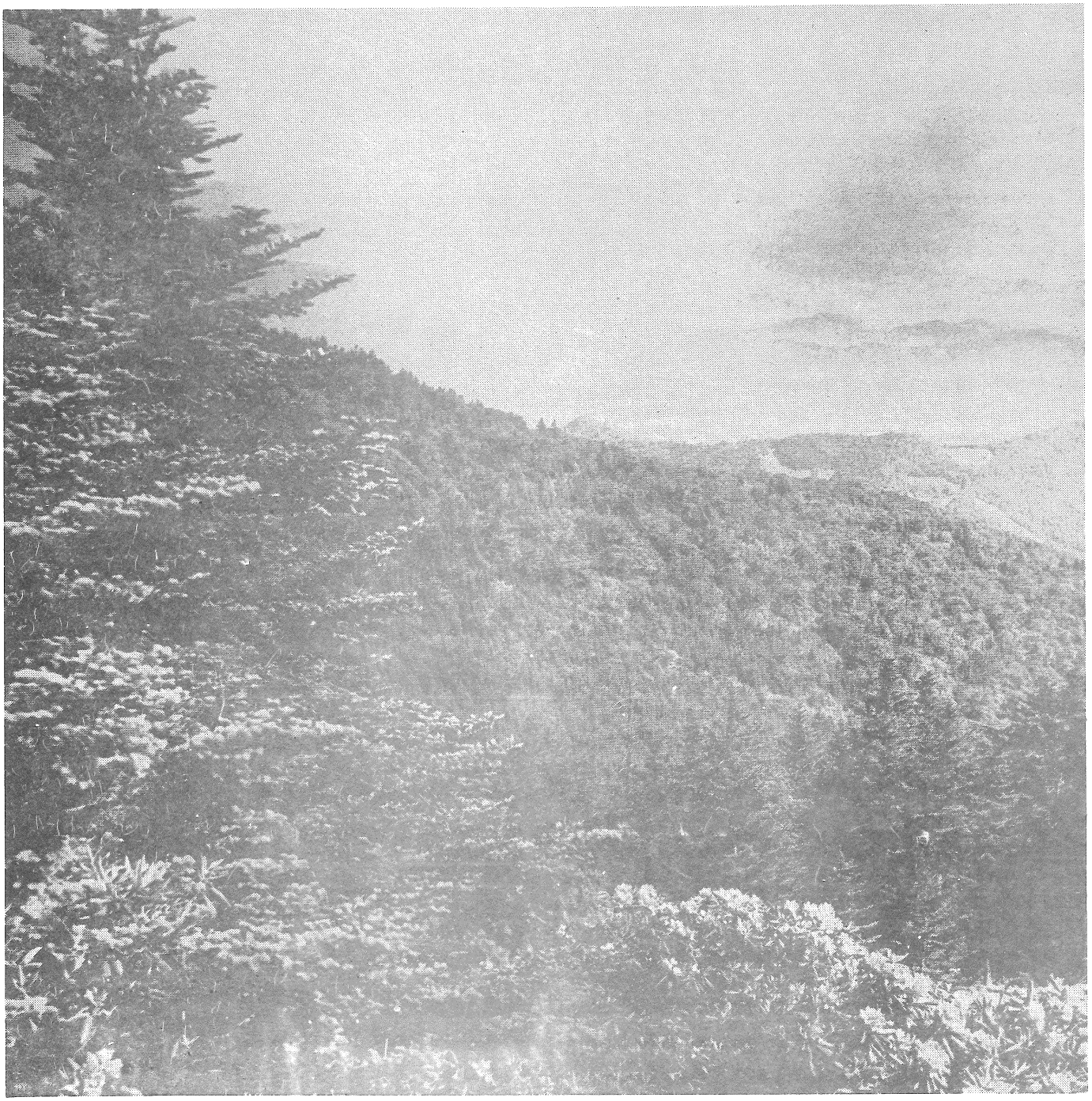
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Editorial

Spiritualism –A Guideline For Living

In a world where misguided beliefs and misdirected energies consume so great a portion of man's positive and constructive potentials, Spiritualists face the greatest challenge since the Advent of Modern Spiritualism.

Spiritualists, however, can take heart, for in these misguided beliefs and misdirected energies are myriad unanswered questions – the personal search and quest of millions for more meaningful guidelines for life — for a broader and more comprehensive spectrum of truths to which they can more effectively relate in the daily experiences of living.

In short, mankind has spent centuries seeking the great spiritual abundance of which so much has been spoken, the abundance of which modern churchanity seems to be spiritually, so hopelessly bankrupt.

The masses cry out for spiritual love and enlightenment.

Mankind still is seeking personal salvation and orthodoxy still offers vague promises and demands for greater faith, and an alternative which consists of threats, condemnations, and coercive acceptance of repugnant man-made creeds.

The world should know by now that orthodoxy has no franchise, monopoly, or exclusive claim to spiritual understanding – neither the right to assume or pretend such authority.

The vast majority of biblical commentaries and explanations which reach the general public are compiled and presented by orthodox ministers and theologians. Such pronouncements have so long held sway over public thinking and reasoning (or the lack of it) that those who listen seem to have entered into a hypnotic state – a vacuum wherein common sense and intelligent objective evaluation have taken their leave.

Reason, perception and logical conclusions guided by that ever present still small voice within, declare that God or Infinite Intelligence is "light years" in advance of such traditionally revered obsolescence.

Spiritualists know that salvation is *not* an escape hatch to gain entry into an orthodox heaven.

In the words of the late Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, "that which has been called salvation means progression, improvement, unfoldment by individual effort."

Is there any other way?

Spiritualists can answer the present challenge, for unto faith we have added knowledge – the knowledge of spirit communication and continuous life.

No book in the English language (or in any other language) contains so great an abundance of reference to psychic phenomena as the Bible. This record of belief in communication with spirit, is the most consistent and harmonious feature of both the Old and New Testaments.

In studying the life and works of Jesus, we find also an abundance of "infallible proofs" (see Acts 1:3) – demonstrations of psychic phenomena and spirit communication, such as no other life in recorded history can claim.

Yet it is a paradoxical fact that no other spiritual truth or teaching has received so much bigoted, unfounded, fanatical opposition.

The simple truths which Jesus taught and demonstrated, had they been universally accepted and seriously put to use, could have elevated and enriched men's lives with a glorious spiritual abundance.

The accomplishment of this

SNU President Issues "Scrapheap" Warning On Spiritualism's Future

By Bryan Ralph (Psychic News)

The article herewith reprinted from Psychic News contains such a broad spectrum of events, conditions and conclusions which effect Spiritualists in all countries of the world that the Editor of The National Spiritualist feels that readers everywhere will benefit from this inspired and straightforward presentation. Recently in The National Spiritualist we emphasized that Spiritualists must stay in touch with the basics of our religion. Mr. Higginson also emphasized this point. Mr. Higginson refers to the Fox Sisters and Andrew Jackson Davis as he speaks of how Spiritualism came into this world as part of a great plan and he adds: "It is to Spiritualism that we must look chiefly for the world's salvation from the madness of modern society."

In a rousing speech to the Spiritualists' National Union's annual conference at Sheffield, President Gordon Higginson urged delegates to rekindle the fervor of Spiritualism's pioneers and carry forward their beliefs.

The world was crying out for the message of Spiritualism, but too often "We go on altering our rules, worrying about petty things instead of concerning life itself and our purpose on earth."

Gordon warned delegates that unless Spiritualists found a way of getting the fundamental philosophy of Spiritualism across, the movement would "end up like all past religions – on the scrapheap of the world."

Gordon, who was celebrating his 18th year as President, had to leave the conference before the end, but was given a standing ovation as a send-off.

SNU vice-president Eric Hatton said of Gordon: "He has devoted his

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encompasses much of the challenge of our present times, and will be determined by the manner in which we meet this challenge now and in the future.

Spiritualists can be justly proud that no stone in the structure of Spiritualism was ever set in place because of a fear motivation!

Awakening within man, is a new and beautiful awareness – a new clarity of insight, a radiance, a reverence, a responsiveness to a faint but incessant rapping – a reverberating which penetrates the walls of conscience and consciousness. He becomes vitally aware of his true identity, his mission, his purpose, his divine potential, his God given heritage and his rightful place in the universe.

The veil, which has separated him from the holy of holies, has been rent in twain. Love has bridged the gulf of separation, and that which has seemed a reality of irreparable loss, is recognized as a transient illusion.

The awesome and glorious realization of Truth lies within his vision, his grasp and his comprehension.

This is the rainbow bridge between man and his Creator; this is the priceless eternal gift of "the perfect love that casteth out fear" – this is the message of Spiritualism!

life to the Spiritualist cause. He is in every way poorer for it excepting his spiritual growth, which is I think unique to him."

Gordon also found time during the weekend to talk about Spiritualism on an early-morning chatshow on Radio Sheffield. This is the text of his speech to the conference:

Today I celebrate 18 consecutive years as National President. It has been both an honor and a privilege to hold such a high office for so long.

History will record my name as being the longest-serving President since the inauguration meeting of 1892.

There are delegates and members present today who also attended the 1970 AGM when I was first elected. They too will remember the appalling financial state of the Union at that time.

The bank stopped payment of checks. The only asset we had was Stansted Hall . . . and this was held by the Building Fund Pool to cover debts of over 40,000 pounds.

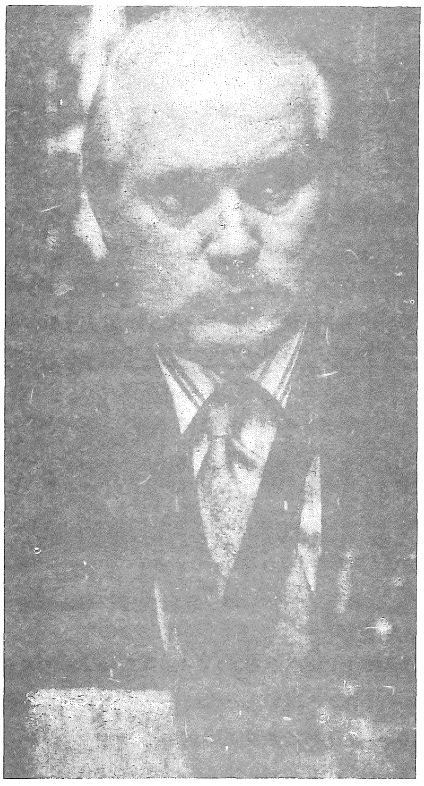
We were literally broke. It seemed in the light of all the facts and figures that the only way out was to prepare for liquidation.

I think it is important to this conference that delegates and members should be reminded of the utter chaos of the Union in 1970 when I stood for President. I was also aware that no one else wanted this "hot seat."

I knew to be successful I must first win the trust and faith of our churches and members.

People need to believe in those that lead them. They must also be convinced that their leaders are right – right in their judgments and right in their advice.

At the close of the 1970 conference I made several promises. One: to save the Union from liquidation.
Two: to do all in my power to prevent the sale of Stansted Hall.
Three: to form a new Union.
Four: to secure the future of the Spiritualists' National Union.



SNU President, Gordon Higginson

Frequently I look to the past to gather those threads of wisdom which experience so well bestows. Looking back should be habitual with us – unless we have benefited by what we have come through we have lived in vain.

If you take an honest look at the record of my leadership over the past 18 years there can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the Union has made a marvelous recovery and has successfully consolidated its position and secured its future.

Stansted Hall is no longer a "white elephant" and a drain on resources. It is viable and making a reasonable profit.

It stands as a monument to our success and our most valuable asset.

But do not let us be satisfied because of the strides we have made and lull ourselves into a sense of false security because the tide is now in our favor.

We are the architects of the future. None can relieve us of our responsibilities. The work of the pioneering is not yet over.

Looking back, the old pioneers did their work well. Moved by a courage that seems superhuman they cleared the ground for us and laid the foundations for Modern Spiritualism on the rock of facts and truth which have withstood the tempest.

Their foundations will stand. It was on this rock that the Spiritualists of the old days formed the Spiritualist Federation from which has grown the SNU.

They had conflict with the Christians and were persecuted and condemned; they were ostracised from society and abused wherever they went.

But through it all our pioneers never wavered from their beliefs. They fought on and kept Spiritualism as Spiritualism – a landmark amid the broad ocean of time.

The finger of time is powerless to bring it to decay for it is built in the hearts of good men and women.

The Spiritualism of our old pioneers stands as a rock from whence the beacon light of truth has shone through these many years.

In 1892 the SNU pledged itself to build its superstructure on the foundation laid by the pioneers. No way will we ever give up this ground. It is our heritage.

Therefore at this AGM let us pledge ourselves to be at least as faithful and loyal to pure Spiritualism as they were. For a house divided against itself cannot succeed.

Spiritualism came into this world as part of a great plan. The instruments through whom this new revelation was to be broadcast were carefully selected.

On the day the Fox Sisters established their first communication, Andrew Jackson Davis, that great seer who preceded Modern Spiritualism and who later became the father of the Lyceum movement, records that he heard a voice which said, "Brother, the work has begun."

Through the Fox Sisters, spirit messengers prophesied that their truths would sweep the world. It seemed impossible in 1848. It has happened today. In every country evidence of spirit power has been demonstrated.

What was the plan behind the advent of modern Spiritualism? When the early investigators inquired they were told the aims of Spiritualism were fourfold:

To prove the continuity of life beyond the grave; man's ability to communicate with his loved ones here; to unite all the religions of the world and to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The case for survival stands proved. The cumulative evidence of over 140 years has reached dimensions that cannot be upset.

But there are still the mourners to be comforted. There are still dark places in the world to be illumined with the light of Spiritualism.

We still have to weld the warring factions in religion.

I firmly believe that the kingdom of heaven on earth will be realized only when men and women understand that there *is* room in the world for all.

We must open our eyes to the suffering and starvation of millions of our fellow men, women and children.

It must appall the conscience of all Spiritualists to see such suffering when the bounty of nature is overflowing and that only man's selfishness, greed and criminal stupidity stops him from breaking down the wall which, erected by himself, stands between him and that kingdom.

My whole heart is in seeing the Spiritualist movement where it ought to be – in the forefront of human thought and making its influence felt in all branches of human activity which are working for the common good.

This is not a dream. It is more than a dream. It is a human possibility.

The aim of Spiritualism is to advance man's interest as a spiritual being. We can best do that by endeavoring to promote the spiritual welfare of others.

Is it not true to say that the world has forgotten the Spiritualist principles that lie behind all life?

Spiritualism demonstrates that mankind is fundamentally linked by a spiritual tie.

I have learned from the spirit world to understand something of the creative force which is behind all creation.

Knowing this I feel it to be my duty to try and carry out the furthering of those principles in this world.

I accepted to be the President of the Union during its darkest days because I see only in the adoption of the SNU's principles, aims and teachings the means towards a united world and brotherhood of all men.

I believe in the fatherhood of God in the sense that I can see behind all things a force that makes for good, one that uses us for the workings of its beneficent purpose.

I do not expect it to do my work for me. I must do the work myself.

In accepting the Brotherhood of Man as a cardinal principle of everyday life in all its aspects I believe that pure Spiritualism when practiced and properly understood will abolish all differences of creed, ease all class and caste hatreds, join us all in one great human family and build up to a new world in which the only distinction will be the degrees of our services for the general good.

Believing this I know that war is the worst of human crimes. All wars are civil wars because we are all brothers.

I have had proved to me that whenever, however clumsily, I try to do something which helps humanity, I am aided, nay spurred on, by beneficial entities who can see further than I can and who know more than I can know.

It is to Spiritualism that we must look chiefly for the world's salvation from the madness of modern society, its politicians, its economists who are unable to prevent the slaughter and starvation of millions in the midst of so much wealth and abundance, and who after renouncing war invent everything they possibly can to make the next war more diabolical than the last and likely to destroy not only national enemies but civilization itself.

True Spiritualists oppose everything that degrades human life because we know that the human spirit, which is God, cannot be expressed through miserable, starved, degraded bodies.

We say the body is sacred as the temple of the living spirit. Everything that degrades that body degrades that temple and degrades God.

When the world is crying out for a lead, when mankind, tired of old-fashioned theology, is groping towards the light of truth, yearning for the knowledge that Spiritualists

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 Stephen A. Hermann, Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D.C.

The lesson provides an excellent examination of the origin and application of modern philosophical inquiry and its essential relationship with the religion of Modern Spiritualism. Religion is a sister discipline to philosophy, and Spiritualism as religion is unique for it clearly integrates elements derived from the western philosophical tradition of Plato and Socrates into its structure and practice.

One of the lesson's most valuable teachings was the explanation of Natural Law and its importance to the philosophy of Modern Spiritualism. It is crucial for the practicing Spiritualist to comprehend that unlike Orthodox Christianity, Modern Spiritualism doesn't separate the supernatural from the natural or God from His creation. Modern Spiritualism recognizes that all law is a natural continuum expressed accordingly in the physical and spiritual realms. Natural Law is applied to the Spiritualist conception of God as well, for all phenomena are expressions of the universal, Infinite Intelligence. God isn't separate from His creation but is the unifying, essential part of it. Man being part of God can progress at his own pace providing he stay attuned to Natural Law. The lesson made me aware of how closely the Spiritualist and native Americans' conceptions of God are related and how the Spiritualist like native peoples the world over walks in touch with God.

I was surprised at how many ancient western philosophers arrived at the same, basic conclusions which are found in the Spiritualist Declaration of Priniciples. With our roots in line with Aristotle and Socrates, clearly our Spiritualist philo sophy has a well thought out, richly intellectual heritage and is not merely the product of shallow speculation or wishful thinking. The lesson also taught me how closely linked the progressive philosophy is with the modern scientific process. Again, unlike the Orthodox creeds, Spiritualism doesn't attempt to separate itself from modern advancements and in the tradition of Socrates, Spiritualism is constantly searching, reevaluating, and reexamining its beliefs. Its principles are always open to change, if necessary. This is perhaps the most important conclusion I derived from studying this lesson. Spiritualism attempts to understand and accepts man's organic and spiritual relationship to God, the universe and all of life. Through mediumship and putting philosophy into daily practice, the Spiritualist progresses attuned to the Infinite.

SNU President Issues Warning
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can give, we go on passively tinkering with our machinery, altering our rules, worrying about petty things instead of concentrating on the main issue concerning life and our purpose on earth.

Unless we are prepared to retrace our steps and follow that path our pioneers cleared for us, Spiritualism will end up like all past religions – on the scrapheap of the world.

If A Man Die, Shall He Live Again?

By Gussie Ross Jobe
(From The National Spiritualist – November 1936)

This question interests more than any other question asked by a race of thinking and civilized people. Many are ashamed to acknowledge this interest, but deep down in their secret hearts it lives and burns . . . sometimes unasked . . . always unanswered.

Confucius asks "Who knows when the end is reached? for life follows upon death." but who can prove it? I CAN PROVE IT! I saw and talked to a woman an hour after she had died.

I've reached the age of some forty odd years without harboring a suspicion that I was psychic, or experiencing an astral flight. I never saw a ghost or heard voices. For what happened I have no explanation to give, for nothing remotely like it has ever happened to me since.

I worked on the night shift at the St.Luke's Hospital, Shakers Boulevard, in Cleveland, Ohio. The rapid transit lines ceased operating shortly after midnight and I made my way home every morning on the "Owl cars" that run at half-hour intervals.

One morning in June, about the fifth, I think, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, I had finished work and was standing at the corner of One Hundred and Sixteenth street waiting for the "Buck-eye" car to appear. The place where I waited was the top of a hill. One could see quite four blocks down the incline. The car I boarded had mostly disgorged all of its passengers by the time it reached me, so I made a habit of boarding it as it went up. I'd stay on until it made the loop and started back to the public square – thus I saved my self many cold hours waiting in the winter and hot ones in the summer.

On this particular morn I was a little early and stood in the hot summer morning waiting for the two o'clock car to arrive. There were no pedestrians on the street, nor were there any shops or booths opened in so remote a section of the town. I stood yawning and watching the dance of fireflies around the electric light under which I waited. I looked again for the car and saw the figure of a woman about four blocks away. Idly I watched her get larger and larger as the distance between us lessened. When she had come near enough to assume normal size I saw that she was holding something in both hands, that is, she held her elbows close to her sides as one does when carrying something fragile. A little nearer and I saw that she was both young and pretty. She was bareheaded and wore a black and white sport frock; her tie was clipped down with an odd white and black clip. Sturdily she plodded up the hill until she reached my side. As she saw me she broke out into an excited little run, still carrying her elbows carefully, and when she stood before me I saw that she held an ice cream cone in each hand.

Her great black eyes looked into mine. "Wasn't it awful?" she asked. "Wasn't what awful?" I wanted to know. "Why! the explosion, the fire, the dying, the dead, their cries for mercy and for help. Oh! I'll never forget those cries," and she shuddered.

In the days before Repeal I had, on my journeys home in the small hours of the morning, witnessed many intoxicated revelings by the young folks of both sexes. This girl didn't seem drunk. She seemed more like someone walking in her sleep. Still what else could I think? I looked deeply into her wide innocent appearing eyes and impressed her features indelibly upon my memory. She held up the ice cream cones and continued her monologue. "I owe my life to these cones. We were playing bridge . . . it was so hot. I was Dummy. I slipped out to the 'All Night Lunch Stand' and got these because I don't like highballs, and when I came back . . . and when I came back . . ." and she stood there saying those words over and over again as if trying to piece together what had happened when she *came back.*

My car was coming and had stopped. I spoke to her over my

N.S.A.C. CONVENTION UPDATE

"Day Of Discovery"

College Of Spiritual Knowledge

Saturday, October 1, 1988

The N.S.A.C. will offer a "Day Of Discovery" which will be most enlightening and beneficial to both Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists. Scheduled the day before the official opening of the N.S.A.C. 96th Annual Convention at the Westin Hotel, 2701 Summer St., Stamford, Connecticut – will be a "College Of Spiritual Knowledge" comprising a series of ten lectures with two lectures being presented simultaneously.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. From 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there will be an open Public Healing Service.

It will be possible for those attending this very special event to attend a total of five lectures.

Lecturers will not only be representatives of the N.S.A.C., but will include a Doctor of Chiropractic who is also a Spiritualist, a Jewish Rabbi who will discuss spirit communication as recorded in the Old Testament, and a Professor of Psychology from Boston College.

N.S.A.C. lecturers will include the following N.S.A.C. Ordained Ministers:

Don and Betty Nauratil, Neil C. Griffen, Sharon Lynch, and Melvin and Dorothy Smith.

Also inlcuded is Healer Bob Miller.

The total price for the entire day of activities is $75.00.

We wholeheartedly recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity to attend this series of very informative and enlightening presentations by these outstanding lecturers.

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shoulder as I clambered aboard. "You go home girlie and get some sleep." After I sat down I looked out and tried to see her again but she was nowhere in sight. In that short a moment she had slipped away somewhere and I saw her no more.

I ate a sort of a luncheon breakfast at noon and the next morning I read the papers as I drank my coffee. The front pages were plastered over with headlines of a big apartment house fire away over on the other side of Cleveland – a good fifteen miles from Shakers Boulevard and 116th street. Foul play had been hinted at. Many lives had been lost, many bodies yet unrecovered. The once beautiful structure was now but a pile of smoking debris, a charnel house for the dead and dying. There were some pictures of the known dead and suddenly I pushed away my coffee and eggs – my appetite turned to nausea. In one circle was pictured the girl to whom I had spoken last night – a Mrs. B... There could be no doubt. She even wore the odd bone clip in the picture.

I have never opened my mouth about it until now. No, I am just like a hundred percent other normals who dread more than anything else in the world the idea of being thought "nutty," but you can bet I thought about it and wondered about it and tried to work out some solution to the mystery, but up to date I've not succeeded.

I've played a game of "Conceding the Points" and I've willingly conceded them all but *ONE.* I've said to myself, "All right, let's concede that she had been to the fire that was raging at the moment she was talking to me. (All right, she was there.) Then let's concede the point that a very fast car brought her to the foot of the hill where I first saw her walking toward me, dumped her there and ran back to the fire. (All right, a machine brought her.) I might have fancied a resemblance to the pictured dead woman – there may be hundreds of clips like that. (All right, I fancied a resemblance.) She might have stepped inside a doorway and thus be hidden from view when I looked from the car. (All right, she was hiding in a doorway.) But here's the point I can't concede. She had walked slowly up a hill four blocks long on a torrid summer morning and when she stood before me the two ice cream cones that she held in her hands should have been, by every law of heat, at least softly melted. There was no place around our end of town where she could have bought them. She said that she bought them across the street from the apartment house, fifteen miles away. But when I looked at them they were as *compactly and frostily solid as though they had just been dipped,* and that's the point I won't concede.

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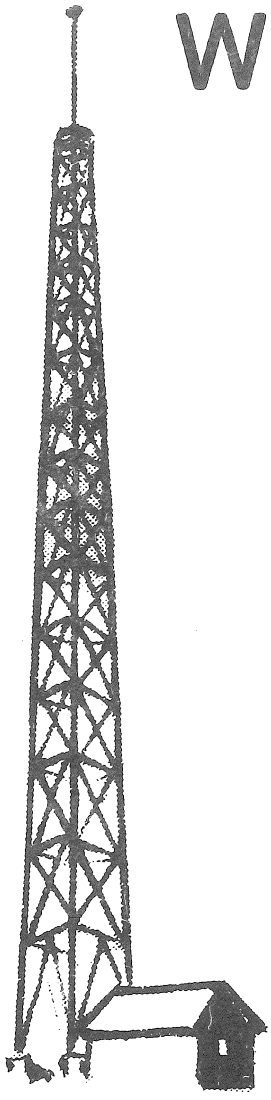
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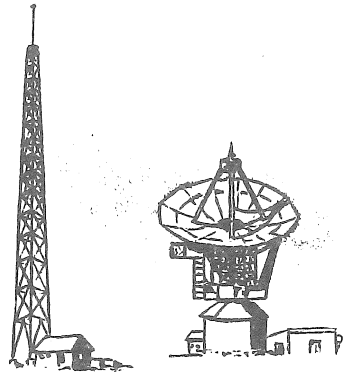
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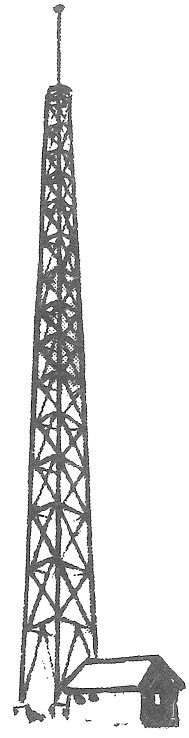
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Worlds Beyond Update

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 religion 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 that are available from the N.S.A.C. office at $25 for each tape, or $125 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!

Spiritual Healing

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL HEALING

I ask the great unseen healing force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health. I ask this in all sincerity and honesty and I will do my part.

I ask this great unseen healing force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God.

There are so many things that we use in our daily lives, without really thinking about how they work or the Natural Laws which make it possible for them to function. How many of us understand the technical basics of television? We simply know that it works and proceed to use and enjoy it with little further thought as to how pictures are transmitted through the atmosphere.

For those who have been the recipients of spiritual healing, the results speak clearly and convincingly that such healing is indeed a reality and available to everyone.

The primary and essential thing is to know that spiritual healing works. We may never understand all the ways in which it works, but we know that healing is from God. While we progress and grow in understanding, we should utilize this great healing power which is available to all. This healing can and should be used along with medical treatment which the patient is being given. Spiritual healing will help greatly to bring a patient into a receptive state of mind and being, so that there will be a better response and very often a much shorter period of recovery.

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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.

Platform Decorum And Mediumship (Part I)

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

In the Spiritualist religion, as with all religions, there are many differences in the various churches. This does not apply to the philosophy but rather to the style of the church and therefore the service. Each church has its own needs and furnishings available. Some of our services are held in private homes while others have large sanctuaries. But we all have one goal in common. To have the best service possible.

In order to accomplish this, you may like to hold a special class in Platform Decorum and to make it even more interesting for the students add Platform Mediumship for the second part of each session. The students get a lot out of it and enjoy it too.

Plan out the classes to study one area of platform work at each session. This gives enough time to cover the subject and have discussion about each one. You can then go into the mediumship portion. You may work with psychometry of various objects, photographs and articles that the students bring in. You may want to blindfold one student and let him/her read for another, not knowing who he/she is reading for. Each student should then get a turn at working from the lectern. This will be the first time for many of them to address people from the platform and it is very good experience. It also relieves some of the tension before that first time to work at a service.

The information used is broken down into the following sessions. Many of you will have different ideas and some of them will be better for you. Realize that the needs of each church must be considered. Some of this information would be useless to some and inadequate to others. You must keep in mind that flexibility is the key to making this class work for your church.

General Appearance

Usually when people go to church they try to look their best. But we each have a different idea of what looks good for our service workers and time may see our workers trying less and less. Because of this, a dress code is usually suggested for those who are serving in the service.

The general preference is ladies in dresses and gentlemen in a jacket and tie. You will find that some churches with evening services may require long dresses for the ladies. A church with a raised platform may also require long dresses for obvious reasons. Some of our churches are also requiring robes for their services.

When your church board sets a dress code, then it is your responsibility to adhere to the rule. It is also the responsibility of a church that requires a special dress code to inform all guest ministers, in advance, as to what is expected of them. It is your responsibility if they have not been told and are embarrassed by improper dress. Select the proper dress for your particular church. Your appearance is a reflection of your respect and reverence for Spiritualism. If you are serving the platform, you are representing your religion in a public manner.

You may have a different dress code for midweek services than you do for Sundays. Wednesday evening services are considered less formal in our church. While the dress code remains the same, students are given the opportunity to lecture and give spirit greetings. We maintain the same standards because we feel that people who attend a midweek service deserve as much from us as the Sunday guests.

It may be preferable for ushers

and healers, even though they do not take a seat on the platform, to also follow the code. Our church is in the south and the hot weather makes for very uncomfortable healers. Again, you must conform to your needs.

No matter what your dress code may be, there are a few things that simply must be followed. Noisy jewelry such as bracelets or earrings have no place on the platform. Chewing gum is another complete "NO-NO". It is also suggested that you avoid slang words or phrases. It helps to not make a habit of using slang at all. It may slip out when you least want it to.

Ladies should wear make-up in good taste. Some of the lighting will completely wash out your features. But don't get carried away. Be yourself and go with good taste.

Gentlemen should make sure that their hair is neatly trimmed and combed. Jewelry is a nice touch for men. It gives a look of caring, and effort being made to look your best.

Men and women should wear colors that are pleasing to the eye. All colors are good. If it seems drab, brighten it up with a scarf or tie of a more exciting color. Stay away from a busy print in a large piece of cloth though. Too much excitement is difficult to look at for too long. Busy jackets and dresses should be avoided.

Most of all, stand straight and proud. Know you are there to do service for your church and Infinite Intelligence. Be reverent without being stiff. Complete this with a beautiful, caring "smile" and you have the proper appearance for a good Spiritualist service.

Order Of Service

A guideline for the "Order of Service" is helpful and a simple form can be typed and then copied for the Platform Chairperson to follow. Other people involved in the service should know exactly what their jobs are, so nothing is left unfinished before the service begins. The following suggestions may please you and be adapted to your service.

Pastor positions himself/herself near the entrance to greet the guests upon arrival.

Organist plays the prelude the last five to ten minutes before the service begins.

Ushers hand out programs and assist any who need help to be seated.

Platform workers enter and take their places on the platform.

Platform Charirperson leads the following:

Open the service with a welcome, and acknowledge any special visitors.

Congregation stands to sing the opening hymn and for the invocation, delivered by the platform chairperson or minister.

All are seated.

Open the Healing portion of the service by asking the congregation to join in the Healing Prayer. They are then lead into a healing meditation while soft music is played either on a recording or musical instrument. Those wanting the "laying on of hands" are told when to go to the healing area. Ushers help if needed and dim lights if preferred.

Gently bring the congregation out of meditation and acknowledge those who worked as healing ministers.

Recitation of Principles.

Stand for Hymn suitable for vibrations of lecture.

Introduction of Speaker, kept short with acknowledgement of credentials.

Speaker: Topic to be inspiring and include guidance, knowledge, love and reverence, kept within the time limit.

Platform chairperson must watch the time. At the conclusion of the lecture, *very briefly* thank the speaker.

Have ushers come forward for the offering and give an offering prayer.

Announcements: keep them short, there are usually many of them. Committee chairpersons should go to the person in charge (Pastor-Program chairperson) so the announcements can be prearranged.

All stand for the hymn, selected to build vibrations for the message portion.

Introduce the message minister(s) in order of appearance.

Message Minister: Short spirit greetings for the time allowed.

Platform Chairperson: Congregation to stand for the closing hymn and the benediction (delivered either by the Platform Chairperson or the Pastor, which should be determined prior to coming to platform.)

Speaker and Message Minister: may go to the exit door during the closing hymn to greet the congregation as they leave the sanctuary.

Fellowship if offered.

Platform Chairperson

Many times the Platform Chairperson and the Pastor are one in the same. But even if they are not, these are the two people who must arrive early. They are responsible for seeing that many things are taken care of and that the needs of the congregation are met. It is very helpful to have a list of the duties of the Platform Chairperson. Some of the items on this list may include:

Flowers
Hymn selections
Announcements
Speaker
Message Ministers

Drinking water for Platform workers
Selection of Ushers
Healing Ministers
Healing Water and paper towels

Some of these jobs may be lined up by a special committee. It is always good to make sure that all your workers have remembered to be there and have not had a last minute emergency.

Know your order of service and make small changes if you like. A variety can be a nice change and can work to help raise the vibrations.

The Platform Chairperson sets the pace for the entire service. It is a very important job. Do all you can to keep the vibrations as pleasing as possible with reverence. Flowers and singing always raise the vibrations but a smile can do more than all the rest together. Don't look like someone made you do this against your wishes. Be honored to be there and show it with your expression.

Watch for special occasions to do something different for the day, i.e. hymns, prayers, announcements, etc. However, announcing personal birthdays and anniversaries, unless it is a very special one, should be avoided. Realize that it can go into a lot of time and may be difficult to keep up with. It could cause hurt feelings if someone is forgotten.

The Invocation and Benediction should be kept to a moderate length. We have all witnessed prayers that seemed longer than the lecture. It is always better when prayers are inspirational. Try to include a request for guidance for the service workers.

The introduction to the Healing Meditation should be as smooth and relaxing as possible. It is not the time to stumble over words or try some new idea without thinking it out. Be practical though. You don't want to get so pre-planned that Spirit is unable to work with you.

Watch the clock to tell workers if they are going overtime. Some churches record all the sermons given at the services on cassette tapes. It is important that the sermon ends before the tape so the closing remarks are included. Message ministers may be in a deep attunement and need to be told when their time is up. A nice way to do this is to say, "Just time for one more, please."

Realize your responsibility for correcting any conflict of philosophy given by the other workers. Because of this one point, it is good to have the more experienced church workers for the Platform Chairperson's position.

Do all you can to assist the other workers and see to their needs before they are even aware they need them. If you make your co-workers and the congregation feel welcomed and that you are pleased they came, you have done your job well.

Now we come to the conclusion of Part I of this article. We have covered a suggested order of a service, general appearance and the duties of the platform chairperson. This gives you the general lay-out of a service. In Part II, we will go into suggestions for the sermon, Healing Ministers and Message Ministers.

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Boothe Memorial Park; Services 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd. & 4th. Saturday, Sept. thru June; Pres., John J. Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwald, 06854, (203) 866-0663; Secy., Doris G. Wendell, 377 Queen St., Bridgeport, 06606, (203) 374-5174.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,
268 High St. 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres. Joyce Orcutt, 13 Wales Rd. Andover, CT 06232, (203) 742-7846; Secy., Donna .M. Szall, RFD 1, Box 551, Jewett City 06351 (203) 376-3382.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON - Church of Two Worlds,
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dyer, 2912 N. 7th St. Arlington, VA 22201; Secy., Judith Snider, 12415 Hickory Tree Way, Germantown, MD 20874, (301) 972-5684.

FLORIDA

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; Pastor, Rev. Pamela K. Ward (407) 857-1573; Pres., Jean I. Lerch (407) 834-5378; Secy., Cheryl A. Kohler (407) 277-6634.

ILLINOIS

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church of Aurora, Inc.,
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, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Diane L. Cizunas, 251 Park Lane, Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

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; Mr. Fred Detzner, Conductor every second Sunday after Church Service.

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 Serv. 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 - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:30 a.m., Lyceum every third Sun.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Secy. ..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.

LEROY - J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church,
102 S. Pearl St.; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 12:30 p.m., Tues. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bryan McCotter; 313 E. Center St. 61752; Pres., Ella Martinovich, 1402 E. College, Normal, IL 61761, (309) 452-1738; Secy., Terri Baumgartner, 404 W. Oakland, Apt.1, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828- 0872.

INDIANA

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
Pres., Rev. William F. Melick, 1806 E. 66th St., Indianapolis, 46220; Secy., Doris Copeland, 5096N 300E Greenfield IN 46140, (317) 326-2523.

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St., P.O. Box 8151, 46898; Sun. Lyceum Classes for all ages 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Philosophy class 6:00 p.m. (Sept. - May, 1st & 3rd Sun.); Sun. & Thurs. Services 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bernice Brock; Assoc. Pastors, Rev. Jay Fisher & Rev. Ed Cummings; Secy., Jeanne Navarro.

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.

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., Herbert Ray Worth, (317) 251-4889, Secy., Edith Myers, (317) 248-9773.

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.; Pastor & Pres., Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W. Daphne Park 46360, (219) 872-6621;, Secy., Carleen Boyle, 2878 W. Small Rd. LaPorte, IN 46350.

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 pm., 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, 5096 N. 300 E. Greenfield IN 46140, 326-2523.

PERU - First Psychic Science Spiritualist Church,
62 S. Miami St., 46970; Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Anita Wentz, 16509 State Road 120, Bristol, IN 46507; Secy., Virginia 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 - Sat. 9:00 a.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 L. Conley, 50 Windy St., 04330; Secy., Carole Rideout, Birmingham Rd., Chelsea, 04345; Treas., Lyndell Heald, Rt. 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,
Rte. #1 Box 4 Etna, ME 04434, May - Sept. Only; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Lyceum Sun. 10:00 a.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 269-3451 & (207) 938-2807; Pres., Willadeen Dew, Box 105, 04434; Secy., Florence Seavey, Rte. #1 Box 4, 04434, (207) 269-4334.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
180 Sawyer St., So. Portland, 04106; Servs. Sun. & Wed. at 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611; Pres., Sheila Werner, P.O. Box 14, New Gloucester, 04260; Secy. Agnes E. Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 767-3611.

MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church,
54 Glenwood St., 02401; Services - Sun. & Thurs. Healing & Devotional 7:00 p.m.; No Sun. Serv. June, July, & Aug.; Pastor, Rev. Gertrude Stevens, 68 Perkins St., 02402, 587-5107; Pres., Gerry Allain, (401) 437-0703; Secy., Mary Lou Lambert, (617) 659-2952; Church Phone: (617) 586-7671.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist),
37 Lowell St. 01844 (In Chapel of Methodist Church ;) Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. Pastor, Stephanie Frobese, 54 Connolly Rd., Pinehurst, 01866 (617) 677-6437; Secy., Paul E. Butzien, 33 Lynn St,. Lawrence, 01843 (617) 794-1473.

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; Pres., Mr. George Christman, 32 Flynt St., Palmer MA 01069, (413) 283-7496; Secy., Mrs. Elizabeth Vancour, 904 High Path Dr., Windsor, CT 06095, (203) 688-3259.

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Rev. Norma W. McDerment, 3137 Sparks Rd., Jackson 49203; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 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., Lyceum meets Sun. 9:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. Otto Allen, 419 Pearl, Petosky, 49770; Secy., Ralph B. Cheney, 7453 Old 31 Rt. 3, Charlevoix, 49720, (616) 347-3899.

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.

LESLIE – Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00, Church Service 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506, (616) 241-2761; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 808 State St., Jackson, 49202, (517) 787-0422.

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

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; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale, 48220; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 2120 Sonoma, Ferndale 48220, (313) 542-0784.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. 9th St.; Mailing Address - P.O. Box 3652, Duluth MN 55803-3652; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Eugene Johnson, 1301 Harrison, Superior WI 54880, Secy., Linda Larson, 301 Osakis St. 55803, (218) 728-2881.

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.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Ninth Spiritualist Church,
2301 Van Brunt Blvd., 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Harry Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138; Secy., Marcella Grissom, 9103 James A. Reed Rd., 64138, (816) 761-9365.

KANSAS CITY – The Light of The World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
5112½ E. 27th St., 64127; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Wed 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Mollie Foreman, N.S.T., 2825 Denver, 64128.

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)

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, N.S.A.C.,
Secy., Helen L. Camp, 867 No. Lamb Blvd. 89100

NEW JERSEY

CAMDEN - Fourth Spiritualist Church,
28 N. 26th St., Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119-D Haddon Hills Apts., Crystal Lake Ave., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

NEW YORK

ALBANY - The Capital District Spiritualist Church,
1011 Troy-Schenectady Road 12110; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes Mon. - Thurs., Open Seances Every Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Windows To Your Soul Bookstore open weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen C. Robinson, N.S.T., (518) 783-1315.

BINGHAMTON - First National Spiritualist Church,
97 Riverside Dr. 13905 (607)723-0695; Sun. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Howell, 97 Riverside.

BROOKLYN - The Temple of Divine Guidance, N.S.A.C.,
493 Clinton Ave. (2R) 11238; Serv. 1st & 3rd Sat. 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Secy., Willette Law, 10 Argyle F #6C, 11218 (718)282-8542.

BUFFALO - Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood,
1980 Bailey Ave. 14211, (716) 892-5277; Sun. Lyceum Serv. 10:30 a.m., Director, Mrs, Marilyn Shei; Healing Serv. 11:30 a.m., Worship Serv. 12:00 p.m., Mediums Day 2nd Sun. every month, Dinner 1:00 p.m., Message Serv. Every Wed. 7:00 p.m., Classes, Seminars, Consultations & Special Activities available contact Pastor or President for further information; Pastor, Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, N.S.T., 11 Fourth St., Lily Dale 14752, (716) 595-3274; Pres., John Renzo, 90 Gibbons Rd., Lackawana 14218.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple,
29 Temple Pl. 14052; Sun. Healing 6:45 p.m., Lecture & Message Serv. 7:30 p.m., Mediums Day 4th Sun. of month, Lecture & Message Serv. 3:30 & 7:30 p.m., Dinner 5:00 p.m., All Message Serv. 6:00 p.m., Healing Serv. 7:00 p.m., Coffee Hour 9:00 p.m., Adult & Children Lyceum Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, N.S.T., Box 511 Delevan 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle 14052., (716) 652-4972.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,
Sun. Serv. Healing & Devotional 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Fri. evening Development Class 7:30 p.m.; Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Lois Theis, Director; Pres., Sharon Earsing; Secy., Louis Wyszynski, 14752, (716) 595 3132; Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, Lily Dale, NY 14752.

LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,
15 Oak St., Patchogue 11772; Service alternate Sundays 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen 737-4651; Secy., Rev. Virginia Berg, 1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook 11741 (516)588-1442.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
175 Carter St. 14621 (716)544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ronald Skowronski, 1100 Ave. "D" 14621 (716)266-5617.

OHIO

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., 1235 W. Prospect Rd., Ashtabula 44004; Secy., Caroline Taylor, 850 N. Meridian Rd., Apt. 610, Youngstown 44509 (216)792-8633.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation,
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m., Wed. Serv. 7:00 p.m. with Lyceum, All Message Serv. every 4th Fri.; Pastor, John S. Matrunick, 11 Woolley Park, Box 7, Ashley, 43003, (614) 747-2352.

COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden,
1751 Aberdeen Ave. 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Rev. Neil C. Griffen, Conductor, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m., Private Readings 1st & 3rd Fri. each month 7:00 p.m.; Pres., David H. Ereira; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen; Secy., Lois E. Ereira, 280 Triumph Way, Gahanna 43230 (614)475-3250.

DAYTON - The Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
848 Clover St. 45410; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., All message Serv. 4th Sat. 7:30 p.m; Pres., Ray Moschke, 1468 Ironwood Dr., Fairborn 45324 (513) 878-1165; Pastor, Juanita M. Luppeti; Secy., Vanita Scholl, 1330 B Black Forrest Dr., West Carrolton, OH 45449.

KENT- First Spiritualist Church,
146 W. Oak St., 44240; Serv. 2:00 p.m. Sun.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,
667 Henry St. 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Dorothy Beveridge, 249 Uhler Ave. 43302; Secy., Helen Brown, 400 Deleware Ave. 43302 (614)387-5834.

MARENGO - The Spiritualist Temple of Light,
1463 Co. Rd. 24, 43334; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor & Secy., Frank Staats, P.O. Box 217, Ashley 43003; Pres., Ardella Staats (419)864-4655.

MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,
224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 (216) 832-9764; Sun. Serv. :00 p.m.; Secy., Douglas D. Shanklin, 224 North Ave. N.E. 44646 .

SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Services 1:30 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays March thru December; Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 1629 Franklin Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808 (219)426-6793.

YOUNGSTOWN - First Spiritualist Church,
323 W. LaClede 44511; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mark S. Fellows, 162 Maywood Dr. 44512; Secy., Mary E. Burkett, 168½ Maywood Dr. 44512 (216)782-9600.

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Orpha V. Neal, P.O. Box 376, Kellyville 74039; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St., Midwest City 73110 (405)732-7975.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Central Spiritualist Church,
2348 N.W. 36th St.; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m., Lyceum Sun. 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Joseph F. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110; Secy., Juanita R. Oyer, 6216 S.E. 10th St. 73110 (405)732-7975.

TULSA - Tulsa Spiritual Light Church,
123 Xanthus St. 74104; Serv. Sun. & Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Margaret C. May, (same address); Secy., Anna L. Stiver, 1912 E. 5th St. 74104, 582-5945.

PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., John E. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona, Philadelphia 19121 (215)232-9219; Secy., Rev. Bertram C. Frace, 2044 Ridgelawn Ave., Bethlehem, 18018 (215)868-5476.

ALLENTOWN - Getter Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,
1123 Oak St. 18102; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Sharon Politz, 223½ N. 2nd St. 18102 (215)434-3607; Pastor, Rev. B.C. Frace (215)868-5476.

HARRISBURG - First Spiritualist Church,
1221 S. 19th St. (rear) 17104; Sun. Healing 2:15 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Secy., Lawrence A. Peterman, 1913 Arlington St., Apt. 1A, Camp Hill 17011 (717)737-1835.

MCKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,
809 Locust St. 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 42 Crawford Village 15132; Secy., Patrick Rebold, 5017 Dearborn St., Pittsburgh 15224 (412)661-0521.

PHILADELPHIA - Second Spiritualist Church,
423 S. Broad St. 19147; Lyceum Sun. 2:00 p.m., Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Mr. John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St. 19121 (215)232-9219.

PHILADELPHIA - Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church,
Rising Sun & Park Aves.; Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m. Healing-Sermon-Messages, Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m. Healing and Messages; Pres., Robert E. Gee, 4 Forest Hill Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Pastor, Elizabeth H. Benetz, 1116 Story Lane, Gladwyne 19035; Secy., Maria E. Whitaker, 1812 Edgewood Pl., Clementon, NJ 08021.

TEXAS

TEXAS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
3523 Beauchamp St., Houston 77009 (713)864-0474; Pres., C.D. Jessup, III; Secy., Marie W. Smith, 12534 Enchanted Path, Houston 77044 (713)458-7035.

AUSTIN – First Spiritualist Church,
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway, (512) 327-2769 after 6:00 p.m.

CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church,
802 S. College St. 76520. Sun. Serv.: 10:30 A.M.; Pastor, Frances Brown, 2731 S. Congress #3105, Austin, TX 78704, (512) 447-2188; Healing Serv.: 11:30 A.M.; John Caporusso, 4902 Wind River Rd., Austin, TX 78759, (512) 345-9389; Pres., Pearlie Krenek, (817) 697-3027; Secy.-Tres., Regina Hairston, P.O. Box 1152, Cameron, TX, (817) 697-3862; Organist, Zelma King.

DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church,
3606 Howell St.; Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m. (Last Sun. of each month 2:00 p.m.); Pastor, Mr. Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, 4653 Cedar Tone Dr.75211, 331-8236.

EL PASO - Luz Y Verdad Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
3523 Beauchamp St. 77009 (713)864-0474; Lyceum & Serv. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 7:45 p.m.; Pastor, Charles D. Jessup, III; Secy., Marie W. Smith. 12634 Enchanted Path 77044 (713)458-7035; (Jovita Garcia, Lyceum Director 2:30 p.m.).

SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,
1627 Pan Am Express Way N.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz; Secy., Margie de la Portilla, 8410 Starcrest 78218 (512)653-0646.

TAYLOR – First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,
West Fourth St. & Ferguson; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m., Social last Sat. each month; Rev. E.L. Actkinson, 5709 Dana Dr.; Acting Pastor & Secy. Pro tem, Mrs. Frances L. Brown, 2731 S. Congress, Apt. 3105, Austin 78704, (512) 447-2188.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK - Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
307 W. 37th St. 23508; Devotional Serv. Sun. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Fred H. Brown, 622 W. Princess Anne Rd. 23517, (804) 627-7015; Secy., Ms. Hazel Bowen, c/o Christian Metaphysical Chapel.

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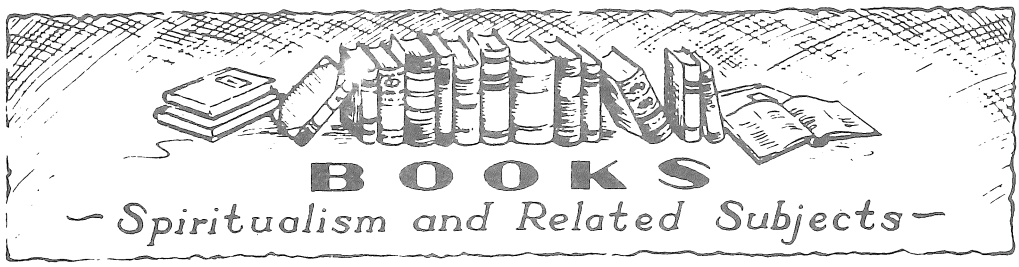
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The Way We Teach Our Students Of Spiritualism

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Part VII — Continuing, a resume of the various subjects and exercises included from time to time during the Variable Teaching Period of our development classes.

The introduction of variety among the week to week topics discussed in this period, also in the methods of teaching the various phases of development, help us to build a climate of interest among the students. Likewise the utilization of a proportion of the easier well-known exercises in conjunction with an interblending of those requiring more intense application provides a form of aid in establishing a forward flow in each student's development. For maximum benefit, no specific advance notice is given the students concerning the variable programs of future meetings. We find that retaining the students' curiosity is helpful, for it keeps their minds in a more open state.

Sooner or later, two important challenges must be presented to students. These come in the form of (1) breaking away from the initial practice of "stacking" the messages received during the meditation period and (2) abandoning the use of written material when asked to give an address. While these crutches are helpful to the inexperienced or nervous beginner, they must eventually be laid down. Needless to say, the change cannot be accomplished all at once. Still, it CAN be brought about in easy stages. After the students show evidence of being able to work with a guide to a point of having some degree of communicative interchange, there must be an exercise given which will gradually stimulate the so progressed student's confidence in receiving spontaneous spirit help at the moment it is required. For some students this is a difficult step forward, while others adapt quickly. Either way, continued practice will bring the progressive change into being.

For National Spiritualist readers, I will mention a few of our exercises which we find to be of help during the students' break-away period, as they struggle for the confidence required to separate themselves from the message-stacking procedure (i.e., the holding in memory of messages received during the meditation period.) Also the exercises which help them let go of their initial method of giving previously prepared instead of spontaneously inspired addresses. The first of these exercise items I will mention is the use of psychometry as a means of providing a spontaneous spirit message, without having access to any prior visual or other form of physical sense data relating to the recipient of the message. In this exercise, psychometry is used in a way which differs from the type we usually see in use elsewhere. Its objective is to use the vibration of the article held in the hand as an identification link with its owner and the spirit or spirits who would wish to communicate with him or her. It is NOT to give a physical history of the article. Rather, it is to convey a *clairvoyant* or *clairaudient* message from some personally recognizable relative, friend, or guiding spirit to the owner of the article. When this purpose is stated within the class situation and discussed briefly, or it is requested in meditation by an individual student of his/her spirit guide, it will receive immediate and full support from the spirit world. In fact, it is one of their favorite exer-

cises, since it eliminates more of the student opinions that tend to otherwise get intermingled with the spirit messages. To facilitate getting the best results, the lighting in the room is temporarily severely dimmed, while an article belonging to each student is collected in a tray which has a clean paper-towel liner in the bottom and an over-the-articles paper towel on top. The towels are used to minimize the vibrations of the tray as well as to hide the identities of the articles from student view during the gathering and redistribution processes. (Articles submitted should have previously been handled only by their owners and preferably, should not be made of plastic, which tends to carry excessive static energy.)

Each student, when his/her turn to take an article from the tray is at hand, should reach under the upper towel on the tray and pick up any convenient item that is not his/her own. Three to five minutes are allowed for the students to "tune in" and receive their messages – after two verses of some well-known Spiritualist hymn have been sung (no hymn books are used, since handling them would divert the attention that should instead be open and receptive to receiving the communications that are expected from the spirit world.) Within the short time period mentioned, I turn up the lights and ask whomever is ready first to give what they have received for the owner of their article. The student shows his/her article and gives his/her message with a minimum of delay, as do the remaining members of the class in quick succession. None are to identify themselves as owners of any article until all messages have been given, so there will be no message alterations made because of identity deductions. After all communications have been given off, each message is then discussed with the student who submitted the article, to determine the validity of what was received. Although this exercise appears difficult at first, students soon discover it to be a source of many convincing surprises, courtesy of the spirit world. In fact it sometimes turns out that a single theme runs through all these communications on a given night, with the theme only becoming fully known after all aspects of the exercise have been completed. Such a happening adds a generous measure of encouragement and confidence to the students.

A different exercise which also proves useful, even if again seemingly difficult at first, is to ask each student in turn to stand in from of a fellow student as selected by the circle leader, and then to call upon his/her guide or spirit helper to provide an evidential message to pass along to the designated recipient. The newer students will be asked to start with one message, but the more experienced students should be directed to two, then later, to three students. The students who reach the point of being able to give two or three spontaneous messages in this type of exercise are urged as well to regularly attend our open-circle public development class on Thursday evenings, so they can obtain further practice in the more realistic circumstances of helping people who are not known to themselves. In fact, beginning and intermediate students are likewise urged to attend the same weekly meeting in order to share in the discussions and exercises.

With respect to developing an ability of attunement with known spirit help in order to receive guidance for inspirational addresses a somewhat similar procedure is made use of – after the students have become accustomed to an initial exercise of expressing short to medium length inspirational class-night talks before their fellow class members at the conclusion of their meditation period (instead of giving individual messages.) For the more advanced exercise, I ask each student in turn to stand behind his/her chair and speak on a given topic for several minutes. In the beginning it will be on a familiar subject, like why they came into Spiritualism. Then on successive occasions, one or more of the Principles might be suggested. After a period of time I may have them do a resume of a book like "Spirit Teachings" by Stainton Moses. They could use a few highlighted notes with an exercise such as this, but most of the evaluation material should be rooted in the understanding acquired in the personal consciousness, in conjunction with that which is meanwhile being supplied by the spirit guide or helper. Sometimes the result is so exceptional, I proceed to look for a date on our Sunday platform, so our congregation may witness the work of such a promising student. Whether or not I feel justified in doing this at an early point, all students will continue to study and express themselves and add to their facility of expression as well as their ability to unify in closer ways with their inspiring spirits. As in this illustration, books form an important topic in our class work. It is repeatedly brought forth in our discussions, their value and careful selection always stressed. We remind students that book sellers are in business to make money. Therefore they will stock books to suit all tastes – high, low and several grades between. It is up to the purchasers to choose the authors and titles that are compatible with their purpose.

For our classes, from the very

beginning and to the exclusion of all newsstand books, various Spiritualist texts are emphasized as being necessary reading to accompany each student's initial unfoldment and active development period. With these, as with any other instructional material, the students are urged to consider and evaluate what is presented. They are taught to categorize and separate material which they believe to be true from what they have reasons to think is incorrect or false. They are to provide a category as well, for that which might bear some degree of truth and could be further investigated at a later date. Suppositions must remain in the doubtful category until proven true. An ability to recognize truth vs. suppositions must be persistently developed. Students should avoid falling into line with people who believe a supposition on the strength of a few apparent facts which are of importance to themselves alone. Truth can become hidden and lost by so doing. Evidence should always be extensively sought and proven in various ways before accepting a belief as being a universal fact to depend upon.

Although we should not want to claim absolute perfection for any book we recommend to our students, I will mention a few of the books we find to be useful sources of important information for our unfolding students of Spiritualism. There are others, many of which can be found listed each month in The National Spiritualist. However, I would again stress that books chosen for factual study should be assessed for their harmony with Truth, as applicable to Spiritualist philosophy. Fallacies can exist in the best of books. Authors can have been influenced by orthodox training of various origins. Further to this, great numbers of purely psychic books are now being turned out in a somewhat careless fashion. Often they are described as "Spiritualist Books", and have been written by clever writers to attract newsstand sales. Sometimes a strange story or a horror story is written up, in order to gain monetary profit from the current psychic-interest market. In these cases,the written material will usually be filled with exciting fiction, regardless of the title page's statement concerning its origin. The students should leave all such negative or false material alone, if they would wish to develop a continuing rapport with reliable spirit helpers. Some of the books we recommend to our students for the purpose of acquiring a constructive knowledge of the Philosophy of Spiritualism are listed below. We keep many of them in our church library, but also recommend that they purchase some representative titles for their own libraries.

The N.S.A.C. Spiritualist Manual

The N.S.A.C. Lyceum Manual

*The SNU's Lyceum Officer's Manual (E)

Maurice Barbanell's "This is Spiritualism" (E)

H. Boddington's "University of Spiritualism"

A. Borgia's "Life in The World Unseen" (E)

A. Borgia's "More Life in The World Unseen" (E)

A. Borgia's "Here and Hereafter" (E)

A.J. Davis – Any and all Available Titles

A.C. Doyle's "History of Spiritualism"

H. Edward's "Guide to the Understanding and Practice of Spiritual Healing"

H. Edward's – The same author's other titles are of subsidiary value as well.

A. Findlay – All four titles presently in print, plus others to be reprinted.

Stainton Moses' "Spirit teachings" A very important book, now only in libraries.

Stainton Moses' "More Spirit Teachings"

S.G.J. Ouseley's "Science of The Aura"

S.G.J. Ouseley's This author's subisdiary titles may be of value as well, although we are not presently using them.

U. Roberts' "Hints on Spiritual Unfoldment"

U. Roberts' "Hints on Mediumistic Development"

U. Roberts' "Wisdom of Ramadahn" (Certain Philosophic variations occur in some instances)

U. Roberts' "The Aim of Spirit Revelation" (E)

Silver Birch – All currently listed titles offer inspiration, although philosophic variations occur in some instances.

M.H. Tester's "The Healing Touch"

M.H. Tester's "Learning To Live"(E)

C. Wickland's "Thirty Years Among The Dead"

C. Wickland's "Gateway to Understanding"

Most of the above titles are available through the listings in The National Spiritualist, or from The Morris Pratt Institute. Those marked "(E)" can be obtained from The Psychic bookshop at 20 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LW, England The *SNU's Officers' Manual would have to be obtained from The Spiritualists' National Union, Redwoods, Stansted Hall, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex CM24 8UD, England.

Within some of the books will be found certain differences of philo-

sophical approach or in techniques of development, as compared with the material given in this article series. There are many reasons for the differences, which have become evident through our particular experiences in teaching, even as there are also reasons for including the books on the list, because of their otherwise agreeable excellencies. As an example, Harry Edwards' most notable book, "A Guide to The Understanding and Practice of Spiritual Healing" reveals a wealth of useful information on Spiritual Healing, yet we differ with him on some points.

One of these concerns the use of a bowl of cold water in which to have the healers dip their hands before commencing the healing work, and between successive healings, as well as at the conclusion of the spiritual healing period. Whereas Harry Edwards was thinking of the procedure as one of physical cleansing (which should be done in the washroom), we regard it as being an effective method of commencing and then breaking off the spirit's healing-energy connections between patients, also on the other occasions when a spirit vibration should be curtailed or terminated. Cold water becomes an obvious physical signal to the spirit healing guide and helpers, as well as to the spiritual healer on earth. It jolts the mind away from other thoughts at the beginning and effectively terminates the physical healing attachment at the end of each healing treatment (which needs to be individually adapted to each patient). Cold water is likewise an effective method of control for any spirit entrancement situation. If a spiritual healer's patient slips unexpectedly below the conscious level because of a strong magnetic power being present, cold water applied gently to their wrists while also speaking softly to them of the need to free themselves from the relaxed state will be of great help. A drink of cold water sipped gently will also be helpful. A cold compress held at the nape of the neck could complete the sequence, if it should be needed. Whether the unwanted situation of trance happens to develop in connection with spiritual healing, or with any other psychic involvement, this method of release will serve the desired result. There have been reported occasions where inexperienced Spiritualist have tried to be of help by giving further healings. These tend to amplify the spirit contact, rather than to break it off (because of the added power supplied.)

As a further background note concerning Harry Edwards, I will mention that because of having exceptionally heavy demands upon his time and energies, he frequently enquired of his patients the nature or location of their health defect upon their arrival. We no not do this. Further, he generally treated *only* the affected part. Instead, we strive to treat the whole person, since we think it is helpful and we have sufficient healers to ensure that all persons who desire spiritual healing in our church will receive attention. Harry Edwards' situation differed because of his widely publicized reputation. As a result, he had many patients who insisted that he personally heal them. He therefore had to make the best possible use of his time and energies.

These explanations are being made in order to briefly illustrate how each circumstance can differ in our Spiritualist work, and can therefore influence the choice of methods selected to handle the factors involved. When we study books, literature or taped material, as well as when we attend lectures, we should always give thought to any relevant background material that would be available, which might shed further light on the subject being explored.

Part VIII – Additional Spiritualist topics, as explored in our Variable Subject Period.

We hear people calling Spiritualism "occult" and "mystical." But actually, there is nothing about it which is hidden or mysterious. Spiritualism is a simple straightforward fact. The principles of Nature on which it is founded are delicate and sensitive in their operation, it is true, but they are not really complex or hard to grasp. The etheric body within the physical body is a simple fact easily understood. That the etheric body is indestructible is a natural fact not hard to comprehend. And that the etheric body, which has lost its physical covering, can still communicate by Nature's plan, with other etheric bodies which are still coated over with flesh, is just as plain and open a truth as that the sun gives out light and heat.

Frederic Harding

Transitions

Rev. Elizabeth E. Giberson, Pastor of the Fourth Spiritualist Church of Camden, New Jersey passed to Spirit on August 5, 1988. She was the wife of the late John T. Giberson, Sr. and is survived by one daughter, Edith Pedrick, two sons, John, Jr. and Leroy, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and one brother, Harry Errig.

She became interested in Spiritualism in 1936 after the death of her father, Charles Errig. She joined the Fourth Spiritualist Church of Camden and attended classes with the Rev. Eliza Whitcraft, Pastor, developing her mediumship in clairvoyance, clairaudience, trance and healing. She was co-founder of the Lyceum for the Fourth Church. She served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Board of Trustees. She also served as Secretary and President of the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists.

She studied for the Ministry under the direction of the late Dr. Victoria Barnes, Morris Pratt Institute, as well as the College of South Jersey, Rutgers University, Camden. She was ordained in 1949 by New Jersey State President, the Reverend Ida M. Demopoulis.

She became pastor of the 4th Church upon the retirement of Rev. Whitcraft in 1942 and has served in that capacity since. She taught classes in developmental Mediumship and Healing. She has served as Guest Lecturer and Medium at the Conventions of the National Association of Spiritualists many times over the years, as well as Lily Dale, New York; Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Camp Del-Kirk, Camden, New Jersey; Camp Sea View, Seaville, New Jersey; also many churches in Philadelphia, Reading, Allentown, Pennsylvania, Trenton, Patterson, Passaic, Vineland, Somerville, New Jersey, as well as New York, Washington, D.C., Wilmington, Delaware, and Cassadaga, Florida.

She has shepherded the Fourth Church through several changes of location, the last being to settle in Merchantville, New Jersey, until a new and permanent site is found for the congregation.

She will be sadly and greatly missed by her family, friends and congregation.

Mr. Kenneth B. Hopkins, of Davenport, Iowa graduated to the higher expression of life August 16, 1988 at Veterans Hospital, Iowa City, Iowa. He farmed for many years in the Rushville, Beardstown, Astoria, Augusta-Plymouth, Illinois areas. Following a farm accident, he opened a Blacksmith and Welding Shop in Augusta, Illinois. He continued in that profession until his retirement in 1976.

He was a Charter Member of the Spiritualist Harmony Church of Davenport. Graveside services and interment were held in the National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois. Mr. Hopkins was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel, a son, Henry, two daughters, Rosemary Anthony and Anita Buchholz, one brother, one sister, eight grandchildren, including the Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., and five great-grandchildren.

His physical presence will be missed by his family and many friends who remain on the earth plane.

Happy Endings Do Occur

(From The National Spiritualist, November 1980)

The bright lights of Las Vegas can shock visitors into believing that the only shortage of electric power and electric light bulbs is in the vivid imagination of the news media. It's a town of magic, corruption and culture and a *heart.* Money has often been won and lost at a pull of a handle and a flip of a card. Entertainment is a 24-hour business and for everybody there is something.

You wouldn't think that a young mother, just 25, would be left to die in a hospital because the expense of surgery was too great. A team of doctors determined that the young mother had just six weeks to live. No more! Her heart was failing fast. The husband tried all the agencies where money was supposedly available for those who needed it. He had a job, a good job, but not one which would enable him to walk into a bank and receive a loan for $25,000, plus hospitalization. Everywhere he turned, the answer was no. He even convinced the doctors to consider doing the work free, if the hospital would carry the costs also. The hospital refused, stating that the charges would only have to be passed along, so it could not do this in good conscience. The hospital was in a different state than Nevada, where the girl was from.

Attempts to interest the public brought in just over $800.00. Television stations and radio stations joined with Nevada newspapers to carry the story and ask for financial help. But nobody heard the husband's pleas. The doctor didn't mind his name being used. The hospital didn't object either.

The woman required a heart transplant to save her life. Nobody seemed to care. And yet two firms in Las Vegas heard the cry and each wrote out a check for $20,000 enough to cover all costs.

Amazing! The checks were written by two casinos in town. The Nugget and The Circus. The drinks in these gambling houses are free for all who spend. The profits are pretty good too. But isn't it strange that a human life was more precious to the owners of these two casinos than to State and government agencies and the general public.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Mr. Worth:

The enclosed article is for the NST Forum.

Thank you for the magazine you give to us. The many articles, especially those of the pioneers, are all very informative and interesting.

Cordially,
Rev. Dorothy M. Buss, N.S.T.

Dear Ray Worth,

And yet another T.N.S. Summit (July) reached me with your splendid editorial conveying true N.S.A.C. teachings. Also, you have assimilated fine, intelligently written articles therein by well-trained Ministers of our N.S.A.C., ever expounding the real Spiritualism.

Why Our Churches Need The Lyceum

By Charlene Kleinschmidt

There are many of our churches without lyceums today. Somewhere the idea that "lyceum is just for children" or "we already have development classes" or "there are so few children, its not worth the time" has perpetuated itself.

Lyceum is an entity all its own. Designed to teach our budding members, of any age, the philosophy, science and religion of Spiritualism, it should not be used for development of mediumship. Lyceum should be an educational opportunity for every member of the church to grow in understanding of how Spiritualism "works" in making their lives more rewarding.

If you have even one child in your church, you have the basis of a lyceum and there should be a lyceum for that child. You never know whom you are nurturing and by giving him or her a basic background to grow on, you may be doing the greatest service to Spiritualism you will ever do. Lyceum is not a lecture or a message service. Lyceum is an experience in cooperation, I wouldn't trade a precious moment of the lessons I've learned through the eyes of our lyceumists. Like the evening when adult tempers flared and a quiet little voice said "Mrs. Kleinschmidt, isn't that the lesson we're learning," "Be kind, do good and others will do likewise." A few minutes of relating the tale to the other adults and peace was soon restored in all corners.

Lyceum is for adults. There are many adults interested in a better understanding of the principles, the history and the phenomena. Adult Lyceum is an ideal platform for mutually beneficial discussions and for helping each other along the path of knowledge.

There should be intergenerational activities, projects (we prepare baskets for the needy) parties (everyone loves to have fun) and time to relate (at the end of our classes we often share what we have learned during the closing).

If you want to see your church "be fruitful and multiply," lyceum has the answer. Lyceum can instill the feeling of "family" which is so important for church growth, when you feel you've come home, you want to be there. When you are active and involved, you learn by living. That's why every church needs a lyceum, so that every member can be reached, and learn to make Spiritualism his/her personal living religion.

The Reverend Sharon Lynch beautifully explained why "Christian Spiritualist" is a total misnomer in our Religion.

Both the Reverends Don and Betty Nauratil contributed highly to the promulgation of our Science, Philosophy and Religion – Spiritualism – the most logical, reasonable and understandable explanation of the continuity of life after this life, as shown to us time and time again.

Many thanks from many readers to you and for your exceptional efforts to bring forth the Summit of which we are all most proud.

Cordially and sincerely,
(Rev.) Genevieve Woelfl

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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."

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