLAIRVOYANCE. Brighton Spiritualist Church, MIGHELL STREET HALL.	Barking Christian Spiritualist Church MUNICIPAL RESTAURANT, EAST ST., BARKING.	FRIDAY, NOV. 15TH, As A Sunday, Nov. 17TH, MR. BOOL Open Chrothe follows Sunday's
SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 11-15 and 7, Ma. A. G. NEWTON,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-30, MISS THORNDICK. CHRCLE follows Service.	Clapham Spiritualist Com ST. LUKE'S ROAD (Adjoining Club), Hum ST., CLAPHAM,
Address and Clairvoyance. MONDAY, at 7-45, PUBLIC HEALING CIRCLE, WEDNESDAY, at 8 PUBLIC MEETING.	Monday, at 3, Ladies' Own, Mrs. Prince. Wednesday, at 8, Mrs. Nutland.	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11, NO At 3, LYCEUM. At 6-45 for 7, MRS. G. ELL
Eastbourne Spiritualist Society, Dickens Fellowship Hall, Upperton Road,	Barnsbury Spiritual Church, 78, Roman Road, op. Caledonian Rd. Tube Station, N.7.	Address and Clairvoyand Friday, Mrs. H. V. Prior, C ance.
SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 3-30. OPEN CHRCLE, MADAME MORRELL. At 6-30, PROF. BRANZIE.	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 7, MR. & MRS. COLEMAN, Address and Clairvoyance.	SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. B. Croydon National Spiritualist C THE NEW GALLEY, KATHAR (Opposite the Town Hal
After-Circle at S. WEDNESDAY, at S, OPEN CHRCLE. Mcdiums present.	After Service, OPEN CIRCLE: WEDNESDAY, at 8, OPEN DEVELOPING CIRCLE. SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, from 3 to 5,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 3-15, 1 At 6-30, Special Service of
Isle of Wight. Ryde National Spiritualist Church, BELVEDERE HALL, BELVEDERE ST., RYDE, LO.W.	OPEN HEALING CIRCLE. SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, at 7, MR. & MRS. KENNEDY.	BRANCE conducted by MRS. A ADAMS, who will give a short a followed by Clairvoyant desc and messages.
SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY AT 6-30. At 3, LYCEUM.	Battersea Spiritualist Church, BENNERLEY HALL, BENNERLEY ROAD, NORTHCOTE ROAD, BATTERSEA (Affiliated to S.N.U.).	Soloist: MRS. DORIS JON WEDNESDAY, at 7-45, ALD. D. J Address and Clairvoyand SUNDAY, Nov. 17TH, MISS L
Hon. Sec., MRS. D. PERKIS, 78, Well Street. Ryde. Kenton Spiritualist Church,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11, MEETING OF REMEMBRANCE. At 3, LYCEUM.	Crouch End Spiritualist So FELIX HALL, FELIX AV., CROUC
(Stations : Northwick Park (Met.) and Kenton (Bakerloo).	At 6-30, MRS. PODMORE. MONDAY, at 3, MISS MANSFIELD. At 8, ARMISTICE DAY. Public Meeting for Clairvoyance by the President,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at MISS MARION MORETO
SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-30, CAPTAIN FROST, Address. TOEDSAY, at 3, Weekly Meeting for	MRS. FRANCES TYLER. THURSDAY, at S, MISS MANSFIELD, Clairvoyance.	At 8-45, OPEN DEVELOPING THURSDAY, at 8, MRS. REDE
Ladics Only. Thursday, at 8, Mrs. Fillmore, Clairvoyance.	Battersea Christian Spiritualist Church, Removed to 193, LAVENDER HILL, S.W. (opp. Battersea, Town Hall).	Ealing Spiritualist Church 8, Bakers Lane, Broadway, Sunday, Nov. 10th, at 11, No S
Ramsgate National Spiritualist Church CHATHAM STREET, RAMSGATE.	ARMISTICE SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11. CIRCLE.	At 3, LYCEUM. At 7, MR. GLOVER BOTH WEDNESDAY, at 8, MR. GEORGE
SATURDAY, NOV. 9TH, at 7, and SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 3 and 6-30,	At 6-30, Mr. J. POLLARD, Address. Mus. D. LILLY, Clairvoyance. SATURDAY, at 7-30, HEALING CIRCLE and CLAIRVOYANCE.	SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MISS M. The Spiritualist Fellowship (KENTISH TOWN),
MRS. TYLER. Richmond Spiritualist Church (THE FREE CHURCH)	SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. HIMES. Bowes Park and Palmer's Green,	"THIRTEEN," MORTIMER TER HIGHGATE ROAD. Cars 7, 15, 25, Gordon House S
ORMOND ROAD, RICHMOND, SURREY. SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 7,	Spiritualist Church, SHAFTESEURY HALL, BOWES PARK. SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 11 and 7,	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 7 Miss R. GOLDSMITH. THURSDAY, at 3 and 8, MR. T. W
MR. GLOVER BOTHAM, Address and Clairvoyance. WEDNESDAY, at 7-30, MR. JOHN WAITE Address and Clairvoyance.	MRS. REDFERN. WEDNESDAY, at 8, MRS. B. STOCK, at Shaftesbury Hall, adjoining Bowes	SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, "THE TEAM
Southend Spiritualist Church, Corner of HILDAVILLE DRIVE and	Park Station. Lyceum every Sunday at 3. Brixton Spiritualist Church,	FERNBANK HALL, GRAVEL, H HENDON LANE, CHURCH END, Trams and Buses to "Queen's H
(near Chaikweil Fair).	STOCKWELL PARE RD., BRIXTON, S. W.9. SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, NO SERVICE.	SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 7 MISS EVA CLARK, Address and Clairvoyance
MR. T. W. ELLA. THURSDAY, at 8, MRS. GROXFORD.	At 3, LYCEOM. At 7, MISS B. HOGG, Address and Clairvoyance.	THURSDAY, at 8, MRS. E. El Address and Clairvoyance Forest Hill Christian Spiritualist (
So-OPERATIVE HALL, BENHILL STREET	Monday, 7-30, Ladies' Public Circle. Tuesday, at 8, Members' Circle: Thursday, Closed: Friday and Saturday, at 8, Bazaar	BEADNELL RD., FOREST HUEL, S SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, NO MO
MRS, F. LEVITT,	and SALE OF WORK. SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. N. MELLOY.	Service. At 3, Lyce At 7, Mrs. FillMOBE. TUESDAY, at 3, Miss L. GEORG 7-30, HEALING CIRCLE
Barry Mar 17mm Mr. D. Bann	Cricklewood Christian Spiritualist Soc., ASHFORD HALL, 41, ASHFORD ROAD, CHICKLEWOOD, N.W.2.	THURSDAY, at 8, PUBLIC CO Mr. JACK RAY, Speaker and
Sondon Bridge, S.E.I., Central and bus, brinning, Bed and breakfast, Clean nd confortable, Moderate toims, Nr.	SUNDAY, NON. 10TH, at 6-30, MR. STOPHEN FOSTER, 'Address and Claircoyance	woyant, has removed from 24, Margate, to 4, Great Cumberland Marble Arch, W. Churches b

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Fulham Spiritualist Society, 12 LETTUCE ST., PARSON'S GREEN.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 11-30, CIRCLE. At 3. LYCEUM. 47, W. J. VANSTONE, F.R.G.S. fursday, at 8. MEMBERS' MEETING. W. 87H and 97H, BAZAAR for Church Funds.

## Hackney Spiritualist Church, 240a, Amhurst Road, N.

SUNDAY, NOV. 107H, at 3. LYCEUM. At 7, MRS. S. D. KENT. MONDAY, at 3. MRS. CHIPLIN. At 8, MR. O. RADLEY. TUESDAY, at 8, MEMBERS ONLY. THURSDAY, at 8, OPEN CIRCLE. Silver Collection. FRIDAY, at 8, LYCEUM MEETING. WNDAY, NOV. 17TH. MRS. CROWDER.

Hackney Independent Lyceum Church I PEMBURY ROAD (Second Gateway on left in Downs Park Road).

Sinday, Nov. 10th, at 3, Lyceum. At 6-30, Mrs. GOLDS. Bursday, at 8, Miss R. Goldsmith. Free Healing at 9-15. WNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. CORNWALL

Hanwell Spiritualist Church, 120. UNBRIDGE ROAD.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10rn, at 3. LYCEUM. At 7, MR. F. H. WALL. WEDNESDAY, at 3. PSYCHOMETRY. HURSDAY, at 8. MISS JOAN PROUD.

Harringay Christian Spiritualist Mission SALISBURY PARADE, ST. ANN'S RD. (Side Door, Boot Shop).

MNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 11. No Service. Att7, Mrs. ETHEL CLARKE. DESDAY, at 8, FREE HEALING CIRCLE MR. CUMMINGS in attendance. DDESDAY, at 8, MISS JOAN PROUD.

Harrow Spiritualist Society, IREENALL HALL, STATION ROAD, HARROW-ON-THE-HILL. Carle

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-30, MISS L. GEORGE, Address and Clairvoyance. WEDNESDAY, at 8, MR. WILDE, Clairvoyance. UNDAY, NOV. 17TH, MRS. MENZIES:

Hendon Spiritualist Fellowship, IELIBERAL ROOM, 1, BELL TERBACE HENDON Opposite " The Bell " bus stop).

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-45, MRS. ANNIE BODDINGTON, Address and Clairvoyance. At 8, HEALING CIBOLE.

Hounslow Spiritual Mission, 18,1 Staines Road, Hounslow (Opposite the Hospital).

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH. at 6-45. MRS. STEPHENS. DNESDAY, at 3, LADIES' GUILD, MRS. FULMORE. At 8, SERVICE.

ford Psychical Research Society, CLEMENTS ROAD, LEFORD.

SUNDAY Nov. 10TH, at 7 RS. E. HINCHLIFFE will give an Aress upon Messages from the late CAPT. HINCHLIFFE. CAPT. FINCHLIFFE. Clairvoyance by MRS. CROWDER. Silver Collection at Door. Innispar, at 3, Miss L. GEORGE. Rapay, at S, MRS. A. RUFFNELL RADAY, Nov. 17 TH, MRS. E. CLEMENTS

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Independent Spiritualist Church, 79, BEDFORD ROAD, CLAPHAM, N.

Nov. 10rn, at 6-45. SUNDAY, MR. E. KEITH, Address and Clair-

voyance. THURSDAY, NOV. 14TH. at 7-45, TRANSFIGURATION SEANCE by MRS. N.

HARRINGTON. Doors closed at S p.m. Silver Collection upon Entrance.

SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH, at 6-45, MRS. M. LINES.

Kensington Spiritualist Church. LINDSAY HALL, THE MALL, NOTTING HILL GATE.

#### ARMISTICE SERVICES.

SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH, at 6-30, MR. G. MULFORD. MRS. M. LINES, MR. G. W. COLMAN,

MRS. F. SUTTON, MRS. C. BRUCE.

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