

You can gain no better idea of the worth and character of a man than by knowing what those with whom he has spent his boyhood and manhood days think of him. Surely those who have watched his growth from childhood are in the best position to judge and the commendation of lifelong associates of a man speaks louder than idle words.

You well know that no person of reputable standing in his community would sacrifice his own honor by recommending to the public another, unless he had implicit confidence in his honesty and integrity and could vouch personally for his good name. If Prof. Vernon were not honored and respected in the city where he spent the greater part of his lifetime, no worldly influence could have procured the signatures of the leading bankers, doctors, lawyers and prominent men of the place to the statement made below. These signers were only too willing to testify to his good character and intrinsic worth.

. Freeport, Ill., Sept. 24th, 1900.

To Whom It May Concern:-

We the undersigned take pleasure in stating that Prof. A. Vernon has been a resident of this city for many years, that he has devoted a number of years to the study of Psychology and Personal Magnetism.

He has been very successful as a lecturer and operator in Occultism, and has also attained a great reputation as a Magnetic Healer.

We consider him a gentleman and thoroughly honorable in all his dealings.

W. C. Stoner

Pres. State Bank; Pres. Stover Mfg. Co.; Pres. Stover Bicycle Co.; Pres. Henry Buggy Co.

Jacob Kohn

Pres. and National Bank

C. C. Gassman

Pres. German Bank.

Chas. D. Knowlton

Knowlton Bros. Bank.

Horatio C. Burchard

Ex-Director U. S. Mint, Ex-Member of Congress.

E. L. Cornukrite

Ex-Mayor, Ex-Member of Legislature

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Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences

AND
VERNON SANATORIUM
INCORPORATED UNDER THE STRINGENT
LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

GUARANTY CONTRACT AND BOND

YOUR MONEY REFUNDED. YOUR SUCCESS GUARANTEED.
WE TAKE ALL RISKS.

PAID UP CAPITAL \$50,000.00

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 1, 1900.

This contract, made and entered into on the day and year above written, by and between the purchaser of the Correspondence Course of Instruction and The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences and Vernon Sanatorium,

Witnesseth, That, in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars, duly paid to The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences and Vernon Sanatorium, it is hereby contracted and guaranteed to teach the purchaser of this correspondence Course of Instruction, the fundamental laws and the Modus Operandi to produce tests in Psychic Phenomena, Psychraticism, Mesmerism, Hypnotism, Mental and Magnetic Healing, Psycho and Suggestive Therapeutics, Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Character Reading, etc., etc., by the best and only scientific methods, and to put the purchaser in full possession of the most valuable information obtainable, regarding the power of mind, and enable him to exercise this power and become a practical Psychratist and Hypnotist, so that he can actually hypnotize people or perform any and all of the marvelous tests ever performed by mind and magnetic influence.

In the event of the failure of The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences to do this, the said institution agrees to refund the entire amount of money paid for instructions, subject to the following conditions:

The student must faithfully follow the instructions in the course of lessons and make an earnest effort to apply them. If, after doing this, he cannot master the science, he must write at least one letter, presenting fully his difficulties and allow us to enlighten him and give him any further instruction which may be necessary. Should the student then prove unsuccessful, The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences binds itself, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, to refund the entire amount paid for instruction by the student.

In testimony whereof, The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences has directed its officers to subscribe their names and affix the seal of the corporation.



STATE OF NEW YORK, }
COUNTY OF MONROE, } ss.
CITY OF ROCHESTER. }

On this 5th day of Nov., 1900, personally appeared before me the subscribers, A. V. Hart and P. F. Dolan, who acknowledged the above signatures to be their own, and who, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences is financially able to fulfill the conditions of this contract, and that it is entered into of its own free will and accord with good faith.



A. V. Hart

Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

P. F. Dolan

Sec'y and Treas.

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Notary Public.

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State's Attorney.

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County Judge.

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Ex-Judge.

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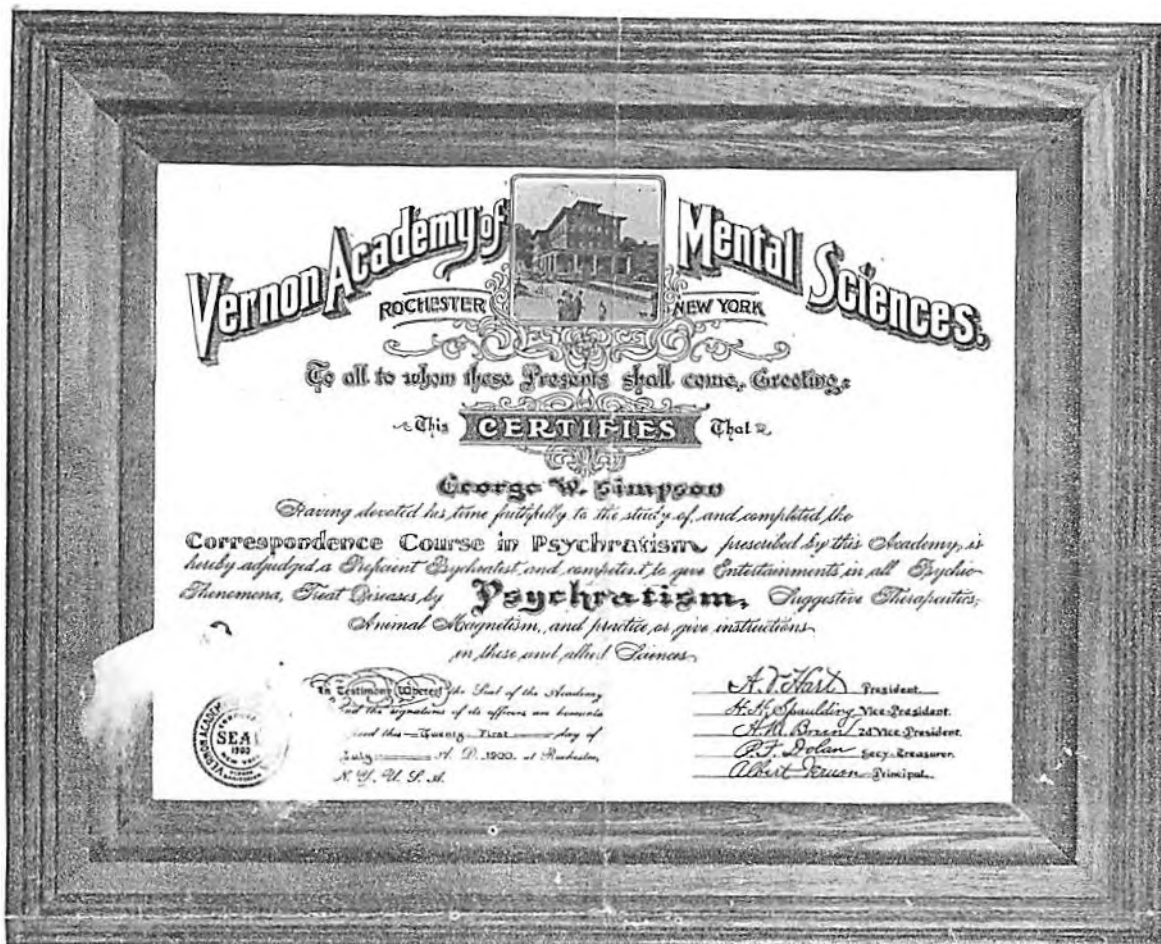
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Physician and Surgeon.

L. L. Snyder
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L. M. Surrier M.D.
Physician and Surgeon.

A. R. Smith M.D.
Physician and Surgeon.

William Ross
Chief of Police.



FAC-SIMILE OF DIPLOMA, ISSUED TO OUR GRADUATES.

(Our diploma is issued only as an award of merit. The students must pass the required examination.)

When the pupil has completed his course and mastered each and every lesson, he is sent a list of examination questions prepared by the Faculty of this institution and especially designed for mail course students. The nature of the questions or the answer which will be given to them will, of themselves, show us whether the pupil has faithfully pursued his work and also if he has developed originality of thought and conception. The list of answers are turned over to those whose duty it is to examine them and their report is given to the President, who either orders the Diploma made for the pupil, or personally attends to giving further instructions on the question in which the pupil is in error. From the nature of our lessons it is impossible to fail on the examination if the instructions have been faithfully followed, and should the student not be successful at first, we immediately take steps to enlightening him, as we want every one of our pupils to be in possession of our Diploma, and every effort on our part will be made to put him in position to receive one.

We have many inquiries as to whether we would issue a diploma without an examination, and we take this opportunity to say positively that we will not do so. Other institutions may, and some do send certificates with the lessons, but such credentials are false and amount to nothing.

It is also true, as we can positively prove, that some institutions have sold their diplomas to parties who never took the instructions, and that other institutions have offered to do so.

There may come a time when, by the enactment of laws, those not holding diplomas issued by schools of recognized repute, will be debarred from the practice of these sciences. It is here that the survival of the fittest will ensue.

Under these methods our diploma becomes an object to which the student may ever point with pride, as it means that he has pursued our full course of instruction, and has attained a degree of proficiency sufficient to enable him to successfully pass his examination.

Our instruction is so thorough that the student of average ability will have no trouble whatever in passing the examinations which will entitle him to the endorsement under seal of the faculty of The Vernon Academy of Mental Sciences, and, without extra fee, to one of the handsomest diplomas ever issued by any college in the country. It is a master-piece of the lithographer's art, printed on heavy cardboard. No pains or expense have been spared in its production.

Address all communications to

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EAST AVENUE.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.