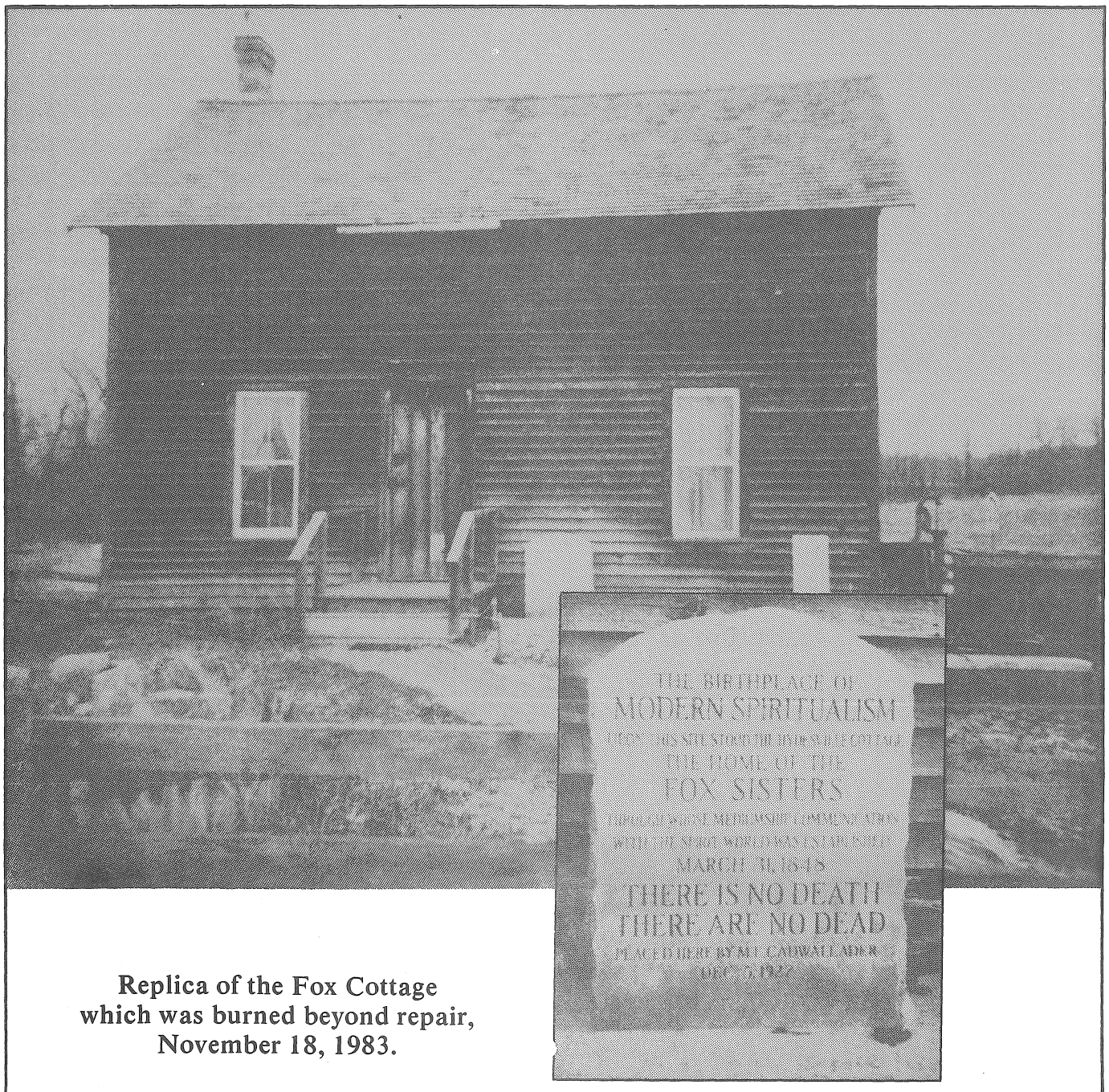
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Editorial

— Modern Spiritualism — One Hundred And Forty Years Old

March 31, 1988 will mark the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. This date is also one of special significance, as it was the beginning of a New Dispensation. Mrs. Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, one of Spiritualism's great and dedicated workers wrote the following:

"The New Dispensation was born in the early morning on March 31, 1848. This was not the beginning of spirit communion, but it was the beginning of man's ability to understand it, and it was his method of teaching it that has brought the world the new revelation."

Spirit communication has always been possible, inasmuch as it utilizes certain Natural Laws which have existed through all the ages. Likewise, we have always had prophets, seers, and clairvoyants who have communicated with spirit, but until the birth of Modern Spiritualism, they remained overwhelmingly in the minority. Few of them lived and moved in the mainstreams of life, for neither the religious nor the political climate was such that would foster or encourage free thought and free expression of one's inner convictions.

Numerous references are made to spirit manifestations and spirit communication throughout the Old and the New Testaments. Unfortunately, the masses did not understand that such manifestations were phenomena governed by Natural Law. They believed such things were of supernatural or miraculous origin, or worse still, the workings of the devil. Men are always prone to make strange and far-fetched pronouncements on things which they do not understand. Our fears are always in like proportion to our lack of understanding on any subject where there are involved elements of mystery, which lead so often to unbridled and erroneous speculation.

Man has always responded to his fears in a manner which has brought pain and suffering, not only to himself, but also to include many others round and about him.

Through the findings of extensive research we know that the early Christian church included demonstrations of clairvoyance as a part of the services. These demonstrations of mediumship, along with many other of the true teachings of Jesus were destined to cease, according to the mandates handed down by the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

The period which followed the Council of Nicaea, 325 A.D. literally spelled the annihilation of constructive thought, spiritual growth or enlightenment, and the world moved rapidly into a period of material, intellectual and spiritual stagnation – a period which lasted approximately a thousand years and has become known as the Dark Ages.

Those who survived during those perilous times who dared to think or question at all, did so quietly and unobtrusively, creating as few ripples as possible among their contemporaries.

Those who felt compelled to raise a voice of opposition against the cruelty and outrages which resulted from the gross ignorance of men in high positions of both church and state, did so by inevitably facing death, torture or imprisonment.

It was an age when the world was engulfed in the strangle hold of materialism. Everywhere the masses of humanity were greatly in need of full scale social reforms that would free men from the tyrannies of both church and state, along with deplorable working conditions which held them enslaved intellectually, spiritually, physically and economically.

There were no adequate child labor laws. The treatment of our Native American brothers and sisters could hardly be termed less than atrocious. The institution of slavery, that great moral cancer of society, remained for our nation a dismal indignity and a shameful legal reality.

Many members of the clergy, not only could see no wrong with slavery, but even gave their public approval to the barbaric practice which placed human life on the same level as traffic in livestock. Interesting to note is a preface to one of John Greenleaf Whittier's poems entitled "Clerical Oppressors": (In the report of the celebrated proslavery meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, on the 4th of the 9th month, 1835, published in the Courier of that city, it is stated: *"The CLERGY of all denominations attended in a body, LENDING THEIR SANCTION TO THE PROCEEDINGS,* and adding by their presence to the impressive character of the scene!")

Certainly a great and spiritualized movement was long overdue. The raps which heralded the birth of Modern Spiritualism, would also become an urgent yet sublimated rapping at the door of the human conscience. It was the beginning of a new and enlightened era which would elevate the soul to a greater and more realistic understanding of truth.

The day which would later be designated as the beginning of Modern Spiritualism had been of a routine nature, differing little from the usual activities and tasks of daily occurrence which were necessary in the home. The chill of winter still lingered in the air and a thin dusting of snow fell softly over the little hamlet of Hydesville. On that night of March 31, 1848 the Fox Family consisting of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fox and their two young daughters, Katie and Margaretta, prepared to go to bed at an early hour. The previous night they had been subjected to disturbances throughout the night. Noises had been heard in all parts of the house. Mrs. Fox spoke of these disturbances as follows:

"My husband stationed himself outside the door while I stood inside, and the knocks came on the door between us. We heard footsteps in the pantry, and walking downstairs; we could not rest and I then concluded that the house must be haunted by some unhappy restless spirit. I had often heard of such things, but had never witnessed anything of the kind that I could not account for before."

On the night of March 31, the noises and rappings began at an early hour, even before Mr. Fox had gone to bed. Katie and Margaretta, who had become somewhat accustomed to the disturbances during the past four months, and no doubt tired of the strained and serious atmosphere surrounding these events, ventured to lighten the tensions by resorting to a bit of playfulness.

Katie, the youngest of the Fox sisters, clapped her hands and addressed the invisible entity: "Mr. Splitfoot, do as I do." The sound instantly followed her with the same number of raps. Then Margaretta added, in sport, "Now do just as I do. Count one, two, three, four," striking one hand against the other at the same time. The raps came as before.

By this time Mrs. Fox, seeing the response of the spirit entity to the children's playful remarks, began questioning the unseen visitor, asking that it rap our her different children's ages successively. These, too, were rapped out correctly.

Then after many questions, each answered by the spirit rappings, it was learned that the spirit entity was an itinerant pedlar, thirty-two years of age, who had been murdered about five years previously in the Fox cottage for his money and the wares which he carried in a tin pedlar's trunk. He also stated that his body had been buried in the cellar of the cottage.

Neighbors were invited in to witness and to participate in this unusual demonstration of spirit communication. News of the Hydesville rappings spread like wildfire. Within a week crowds numbering as many as three-hundred descended upon Hydesville. The Fox cottage was filled to overflowing. The family found it impossible to attend to their daily work and activities. Statements were taken from Mr. and Mrs. Fox, family members, neighbors and other witnesses. Many of these statements can be found in the little volume "Hydesville In History" by Mrs. Mercy E. Cadwallader.

Many well-known individuals became identified with the new Spiritualist movement. Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune became a staunch friend of the Fox family and wrote at length with straightforward objectivity of his observations of the phenomena which was produced through their mediumship. Scientists such as world renowned Sir William Crookes investigated their mediumship. The work of the Fox Sisters, their trials and their triumphs would continue for a period spanning more than forty years.

Leah Fox, the oldest of the Fox sisters retired from public mediumship after her marriage to Mr. Daniel Underhill in November 1858. However she continued her work privately, and many nationally prominent people were numbered among her friends. Among these

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Spiritualism And The New Age

By Rev. Joseph H. Merrill

It is becoming popular today to talk about the New Age while the many ages that man has passed through have faded into history.

What is "new" about the concept of Mind and Matter - what is "new" about the altered states of consciousness? New perhaps to the Fundamentalist religionist and new to those steeped in theological creed and dogma but not new to the Spiritualist with its philosophical teaching.

Man passed through a Barbaric Age when he was taught of a race conceived in sin, of a God wreaking vengeance and pouring out his vials of wrath. That belief is still with us today in certain religious areas. Man went through the Dark Ages when he worshipped what he feared.

Man passed through the Age of Inquisition when he was silenced by the early Church because he dared bring Truth to the world. The teachings of the great Copernicus and the persecution of Galileo are written in history and Spiritualist mediums have passed through that stage, denounced by the Church yet secretly carrying on investigations of Spiritualism, ridiculed by the press in many instances yet deservedly in some cases.

We trace religion for anything of consequence in Philosophy to the Greeks where we learn of several "gods" who were not looked upon as something "holy" or "omnipotent" yet because of their knowledge and practices were put on a different level of understanding and were but a little way above mortals. Also, the cosmic origin of man's soul was accepted as part of man's being. Greek philosophers are recorded as having spiritual perception and precognitive ability. "Spiritual" and the "Cosmos" were practically synonymous in that Age and there was a universal belief that the dwelling place of the soul was among the spheres. Life after death was thought to be a natural continuation, and contact with those in another world was common practice. There is nothing "new" under the sun.

Spiritualism teaches of the Classical Age where pomp and ceremony came into practice, beautiful temples were built and man thought of being closer to God by worshipping in elaborate buildings. It would seem that today this thought has been carried over and the larger the building and the more ornate it is, brings one closer to God in his manner of worship.

The Scientific Age brought knowledge about the planets and their course but was denounced by the early Church, and Truth was crushed to the ground but has risen again when man has moved into what is more properly known as the Space Age. Man, propelled in outer space passed through what today is known as the Atmosphere, Ionosphere, Sesmosphere, Troposphere yet all are one and man, whirling through space has touched the hand of God – the Infinite.

Man flatters himself by thinkiing he is living in a New Age – only indirectly. Just as primitive man was a citizen of the Stone Age, his evolvement in what is more correctly thought of as the Space Age has brought a consciousness that all that was, and is, has evolved from Universal Mind –Infinite Intelligence.

All knowledge is as old as time and as new as tomorrow, and man's intelligence has brought him into a renewal of the Age of Reason. The age of materialism is passing and with it worn-out creeds. The "old" was a phase of the supernaturalist of whom we have a few still living today. The scientist, with his methods of investigation, is gradually realizing that the Universe embraces much that is beyond his physical capacity to appreciate, and more and more realizing that there is the world of the super-sensitive.

Because more and more people are realizing that there is a world

beyond the physical world where life is continuous, their curious minds are reaching out, grasping at what will please their fancy, accepting what is not proven in the sense of past-lives and "letting George do it" to provide answers for their daily needs. Psychics become "channelers," use of the psychic to win the lottery, how to find a soul mate - all to tease the fancy of the gullible. All are detours on God's Highway of Life.

Locked within each person is the power of his own salvation through that part of God which was activated in him at inception. Spiritualism teaches that the God is a divine spark of creative force, activated in every living soul both mortal and immortal, making us all a God under that over-ruling force termed the Absolute. Spiritualism breaks down the theory of Creation to that of Evolution where everything has evolved from Universal Mind.

The Philosophy of Spiritualism teaches man's relationship to the Divine, his responsibility to his fellow man, his potential as an individual, how he can make or break his life by the way he uses his knowledge, how the power of Mind can be positive or negative.

Mind is the Master-power that moulds and makes, and man is Mind, and evermore he takes the tool of Thought, and, shaping what he wills brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills. He thinks in secret and it comes to pass – environment is his looking-glass. Spiritualism teaches this and the New Age is bringing man closer in touch to his relationship with God and when the frills and the chaff are wiped away man will be searching for an oasis to ease his troubled soul, and he will find his relief in the Spiritualist church.

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were President James A. Garfield, Horace Greeley, Robert Dale Owen, Alice and Phoebe Cary, Judge John W. Edmunds and numerous others.

The last great contribution by Mrs. Underhill was her book "The Missing Link In Modern Spiritualism" published in 1885. A chronicle of 477 pages, it contains much first-hand information not available from any other source.

The very fine record of the Fox sisters' mediumship was marred only by the "confession" of Margaretta Fox during the months of August and September 1888, in which she claimed the phenomena of Spiritualism to be a complete fraud. Although this became a sensational news item, it seems virtually unknown or forgotten today that Margaretta made a complete retraction of the "confession" she had made a year earlier.

Her own words reported in the New York Press, November 20, 1889 stated in part:

"Would to God that I could undo the unjustice I did the cause of Spiritualism when, under the strong psychological influence of persons inimical to it, I gave expression to utterances that had no foundation in fact.

"Not all the Herrmans that ever breathed can duplicate the wonders that are produced through some mediums. By deftness of fingers and smartness of wits they may produce writing on paper and slates, but even this cannot bear close investigation. Materialization is beyond their mental caliber to reproduce, and I challenge anyone to make the 'rap' under the same conditions which I will."

An intervening century has clearly proven that no statement, either written or oral can change, obliterate or eradicate forty years' accomplishments which are a matter of historical record with all the accompanying ramifications. At that time the Spiritualist movement was too firmly established to be greatly effected by any statement attempting to disprove facts which had already been proven time and time again, under conditions which were beyond question.

With the birth of Modern Spiritualism, a new day was dawning, and man's spiritual being was moving from the millenia of darkness, uncertainty and despair into the sunlight.

Everywhere today we find more open minds, more sincere seekers of truth and greater receptivity than ever before. In spite of the many negative thoughts and attitudes which are still about us, we ***are*** progressing, and will continue to progress.

We hear statements coming from the pulpits of other denominations which contain much that Spiritualsts have taught and advocated for the past one hundred and forty years.

As we continue to move ever upward and onward, let us always remember the two young girls whose minds - innocent, untrammeled and unspoiled by outmoded and erroneous teachings, provided the pure clear channels which enabled spirit to establish communication between the two worlds.

Through their mediumship was given that great truth that life is continuous, that we can communicate with those loved ones who live on the spirit side of life, who ever proclaim to all humanity - "There is no death - there are no dead!"



The Religion Of Modern Spiritualism Promotes Soul Growth

By Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld (1901-1987)

The word Spiritualism alone is usually associated by the unenlightened with crystal gazing and fortune telling. This is erroneous.

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches teaches that Spiritualism is a science, philosophy and religion. In this article, we are concerned with the latter two.

Spiritualism teaches that there is no death and that there are no dead. It teaches the existence of a real organized, active and effective Spirit World, and demonstrates its nearness and power.

Spiritualism likewise teaches obedience to nature's laws, which are the laws of God, and that our obedience to these laws constitutes our happiness or unhappiness as set forth in the declaration of principles.

The religion of Modern Spiritualism promotes soul growth. It urges man to unfold his spiritual facilities to attain that state of Spiritual consciousness which will help him to realize and understand his oneness with the Infinite.

It differs from orthodox Christianity in that it has no creed or man-made dogma. It accepts the simple teaching of the Master Jesus, first the Golden Rule, second, that we love one another.

The true Spiritualist accepts Jesus in the light of an elder brother, the way shower, who, led by precept and example, and knowing that no one has a monopoly on truth, he is in constant search of a brighter light and a greater spiritual understanding.

Realizing that the physical body is but the instrument through which the soul expresses itself while in this mundane plane, he is convinced that life in this world is but preparatory, preparing ourselves for the hereafter.

Because of his understanding and positive proof of an after life, the true Spiritualist does not fear death but accepts it as a natural change, knowing full well that the degree of consciousness in his new environment will depend entirely on the life he has lived here. God's laws are immutable and no one can escape them.

Is there hope for those who have transgressed? Spiritualism's answer is yes. The doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter (eighth declarement).

Spiritualism discards entirely the wrong and illogical teachings of eternal damnation. God is Love. Spiritual growth and advancement must be attained by aspiration and personal striving. Vicarious atonement has no place in the philosophy of Spirtualism.

The true Spiritualist states: "We believe in Infinite Intelligence." By this we express our belief in a Supreme Impersonal Power, everywhere present, manifesting as life through all forms of organized matter, called by some God, by others Spirit, and by Spiritualists, Infinite Intelligence.

We Remember The Reverend Ernst A. Schoenfeld

A year ago on February 12, the Reverend Ernst A. Schoenfeld entered into the higher expression of life, less than a month before his birthday on the physical plane, which is March 9th. During the past year we have missed his physical presence among us, especially at the N.S.A.C. Convention and other National Spiritualist gatherings.

He left to all of us a wonderful heritage, and we are indeed thankful for the privilege of knowing him and sharing his knowledge, wisdom, understanding and his inimitable sense of humor.

We sincerely wish that his busy schedule would have permitted him to set down in writing more of his vast knowledge of Spiritualism. Today we especially treasure those writings which came from his pen. We are happy to share the following Editorial which was published in The National Spiritualist for February 1960.

Spiritualist Heritage Series

Trail Blazers And Pioneers

By Ava Whiston (1889 - 1936)
(From The National Spiritualist, April 1933.
At this time Miss Whiston was Business Manager for T.N.S.)

Curiosity often leads to discovery of important facts. An apple falling upon the head of Newton led to the discovery of the law of gravitation; meditation on the part of James Watt as to how steam could lift the lid of his mother's teakettle brought about the discovery of the power of steam; a decision on the part of Benjamin Franklin to find out what electricity was, resulted in the harnessing of this great force and placing it at the disposal of man; the speculation of Edison, as he lay watching the stars one night, as to whether he could produce artificial light of the same brightness gave to the world the Mazda lamp, and the curiosity of two little girls as to whether a curious *Something* which could produce raps and noises could also answer questions intelligently was responsible for the discovery of Natural Laws and forces which, under the name of Modern Spiritualism, shook the theological world to its foundations and is rapidly bringing about a better understanding between science and religion.

Modern Spiritualism, came into the world for a specific purpose and with a definite message for the human family. Its purpose was to bring positive proof of what all religions have taught us to accept on faith — the continuity of life. Its message applies to all; "Learn to live while on earth in accordance with the Natural Laws in order that you may live happily both on earth and in the life to come."

This message has been broadcast over the land in various ways. The painter, the sculptor, the writer, the scientist, the preacher, yes, even the materialist, all have played their part in awakening the spiritual nature of man so that he may perceive the value of spiritual things.

Spiritualism is not a new religion. It has always existed, but the human race has just reached the point where it is able to recognize it. It does not bring new teachings — it brings a clearer conception of the old. Man has always lived under the jurisdiction of Natural Laws — but it took Modern Spiritualism to awaken him to the knowledge of such laws. Spiritualism offers him the explanation of these laws and hints of many more, as yet undiscovered.

Modern Spiritualism came into the world at a time when such a message was needed. In 1848 there was much discontent in the land and the rumblings of the Civil War could be heard by those who listened closely. The thinkers of the day had grown beyond religion as it was understood then, and were groping for answers to the vital questions which were constantly presenting themselves. Many were turning away, not only from the church, but from the idea of God as well. Into these chaotic conditions came Modern Spiritualism bringing its proof of continuous life and the retention of personal identity and its message of a cooperative universe ruled by a Supreme Power, which exemplified goodness, love and kindness.

When the anniversary date draws near each year our thoughts turn to those trail blazers and pioneers, many of them now in the Spirit World, who, having caught the gleam and sensed the significance of the great spiritual Light somewhere out yonder, labored long and faithfully and endured persecution that the message of progression and continuous life might be carried to man in order that he, too, could catch a glimpse of the eternal Light and so mold his life that he might enjoy happiness both here and in the world to come.

Our thoughts turn first to that much loved and esteemed man, Andrew Jackson Davis, known as the Seer of Poughkeepsie, through whom the spirit people worked to prepare the minds of men for the great revelation to follow. His history is well known, and his books have been widely read both in this country and abroad. It would be hard to choose from his many achievements the one that has been most beneficial, but perhaps the most important work that he did was the founding of the Lyceum (Spiritualist Sunday-School) in order that children might be taught the laws of life and how to apply them and thus build for themselves a good foundation both for their lives here and in the Spirit World. Like all good educators Andrew Jackson Davis realized the value of training children in their early years. There are now several hundred Lyeums affiliated with various churches in the United States.

Next, we see a little gray cottage located in the small town of Hydesville near Rochester, New York. It is March 31, 1848, in the early morning hours. Two little girls, aged nine and eleven, unable to sleep because of mysterious noises and rappings, suddenly decide to see what will happen if they ask questions. The raps and noises were familiar manifestations and, although the children had playfully named this force, they had never thought of it as having any intelligence. Carrying out their plan, after stating how many raps should be given for an affirmative answer and how many for the negative, they began to ask questions. To their amazement intelligent answers were given. Much excited they called their parents and the rest of the time until daybreak was spent in this (to them) exciting pastime. But in the answers which were rapped out that morning came the first personal message from a spirit entity which was to be hailed as proof of the continuity of life and the retention of personal identity after the change called death.

Tribute will always be paid to Andrew Jackson Davis and the Fox Sisters as the trail blazers of the new revelation. Resolutely they faced the ridicule and persecution that falls to the lot of those who dare all to bring new revelations to the world.

After them came the pioneers among whom we find Dr. J. M. Peebles, who resigned from his church when his interest in Spiritualism led to trouble with the church officials and later (about the year 1856) became convinced of the truth of Spiritualism and lectured and wrote for it. For several years Dr. Peebles was one of the editors of the *Banner of Light,* one of the early Spiritualist periodicals. Dr. Peebles was born March 23, 1822, at Whitingham, Vermont. And was of Scotch descent, his family tracing back to the seventh century. He travelled around the world several times and on some of these trips he travelled as a lecturer for Spiritualism and as world missionary for the National Spiritualist Association. He passed to the Spirit World at Los Angeles, California, in his ninety-ninth year, in 1921, just a few months before his hundredth anniversary.

Other pioneer workers of this period were: The Davenport Brothers, whose marvelous physical mediumship convinced Dr. Peebles of the truth of Spiritualism.

Daniel Dunglas Home, who was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, March 20, 1833, and whose hundredth anniversary occurs this year. Mr. Home came to America at an early age, where he developed his mediumship. In 1855 he went to England and from there to the Continent where he held seances in many large cities. His seances in France were frequently attended by Napoleon III and the Empress Eugenie. He also held seances in Rome, but was expelled from that city because he was considered to be a sorcerer. His efforts were often misunderstood and his life was a sad one. He passed to the Spirit World at Antenil, France, June 21, 1886.

Emma Hardinge Britten, who was born in Stepney, London, May 2, 1823. Although she knew nothing of Spiritualism until 1855 when she came to New York City to appear at the Broadway Theatre, she had been a Medium all of her life, and it is reported that the servants in her home were somewhat afraid of her, as they said that she saw and described to them people who had been dead for years. The first seance that she attended was one given by J. B. Conklin in New York, and she was not much impressed with it. Later she attended seances given by Mrs. Coan and here she discovered her psychic powers which were later so beautifully unfolded. At first she was a test Medium but afterward became a public speaker and made her debut as a public speaker in England in 1866, where she was very successful. She is also well known as a writer upon Spiritualist philosophy. Recently steps have been taken to establish a memorial in her honor at Manchester, England. She is reputed to be one of the greatest women propagandists that the Spiritualist Movement has ever had. She passed to the Spirit World in 1900.

Other pioneers who are now in the Spirit world were Cora L. V. Richmond, a noted lecturer and speaker; Mrs. E. W. Sprague, whose work as a National Missionary is well known in Spiritualist circles everywhere; Edgar Emerson, J. Clegg Wright,

Mrs. R. Shephard Lily, Dr. Mary T. Longley, C. Fanny Allyn and many others. These people have recently been joined in the Spirit World by John Slater, well known test Medium, James Abbott, former editor of *The National Spiritualist,* and Dr. B. F. Austin, editor of *Reason.*

Among the officers of the National Spiritualist Association and its auxiliaries who have joined the pioneers in the Spirit World are Harrison D. Barrett, first president of the National Spiritualist Association; Dr. George B. Warne, second president of the National Spiritualist Association; George W. Kates, secretary of the above named Association, and Cassius L. Stevens, treasurer; Dr. Mamie L. Emery, president, and Wm. J. Benz, treasurer, of the New Jersey State Spiritualist Association.

Another Spiritualist worker whose name will long be remembered is Morris Pratt, who founded and gave to the Cause of Spiritualism the school now known as the Morris Pratt Institute, located at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Among the pioneer workers still on this side of life (1933) and valiantly doing their part we find, Rev. E. W. Sprague, National Missionary, Dr. Julia Walton, trustee on the board of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association, Mrs. Harriet Noyes James Boyd, Mrs. Margaret Butler and Dr. Helen Weyant.

As we compare conditions of 1848 with those of today and note the progress made along religious, philosophical and scientific lines during the last eighty-five years we realize what a satisfaction it must be to those who have labored so faithfully to realize that their efforts have not been in vain. Day by day interest in Spiritualistic teachings is increasing. Many of the prophecies made by Mediums of long ago have been fulfilled. In eighty-five years the religion of Spiritualism has spread to forty countries many of which have their own National Associations and publish their own periodicals.

These trail blazers and pioneers, with many others, have faithfully fulfilled a wonderous task and to them we pay our tribute of gratitude and esteem. They have brought us from the spheres of doubt and uncertainty into the clear knowledge of the continuity of life and into a realization of the value of spiritual things.

Out of the darkness of fear, doubt and superstition have come love, knowledge and truth. These valued workers have left to us a heritage of the greatest value and the responsibility of the carrying forward of this great work upon whose threshold mankind is just taking its first steps in spiritual knowledge and unfoldment, to which there is no end or limitation.

May all who are now entrusted with the duty and responsibility of carrying on, be faithful in the fulfillment of their duties, working together in harmony and mutual understanding and good will, so that our Great Cause for the welfare and enlightenment of mankind may go forward, and the purposes desired by the teachers from the Spirit world be attained.

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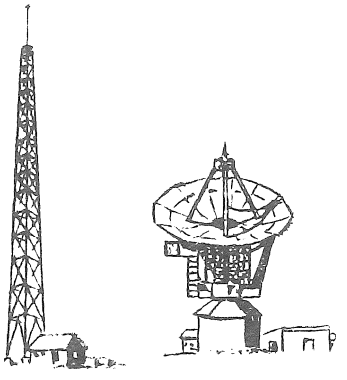
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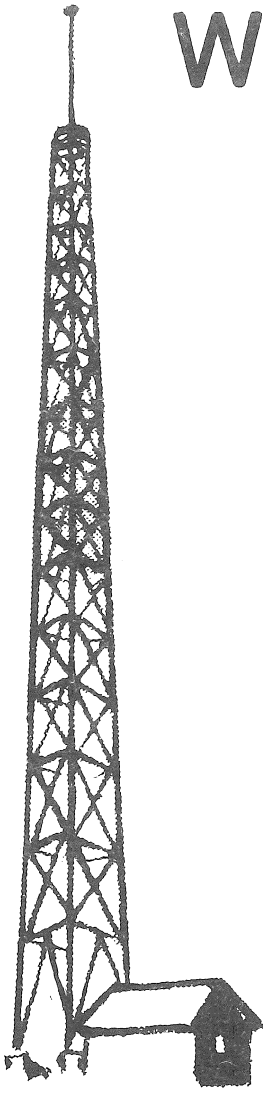
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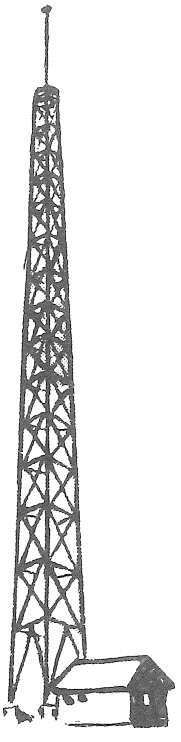
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Worlds Beyond Update

What we have been waiting so long for has finally become a reality. The production has been finalized and by the time this article goes to print, should be available to those desiring to order the tapes.

The first two of five tapes covering Mediumship and Healing were shown at the National Convention in San Diego and a rousing ovation was given the production crew that has brought forth what will be five (5) one-half hour tapes.

The quality of the film and the treatment of the subject matter is unsurpassed, and credit goes to Executive Producer Joseph Calloway, Producer Elizabeth Ulm, Technical Adviser, the Reverend Anna Franz and Secretary the Reverend Louise Espinoza.

The professional film crew spent nearly two weeks at Lily Dale which offers a natural setting for the film and being all non-Spiritualists with the exception of James Vancey, Script Writer, a profound impression was left on the crew, relative to the reiigion Worlds Beyond represents.

Until finances can be built up for a nation-wide presentation of Worlds Beyond, it will remain for churches and church groups - National and non-National to purchase the tapes for local showing. One method for public showing is for local churches to make contact with television stations in their area and obtain time for public showing in their area.

There are five (5) one half hour tapes and will be available from the N.S.A.C. office at $100 for each tape, or $450 for the five tape set.

This must not be the end! Our original aim is to have Worlds Beyond on a national hook-up and for this purpose we must not let up on our appeal for donations. $145,000 went into the production of Worlds Beyond which more than depleted the donations we gratefully received from contributors. We must keep on KEEPING ON to get Worlds Beyond before the public nationally, and to continue making more tapes bringing the scientific, philosophical religion of Spiritualism to the world at large.

With YOUR help and contributions this CAN BE DONE!

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We often hear people talk about absent healing and about sending energy to others. I wonder if we fully realize how effective and how helpful such actions can be.

A few months ago how anxiously we awaited news about a little girl trapped in an abandoned well shaft. As the minutes and hours ticked away, how helpless we felt. Certainly countless thousands of prayers were sent out for this brave little girl, for the young mother and father, and all the rescue crews who labored hour after hour during this terrible ordeal.

To all who witnessed the rescue on television it seemed a miracle had happened, for she had survived a great number of hours without food or water. As Spiritualists we know that "miracles" are in accordance with Natural Law.

Let us each endeavor to expand our understanding for by so doing, we can tap into the abundance which is our birthright and is available to all.

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The National Healing Center is in the process of updating their records. For this reason we are asking that if you, your church or organization are currently holding a Healing Prayer Group that you please notify us of its activities. Please include the group leaders name, members names, place, day of the week and time of meeting.

If your group is already listed with us, please forward once more the above requested information as it will help with our update.

If you are not currently involved with a Healing Prayer Group and would like to be a member of one or wish to organize such a group, please write to the above address and information will be sent to you.

Education Speaks For Itself

Morris Pratt Institute Association — Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary

Each month The National Spiritualist will feature the writings from a student who is currently taking the Educational Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is Malcom Brockes, Swampscott Church of Spiritualism, Swampscott, Massachusetts.

In this lesson they delve into many of the questions that we all have asked, and think about life after death. This subject is now and always has been of importance to man because no one wants to really believe that death of the physical body spells the end of conscious knowing and being. People want to continue to live into infinity. Hopefully life after death can be of assistance to man in his every day life. Man can learn what is truly important by helping himself to better prepare for the greater part of infinity - life after death.

The co-discoverer of the theory of evolution believed that the world and the whole material universe exists for the purpose of developing spiritual beings. He believed that death is a simple transition from the material existence to the life of spirit. Our happiness in the next world depends on the degree of progress we have made of our faculties and opportunities here. The thoughts we think and the deeds we do here will certainly affect our condiiton and form and organic expression of our personality hereafter.

In the "Unobstructed Universe," Betty stated, two main purposes for communicating with those she left behind. She wanted her listeners to be aware of the attractiveness of her new existence. She felt that this would help people to tackle life's challenges and do the job that was set before them.

The belief and awareness in a beautiful life yet to come would encourage them to carry on and know that no effort is ever wasted. Through the knowledge of a job well done, the new arrival to higher awareness is happiest and at his best. She wanted to instill in their mind "the oneness of the whole." "This broadens your ethics and restricts your morals." A beginning study of life after death can make a difference in the way all of us live our lives before the death of the physical.

This is some of the history and concepts of life after death. Primitive man's main source of ideas on life after death came to early man in the form of dreams and ghosts. They believed that this life after death resembles the life we live on this earth. One life is seen and the other is unseen. They also believed in animal sacrifice. They felt that since everyone continued the exact same life, there was no harm in including some friends, loved ones and especially loved or needed animals to accompany the dead one on his journey. They felt that in this way they could take up the new life in exactly the way they had lived the old life, with very little interruption or change. The primitive mind felt there was very little difference between the spiritual and the physical world. Almost all religions accepted and taught some kind of belief in a life after death.

The Chinese religion practices ancestor worship. Lao-tse and Confucius accepted and adapted this in their religious needs. Ancestor worship meant that the spirits of the dead were in communication with the living and they had some influences upon the living, an influence that required their propitiation by sacrifice. The Brahman religion is based upon the unity of the absolute and all

its creatures, and the transmigration of souls. Man's personality does not survive death but the effect of his present life will be felt in later incarnations. This is true transmigration. Nothing that is created is ever destroyed, it just changes form. They believe that the spirituality in man returns to the spirit. Christianity, also supports and presents its interpretations that life does survive death.

The "miracles" of Jesus were the representation and proof of his divinity, and were instrumental in establishing his spiritual claims. The resurrection of Jesus is important for it is the fundamental doctrine of immortality to Christianity. The interpretation being the physical resurrection of Jesus from the grave. In other words life after death, established by the crucifixion and resurrection and the further support by Paul's doctrine of the "Spiritual Body." The Egyptians felt that man possessed a "triple division" - the body, the double, and the soul. Early Japanese religions practiced ancestor worship, expressing belief in a life after death. The Romans too expressed belief in immortality. Household gods were common and they indicated a firm belief in a life after death and communication between the living and those in a different existence. Seneca and Roman philosophers felt that life after death was a happy experience, and immortality was no reason to impose ethical restrictions on human behavior.

Professor James with the "transmission theory" suggests that perhaps consciousness is transmitted in the same way that motion is transmitted. This shows to what extent man's mind has gone in search of an explanation. Sir Oliver Lodge, insisted that all matter, both organic and inorganic, has an etheric double. This sets up the unseen world, that is not unlike the one we are familiar with, and that coexists in peaceful harmony. James Hyslop felt we should have the same attitude about death as we do towards life. Death is a mere transition and process to a new environment that helps our spiritual development; it won't terminate it. I agree wholeheartedly when he states that as the physical aspect of it (life) begins to decay, we could begin to be glad and learn to rejoice at death as we do with a birth!

Andrew Jackson Davis wrote about the ways man got information about life after death. This information came from man's intuitions, astronomers, from poets, artists, analogical reasoners, and clairvoyants and spirit communications. Spiritualism accepts communication between those living in the physical body and those living in a higher awareness as the obvious choice for the source of information concerning life after death. This communication is established by the subconscious mind of the earth person (medium); this is the point of contact between the two worlds. With translation and interpretation sometimes distortion of material received occurs; in this phase of communication coloring can occur. We within this religion accept communication between the two existences, physical and spiritual, as the source of information about life after death. We must use intelligent thought, too. Spiritualism teaches that the real person, the true essence of the individual, is not lost or changed by death. Memory, reasoning, thinking ability and emotion remain as they were before death. Our communicators are entities and have many of the characteristics we protray. They are merely humans who have been released from the physical body. What is important is the message that they bring and the value of the data about life after death.

Spiritualism teaches two fundamental concepts about life after death.

1. Spirits are real people; human beings, men, women, and children stripped of flesh, but still possessed of real, substantial bodies which we know as the spiritual body.
2. The spirit world is a real world; just as real to spirits functioning through their spirit bodies, as the physical world is to us who function through our physical bodies.

Entering the new existence is very much a matter of learning to expand our awareness. With death comes the departure from one state of consiousness to the arrival at the greater one. We will be filled with the vibrancy of life. The new state has definite existence, but with a different atmosphere and different kind of awareness. It's a real state of being but larger and more expansive than anything we can conceive of while still in a physical environment. This new life creates worlds within worlds, and states of being that we cannot see them. Life after death is simply a new and a different, range of vibrations. It is reported that there is no overwhelming change when you die. The memory, emotions, and intellect of the individual remain. The key to this new existence is continued awareness or conciousness. The door that is opened is one that allows us to enter a new world of expanded or altered conciousness. Man is described as an "individualized bit of conciousness" and this allows us to express ourselves after physical death. We have both an etheric or spiritual body. This body appears to be an exact duplicate of the physical body that we now possess. The etheric body is

composed of finer more subtle substances than the physical body. It takes on the same form and appears just as solid as the physical body, but is of more perfect formation and if there is any deficiency of the physical body, the etheric body remains untouched. So death takes nothing away from anyone. To the contrary, death is merely the gateway to a fuller expression of life that is experienced in the world of life after death. The etheric body has definite shape and is not vaporous nor hazy in nature. It is more durable than the physical body with much more mobility.

This new world has trees, flowers, and vegetation. Landscapes are more awesome than on earth. This new world is a real world. Those who live there enjoy companionship, communication, and movement. The state of mind that a person has when he enters his new life determines the kind of existence he will assume in the hereafter. Shelter in the world of spirit is described as a type of "insulation" that serves as protection against unhappy or debilitating influences. So even though their shelter serves the purpose of protection - the specific nature is quite different. Food there serves as a kind of rejuvenation or stimulation of the etheric body chemistry, and keeps their etheric form in balance. Rest and sleep is described as a kind of withdrawal or semisuspension of overt activity and inner consciousness. Communication is reportedly accomplished in the same manner - through the use of their voices, the difference being the frequency or rate of vibration which produces the sound of the voice. The frequency is much higher when they communicate, and because of this we cannot hear them. Communication also takes place mentally by means of thought processes. This is done in a manner similar to telepathy.

Activity is a mental or mind process there and appears to be more highly creative than ours. Underlying all activity is one basic ingredient - service to others. The most important task is the establishment of brotherhood and fellowship through service. The three activities or occupations in the next life are ridding oneself of false instructions, the acquisition of further knowledge, and dissemination of knowledge to lesser developed spiritual entities and mortals. Life after death offers beautiful possibilities and the promise of a fuller life which offers us all hope and encouragement or a higher state of consciousness. Through knowledge and understanding and the use of intelligent descriptions of life after death, we can all be better prepared for this new challenge.

For consciousness, in degrees, is the one and only reality. The two modes or planes of consciousness that exist there are quantitative evolution and qualitative evolution, and parallel law are the two great glimpses. Parallel law or parallelism is really the greatest of all glimpses. All known earth laws are paralleled on the invisible plane.

This was discussed at great length in the book "The Unobstructed Universe" by Stewart Edward White. Parallel law is not a case of actual parallelism at all. It's actually an extension in the operation of the same law. It is not two different laws. Laws operating there are just laws that we here on earth have not discovered yet! When discovered it will bridge the gap and we will discover the oneness of the universe. Also within this book they talked about the trilogy which is another way of saying that the universe is three dimensional. Ordinarily this means to us only length, breadth, and thickness. Consciousness there operates as time, space, and motion. The trilogy consists of the essence are receptivity, conductivity, and frequency. I enjoyed this lesson because of the philosophy that is so needed by all those who search out these old questions on life after death. It also became very clear to me that not only is the establishment of brotherhood and fellowship through service the most important thing in the hereafter, but this is most important to apply and live here on earth. This is the reason why I am in this religion and why this work is of major importance to me. I feel that we all have a responsibility to extend ourselves to others through service.

I was also reminded that the activities or occupations that are available in the next life are very important to the seeking disciple on earth. We here also need to rid ourselves of false instructions. We need to acquire fuller and further knowledge of truth, and apply this truth, and then take this knowledge and spread, and share it with others. I believe that this does make for a life of beautiful possibilities and the promise of a fuller life of hope, peace, and encouragement not only in the life after death, but it is possible to accomplish this one on earth in the here and now. I loved this lesson and I am thankful to all those in human form and spirit for sharing these truths that bring the messages of freedom comfort and light to us all!

Neither let us be deterred from our duty by false accusations against us nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the government nor of dungeons for ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in the end let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Lincoln in the Cooper Institute Speech.

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1522 Encanto Blvd.; Pastor, Rev. Alma Reeves; Devotional Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Healing & Message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m., All Message Circle Sat. 7:30 p.m., 1st Sun. - Board Meeting 1:00 p.m., 2nd Sun. - Fellowship Sunday 11:00 a.m., 4th Sun. - Covered Dish Dinner 6:00 p.m., Thurs. Night Classes on the Sci., Phil. & Rel. of Spiritualism taught by Pastor Alma Reeves; Secy., Trina Huerta, 8725 E. McDonald Dr., Scottsdale 85253 (602)991-2160.

CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
13615 Victory Blvd. No. 220, Van Nuys 91401; Pres., David Haddick, 640 The Alameda, Berkley 94707; Secy., Emma Gilliam, 1022 Pacific, Alameda 94501 (415)865-2035.

ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
2203 Central Ave. ; Mailing Address is 2657 Miramar Ave. Castro Valley, 94546 (415) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 11:00 A.M.; Pres. Emma K. Gilliam; Pastor, Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, N.S.T., Secy.

ATLADENA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
922 E. Mendocino 91001 (818)798-4577; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Class Thurs.; Pres., Martin Pena; Secy., Harriette Calloway, 225 E. Loma Alta Dr. 91001.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines,
457 Grass Valley Hwy. Space #12, 95603; Direct Mail to 22681 Placer Hill Rd., Calfax 95713; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (Classes); Pastor, Rev. Frances Scher, N.S.T.; Pres., George Brenner; Secy., Pat Woolworth, (916)269-0275.

LOS ANGELES - Spiritualist Society,
6000 W. Pico Blvd. 90035 (213)933-3534; Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Lyceum 11:00 a.m., Classes, Healing and Books available; Pres., Rev. Rita Faubel, N.S.T., 8150 Gallatin Rd., Downey 90240 (213)927-7079.

ONTARIO - Valley Spiritualist Center of Friendship,
625 Euclid 91762; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Healing Center, Sun. 6:00 p.m., Wed. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. John Meyer, 896 A Redding Way, Upland 91786 (714)981-9292.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
149 Clinton St.; Sun. 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Mrs. Margaret Breneman, 1895 Mountain Creek Court, San Jose 95148 (408)274-9515.

RESEDA - Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers,
6747 Yarmouth Ave., 1 blk. west of White Oak at Vanowen; Services Sun. 11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Pat Smith, N.S.T., 5935 Lemp Ave. #4, N. Hollywood 91601 (818)762-0773; Pres., Donna Scott (818)705-5725.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.,
732 N. Sierra Way; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ivamay Leverich; Secy., Margaret Haskins; Church Correspondence to P.O. Box 1435, San Bernardino 92405.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY - Spiritualist Church,
604 South "H" St. 92410; Sun. Serv. Healing & Dev. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Anna Franz, 353 West "E" St., Colton 92324; Pres., Suzanne Greggs; Secy., Janice Larcom (174)825-6926 or 825-5817.

SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
4144 Campus Ave.; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Healing 7:30 p.m., Worship Serv.; Pastor, Rev. Daisy Brunner, Rte. No. 5, Box 185, Escondido 92025 (619)741-8250; Secy., Ruth A. Brown, 2609 Root St. 92123.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritualist Temple,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Milton W. Monroe; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Alfred A. Conner, 3324 17th St. 94110 (415)621-0491.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism,
3324 17th St. 94110; Serv. Sun. 10:00 a.m., Messages 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michelle Imburgia; Secy., Barbara Ann Love (415)621-0491.

SAN FRANCISCO Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of) Lyceum, Sun. 11:00 a.m., Healing 6:00 p.m. Service 6:30 p.m.. Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m. (415) 885-9976

SAN LEANDRO - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
1349 Hayes 94577; Sun. Serv. 10:15 to Noon; Co-Pastors, Rev.'s Betty and Don Nauratil (415)283-1449; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
32 Upper Road 94903; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Richard P. Goodwin; Secy., Sandra Johnson (415)472-3633 (Church address for mailing).

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of The Comforter,
1028 Garden St. 93101; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edmond Foard (805)965-6745; Secy., Rosemary DeMarco (805)685-2650; Church Phone (805)965-4474.

SANTA CLARA - The Spiritual Science of Life Church,
1661 Scott Blvd. 95050 (Mailing address: 1252 W. Hedding, San Jose 95126); Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Louise Peruch (same as mailing address); Secy., Mrs. Belen Barrera.

COLORADO

DENVER - Temple of Harmony Church,
3375 So. Dahlia St., 80222; 756-3226. Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Tues. Message-Healing 7:30 p.m.; Pres. D.R. Obland, 6750 So. Clermont St., Littleton, 80122, (303) 771-8540; Secy. Lee Motter.

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
228 Broad St., Norwich 06360; Pres., Joyce Orcutt, Wales Rd., Andover 06232.

NEWINGTON - Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave. 06111; Church phone (203)666-1606; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury 06704 (203)754-3559; Pres., Richard S. O'Brien, 92 Vera St., West Hartford 06119 (203)521-2803; Secy., Roberta Howd, 37 Center Rd., Tolland (203)666-1606.

NEW LONDON - The New London Spiritualist Church Inc.,
P.O. Box 1268, New London, 06320, Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Henrietta Cox; Pres. Iris Larson, 53 Phillips St., Waterford 06387, (203) 447-0928; Secy. Kay Smith, 14-16 Park Ave., 06320, (203) 443-9247.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,
P.O. Box 939, 29 Park St. 06360; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Lyceum 11:15 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Calista Rita, 15 Cedar St. 06360; Pres., Mrs. Gwendolyn Skinner, 15 Colt St. 06360; Secy., Judith P. Skinner, RFD #3, Box 111, Lot #9 06351.

OLD GREENWICH - Alberton Memorial Church,
293 Sound Beach Ave. 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., George A. Bailey, 5 Parkview Rd., Rowayton 06853 (203)853-0202 or 866-1113.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth,Inc.,
N.S.A.C. Boothe Memorial Park; Services 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat. Sept. thru June; Pres., John J. Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., Norwalk 06854. (203)866-0663; Secy. Jacqueline Kerney, 21 Bassett St., New Haven 06511. (203) 624-3816.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic
268 High St. 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres. Lillian S. Cady, 75 Colchester Commons, Colchester 06415 (203) 537-4352; Secy., Donna M. Szall, RFD 1, Box 551, Jewett City 06351 (203) 376-3382.

DELAWARE

NEWARK - Spiritualist Church of Fellowship,
420 Willa Rd. 19713; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Mon. Class 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Genevieve L. Alexander, 109 Kingswood Rd. 19713 (302)737-8180.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON - Church of Two Worlds,
308 "Q" St. N.W., Georgetown 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Service 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Virginia Bates, 2716 N. Lexington St., Arlington, VA 22207 (703)538-5164; Secy., Mayette Murray, 210 Willow Terrace, Sterling, VA 22170 (703)430-1449.

FLORIDA

CASSADAGA - First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga,
300 South Volusia Ave., Orange County; Sun. Healing Serv. 1:45 p.m., Lecture & Messages 2:00 p.m.; Pres. and Co-Pastor, James A. Buchanan (904)228-2630.

MIAMI - Metaphysical Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
7701 S.W. 76th Ave.; Sun. Healing 3:00 p.m., Worship and Message 3:30 p.m., All Message Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernard L. Cusmano (305)382-6592.

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C.,
3210 Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pastors, Rev. Pamela K. Ward (305)857-1573 and Rev. Elizabeth R. Edgar (305)894-5930; Pres., Jean I. Lerch (305)834-5378; Secy., Shirley A. Hoeft (305)677-9640.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA - First Spiritualist Church of Atlanta
1236 Techwood Dr. N.W. 30306; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Gertrude Stewart, 1763 Center Ave., East Point 30344 (404)768-7596; Secy., Kristin Roberto, 611 Twin Brook Way, Marrietta 30067.

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St., LeRoy 61752; Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago 60628 (312)995-1911.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora,
141 N. State St.; Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m.; Secy., Annabelle B. Saxon, 1312 E. Division St., Lockport 60441 (815)838-6961.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church,
13906 Greenbay Ave. 60633; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Anne Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago 60617; Secy., Mary Jo Kratochvil, 1015 Devonshire, Hobart, IN 46342.

CHICAGO - The Church of The Spirit,
2651 North Central Park Ave. 60647-1101 (312)489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sun. Family Worship Hour 10:30 a.m.; Wed. All Message Service 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Albert W. Potts, Jr., 1500 Hinman #704, Evanston, IL 60201-4648 (312)869-9050; Secy., Dorothy Wagner, 155 North Harbor Dr. #1102, Chicago 60601-7318 (312)861-0798.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.;

Pres., Mrs. Helen Lopotowski, 4050 N. Oriole, Norridge 60634 (312)452-8754; Secy., Mrs. Anna Habenicht, 5925 W. Byrn Maur 60646.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave. 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., First Sun. of each month Communion Serv.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave. 60636; Secy., L.B. Johnson, 8227 S. Marquette 60617.

CICERO - First Spiritualist Church of Cicero,
5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages & Healing; Pastor & Pres., Ellen Stopa, 5033 W. 25th Pl. 60650; Secy., Joseph A. Stopa (312)652-6953.

ELGIN - First Spiritualist Church,
77 Villa St. 60120; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m. Healing, Lecture & Messages; Pres., David Frost, 1410 Plainview, Carpentersville 60110; Secy., Bruce Smallman, 1944 Edgebrook 1A, Palatine 60074.

LEROY - J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church,
102 S. Pearl St.; Wed. Lyceum & Serv. 6:30 p.m., Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter, 313 E. Center St. 61752; Pres., Kattie Mahan, 406 N. Weat St. 61752; Secy., Elsie Philips, 101 E. Vine St., Apt. 20 61752 (309)962-6841.

INDIANA

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis 46220; Secy., Doris Copeland, Rt. 6 Box 183, Greenfield 46140 (317)326-2523.

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151 Station D 46898; Sun. Serv. 6:00 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Thurs., 7:45 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. of month; Sept. thru May 3:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock, 1604 Andrews St. 46808 (219)426-9866; Secy., Beverly Bradley; Lyceum Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m. each Sun.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritualist Church of Frankfort Inc.,
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Serv. Sun. Lyceum 1:00 p.m., Church Serv. 2:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Sun. each month, Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Message Circle 6:00 p.m.; Pres., Billy Joe Gregory; Secy., Henrietta Reed, 1321 E. Spann Ave., Indianapolis 46203.

GARY - First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C.,
2430 W. 11th Ave.; Serv. Sun. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Dickson; Pres., Jesse James Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St.; Secy., Verillia Sharref, 768 King St. 46406; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:30 p.m., Dinner every third Sun.

HAMMOND - First Progressive Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
6928 Alabama Ave.; Serv. Wed.; Pastor, William Schaller; Secy., Jean Fleener, 230 Hobart St., Gary 46406.

INDIANAPOLIS - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
6225 N. Carrollton Ave. 46220 (317)255-4902; Serv. Sun., "Psychic Tea" 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Reg. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Paul E. Keller, 9341 West County Line Rd., Camby 46113 (317)831-2499; Secy., Willie Kersey, 2313 Hermitage Ct., Apt. 1019, 46224.

INDIANAPOLIS - Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
1415 Central Ave.; Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Sun. & Thurs., Tues. All Message Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Janet R. Jackson (317)786-8139.

MICHIGAN CITY -Spiritual Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
314 W. Coolspring Ave.; Correspondence to: P.O. Box 8923, 46360, (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Carleen Boyle.

MUNCIE - First Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
Corner of Ninth & Mulberry; Sun. Healing Serv. 2:30 p.m., Church Serv. 2:45 p.m., Dinner served last Sun. of the month at 5:00 p.m. followed by Student Serv. 6:00 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Tues. 8:00 p.m., Muncie - Fri. 8:00 p.m. Chesterfield; Pastor, Rev. Virginia L. Falls, 1925 W. Ninth St. 47302, 284-2494; Secy., Doris Copeland, Rt. 6, Box 183, Greenfield 46140.

PERU - First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,
62 S. Miami St.46970; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Lewis W. Norton, 208 E. Miami Ave., Logansport 46970; Secy., Virgina E. Hoover, 504 Tanguy St., Logansport 46947 (219)732-0270 or 563-6359; Lyceum and General Philosophy Class at 12:30 p.m. Sun. All ages are welcome.

IOWA

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 - 6th Ave. So. 52732; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Classes Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Edward E. Ridyard; Secy., May Ridyard, 1249 - 15th Ave. So. 52732 (319)243-3233.

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church,
1429 W. 7th St. 52802 (319)324-9659; Worship & Message Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Lyceums: Adults Tues. 7:00 p.m., Children's Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr, 421 East Tenth St. 52803 (319)326-3201; Secy., Anita Buchholz, 1502 West Seventh St. 52802 (319)326-3453.

MAINE

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
Pres., Thomas B. Haldane, Box 222, Rt. 1, W. Buxton 04093; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD No. 4, Box 208-L17, Auburn 04210; Secy., Florence C. Langley, Same address.

AUGUSTA - Augusta Spiritualist Church,
Corner of Perham & Court Streets; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres. June Conley, 50 Windy St., 04330; Secy. Stanley C. Conley, 48 Middle St., 04330, Treas., Ms. Lyndell Heald, Route # 2, Box 1160 Litchfield, 04350.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church,
Thompson Free Library Clubroom 04426; Services 2nd Sun. each month at 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Kathy Herring, RFD No. 1, Box 55, 04426; Secy., Kathryn Weymouth, RFD No. 1, Box 16, Abbott 04406 (207)876-3005.

ETNA - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m. May - Sept. only; Pres., Robert Patten, Bangor, ME; Secy., Florence Seavey, 33 Pond St., Etna 04434; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikara, Etna 269-3451.

MADISON - Madison Spiritualist Camp,
Meeting Assocation, Inc.; Located on Lakewood; Camp season July 12 through July 26, Pres., Bernard Langley, RFD No. 4, Box 208-L17, Auburn 04210; Secy., Florence Langley (207)998-2276.

NORTHPORT - Temple Heights Spiritualist Corp. (Camp),
RFD 1, Belfast 04915; Summer programs available; Pres., Marjorie R. Maddocks, 67 Waldo Ave., Apt 2-8, Belfast 04915; Secy., Carol Fricke, R.R. 1, Box 1423, Belfast 04915.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland 04106; Pres., Sheila Werner, P.O. Box 14, New Gloucester 04260; Secy., Agnes E. Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton 04093 (207)727-3850; Pastor, Thomas Haldane (same address); Serv. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE - Sanctuary of Truth, Spiritualist,
Y.W.C.A. Room 108, Park Ave. and Franklin St.; Sun. Serv., Healing 2:15 p.m., Lecture and Messages 3:00 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Marie Gorsuch, 2302 Penn. Ave. 21217; Secy., Mrs. Roberta Miller, 210 Forest Spring Ln. 21228.

MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church,
54 Glenwood St., 02401;Thurs. and Sun. Healing Serv.
7:00 p.m., Devotional Serv. 7:30 p.m., Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St. 02402, 587-5107; Pres., Gerry Allain, (401) 437-0703; Sec., Mary Lou Lambert, (617) 659-2952; Church Phone: (617) 586-7671.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist),
37 Lowell St. 01844 (In Chapel 1st Methodist Church); Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. James H. Henderson, N.S.T., 46 Westland St., 01844 (617)686-4212; Secy., Paul E. Butzien, 2 Castle Rd., Salem, NH 03079 (603)893-0418.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
34 Warren St. 01970; Early service 5:30-6 P.M.: lunch break 6-6:30: Healing & Evening service 6:30-8 P.M.. Telephone for weather cancellations: (617) 745-2098. Wednesday Billet service 2 P.M. Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - last Sunday in May. Billet service Oct-May. Pastor, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers 01923; Pres., Mrs. Muriel Karolides, 9 harbor St., Danvers, Ma., 01923, (617) 774-2753; Secy., Patricia A. Bertucci, 190 Sycamore St., Roslindale 02131 (617) 469-2568.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St. 01105 (413)732-1234; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John F. Sullivan, P.O. Box 392, Worthington 01098 (413)238-5506; Secy.Medium, Mrs. Joanne Yacovone, 114 Conn. Ave., W. Springfield (413)733-4723; Secy., Mrs. Elizabeth Vancour, 904 High Path Dr., Windsor, CT 06095.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Marjarie Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220 (313)542-0784.

BAY SHORE - Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. Otto Allen, 419 Pearl, Petosky 49770; Secy., Ralph B. Cheney, 07453 Old 31 Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720 (616)3899.

BAY SHORE - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31; Service 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m. une-Sept.; Pres., Ralph B. Cheney, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720 (616)347-3899; Secy., Ms. Gail Tibbitts, 07453 Old 31, Rt. 3, Charlevoix 49720.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple,
97 Delaware Ave.; Sun. Serv. & Lyceum 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Frayne Kluzak, 4161 Buckingham 48224 (313)881-5496; Secy., Dianne Whittie; Lyceum Cond., Dawn Hyatt.

JACKSON - Goodfellows Spiritualist Church,
1014 Leroy St.; Serv. Sun. 7:00 p.m., Children's Lyceum Classes every Sun; Pastor, Rev. Norma McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd.; Secy., Jane Bostedor, 2684 Vineyard Lane 49230 (517)592-5552.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00 a.m., Church Service 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Donald Weichner, 130 W. Main St., Rives Jct. 49203; Pastor, Rev. Norma McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 913 D, E. Porter, Jackson 49202 (517)787-0422.

MUSKEGON - First National Spiritualist Church,
3320 Thompson St., Bluffton Area; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Marvell Francisco, 14439 Mercury Dr., Grand Haven 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St. 48051 (313)628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Catherine Welch; Pres., Michael Dumbrigue.

PONTIAC - First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
576 Orchard Lake Rd. 48051; Sun. Serv. 1:30 p.m.; Pres., Owen O'Berry; Secy., Betty McDonald; For Information - 338-6881.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd. 48072; Sun. Church Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Marguerite (Peggy) Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn Ave., Hazel Park 48030 (313)548-2240; Secy., Doris Remington, 12812 Fenton, Redford 48239 (313)255-4646.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., South Branch 48761; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. July & August, Annual Retreat Week in July; Lycuem Supt., Daron Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, P.O. Box 237 Leslie 49251; Secy., M. Elaine Kwapich, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220 (313)542-0785.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. 9th St.; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Secy., Linda Larson, 301 Osakis St. 55803 (218)728-2881; Send mail to Secretary.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church,
2230 Lyndale Ave., N.; Sun. Serv. 3:15 p.m. Pres. Birdi Torgerson; Secy. Chrissy L. Degendorfer; All Mail to be addressed to: Box 6115, 55406.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church,
Y.W.C.A 65 Kelloge Blvd. 55101; Sun. Awareness Class 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. E.A. Yankovec, 1535 E. Magnolia Ave. 55106 (612)774-5497; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn (612)224-0698.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Ninth Spiritualist Church,
2301 Van Brunt Blvd. 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Harry Grisson 9103 James A. Reed Rd. 64138; Secy., Loreen Morgan, 836 W. Gregory 64114, 523-3894.

KANSAS CITY - The Light of The World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
5112½ E. 27th St. 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Mollie Foreman, N.S.T., 2825 Denver, 64128; Secy., Joan E. Oberholtz, 3018 York 64128 (816)861-3095.

ST LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd. 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. Virginia Brehm, 3710 Connecticut St. 63116; Secy., Mrs. Virginia Lee Gummels, 7608 Comfort Ave. 63143, (314)647-5289.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA - Spiritual Science & Philosophy Church, N.S.A.C.,
321 Hascall St. 68108; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Alace Fanslau, 321 Hascall St. 68108 (402)345-8042; (Class - Sunday Noon)

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN - Fourth Spiritualist Church,
28 N. 26th St.; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, 350 W. Graisbury Ave., Audubon 08106; Secy., Irene A. Direnza, 119 D. Haddon Hills Apts., Crystal Lake Ave., Haddonfield 08033.

NEW YORK

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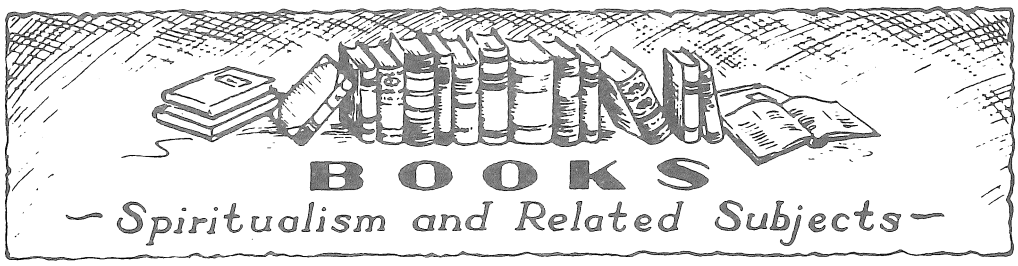
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Organization Within The Church

By Rev. Pamela K. Ward, N.S.T.

What are the greatest problems within our churches? What are the main reasons that so many of our church memberships are small and revolve around one person? Then when that one person can not be there for some reason, the service or even the future of the church is put in jeopardy. How can we overcome these problems?

I do not know all the answers but I have learned a lot about these problems and some of the solutions in the past few years.

I find that the most difficult part of church work is that it falls to just a few to do everything. Although this will probably be a fact to some degree for all of us, we have found a partial solution to the situation.

I am Pastor of the Spiritualist Church of Awareness in Orlando, Florida which has a very good beginning with an active seven person Board of Directors. We have been chartered for 12 years and just received twenty new members into our membership in the last six months, which brings our total to 77. These figures are needed so you will know that this work is not being done by a membership of 20, although of course we did start small, and also to show you that our solution does work.

We find that new members are very willing to help, but must be put to work soon or they lose interest. Over the years we have started many committees which continue with the appointment of a new chairperson each year. New committees are formed from the membership when a particular need arises.

Our committees and a brief description of their duties are:

Audio/Visual: We tape all our lectures, giving the speaker a complimentary copy, and video tape special events. Lecture tapes are then available for purchase or loan.

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Dinners: Schedules volunteers to prepare a dinner once each month and keeps supplies, appoints someone to take donations and people to help with the cleanup.

Mini-Readings: An event we have once each month at the same time as the dinner. Schedules mediums for 12 to 14 minute readings, appoints someone to collect donations and schedule the time and reader requested, sets up the tables with water for each medium.

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The Pastor schedules the service workers and prints a monthly Newsletter that has the scheduled workers and notes of interest. Part of these are mailed out and others placed by the entrance door for our guests. Items are sent to newspapers with special classes and programs given to radio and television for Public Service Announcements (they do not always run them but we keep trying and it does work sometimes). Classes are scheduled by the Pastor with a variety for the year and different qualified teachers.

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"Then And Now"

By Rev. Mollie Foreman, N.S.T.

The early Christians were urged by the Apostle Paul not to forsake assembling together. This admonition was a wise one, especially since there was the need of appreciation and support.

The assembling together of adherents of all religions has always been an important factor in the maintaining of religious organizations. Throughout the centuries it has been the mainstay of strength and perpetuation. There is something magnetic and spiritually energizing in the assembling of a group of people motivated by the same conviction and interests under the unifying influence of serving one another. The individual derives a certain amount of realization that he is one of a number of people animated by the same conviction and purpose in life.

The churches, in relation to the many endowments and the aggregation of wealth, accumulated throughout time, are well situated in this respect, for they have been able to erect magnificent Temples and Cathedrals in a setting in which art, music, and architecture unite.

In producing a pious state of mind on the congregation's part, this is an aspect of religious observance that the Spiritualist Church cannot hope to equal; but, all too often, the human mind has a tendency to satisfy itself with outward elements and religion, an outward mental appeal to the ear and eye, but in its bearing on life and conduct, religion must be an inner conviction, something more powerful and beyond mere externals. In this respect, Spiritualists can take some comfort in the reflection that they are largely in a position as were the early Christians. The power of Spirit which manifested in the Church, has long ago been lost in the emphasis on rites and ceremony.

The services of the Spiritualist Church are important in the support and encouragement they offer, although the atmosphere of elegance that adorns other Churches may be missing. Spirit power is there; the influence of rituals and ceremonies are not essential to worship. In fact, they are a hindrance in so far as spiritual progression is concerned; for there is no individual growth, only the weary repetition of prayers, parrot-wise, that have lost their sense and meaning to those who repeat them. The spirit of religion is our realization of our oneness with God — a meeting place between God and man.

The journey of the soul is an intensely personal process, always when there comes a critical crisis in life. When these collective principles, which play such an important part in the religion (fail), and the individual is faced with stark reality, (such as the death of a loved one), some other support is necessary. Suddenly it raises the question? Extinction, irreparable loss, or the hope of survival? To this vital question religions fail to answer only a vague and evasive answer referring to faith — then the bereaved one in his sorrow often seeks the aid of a Medium or a Spiritualist Church and discovers that, indeed, the loved one has not disappeared into the void, but lives on - continues to live in that greater life and world.

Spiritualists have long been aware that beyond the physical lies the etheric world, that not only is there a physical but also a spirit world which is vibrating in harmony with our etheric bodies. This etheric world interpenetrates and surrounds the

physical world which, in many respects, resembles this material universe. The reason we cannot see it is because our physical, and not our etheric sense organs function while on earth.

Our basic attitude towards other religions against the materialism, which engulfs our earth and the root cause of all present day upheaval and the origin of economic crisis and wars — any force or movement which helps to spiritualize and bring moral values to the masses on any level are valuable to support mankind. This has always been the mission of Spiritualists, for we must bear in mind that all mortals are in different stages of evolution and the many churches of various denominations are necessary. We cannot aim at one Religion for all people, it shows a lack of understanding of the spiritual needs of the masses. For these needs are varied and much patience and tolerance are important attributes in our approach to other religions.

We can help lift those burdens to a great degree, turning grief and despair into hope and fulfillment. Once our hopes and teaching are understood and practiced, our vision becomes clear. A primary lesson is for us to realize the flowing continuity of life. We progressed from phase to phase, never pinpointing a beginning and never reaching an ending. We only face periodic change, and as we look ahead, the horizon recedes into the distance.

If we apply the understanding, we have gained to our daily life, and if that light demands to revise our opinions, we should do so. Man is a progressive being, and travels light and must be ready and willing to shed any belief or opinions which are irrational and unsound. Like everything else in life, our beliefs are subject to change as new light sheds its rays over old beliefs.

Sometimes even through rejections, Spiritualism is the benefactor to the progressive. Its inspiration comes to all who are open-minded and willing to receive it, and our journey on this planet earth becomes more fruitful and fulfilling. We are living in a new age, social forces are being released, the spirit in all people is surging forward in this new world. Life is cooperative and includes contributing, at least one part of it in trying to make this a better world. We are told be not conformed to this world - be transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove acceptable to the perfect Will of God.

It is the duty of all people to attain knowledge to harmonize with the fully unfolded spiritual state of being - to work for the good of others. Life cannot be successful and selfish at the same time. We cannot allow ourselves to be satisfied by smothering information. Believing we have acquired all the knowledge that Spiritualism can reveal, our quest is increased as we discover more. We do not receive it without effort as we study and learn from life's experiences. We reach a goal - nothing can be taken away from us — it goes with us throughout eternity.

This is the age of reason and Spiritualism presents a rational teaching, which does not depend upon blind faith in salvation, but upon facts and proof concerning both present and future life. We mold our own character, design our own destiny, suffer our own misdeeds and must solve our own salvation. Not by blind faith, creeds or dogmas, but by study, research and investigation - putting our philosophy to use in our daily life. This is but a very small part of our teaching.

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Of course the Pastor must visit the sick, check on members who have not been to service for a while, help with personal problems and further her education.

We have a new organization that is just forming. They are calling themselves the Sunflower Ladies League and will handle raffles, gratitude dinners, flowers in case of deaths in the family, presentation of flowers to the ladies at the Mother's Day service and the gentlemen at the Father's Day service, etc.

As you can see, we have a place for just about everyone, at every age and for every talent we have a need. I recently heard one of our male members say, "Maybe it's about time for a Men's Club." That sounds good to me!

If it sounds like I am bragging, well maybe I am just a little, but I can not take the credit for this. Our church does not revolve around one person. This amount of work cannot possibly be done by just one person or even just a few. We must remember that the church does not belong to only the Pastor or to the Board of Directors. The church belongs to the entire membership and they must be allowed to serve.

I really feel that the membership gets a lot of spiritual growth from working together and they enjoy giving service to each other. Silver Birch said that religion is service to each other. I can not think of a better way for our churches to express our religion and grow in service to mankind.

There Is No Death

By Brother John
(From Psychic News)

WHEN you come to think about it, our world is full of all kinds of unfinished things. An untidy thing is life, with loose ends all over the place. Abandoned ideals, broken dreams, forsaken hopes, they all go to litter the past. We might easily become depressed and discouraged as we regard such a gloomy picture.

Yet most of us manage somehow to get on with our lives. There is a quality in many of us which can only be described by a word one rarely comes upon or uses. That word is "stickativeness," and which simply means "obstinate endurance."

I must, however, not generalize. There are those who make a success of life and their existence worth while. And there *are* those who may not actually have succeeded but *have* endured, which is an equally commendable accomplishment.

Today we hear or read about the many broken homes that exist, and it makes one's heart ache to realize the tragedy they can signify. If only married couples could hold on instead of giving in when things are difficult!

It has been said the first *three* years of a marriage are usually the difficult ones. They are the years of adjustment. If these are survived with patience, tolerance, and the resolve to understand, then happiness can be just around the corner.

But to give in so that the home breaks up is to result in two bitter and disillusioned people, and possibly a youngster or two looking out with wondering eyes on a world which suddenly has fallen to pieces around them.

Naturally I am not forgetting the bereaved. Over the years many readers have written telling me of lives cut short — children, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives — some in the prime or the youthfulness of life. Some who gave their all in one of the wars; some who were desperately needed yet suddenly were gone.

And this is where I come to the point of this article. As I have said, there are many unfinished things in our world. Our existence is one of them. And because I both believe and *know* this, I have always been able to answer those letters with assurance.

This assurance, of course, is that there is no death. Naturally I cannot *prove* it to you. It is up to you to do that for yourself. But if you can accept that I am telling the truth — and I promise you I am — then whatever you have been unable to complete here, the individual you are does not come under that category.

Or your loved ones now absent from you.

Life goes on. And, after all, how could we, in the short span of threescore years and ten, be able to do all we could do if we had more time? We have scarcely begun. This life is only the infant's class, if we can call it that. The profound truth is that nothing and nobody can be finished — here.

Talking of letters, one I received only the other day made me smile. The writer had given me some intimate details about her family affairs, when she came to an item "I am tempted to tell you about. But you are not an 'agony uncle,' so I won't."

Well, I have never been called that, but I have sometimes wondered. It is a great privilege to share the troubles of others, and nowhere is this more pronounced than among Spiritualists. For it is part of our purpose in life, the rendering of service which, we are taught, is more than a duty. It is an expression of sisterly and brotherly love.

Returning to the themes of this article, we should try to tidy up those "loose ends" if it is within our power. I recall a farmer friend of mine whose maxim was to always "close all the gates" behind him. That had a practical purpose, you can see, but also he applied it to his life.

As to "unfinished things," a writer, whose name evades me, wrote, "There is always tomorrow morning." In my humble way, but with no less assurance, and in my own twilight hours, so say I.



NOTES from the FIELD

Dr. B. Frank Sheppard At Work On Scholarly Research Project

Dr. B. Frank Sheppard, member of Lily Dale Spiritualist Church and former president of Lily Dale Assembly currently is involved in outlining what ultimately will be a scholarly research project. Dr. Sheppard, a retired school administrator, initially was educated in the fields of anthropology and sociology at the University of Buffalo before turning his attention to public education and educational administration. Skilled in sociological research, primarily in public opinion formulation, he holds a research doctorate with a dissertation based upon perceptional analysis.

Former research librarian at Marion Skidmore Memorial Library at Lily Dale and a member of the American Society for Psychical Research, Dr. Sheppard is a writer and an occasional consultant to major newspapers seeking precise background information on news stories involving psychic phenomena.

A third-generation Spiritualist, he is in the second year of a study of the evolution of concepts basic to the nine statements found in the Declaration of Principles of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. During the initial phases of the study, he has come to a tentative conclusion that the cause of Modern Spiritualism may presently be handicapped by a deterioration of intellectual standards. Part of this, he feels, is built into the non-dogmatic nature of Spiritualism itself. Dogmatism, he notes, helps to establish standards to be met but inhibits creativity and modification of understood principles as new understandings develop. It is the flexibility of Spiritualism which offers the greatest promise for a rapidly changing world.

Dr. Sheppard's study orientation is anthropological in nature at this point. Based upon the literature and scientific understandings of civilization at any given point of development, he finds hints of the intellectual roots of the nine principles as far back as the Paleoanthropians of about 600,000 B.C. Much as with the physical evolution of Man, he believes that the concepts found in the Declaration of Principles evolved from simple observation to present insights as they were tempered by scientists and philosophers of the various ages. It would seem to uphold the theory that Spiritualism, in many of its aspects, may have been with us almost since the beginning of sensing mankind.

Spiritualism has been set back in its mission not only by the greed and avarice of opportunists posing as mediums during the Victorian Age and later, but also a present-day lack of public perception of what Spiritualism and the allied psychic sciences really are. This is manifested sociologically by trance mediums who now identify themselves as "channels" and of mental mediums who prefer to be known as clairvoyants or spiritual readers. Even worse, he notes, is the use of the term "psychic" by genuine mediums, accepting a role which has to do with the grosser environment rather than the spiritual.

Spiritualists have a responsibility for correcting public misconceptions, he says. The movement of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches to develop a professional public relations and public information program is a step in the right direction if it generates public understanding of Spiritualism, he notes. If properly oriented, it also can be a valuable service to producers of television and radio productions and to news editors seeking clarification of Spiritualist and psychic terms and operations.

Individual churches often miss an opportunity to benefit their own programs and public understanding by failing to develop individual press release schedules, he adds. Many newspapers routinely carry articles submitted by religious organizations. Preparing a simple weekly article which identifies the lecturer, topic and his background, the times and topics of study groups open to the general public, the schedule for fund-raising dinners and similar items is easy to prepare and also provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the efforts of various committee workers. By developing a regular weekly press release, the individual church no longer is a mystery to passersby but as a co-equal part of a greater religious community.

Dr. Sheppard welcomes letters from churches or individuals interested in taking part in his research or

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

By Emma Gilliam

Eleven years ago I walked into the Brotherhood Spiritualist Church of Alameda, California, looking for something special. I found what I was looking for.

Students going back to school will be asked to share their summer vacation experiences with fellow students.

In June 1987, at our C.S.S.A. 93rd state convention, I had the honor of being elected secretary. In the past going to our California State Spiritualist Convention has always been the highlight of my summer.

This summer I had the privilege of serving at Camp Edgewood in Milton, Washington. Although I have lectured, served as a certified medium and commissioned healer in California, serving at Camp Edgewood was something special.

Getting off the plane I was met by Mr. and Mrs. Boss. It's always wonderful to meet new friends with smiling faces.

Camp Edgewood sits on eleven acres with beautiful Lake Surprise on the grounds. There is a small hotel where most of the activities take place. There are a few cabins for rent, and local Spiritualists that live all year on the grounds. Church services are held twice a week in the church.

If you have never visited a Spiritualist Camp, try to visit this one. Camp Edgewood opens in June and closes at the end of August.

My adventure begins by exploring the grounds - watching the ducks on the lake, listening to the crickets, taking the time to smell the flowers, appreciating nature in all her splendor. This city girl learned the meaning of beauty this summer.

The vibration at Camp Edgewood was so high, it took me three days after I got home to settle down.

It has been about six weeks since my experience at camp and still I wish to return. Why return, why go at all?

Going to a Spiritualist Camp is one way of spending time among people who are in accord with your thoughts on religion, a place to expand and to share spiritual knowledge.

The joy of this summer is etched in my heart forever. I met many wonderful spiritual folks who happened to be Spiritualists. The team work of Washington State's Spiritualist Members to keep Camp Edgewood open, is commendable.

I believe Spirit guided me to Camp Edgewood, and I'm thankful that I listened. Perhaps you, too, will go there one day.

I left many new friends in Washington but I know there will be other summers, and in between there are phone calls and letters.

In closing I wish to say in two separate readings three years ago, Rev. Edmund Foard of California and Dorothy Savage of Lily Dale said Spirit would direct me to the state of Washington. Little did I know then that I would be serving Camp Edgewood since I'd never heard of the camp.

Sheppard Research Project
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who have developed similar studies. He also would be willing to send church officers, interested in developing weekly news releases, some suggestions which are easy to use. Eventually he envisions a network of church news writers formed to share ideas with other churches, thus advancing public knowledge of Spiritualism and Spiritualist church programs.

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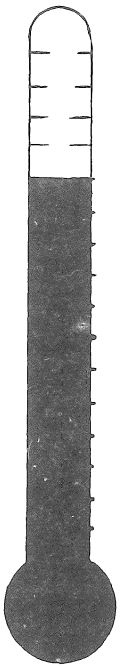
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Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.

2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.

3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.

4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.

5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.

6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."

7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.

8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.

9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.

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