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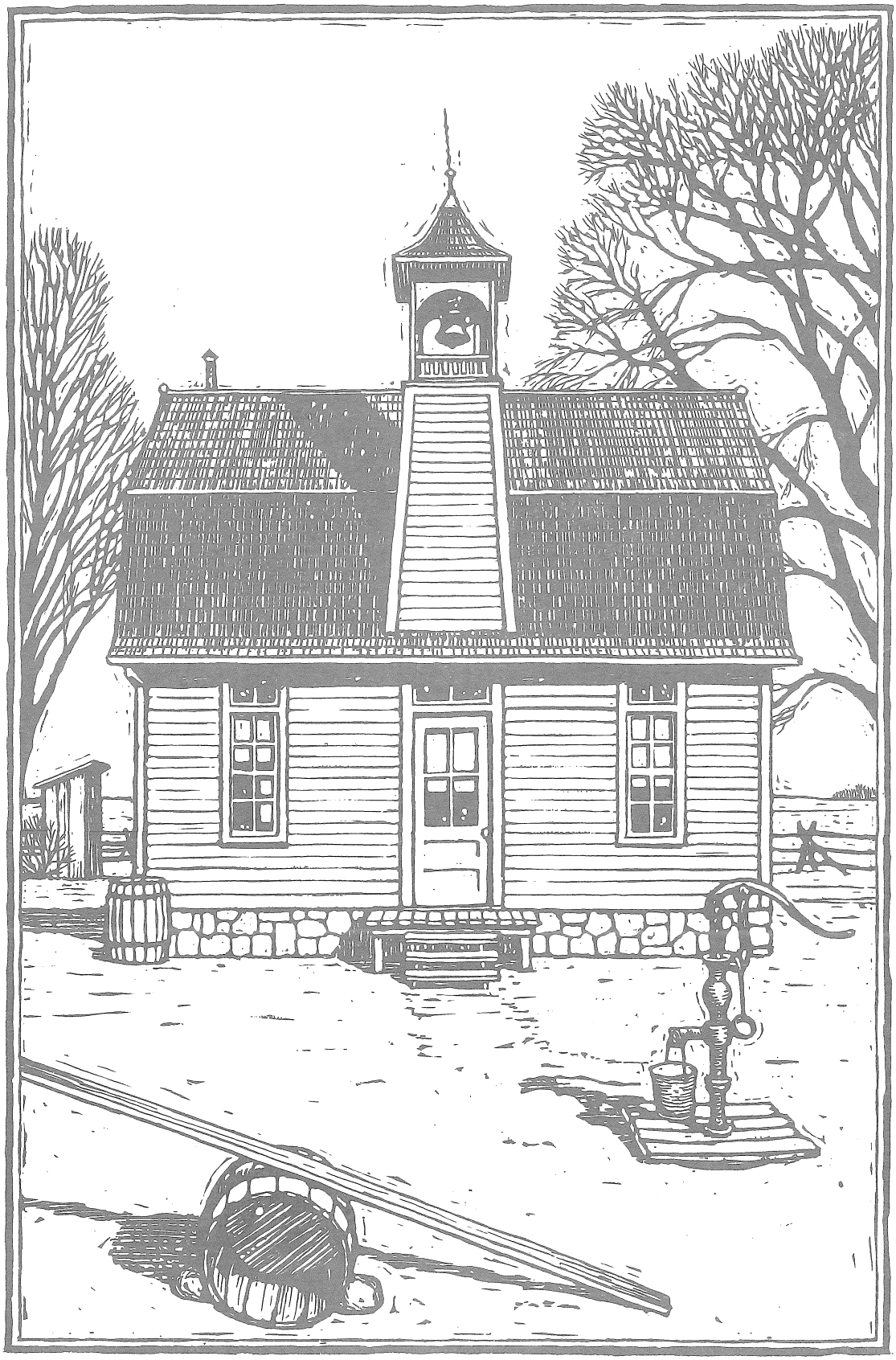
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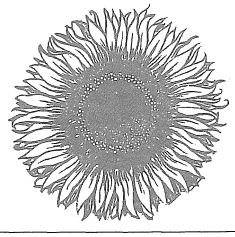
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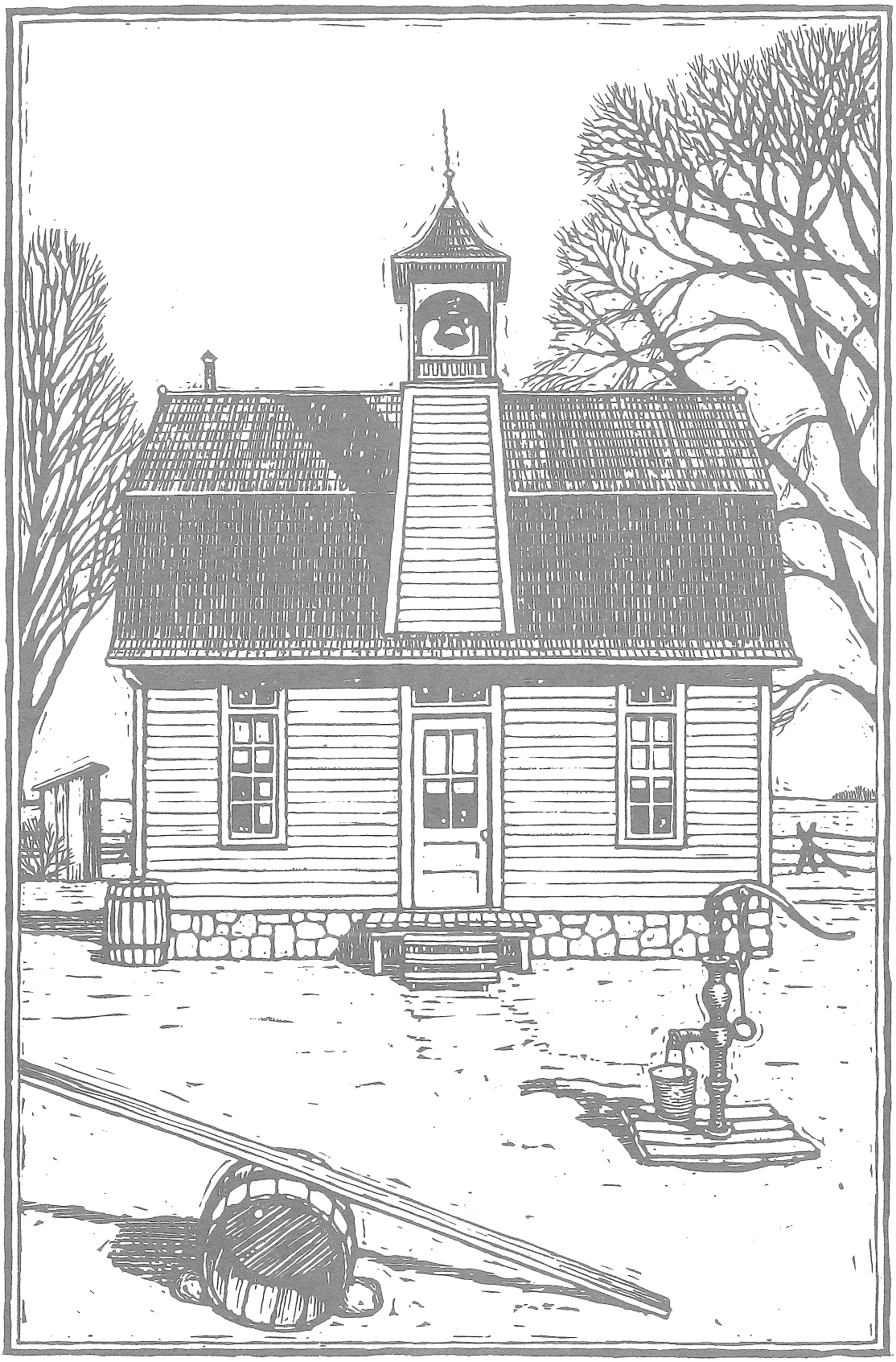
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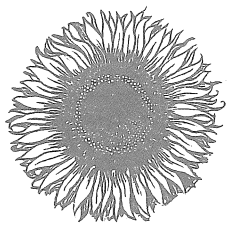
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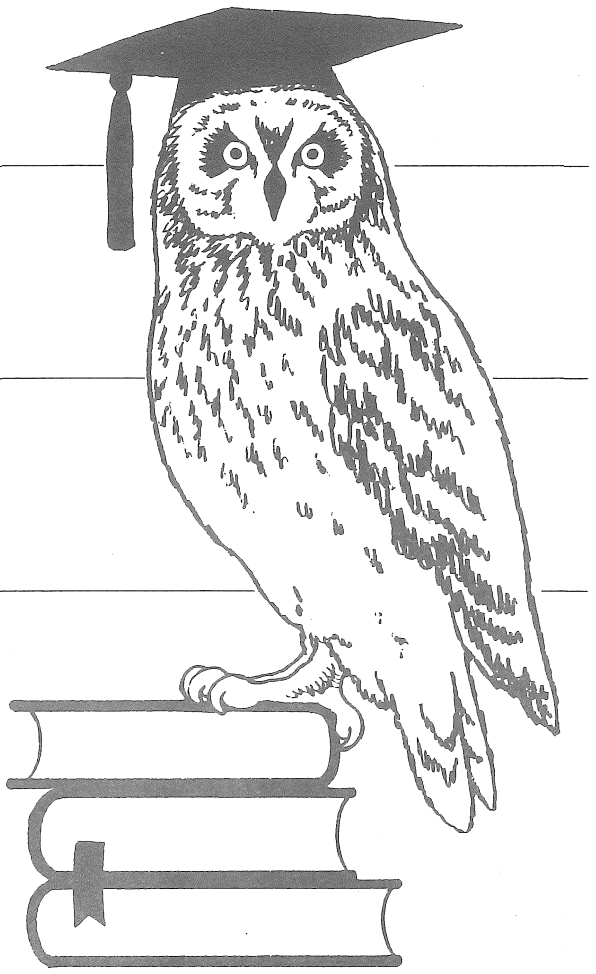
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Are You The Teacher Or The Student?



BY SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

September being the first full month back to school our thoughts turn to learning and growth, an intrinsic part of all life. In all situations there is a teacher and a student — in fact life is a schoolroom.

We hear it said that life, on the earth plane, is for learning and growing. It is also told us by Spirit Loved Ones that life on the Spirit plane is a continued process of expanding the understanding. With this premise in mind, let us look to life for how we can use daily experiences to expand our awareness and spirituality.

We are all a spark of Divinity here to accomplish God's will and this means that we learn one moment and teach the next. When we recognize there are times we show the way to another and also the reverse, it aids us to control the self image or ego involved in most situations.

The student grows with the desire to learn and the teacher grows with the desire to share, also learning from the student. Think of the old adage, *"When the student is ready the teacher will appear."* When a lesson is learned, the student has the opportunity to share, thus becoming the teacher. In all of our conversations, and actions, we share that which we know. Remember, the best way to teach is by example. We are not known by what we say, rather by what we do. We usually think of a teacher as a wise individual, yet the teacher can be a situation, a child, a person or nature. It can be wonderful or not so happy, whatever is needed for our growth.

We are simply beings, energy forms, LIFE. Each has a different job to do, each being a part of the puzzle — a necessary piece to the whole picture. Sometimes in our puzzle there are dark spaces but this gives dimension to the picture. In these dark areas or upsetting times, try to analyze a potentially upsetting experience with the thought of teacher/student, because the universe makes us one or the other. Also there are times we can learn from anothers problems, so we do not have to experience that lesson ourselves.

Nature is a teacher, the earth a schoolroom. We can use it to see the comparisons, experience the beauty, take time to contemplate and regroup from the hectic pace of our lives. Nature works with us giving us our needs and we can learn by practicing ecology, not being wasteful or littering, by returning to the earth nutrition and by blessing the earth and all its inhabitants.

There is nothing new, only a reawakening of that which our inner being already knows, so when we open ourselves to the light, the understanding flows to us. I remember a friend praying for patience. All kinds of experiences kept happening to her

to test and teach her patience. Finally she realized that her prayer was bringing these teachers to her.

All flaws in our character are there for a purpose, thus as we release our insecurities, we grow. As we complete one cycle, we make way to step higher into the light. Each time we learn a lesson or resolve an area, we clear our paths to reach higher — for growth is a process of recognition, completion of a cycle and attainment.

Teachers can be the opposite extreme. For example: Love will counteract hurt and bring healing. If your life is out of balance look for what you can reverse to bring a positive change. Tensions or discomforts are often our teachers trying to get our attention, so we may act to restore balance. Remember there is growth at both ends of the spectrum, whether the teacher or the student, in high love moments or low or down moments. Look for the message.

Experience life! Don't be afraid of failure, or discord; don't forget your freedoms; don't judge yourself or another — rather look for what you can learn from everything. Flowing with a situation teaches — resisting creates blocks, separation and depletion of energies. There is no pass or fail in life — no grades or judgements. There is no such thing as a mistake, rather classify it as a lesson learned, a growth process discovered.

Life is a series of lessons.

Remember that you are doing the best job at that given moment with the facts that you have then. Looking back often you would complete something in a different manner but this just shows you, that you have mastered the lesson. Understanding this helps you to learn not to judge yourself or others, for at the moment something happens, the way you chose to react is how you felt you must right then.

Yes, in all life there is a student and a teacher. During each day we move from one role to the other and back again. Both are very necessary. Learn from all life. Learn from children to rekindle the child within, learn from the senior citizens that life goes on whether we rush or take our time, learn from music the harmony, from nature the beauty, from poetry, inspiration, from books, stimulation. Just keep on learning. Welcome lessons, bless them, bless the teacher and release it as accomplished — another step of growth.

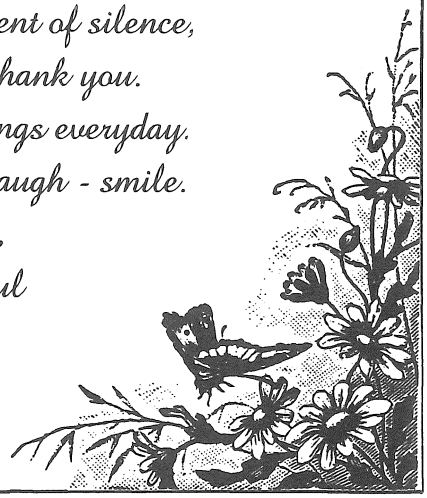
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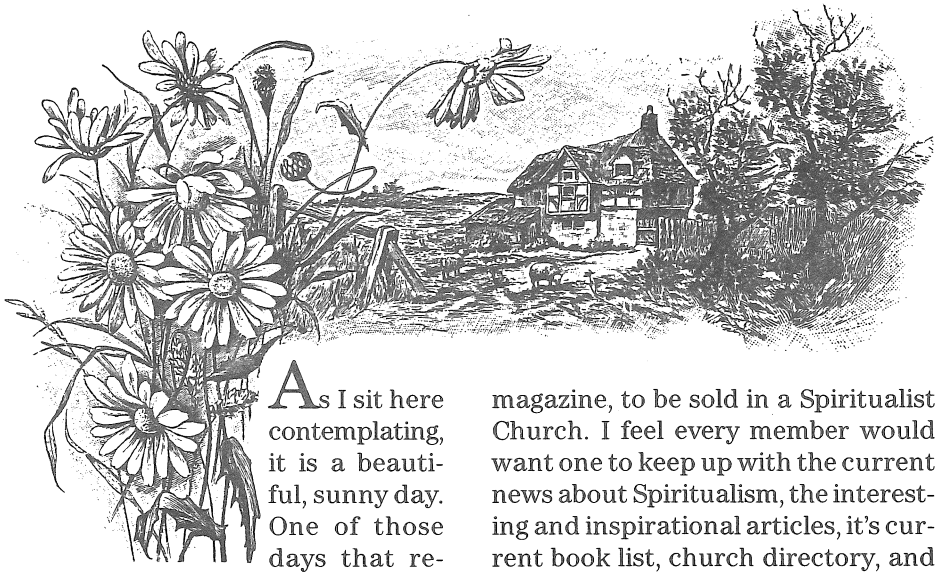
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Open your minds,
Open your eyes,
See the beauty all around.
Hear with your soul,
enjoy the loveliness
of the things of nature.
The trees, the sweet song
of the birds.
The warmth of the sun,
The cool breeze slipping thru the trees.
The air that we breathe,
Drink in the beauty of it all.
In your quiet moment of silence,
Remember to say thank you.
Enjoy all these things everyday.
Look up - love - laugh - smile.
This is your world,
Make it a wonderful
place to live.



EVERY CHURCH Needs A Salesman

The National Spiritualist — The Voice of Our Religion

BY THE REV. RUPERT SIGURDSSON, NST



As I sit here contemplating, it is a beautiful, sunny day. One of those days that reminds you of the way the spirit world is — bright green trees, deep blue sky and a brook gurgling past our screen house. My thoughts drift over the past year since I was accepted as pastor of the Augusta Spiritualist Church in Augusta, Maine.

What a year it has been for me. It was a peaceful one at church as should be expected and I feel there has been an increase in the awareness of the need for further education in Spiritualism since I finished the M.P.I. course, and have become ordained. Two other church members have started the course and one member has had an article published in *The National Spiritualist.* Speaking of *TNS* what a wonderful way to continue education.

To all new ideas there is a resistance. It seems strange that it should be difficult to get something of such a great value to Spiritualists, as *The National Spiritualist* monthly magazine, to be sold in a Spiritualist Church. I feel every member would want one to keep up with the current news about Spiritualism, the interesting and inspirational articles, it's current book list, church directory, and much more.

I suggested that our church sell it a couple of years ago but no action was taken, so when I became pastor, I thought to at least try ten copies which I paid for out of my own money. They promptly sold, so I increased it to fifteen copies. They always sell out before the next issue arrives.

My method of getting our congregation acquainted with *The National Spiritualist* is as follows: On our class night I put them on the table near the entrance with a dollar sign and a basket to leave the money in. At the Sunday service I follow the same procedure, plus at announcement time, I mention that the new issue is available. This method seems to work well.

Even then, we should be selling more. I personally would like to see every member buy one, but at least we have made a start. The board of the church now handles the subscriptions and we are considering increasing the amount in the near future.

There are many misinformed ideas about Spiritualism. One is that a medium doesn't need to read or study. This I feel has been a detriment to the Spiritualist Philosophy. In the past it seemed to be thought that a medium should be uneducated in order to have less coloring in their messages, but a medium in our present day society needs an education so as to be able to express the material they receive from spirit in a clear and understandable message. Also our workers need to know our religion so they can speak intelligently on the *philosophy, science and religion of Spiritualism.*

Our beliefs are most cheerful, based on common sense and Natural Law, showing us how to truly live a Spiritual life of happiness and growth. It is only by the members of our Spiritualist Churches being well versed on the religion that we can hope to spread our belief as in our commitment to be *"Evangelists to the World."*

At the present time our church president is working to place copies of *The National Spiritualist* in the local libraries. This would be a good project for all Spiritualist Churches, in all cities to attempt. How can the general population get an understanding of our philosophy if we don't place the magazine where it can be seen? Spiritualism needs a push and through our voice, *The National Spiritualist,* it can be done. Do your part and let's help our Great Religion become Greater!

Eye Witness Accounts of First Camp Meetings

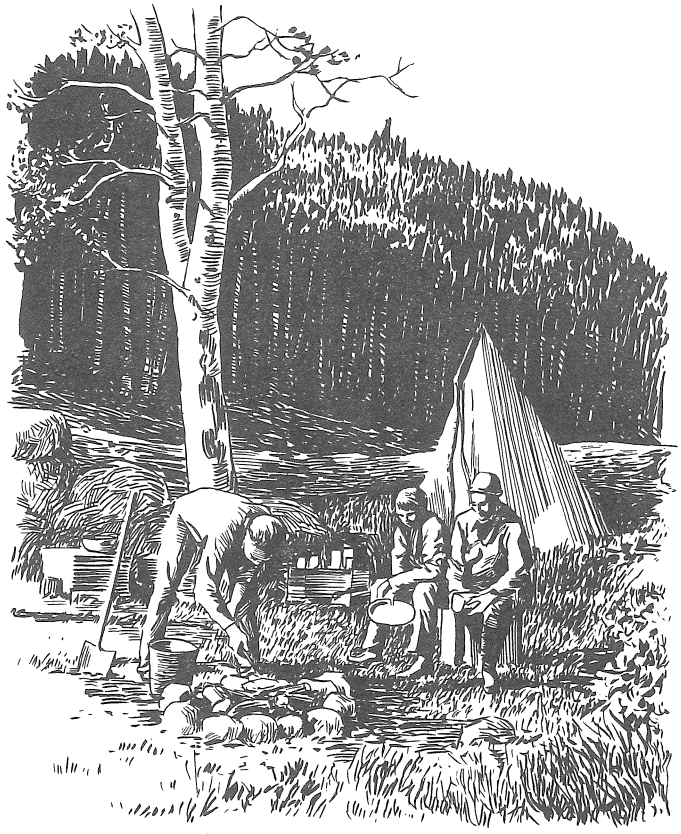
Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association Camp, Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa

Submitted By WILLIAM E. BUCHHOLZ, SR., Camp Historian

In Merrill E. Jarchow's "SOCIAL LIFE OF AN IOWA FARM FAMILY," in the *Iowa Journal of History and Politics*, Vol. 50, April, 1952, we were fortunate to find excerpts from a diary kept by Miss Sarah Jane Kimball of Jones Co. (name of city not identified), who attended the first Camp Meeting in Clinton in 1883. The first Camp Meeting of the Iowa Spiritualists was held in Tama, Iowa in 1882, and after the organization of the "MT. PLEASANT PARK STOCK CO." and the purchase of the grounds, the first Camp Meeting held in Clinton was in 1883. That year Sarah Jane and her brother Merrill attended the meeting, and described it as follows:

"It is a pleasant grove on the bluffs back some distance from the river and called Mt. Pleasant. We went in at the gate and found ourselves in an enclosed space of a few acres surrounded by a barbed wire fence. A speakers stand is half way down a sloping hill while all above it were arranged seats in a circular form extending nearly to the top of the hill. Tents were in every direction and some rough buildings. A large Hall was on one side. We sat down and listened to one good lecture then soon after went to our dinner. I was very tired and hungry. After that I walked all over the grounds. After noon we listened to a good lecture by Moses Hull. After that I walked around and visited some. At sunset I sat in Sunderlin's tent while Merrill went to a seance room. Evening and entertainment at the Hall was interesting. After that Merrill and I went to Sunderlin's tent then started for the Eaton House."

In 1884 Sarah Jane and her mother went to the meeting and stayed at the Eaton House. The first evening they "went to Dr. Shea's seance room. He was too tired and the company too small so he had to give it up." The next morning, refreshed by a good sleep, they returned to the grounds, paid ten cents apiece admission, and went in. The morning was spent largely in listening to speeches, and at noon they "went to Secretary D. Skinner's tent to get a certificate for reduced rates to return home," a ritual performed each year. *(A person buying a round trip ticket on any one of several railroads in a wide area of the Midwest with the destination of Clinton, and getting a certificate, which was presented for the Secretary's signature, could get a refund, which made the fare one and one third.)* In the afternoon Sarah Jane met a man named Kent who "could talk well. He could read character like a book." Later she and her mother attended a lecture on Myths and Mythology by a J. H. Randall, which Sarah Jane found very interesting. After supper in the dining hall they



went again to Dr. Shea's seance room. "There were eleven of us there, and the Dr. felt good so we had a good seance. Saw spirits in the cabinet very plain. Saw Mary Farley combing her hair. Saw Charlie Kimball. Saw Aunt Mary and she opened the cabinet door wide and stood there: that was the last. We left the room well satisfied." That night Sarah Jane was awakened by a bright light shinging in her window; it proved to be "the electric light from the steamboats on the river." The next morning the ladies settled their bill at the Eaton House and spent some time at the greenhouse, where Sarah Jane "bought a dollars worth of plants." In the afternoon they returned to the camp ground to listen to a lecture by Mr. H. L. Lake before entraining for home.

Succeeding trips to Clinton pretty much followed the pattern of those in 1883 and 1884. At the meeting of 1885, Prof. W. F. Peck lectured on *"Our Happiness"* stressing the point that happiness "consists in the perfect harmony of our nature with its environment." Later at the same meeting Sarah Jane went to a seance circle conducted by Henry B. Allen and attended by 17 persons in all. "We had a pleasant experience," recalled Sarah Jane. "Heard very fine music on the dulcimer and guitar. And other manifestations of spirit presence. We each got a message but as we were near the last end of the circle we had not time to hear much."

In 1889, the Kimballs went directly to the camp ground and secured rooms at the Bazaar rather than getting lodging at the Eaton House. Perhaps they regretted this action because Ann and Sarah Jane "had our bed in a room with three others. The pillows were stuffed with Excelsior and as hard as boards. We could not sleep on them. Next day we got some better ones." The next evening they attended a seance where Mrs. Sawyer served as medium. "Mrs. Sawyer's control, little Maudie, talked very plain from the cabinet most of the time," was Sarah Jane's verdict. "After the seance Ann and I went to see the dance go on. Were very well pleased to watch them. Nine sets on the floor all of the time."

In 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Kimball and John and Ann Conmey went to Clinton together. During their absence from home, Sarah Jane suffered some "with difficult breathing and palpitation of the heart." As a result, the folks left Clinton sooner than they had planned and they reported upon their unexpected return home that "the spirits told them that Sarah Jane 'was sick and they hurried home on that account.'" They brought some medicine with them which proved effective, and Sarah Jane testified: "In consequence of the medicine I have been gaining strength all week and feel quite like myself today."

The meeting of 1891 was in some respects a disappointment. After "leaving our budgets" at Mallmans' "the ladies proceeded to the camp grounds. Looked around but did not find many mediums. Went to Mrs. Evers and got fooled . . . Evening went to Mr. Fritz seance. It was worse than nothing. So much confusion. Too many and too much heat. Nothing seen that could be identified. Another dollar apiece thrown away," complained Sarah Jane.

The next morning they went downtwn and visited the greenhouse, where they "enjoyed greatly looking at the beautiful flowers." In the afternoon they returned to the camp. "It was 'Indians Day'" We did not like the proceedings. Evening went to a seance at Mrs. Thompson's. What there was seemed satisfactory but it was so little." Fortunately for the ladies the meeting was not an entire disappointment, because they found the lectures by Professor Lockwood, Mrs. Lillie, and Mrs. Luther extremely stimulating. "The grove was well lighted by gasoline lamps and with the leafy canopy overhead and the rustic rostrum with the beautiful music and those two noble women and that man's scientific mind with Pres. Loveland as guiding star it was a fit place for angels to stop and listen. And breathless were the thousands of people who listened to the close. The place was like enchantment."

Apparently none of the Kimballs went to the meeting in 1982, but in 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, Ann and Sarah Jane went again and attended the usual lectures and seances. Ann was the families only representative in 1894, but in 1895 and 1896 Sarah Jane wrote: "Father and mother stood it well." Two months later, however, Mrs. Kimball suffered the paralytic stroke that was to prove fatal. The next year Sarah Jane and her father spent a week in Clinton, the last time either of them were there.

Just What Is A Spiritualist ?

BY THE REVEREND COSIE ALLEN, NST

Are People Asking YOU Your Religion?

Each Sunday, across the country, doors to our Spiritualist Churches are opened wide inviting all to enter and worship with us. At some time during the service our nine Declaration of Principles are repeated in unison. We hear an uplifting or educational lecture, joyous hymns are sung, and spirit messages are given along with all the other things that pertain to a church service. We say good-by, each going our separate way and hopefully we will be together again the following Sunday.

Once you're out the door do you remember what the lecture was about? Do you think about the nine Declaration of Principles you weekly repeat? Do you repeat them because it is a habit or because you truly affirm what they state?

People often say that they are a Spiritualist, in fact a third, fourth, fifth generation Spiritualist. Some talk, with a lot of pride, about all the books on Spiritualism they have acquired. How wonderful that is! How sad that is when the book sits on the shelf collecting dust and isn't read. How sad to see a Spiritualist, that comes from a long background of Spiritualists, that knows very little about being a Spiritualist.

Being a Spiritualist is a way of life. It is not how long you have been one or the books acquired or even the courses you have taken, it is when you live your life in accordance with love and law. You should not have to tell anyone you are a Spiritualist if you are living your life as one. People will come to you and ask, *"Why are you so happy? How can you have such a great attitude about things the way you do?"* They may even ask you your secret formula to life! Then you stand very tall or sit up in your chair, and let them know you are a SPIRITUALIST!

Spiritualism is a positive religion based on love and Natural Law that shows us how to live, grow and enjoy life, but we must continuously work at it. The Law is not a *"sometime"* law and a true Spiritualist is not a *"sometime"* Spiritualist.

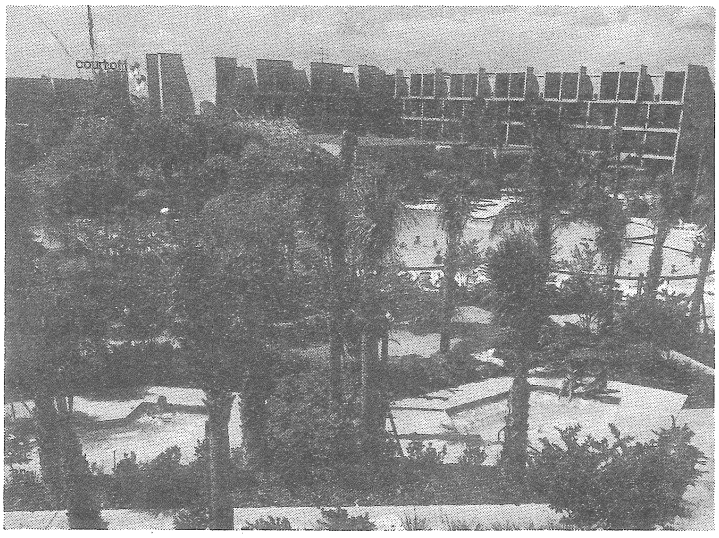
How often do you lose sight of what our religion teaches us? How often do you cultivate the things our Manual tells us to avoid and how often do you avoid the things you should cultivate?

We must live our Religion! Not just Sunday but every day of our lives! Reach out to your fellow man, take time not only to listen to them but HEAR what is being said!

The definition of a Spiritualist is two fold: they believe, *"as the basis of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship,"* and it goes on to say, "and who endeavors to mold his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communication."

Be the best example of a Spiritualist you can be and you will never have to tell anyone what your religion is. **People will ask you!**

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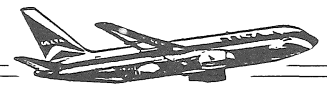
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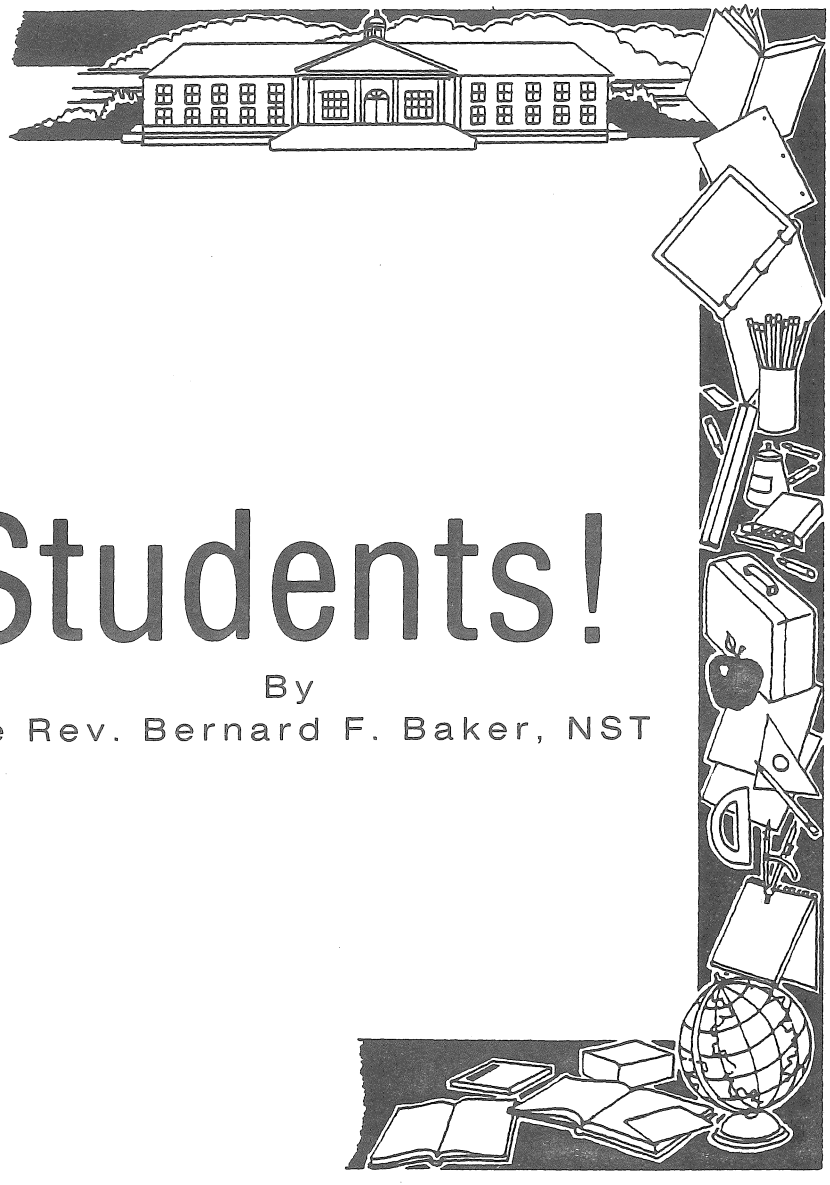
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Students!

By
The Rev. Bernard F. Baker, NST

Are you a student? Most of us might answer no to this question, but give it some thought. Just because you have completed all of the formal education you feel is necessary, may not mean that you have finished learning.

Learning goes on each and every day of our lives, and continues even after our transition to the higher life. So the answer to the question should be *"Yes, I am still a student."* If you feel that in your case the answer is no, perhaps you had better take a good hard look at things.

It seems to me that each and every day I have opportunities to learn something new. I think that we all have the same opportunities. Please notice that I used the word *'opportunities.'* If we choose not to learn, or believe that we know it all, then we are not taking advantage of these opportunities, and we will certainly not continue to progress!

I remember the time when I, and members of our church, served one of our sister churches. The medium working was Gene Pfortmiller and he addressed a gentleman and asked, *"May I bring you spirit greetings?"* The man immediately answered, *"NO!"* I guess that we were all a bit surprised, but Gene handled it in a marvelous fashion. Gene calmly replied, *"Thank you,"* and went right on to the next person.

It's important to keep on learning!

Look at the lesson we all learned here. I know that if this type of situation ever faces one of the other mediums, they will have learned much from Gene's simple response and are now better equipped to handle such a thing.

Are there other opportunities? How do we recognize them? How often do they present themselves? Well, the answer to these questions is with you, yourself. Yes, there are constant opportunities, all of the time, and in most situations. It is up to you to recognize them as learning opportunities.

In the situation I described above, we could have just ignored it and noted that Gene responded in a very intelligent and professional manner. On the other hand, we could and did recognize that he was able to respond in this manner because he has taken the time and made the effort to study his mediumship, and that he was prepared for the situation because of this.

STUDENTS!

I had the privilege of serving the Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers church in Reseda, California a few years back. The pastor of that church is the Rev. Pat Smith. When we reached the message portion of the service there was only Rev. Pat Smith and myself to serve as message bearers.

At that time Rev. Pat Smith, while studying to do so, had not yet acquired her mediumship certificate. She was however, an ordained minister, a National Spiritualist Teacher and a Commissioned Healer of the N.S.A.C.

Quite impressive credentials!

She then taught me a lesson, and in the process gained a great deal of respect from me. She introduced me as a certified medium and herself as a *"student"* medium. There was no ego, no attempt to impress anybody. Even with the very impressive credentials she had, she STILL considered herself a student! No wonder she has now been elected as a Trustee on our National Board.

It seems that for some reason in many of our churches, we attract people that don't want to bother to spend the time as a student. I have seen many cases where people will begin attending classes at church, and very quickly feel that they should then be allowed to teach the class! They may feel that their past experience, or their *(in their own eyes)* rapid development, qualified them to do so.

Never mind that the current instructor may have spent several years and completed all of the prescribed courses of the N.S.A.C. Never mind that others have also spent years in development and unfoldment classes. Never mind that these same people have not yet developed even a basic understanding of our philosophy.

All of this has no bearing in their minds. They feel that they should not and cannot *'waste their time'* being students. They feel that they are ready to assume whatever responsibilities there are. Of course we have all sadly, seen this type of behavior carried much further than in the class.

About three years ago I had a lady tell me that if I didn't make certain changes *(such as were implemented in her former church)*, in the way things were done in our church, we would start losing some of our members. I should mention that this very same lady, in a subtle manner, did not accept or go along with the teachings of the N.S.A.C.!

I asked her why she had started coming to our church? She replied that she liked the feeling of fellowship and the sincerity demonstrated by everyone. I then asked her why she had left her last church and her response almost floored me. She stated that she did not like the way things were done there and was much happier in our church.

I attempted to explain the contradiction in her logic. She came to our church because she liked everything about it and now, for whatever reason, she wanted us to make changes that would make it much like the church she left because she was unhappy with the way things were done there. Needless to say, I was unsuccessful in convincing her that her logic was somewhat in error.

By the way, this lady has in fact, left our church and is seeking another church home. However, since that time our membership has approximately doubled!

But here is another case where a person did not want to take the time to learn; did not want to take the time to study; did not want to take the time to be a student of our religion. Yet, she strongly believed that things should be done her way. And when she realized that we did not intend to change either our church and/or the N.S.A.C. for her, she decided to seek another church. *(And maybe that's not so bad either.)*

How many learning opportunities do you recognize? Do you take advantage of those opportunities? And if not, then why not?

There are many ways to learn about our religion. We offer a wide range of books that are approved by the N.S.A.C. And, while the Morris Pratt Institute is separate from the N.S.A.C., it is still part of our educational system and offers the courses that are necessary for certification in our organization.

We have ordained ministers, National Spiritualist Teachers, certified mediums and commissioned healers that have all earned their certifications by their hard work and study of our religion. These people are all most willing to share their training and knowledge with others in the hopes of furthering Spiritualism.

Our churches offer many different classes for our personal education.

There are many ways to learn about our religion.

Our ministers are available for private consultation and advice whenever necessary. We have a *'Willing Workers'* list of National Spiritualist Teachers, that have made themselves available in many different parts of the country. A task force has been formed to develop an outline of a new course that may be developed as another means of education for our members.

And of course, we are priviledged to share the wonderful gifts of spirit communication. This in itself, does provide continuing education for those of us who desire to learn.

We teach that the way of Spiritualism is onward and upward. Never faltering, always progressing. We also teach that each one of us must do our part. And if we do, then great will be our individual rewards. Great will be the benefit to our wonderful religion.

What happened in SEPTEMBER throughout the years?

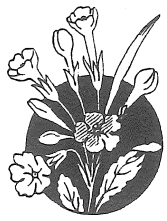
SEPTEMBER 4, 1824 & APRIL 26, 1820 The birth dates of **Phoebe and Alice Cary** who wrote beautiful hymns and poems. They were ardent Spiritualists and friends of the Fox Sisters.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1860 **Wilburforce Juvenal Colville** was born at sea. As a child he was aware of his spirit mother. One evening after seeing Cora Richmond, he was entranced at the dinner table in response to a request by one of the diners. This was the beginning of a wonderful platform worker, that gave inspired lectures, poetry and prayers. He toured England, America, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Europe. He was an inspirational writer and wrote a number of books and many articles. He spent most of his life in public service and Spiritual work.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1955 The **Fox cottage** burned to the ground in Lily Dale, N.Y. A marker now commemorates the Fox family and the cottage.



SEPTEMBER 13, 1838 **A. B. FRENCH** was born. His parents were among the first Spiritualists in Ohio, with his mother and sister as well as himself unfolding mediumship and trance. He started to lecture in the trance state before his twentieth birthday and not only on Spiritualism but Mohammed, Buddha, prehistoric man, etc. He was also an attorney and owned a nursery business. At Lily Dale he was instrumental in establishing the library and donated over 50 volumes. He served Spiritualism all his adult life and added much to our religion.



SEPTEMBER 24, 1861 **John Slater** was born. He was mediumistic as a child and became a loyal worker for the cause of Spiritualism. He was the first medium to introduce sealed questions.

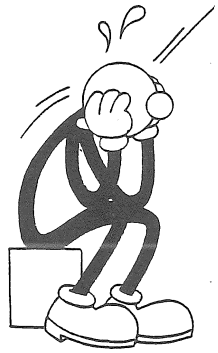
SEPTEMBER 27, 1893 The **National Spiritualist Association** was organized with the first delegates of Spiritualists of the U.S.A. convening at 77 Thirty-first St., Chicago, IL.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1903 The **Morris Pratt Institute** opened with Prof. A. J. Weaver as the first Principal and Moses Hull as the first President.

"So he began to be very thoughtful about every action of his life; and if he felt uneasy about anything he was tempted to do, he said to himself, *'This is the inward light, showing me that the thing is wrong. I will not do it.'* Pursuing this course, he became careful not to do anything which did not bring peace to his soul; and as the soul can never be peaceful when it disobeys God, he was continually travelling toward Zion while he strove to follow this inward light in his soul; and the more humbly he tried to follow it, the clearer the light became."

— William Boen, ***The Freedmen's Book***

Lydia M. Child (1802-1880)

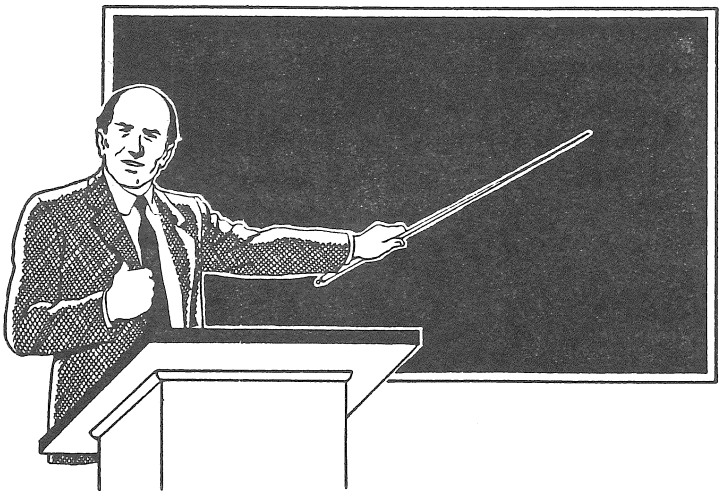


Jest Joking...

- Think about it - we do not see things as *they* are, but as *we* are.
- Our pastor at church Sunday morning said, *"Our speaker this morning requires no introduction. She didn't show up."*
- Apologizing for a mean comment is kind of like trying to unscramble an egg.
- Let us compare friends and money for a moment - both are easier made than kept.
- A chapel recently added a room onto their building for a Lyceum. They were so proud of their new addition that they hung a sign on the corner of the building - *"This room was created by Infinite Intelligence."* One of the construction crew penciled in underneath, *"& Galt Construction."*

What Every Teacher Should Know

BY THE REV. ALFRED A. CONNER, NST



The maxim by which every teacher should live is, *"I am my student's teacher, not his keeper."*

As a teacher, the natural inclination is to behave like a parent (despite the fact that some students are old enough to be the parent of the teacher) and attempt to do everything for the student, or to do everything to protect the student from everything out there. By doing this we do no favor for the student. Life is the great teacher, and experience the great wisdom-bestower.

The elements a teacher should use are **strength, humor and kindness.**

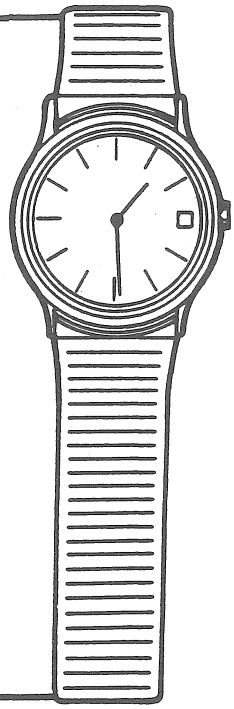
Knowledge is strength. This knowledge may be acquired by book-learning, communication from an earth or spirit teacher, or observation of behavior (be it animal, vegetable or mineral.) Knowledge becomes wisdom only by application, trial and proof. Empirical evidence is the only true proof of spirit return.

Humor should be lavished throughout the lectures, questions and answers, and reverence maintained for Infinite Intelligence and our beloved religion of Spiritualism. The association with laughter, or a feeling of well being is crucial to long-term memory connection with learning and joyous religious experiences.

Kindness is the method by which the teacher should correct a student, always working to improve the standards of the student. As my former earth-teacher, the Rev. Mitzie Monroe, said, *"The spirit loved-ones always precede a chastening with a kiss."* And in my personal experience, I have never heard an enlightened spirit-entity negatively or unkindly criticize anyone. At worst the spirit teacher has said that the outcome of the law of Cause and Effect is inexorable!

As my good friend, the Rev. Louise Peruch, NST says, when she makes an error in something she does or says, *"You see, I'm not perfect, God is still working on me."* **AMEN.**

An Early Greeting



A Gratifying Experience on the Journey to Spiritual Awakening

BY BILL RIORDAN

Many of you have experienced on your paths of enlightenment and growth, Spiritual Communications. Our Spiritual understanding knows that those on the other side are present and assisting us on our path of life as a child of God. Natural Law allows this contact.

In *I Corinthians, Chapter 12, vs 7-11,* Paul describes spiritual gifts God allots to us. I have been blessed with healing and the distinguishing of Spirits to assist me in life and in healing.

On Sunday, June 9, 1991 at 2:45 p.m. I went to an athletic facility or sports mall in Murray, Utah. As I was entering I saw Todd, the weekend manager, leaving from the side entrance. He looked as healthy and relaxed as I have ever seen him. Normally he is not off till 3:00 p.m. so I joked with him about leaving early.

He said, *"I am leaving slightly earlier than expected. I have done a good job here. Have a good life and workout."*

I said, *"You do a good job. Glad you could leave early."* He smiled, waved and I entered the club. Todd and I exchanged compliments on a regular basis. I let him know how thoughtful he was to the employees and the membership. He in turn would remind me that I too was someone who cared to see others happy and fulfilled. One day, in our conversation, I shared with him my beliefs and experiences that prove existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death. He said I gave him a lot to think about.

There were two mechanical problems that afternoon at the club. To the amazement of the employees and myself, I was able to give directions to repair them. The next day, I picked up the paper and there was Todd's picture, with a story about his sudden death. He died the day **before** our last conversation.

Realizing I had seen him after his death, I was filled with appreciation of having the gift from God to communicate with spirit. Todd took advantage of this relaxed, joyful state to again impress me. He told me he had helped with those mechanical problems at the club through thought communications. He felt that Infinite Spirit had allowed him to leave a little bit early as he had done a good job on earth. He requested I help the bereaved understand his death and that they would seek me out.

In my path to God and higher understanding, I feel most blessed to share this faculty of the spiritual experiences. It is very gratifying to have it proven to me again, that life is indeed continuous and communication possible to those that open themselves to receive.

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KLEINSCHMIDT, Charlene, Medium. 1071 Wish Circle, 14052. (716) 652-4972.

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SABOL, Julia A. (Goodworth), N.S.A.C. Licentiate Minister & Certified Medium. Private readings by appt. Public lectures & clairvoyance. 8-4th St., 14752. (716) 595-2462.

● OHIO ●

WESTERVILLE

GRIFFEN, Rev. Neil C., Ph.D., Medium, Healer. 8521 Worthington Rd., 43081. (614) 895-0873.

● TEXAS ●

AUSTIN

BROWN, Mrs. Frances, Licentiate & Medium. 2723 S. Congress, Apt. 2311, 78704. (512) 447-2188.

● VIRGINIA ●

ALEXANDRIA

HERMANN, Stephen A., Cert. Medium, Private Consult., healings and classes by appt. only. Will travel. Available for lectures and public demonstrations of clairvoyance. 6 Leadbeater Street, Apt. 203, Alexandria, 22305. (703) 548-8346.

ARLINGTON

BATES, Virginia E., Licentiate Minister. 2716 N. Lexington St., 22207. (703) 538-5164.

NORFOLK

BROWN, Fred H., Medium. 622 W. Princess Anne Rd., 23517. (804) 627-7015.

CUTLER, Rev. Lelia E., 241 Consul Ave., 23462. (804) 499-5046.

KINCAID, Sylvia W., Medium. 7759 Tucker Ave., 23505. (804) 440-8417.

● WASHINGTON ●

SEATTLE

BEVANS, Virginia D., Certified Medium, 322 Broadway, 98122. (206) 623-6999.

● WISCONSIN ●

LA CROSSE

MAHAN, Kattie E., Licentiate, Medium, Healer. Consultation & classes by appointment. 425 N. 12th St., 54601-3506.

Directory of N.S.A.C. Chartered Churches and Auxiliaries

• ARIZONA •

PHOENIX - Chapel of the Sunflower, N.S.A.C.,
2250 N. 16th St. (S.W. corner of Oak); Pastor Rev. Bernard Baker, N.S.T., (602) 838-8990; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; All Message Serv. last Fri. of each month 7:30 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes Mon. 7:00 p.m. on the Science Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Rev. Alma Reeves; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Healing Serv. Wed. 7:30 p.m.; All Message Serv. Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m. Secy., Shirley Bassani, c/o Alma Reeves, 1815 E. Fairmont, 85016

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., D. Haddick; Secy., Evadell Sordelet, 5537 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, 95608, (916) 481-8729.

ALAMEDA - Brotherhood Spiritualist Church
2305 Alameda Ave.; Mailing Address: 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546, (415) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. Emma K. Gilliam; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. Du Bois, N.S.T., 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

ALTADENA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Harriette Calloway, 225 E. Loma Alta Dr., 91001, (213) 681-1677.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines,
Direct mail to 457 Grass Valley Hwy., #12, 95603; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. (Classes). Church phone: (916) 823-1816.

LOS ANGELES - Spiritualist Society,
Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Fri. 7:30 p.m. Please phone (213) 927-7079 for information.

REDWOOD CITY - Redwood Church of Spiritual Science, N.S.A.C.,
149 Clinton St., 94062; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pres., John Johnston; 155 Elder Ave., Millbrae, 94030. (415) 692-4536; Secy., Barbara Welge, 50 Horgan Ave., #55, 94061, (415) 364-8476

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY — Spiritualist Church,
604 South "H" St., 92410; Sun. Serv. Healing & Dev. 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Pres., Dana Calhoun; Secy., Janice Larcom, 913 Kansas, Colton, 92324, (714) 825-6926 or 825-5817.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.
732 N. Sierra Way, 92402; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m.; Pres., William Sanabria, (714) 825-6809; Secy., Margaret Haskins, (714) 862-4376.

SAN DIEGO - Progressive Spiritualist Church,
Mailing: 2949 Live Oak Pl., Escondido, 92029. Services: 4144 Campus Ave., 92103; ; Pastor, Rev. Daisy Brunner, (619) 741-8250.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Spiritual Temple,
3324 17th St., 94110; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T., 3324 17th St., 94110, (415) 621-0491; Secy., Mary Ann Hylander.

SAN FRANCISCO - First Temple of Spiritualism,
3324 17th St., 94110; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m., Messages 2nd, 4th & 5th Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Classes 1st & 3rd Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Rev. Alfred A. Conner, N.S.T.; Secy., Joan McDaniel (415) 621-0491.

SAN FRANCISCO - Golden Gate Spiritualist Church,
1901 Franklin St. (Cor. of) Sunday: Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 885-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST, 870 Junipero Serra Blvd., 94127; Pres., Sonny B. Gee, 679 The Alameda, Berkley, 94707, (415) 524-4082; Secy., Frances Richardson.

SAN JOSE - The Spiritual Science of Life Church,
"The Friendly Church," 729 Morse Street, (Corner of Morse St. & Naglee), 95126; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louise Peruch, N.S.T., 1252 W. Hedding St., 95126, (408) 241-0576; Secy., Jayne Patterson, 1252 W. Hedding St., 95126, (408) 241-0576.

SAN LEANDRO - Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds, N.S.A.C.,
1349 Hays, 94577; Sun. Serv. 10:15 a.m. to Noon; Co-Pastors, Rev's. Betty and Don Nauratil, (415) 283- 1449; Asst. Pastor, Mary Nichols, 25275 S. Lammers Rd., Tracy, 95376; Pres. Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577. (415) 483-5630; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549.

SAN RAFAEL - Serenity Spiritualist Association,
322 Upper Road, 94903; P.O. Box 4375, 94913; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Ronald C. Cavender; Secy., Beverly J. Houser, (415) 472-3633. (Church address for mailing).

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Church of the Comforter,
1028 Garden St., 93101, (805) 965-4474; (Correspondence to Secy. Marysue Lewter at Church address) Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Wed. All Message Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Mon. Beg. Unfoldment Class 6:30 p.m.; Thur. Inter. Unfoldment Class 6:30 p.m.; Fri. Nite Live: Meditation Circle & Lecture 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Foard Memorial Lib. Open by Appt. at the back of the Church; Pastor, Rev. Linda Schneider, 302 E. Figueroa St., 93101; Asst. Lic. Min., Mary P. Wadsworth, 7430 Canby Ave., #4, Reseda, 91335.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of The Flowers
14411 Vanowen St., Suite 118, 91405. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Pat Smith, N.S.T., (818) 785-1871.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness,
225 Acoma, 80222; Sun. Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Beginning Spiritual Awareness Classes & Advanced Unfoldment are offered Worship Service 10:30 till 11:30. Spirit Greetings 11:30 to 12:00. Pres Patricia Schott, (303) 794-7093.

WESTMINSTER - Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C.
8020 N. Federal Blvd., Suite 8, 80030. 280-9015. Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. Messages & Healing; Unfoldment Classes Mon. 7:30 p.m. on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism; Pastor Bonnie Winston; Sec.-Treas. Jim Winston.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
P.O. Box 271, Ledyard, 06339; Pres., Al Ferency; Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - The New London Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
P.O. Box 1268, 06320; Sun. Ser. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Iris Larson, 53 Phillips St., Waterford, 06385, (203) 447-0928; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Del Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 666-1606; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. - every 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704 (203) 754-3559; Pres., Christa Dixon, 25 Woodland Park, Windsor 06095, (203) 688-7581; Secy., Helen K. Salg, 739 Forest Rd., (Rear) Northford, 06472.

NIANTIC - Ladies Aid Society Camp,
1280 Claas Ave., Holbrook, N.Y. 11741; Secy., Virginia J. Berg.

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church,
29 Park St., 06360; P.O. Box 939; Hope Valley, R.I.; Secy., Alvera Gauvin, 70 Peck St., 06360, 889-5968.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church,
293 Sound Beach Ave., P.O. Box No. 143, 06870; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Secy., Irmgard LaForge, 223 W. Ave. Darien, , 06820.

STRATFORD - The Temple of Divine Truth, Inc., N.S.A.C.,
Boothe Memorial Park; Serv. 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sat., Sept.-June; Pastor John Paterna, 39 Quintard Ave., So. Norwalk, 06854, (203) 866-3885; Secy., Denise Puglia, 30 Edison St., 06487, (203) 377-3912.

WILLIMANTIC - First Spiritualist Church of Willimantic,
268 High St., 06226; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing Serv., Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; President Ruth E. Moore, 2-C Pleasant St., Plainfield, 06374 (203) 564-8497; Secy., Cynthia M. Snyder, 16 Sterling Rd., Moosup 06354. (203) 564-5976.

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• DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA •

WASHINGTON - The Church of Two Worlds,
3038 "Q" St., N.W., 20007; Sun. Healing 2:00 p.m., Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Pauline Hathaway, P.O. Box 699, La Plata, MD 20646, (301) 934-2454; Secy., Neysa Sky Narena (c/o church addr.) (202) 768-4815.

• FLORIDA •

CASADAGA - First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga,
P.O. Box 185, 32706

FRUITLAND PARK - Spiritual Enrichment Center, N.S.A.C.,
P.O. Box 519, 34731.

MIAMI - Metaphysical Science Church, N.S.A.C.,
7701 S.W. 76th Ave., 33143.

ORLANDO - Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C.,
3210 Chickasaw Trail (P.O. Box 571043, 32857); Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Healing, Lecture, Messages all services; Pres., Jean I. Lerch, 335 Piney Ridge Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Secy., E. Ann Otzelberger, 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812.

• GEORGIA •

ATLANTA - First Spiritualist Church of Atlanta,
3120 Maple St., 30309.

BRUNSWICK - Golden Isles Spiritual Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
2916 Springdale Rd., 31520

• 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 Inc.,
141 N. State St.; Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Alma L. Kaes; Secy., Annabelle B. Saxon, 139th St., Rt. 5, Box 262, Lockport, IL 60441, (815) 838-6961.

BURNHAM - Puritan Spiritualist Church,
13906 Greenbay Ave., 60633; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m. & Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Anna Gross, 10930 Ave. "M", Chicago, 60617; Secy., Maude E. Mazzacavallo, 14235 Oak St., Dolton, IL. 60419, (708) 841-1792.

CHERRY VALLEY - Cherry Valley Spiritualist Camp, Inc.,
8002 Service Rd., 61016, (815) 332-5359; Camp Season: June thru Sept. - Nov. thru May; Serv.: First Sun. of each month at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Maurice Witt, 624 Walnut Ave., Elgin, 60123, (708) 931-4374; Secy., Richard Taylor.

CHICAGO - The Church of The Spirit,
2651 N. Central Park Ave., 60647-1101, (312) 489-5422; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church; Sun. Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Wed., Development Class, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
Pres., Helen Lopotowski, 6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Secy., Elaine King, 4050 N. Oriole Ave., Norridge, IL 60634, (708) 452-8754.

CHICAGO - Tucker Smith Memorial Spiritualist Temple,
6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Sun. Serv. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30; Lyceum every third Sun.; Pastor, Louise Washington, 6146 S. Ashland Ave., 60636; Secy., Lorraine Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617. Pres., Trudy Person; Vice-Pres., Yogi Guice; Treas., Betty Frazier.

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.

LE ROY - 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, 61761, (309) 452- 1738; Secy., Donna K. O'Crowly, 34 Chiswick Cir., Bloomington, 61704, (309) 662-3845.

• INDIANA •

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

FORT WAYNE - Spiritualist Church of Divine Science,
1615 Wells St.,; Mailing Address: 1417 Louisedale Dr.,46808; Sunday Lyceum Classes 10:00 a.m. when scheduled; Thursday Evening Service 7:45 p.m. (Healing before service); Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. (Healing before service); Sunday Philosophy Class when scheduled; Pastor, Rev. Jay Fisher; Co-Pastor, Rev. Edward Cummings; Secy., Delores Espinosa, (219) 422-8600.

FRANKFORT - First Spiritual Science Church of Frankfort Inc., N.S.A.C.,
Magnolia & Green Sts.; Sun Healing Serv. at 2:00 p.m., Worship Message Serv. at 2:30; Reading Days, 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes on Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; Pres., Mildred Schlagel, 3232 MacArthur Lane, Indianapolis, 46224, (317) 291-0799; Secy., Mary E. Galloway, 6709 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, 46203, (317) 359-7229.

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.

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, 215 Welcome Way Blvd., E Dr., #305A, 46214.

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 Student Serv. 6:00 p.m., Unfoldment Classes Tues. 8:00 p.m., Muncie - Fri. 8:00 p.m. Chesterfield; Pastor, Rev. August Schnyder; Secy., Connie Graddy, 2905 Dakota Dr., Anderson, 46012.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 - 6th Ave. So., 52732; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m. Pastor & Pres., Rev. Georgia Milton, 651 - 2nd Ave. So., 52732. (319) 243-9738.

CLINTON - Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assoc. Camp.,
Mt. Pleasant Park, 52732

DAVENPORT - Spiritualist Harmony Church,
1429 W. Seventh St., 52802, (319) 324-9659 or 326-3453. Worship & Message Serv. Sun. 2:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum Class, Tues. 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Roma Plagman.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Thomas B. Haldane, Box 222, Rt. 1, W. Buxton, 04093; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD #4, Box 208-L17, Auburn, 04210; Secy., Florence C. Langley, Same address.

AUGUSTA — Augusta Spiritualist Church,
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Worship & Healing Serv., 2:30 p.m., Buffet following service at 4:00 p.m.: Awareness Class, Thurs., 7-9 p.m.; Pastor, Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Nancy Parry; Treas., June Conley; Secy., Jane Frost, P.O. Box 5178, 04330.

LINCOLNVILLE - Temple Heights Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,
P.O. Box 166, 04849.

DOVER-FOXCROFT - First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church,
Thompson Free Library Clubroom, 04426; Services 2nd Sun. each month at 2:00 p.m.; Pres., Kathy Jablonski, 534 Greely's Landing Rd., 04426; Secy., Wanda Adkins, P.O. Box 224, Sangerville, 04479. (207) 876-4107.

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Directory of Churches, cont'd.

ETNA - The Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church,
P.O. Box 100, 04434; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Healing Serv. Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor Rev. Arlene Sikora, (207) 269-3451; Secy., Carol Rickards, P.O. Box 100, 04434, (207) 327-1458.

AUBURN - Madison Campmeeting Spiritualist Assoc.,
R.R. 4, Box 208 L 17, 04210.

PORTLAND - Portland Spiritualist Church,
302 Stevens Ave., 04103; Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551, P.T.S., 04102; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Class Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Thomas Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093, (207) 727-3850; Pres., Warren Nielsen; Secy., Agnes Haldane, R-1, Box 222, W. Buxton, 04093.

• MARYLAND •

BALTIMORE - Sanctuary Of Truth Spiritualist,
YWCA Bldg., Room 108, 21201.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton,
54 Glenwood, 02401.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.,
37 Lowell St., 01844 (in Chapel of 1st Methodist Church); Sun. Serv. 6:00 p.m.; Acting Pastor, Constance Evans, 21 Hind Lane, Pelham, NH 03076, (603) 635-8876; Secy., Christine Nagle, 18-C Shore Dr., Peabody, 01960.

ONSET - On-I-Set Wigwam Spiritualist Church Camp,
13th St., 02558.

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem,
34 Warren St., 01970; Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:30, Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations: (508) 745-2098; Wed. Billet Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Billet Serv. Oct.-May; Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, 28 Riverside St., Danvers, 01923; Pres., Muriel Karolides, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 774-2753; Secy., Dorothy R. Crocker, 14 King St., Peabody, 01960, (508) 977-9554.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St., 01105, (413) 732-1234; Sun. Serv. 3:00 p.m.; Pres. Bernard Hilton, 133 Upper Rd., Deerfield, (413) 774-2354; Medium Secy., Mrs. Alyce Andrews, 53 Burns Ave., (413) 782-4584; Recording Secy., Mrs. Elaine Avery, Avery Rd., Montgomery, (413) 862-3310.

• MICHIGAN •

MICHIGAN STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES,
Pres., Marcia Hyatt, 4161 Buckingham, Detroit, 48224; Secy., Marjorie Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, South Branch, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

CHARLEVOIX - Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, 49720,

CHARLEVOIX - Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ mile west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, 49720.

DETROIT - First Spiritualist Temple,
97 Delaware Ave., 48202.

LESLIE - Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church,
West Bellevue at High St.; Sun. Lyceum 10:00, Church Service 10:45 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506, (616) 241-2761; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 4400 Edgar Rd., Lot 25, 49251, (517) 589-5193. Silver Star - Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Rebecca Strauss & Elda Goddard.

MUSKEGON - First National Spiritualist Church,
3320 Thompson St., Bluffton Area, 49417.

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel,
21 Dennison St., 48501.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd., 48073; Sun. Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Sun. Lyceum - Sept. till May 10:00 a.m.; Pres., Rev. Stanley Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030, (313) 548-2240; Secy., Marguerite (Peggy) Gutt, 813 E. Evelyn, Hazel Park, 48030, (313) 548-2240.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., July & Aug.; Annual Retreat Week in July; Lyceum Supt., Dawn Hyatt; Pres., Donald Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089; Secy., M. Elaine Weichner, 8022 W. Chain Lake Rd., P.O. Box 89, 48761-0089, (517) 257-4133.

• MINNESOTA •

MINNESOTA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOC. OF CHURCHES,
P.O. Box 6115, Mpls., 55406 (Birdi); Secy., Melanie L. Helvig, 3028 Minnehaha Ave., #4, Mpls., 55406, (612) 722-8480.

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. Ninth St., 55805. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3652, 55803-3652.

MINNEAPOLIS - Second Spiritualist Church,
2230 Lyndale Ave. N.; Sun. Serv. 3:15 p.m.; Secy., Chrissy; Pres., Birdi, P.O. Box 6115, 55406, (612) 724-8968.

ROBBINSDALE - Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church,
Sec. Anne Frank - address mail to: P.O. Box 22722, Minneapolis, 55422, (612) 535-8072. Services held at 10:00 a.m., 3829 W. Broadway (left rear suite). Unfoldment class: Tues. Evenings, 8:00 p.m. Pastor Rev. Pamla Ashlay-Lehrer, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer, 3908 Georgia Ave. North, 55427, (612) 535-2746.

ST. PAUL - Spiritual Science Church,
411 Main St., 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, 1040 Laurel Ave., (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

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, Betty Johnson, Cert. Med., N.S.A.C., 231-8764; Secy., Edna Rowland, 601 S.W. Ward Rd., Apt. D, Lee's Summit, 64081. 525-0902.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Brenda Wittich, 3903 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.,
Sun. Serv. 7:00 p.m.; Pres., Catherine C. Stewart. For information, call (702) 431-2571.

• NEW JERSEY •

N. CAPE MAY - Stow Memorial Foundation,
Florence Statkiewicz, 218 Siva St., N. Cape May, 08204.

WESTVILLE - Church of Eternal Life,
243 W. Olive & Folsom Sts., 08093, (609) 456-2196. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, David H. Edwards, 25 Lippincott Ave., Gibbsboro, 08026, (609) 784-2340; Pres., Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08017, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY - Spiritualist Open Center,
Mailing address: 1471 Rte. 9, Clifton Park, N.Y. 12065. Sunday Serv. 6:30 p.m. held at The Ramada Inn, 1228 Western Ave. Spiritual Unfoldment Classes. Mon.-Thurs.; Open Circles, Fri. 7:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST. Pres: Patricia Cizewski (518) 383-1931 or (518) 371-8975.

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2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Seances every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and every Sun. at 8:30 p.m.; Psychic Horizons Bookstore is open Weekdays and after all church functions; Church is open all year; Pres., James Jamieson; Pastor, Rev. Stephen Robinson, NST, (518) 374-7558.

AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Lecture & message service, Sunday, 11:30 a.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year round. Development Classes, Tues.-Sat., October 'til May. Pastor, Jeanne M. MacVilla, (518) 842-0205.

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 Rd. #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., Pastor Andrew Lynch; 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; Pres., Greg Bodekor, 644 7th St., 14213.

EAST AURORA - First Spiritualist Temple,
29 Temple Pl., 14052; Sun. (except Mediums Day) 1:00 p.m. Lyceum Classes adult & children; 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture & Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Mediums Day 3rd Sun. of month: 2:15 p.m. Healing Service; 3:00 p.m. Lecture and Message Service; 4:30 p.m. Dinner; 5:30 p.m. All Message Service; 6:30 p.m. Coffee Hour; Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Spencer, NST; Box 511 Delevan, 14042; Secy., Charlene Kleinschmidt, 1071 Wish Circle, 14052. (716) 652-4972.

FREEVILLE - Central New York Spiritualist Assoc. Camp,
Box 26, 13068.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Assembly,
5 Melrose Park, 14752.

LILY DALE - Lily Dale Spiritualist Church,
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LONG ISLAND - Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,
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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp,
P.O. Box 24, 43003.

ASHTABULA - First Spiritualist Church,
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COLUMBUS - First Spiritualist Church of Linden,
1751 Aberdeen Ave., 43211; Devotional Serv. Sun. 10:30 a.m., Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Wed. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Neil C. Griffen, 8521 Worthington Rd., Westerville, 43081; Secy., Miriam Mansour, (614) 231-0213.

COLUMBUS - Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation,
1081 E. Weber Rd., 43211.

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, Rev. Juanita M. Luppeti; Secy., Vanita Scholl, 1330-B Black Forrest Dr., West Carrolton, OH 45449.

MARENGO - The Spiritualist Temple of Light,
1463 Co. Rd. 24, 43334.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,
667 Henry St., 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Pres., Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Helen Brown, 400 Delaware Ave., #905, 43002, (614) 387-5834.

MASSILLON - Sanctuary of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C.,
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SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Services 2:00 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays, March thru Dec.; Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 1629 Franklin Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808, (219) 426-6793.

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OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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BLACKWELL - First Spiritualist Church of Blackwell,
1202 W. Oklahoma St., 73701.

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.

• PENNSYLVANIA •

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.

McKEESPORT - First Spiritualist Church,
809 Locust St., 15132; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m., Healing, Lecture and Messages; Pres., Ella Bryner, 501 Pirl St., Apt. 4M, 15132; Secy., Carol Perella, P.O. Box 1981, Pittsburgh, 15230.

PHILADELPHIA — Second Spiritualist Church,
423 S. Broad St., 19147. (215) 735-9630. Lyceum Sun., 3:00 p.m.; Serv., 4:00 p.m., Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, John E. Faison; Secy., Gladys M. Faison, 2118 N. Natrona St., 19121. (215) 232-9219.

PHILADELPHIA - Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church,
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4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway (512) 327-2769 after 6:00 p.m.; Secy., Donald Willis, 1308 Neans Dr., 78758, (512) 837-4304.

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DALLAS - Second Spiritualist Church,
4653 Cedar Tone Dr., 75211; Services the second and last Sunday each month at 10:45 a.m.; Pastor, Arthur E. Hanson; Secy., Rosie Lee Hanson, (214) 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., Mrs. I. M. Rivera, 3305 Nashville, 79930; Jovita Garcia, Lyceum Director 2:30 p.m.

GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, N.S.A.C.,
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science,
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HOUSTON - Church Of Divine Spirit,
8010 Wier, #1, 77017.

SAN ANGELO - Church Of Divine Awareness, N.S.A.C.,
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SAN ANTONIO - Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel,
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TACOMA - Church of Spiritual Unity,
Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Pres. Colleen Mohler, 1210 - 25th Ave. Crt., Milton, 98354; Secy., Louise Mezen, 510 - 10th St. S.E., Puyallup, 98372. (206) 848-6933.

• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association,
(Way Memorial Temple) Broadway & Maryland Sts.; Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Sun. Serv. 10:45 a.m., Wed. Healing 7:00 p.m., Message Serv. 8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Velma Gasber, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003, Parsonage: (204) 232-5795; Secy., Lucille Cubbin, 71421 Erin Lane, Martins Ferry, OH 43935. (615) 633-0520; Lyceum Conductor Beverly Goff, 74121 Mt. Pleasant Pike, Martins Ferry, OH 43935.

• WISCONSIN •

WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church,
6228 W. Washington St., 53214; Sun. Lyceum Children 10:30 a.m., Healing 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Church Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Joseph Sax; Pres., Manilla Kochanski; Secy., Raeona Black, 2835 N. 47th St., Milwaukee, 53210, (414) 442-0183. Church phone: (414) 257-9889.

WEST ALLIS - Spiritual Science Church,
2103 S. 81st St., 53219; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Service 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Al Brazzoni, 1913 Bonnie Lane, Waukesha, 53188; Secy., Mary Ann Myers, 8540 W. Waterford Ave., Greenfield, 53228. Church phone (414) 545-2126.

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by James R. Woodhams



I love Oak trees
And a cool summer breeze.
I love monarch butterflies,
Sunshine and blue skies.
I love buffalo and eagles,
And I love Niagara Falls.
I love music and art,
And I love shopping malls.
I love God,
And I love my Guides and Teachers.
I love the human race,
And all living creatures.
I love living,
And I love being free.
But most of all,
I love being me.



I love winter,
Puffy clouds and snow.
I love concerts,
And going to the show.
I love flying,
And jumping out of planes.
I love the smell of nature,
After it rains.
I love liberty,
And justice for all.
I love the morning birds,
Singing their sweet call.
I love auctions, flee markets,
And garage sales.
And my favorite place on earth,
Is Lily Dale.



I love the Northern Lights,
Dirt roads and colorful kites.
I love everything,
For all is good;
From rainy days,
To chopping wood.



The Soul

by Jerry Thomas

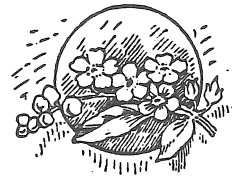


The Soul is the essence of you
Born into freedom true
It binds you in life
And with the body — often in strife
But in the whole of things
It is a freedom that Brings
You Back — into the truest of Life — With wings.

You must see the Reality — On the back of your mind
You must not let life's secrets Make You Blind
Let your Light Shine — There Will be Roses and Wine.

The Soul is the One
Who says — freedom, My Son!
Go your own way to only discover someday
That your future was in the past begun.

You have not the Right to set it aside.
Be Men of Courage. Let your Pride die
Live for yourselves, But be at Peace
Reminiscent of old, ancient Greece.



Let us not Be Men of winged complacency
But let us agree to set men free
To feel our true Soul is our destiny.

We are all Souls — But we are One
Let us Be still and hope has begun
Then we must walk; then we must run
Let us go forward toward the Sun.
We are almost — All the way — home.
This is the day — the day of the Soul.
When the Whole World feels no Control
I am in favor of the ultimate goal.

It is my wish — my greatest desire
To see better things all the while
I must ***See More*** *and not less — or all I have is*
Lost by my own request
There is no way that we can see
The need for Love in our Reality
But it brings together the need and we
Must fill our hearts before we can see
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— 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.

The Gifts Of The Spirit

BY THE REVEREND RUTH A. DYKE

Our spirit world helpers tell us that Spiritual Healing is now their priority of attention as a means of directly serving mankind upon earth. Its benefits are being spread and are increasing in number. While the spirit directed healings are conveying the healing benefits to a patient, with well focused and easily detected energies, they are also physically proving the reality of the obviously alive in-spirit human beings who are projecting them from the spirit world. Also that these human in-spirit beings have advanced themselves in order to have become conveyors of spiritual benefits through the healers living on earth. For patients who have had little or no knowledge of spirit life, this is a very important piece of personal evidence. They cannot discard the feelings experienced while receiving a purposeful spirit directed healing that was given to them under group circumstances of great intensity.

This life-in-spirit evidence, plus the greater spiritual healing effectiveness, are reasons for our adoption of the method of fulfilling our spiritual healing work immediately in front of, or surrounded by, a congregation of interested people. While its members await their turns to sit on any of the four, up to seven *"healing stools"* and for the message service which follows, they listen to soft hymn music being played from a tape, or by one of our organists. Meanwhile, all persons present take a quiet interest in what is going on in front of themselves. The unity of interest and focus of attention builds a high degree of *"power"* in the central area, where the spiritual healers are working. Frequently, this becomes so obvious the sitters on the stools will become strongly convinced of two or more pairs of hands working on them, instead of the one earthly healer, under the direction of their spirit helper.

Love is the active agent of God in healing, without which little progress can be made.

This heightened condition of the spiritual energies results from the caring interest and group unity present, on behalf of a beneficial purpose that is being expressed and served with dedication. Each healer and his or her spirit helper are therefore not *"on their own"* for the generation of energy supplies while treating their patients. Having a caring contribution gathered all around themselves, in support of their efforts to bring a maximum of benefit to their patients, the healers and their spirit helpers can give more of their attention toward detecting and applying added treatment to the deeper needs of the sitters on their stools.

The public service form of spiritual healing mentioned above requires the preparatory training of spiritual healers in a development circle, to build their abilities to attune themselves with a spirit helper. Learning to keep their minds free of wandering thoughts is important. Filling their minds, hearts and souls with an unbiased love of people and all other

forms of life is likewise essential for success in this work. Love is the active agent of God in healing, without which little progress can be made. When it is present in strength and in a state of unity, it can become the means of accomplishing almost any worthwhile purpose that falls within the harmony of *God's Laws of Life.* Spiritual Healing is certainly one of those purposes.

There are other very important forms of Spiritual Healing, which are the day-to-day abilities that people can develop, through caring about humanity as a whole, and unfortunate parts of it in particular.

A mother who holds her child lovingly to herself and kisses his skinned knee gives spiritual healing. Her love and deep desire to help gives forth its strength to her young one. It also brings added assistance from unseen spirit helpers who likewise care about children. A spiritual healing frequency unifies all for a few moments. There will be a release from pain in the child.

Sensitive and understanding individuals who care about sad and depressed people who have difficult circumstances to contend with, are also spiritual helpers. They give strength and upliftment, that is generated in their souls whenever they see a need for it. They turn the minds of the depressed ones away from dwelling on the *"woes of the world,"* whether they be their own or those in the far-off places. Loving and caring thoughts and suggestions are substituted, which are inspired by unseen and often unknown spirit helpers.

Prayer is a very important means of bringing spiritual healing or other forms of spirit world help to people who have needs of almost any kind. As in other aspects of spiritual healing, the prayer should be directed to God, even though it will be acted upon by those spirits whose knowledge and interests are comparable in purpose to their own. Prayers should not be selfish in their intent. Where help is requested for the self, the purpose should be clearly expressed and be sincere, that the requested assistance is needed for the gaining of an increased ability to give service to other people in a named beneficial way.

Absent Healing *(sometimes called "Distant Healing")* refers to a form of prayer healing, through which trained spiritual healers, mostly working through churches or other groups, perform a regular enlisting-of-spirit-help service on behalf of people who are ill or in other difficulties. The mediums or spiritual healers collect and read out under thought power, the names of persons in need and the type of help required. They are assisted by their own spirit helpers' energies and wisdom of appraisal, concerning the healing direction to be taken. After the center for the absent healing work becomes established, many spirits who specialize in the work will also join together there at the appointed times of the services of prayer and petition. With their help and that of the mental sense of purpose of whomever reads the names out, the information is broadcast to the spirits whose specialty is in the healing of the spirit. The mental call goes to those who can give help where it is needed. This sometimes includes earthly human beings, who have a needed gift or ability.

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The most important thing to always remember is the need to enlist the help of God *(Spirit)* at the beginning and ending of each form of spiritual healing *(a prayer for help, and one of appreciation for having received it).* This applies to any spirit activity. Also, it is to be borne in mind that in asking for God's help, the prayer is intercepted by worthy and qualified spirits who serve His purposes. Inexperienced intruders have no right to intrude or interfere, as they are sometimes inclined to do when we fail to be specific.

A very strongly to be emphasized aspect of spiritual healing work is the fact that it concerns itself deeply with doing good for others, instead of thinking excessively about the self. When working with such a caring purpose lodged strongly within the consciousness, and a firm belief in finding God's goodness expressed through spirit workers who fulfill the earthly healing prayers and petitions, it is far less likely that low or interfering spirits could draw near to the praying or petitioning person who seeks to bring benefit to someone with a need. The vibrations of spiritual goodness and love would be too strong. On the other hand, if the prayers would involve a desire for material gain or personal recognition for the self, an unreliable note could however be struck in the spirit connection. Self-centered interests attract less than spiritual spirits.

The contact form of Spiritual Healing, as already mentioned, must have all of the universal caring characteristics of spiritual love strongly represented in its healing personnel, plus an added spirit-sensitized ability, gained through the study and practice of proven methods of generating a close attunement with spirit helpers. Extensive exercising of the *"gift"* as it is being opened in a development group, under controlled conditions that are supervised, can bring about astonishing beneficial results as time passes.

When learning and developing this spirit guided type of spiritual healing, methods of spirit control must become established. A well qualified teacher should always be present to enforce them during the development period.

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EDUCATION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Morris Pratt Institute Association ■ The Rev. Joseph Sax, Secretary

*Each month **The National Spiritualist** will feature the writing from a student who is currently taking the education Course from the Morris Pratt Institute. Featured this month is an essay written by **Catherine Snell** of the Temple of Metaphysical Science.*

The study begins with Islam. Islam, founded by Mohammed whose mission, as he conceived it, was that the day of judgement was at hand and he urged the people to flee from the wrath to come by putting away idol worship and serving the one loving God. Mohammed succeeded in uniting a multitude of tribes who'd had no history until his advent, and their religion had been a blend of monotheism and polytheism, Judaism, Christianity, idolatry and fetishism. Islam means; *submission to the will of God (Allah), and the religion formed by the visions, revelations and experiences brought to Mohammed from time to time by the angel Gabriel.* Its essential doctrine is the absolute unity and supremacy of God. It projects the existence of angels and genii as well as angels of death and resurrection and angels of Satan. Every believer in Islam is a Muslem who believes that the Koran *(the Muslem Bible)* is the word of God and that Mohammed is his prophet.

The Bible was compiled after Mohammed's death, but the teachings of Mohammed were not new but were a restoration of the original teachings of the prophets of God taught to man from the beginning. Although some progress was made by Mohammed in the teaching of the new religion, it must be noted that it actually developed in Mecca after what the Muslem's call the Hegira took place. *(Mohammed escaping a plot to assassinate him.)* There are five pillars of Islamic faith. These are:

1. Duty
2. Prayer
3. Almsgiving
4. Fasting
5. Pilgrimage

And along with these pillars is the Profession of faith: *"I bear witness that there is no god but Allah (the one true God) and that Mohammed is the Apostle of God."*

Another ancient religion to consider is Zoroastrianism. King Gustasp, the first founder of a state religion, made Zoroastrianism the religion of his empire. It was founded by Zoroaster, and its great book is the Zend-Avesta. Zoroastrianism is a moral religion, and was a revolt against the established religion of the time. The basis of it hinges on the distinction between right and wrong, and is a religion established on justice and the caring and guardianship over God's creatures.

Zoroaster aimed at holiness in daily living. His teachings placed great emphasis on creation and salvation. Based on morality having its roots from within, salvation is an eternal struggle for good against evil, Ormazd was the King of Light, and Ahreman the Prince of Darkness. The religion revolves around Zoroaster and he is recognized in the Gathas as pure, god in thought, word and deed. Being oppressed by evil, Zoroaster was more concerned with the evil within. He believed that evil had its origin in a depraved heart and a will turned away from goodness.

The scripture of the religion is the Zend-Avesta which is a liturgy, or a collection of hymns, prayers, invocations and thanksgiving. It consists of:

The Yasha (Gathas) *hymns*
The Vendidad - *the priestly code*
The Yashta - *songs of praise*
The Knordah-Avesta - *collection of short prayers*
The Visperad - *supplement to the Yashta*

Todays religions find their doctrines about angels and devils and the establishment of their worlds from Zoroastrianism. The basic concept further evolved in a conception of a future life, a resurrection and an ultimate judgement.

Zoroaster taught: God's kingdom may come; fight the good fight of faith and put on the whole armour of God. Thus this was a religion of battle, but in the end Zoroaster believed that good would prevail and love, purity and truth would reign.

Judaism is the religion of the peoples of the Semetic races who were the Hebrew people. The Hebrew people believed the following in the area of religion:

1. God was above nature, not in it.
2. God stood alone, unaccompanied by secondary deities.
3. God had no part of a triad.
4. God had no female associations.
5. Worship required purity, not pollution.
6. Aim of religion was holiness and its spirit humane, not cruel.

The origin of Judaism rests in Abraham who received his revelation directly from God, we are told. The covenant Abraham made with God rested on Moral Principles that Moses got directly from God in the form of the Ten Commandments. From this basis came a religion and a law substantiated by love of one's fellowman. Love and the law became one and the same. Man is understood as a sparkle of dust and a spark of the divine, thus fashioned in the image of God and having all freedom of life and yet abiding in the law. The world was treated by God for a purpose. Life is God's gift and this gift of life is to live fully in your every day. The uniqueness of God rests in *"I am that I am."*

Jews believe in a personal God, but not in a bodily sense, but rather a person who deals with man at will by

justice, anger and love. Thus are the Jewish people linked by a common parent, a common language of prayer, a vast array of spiritual literature and a sense of common destiny. They often say they are the chosen people, yet they mean chosen in the sense of being given a special responsibility rather than getting special privileges. And this special responsibility is love of God and love of one's fellowman.

Moses taught that God is holy, his law is holy, his place of worship is holy and the Jewish nation and people are a holy people. He established ceremonial purification, clean and unclean meats, arrangements of the tabernacle, the Sabbath, dress of the priest and ointment for annointing the alter.

The sacred scripture is the Torah which means law and teaching and rightfully stands for all scripture and all law based on it. It consists of the first five books of the Bible and is believed to have been written by Moses. These books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Dueteronomy. These books are also called the Pentatuch.

Another sacred book of Judaism is the Talmud which consists of oral law called Mishna and a vast commentary based on Mishna called Gemara. In the sixth century these two bodies of information were compiled into the Talmud.

Kabala is another of the mystic writings of Judaism. The Kabala had as its purpose the penetration of the secret mysteries of the universe and fortelling the future. It commences with analyzing the problem of creation and how God, an infinite being could have created a finite universe, and concludes with construction of a new metaphysical universe.

There are several important days in Judaism, some of them are: *Passover, Shabuot, Purim, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kipper, Simchath Torah, Succoth, and Hanukkah.*

The last section deals with the Christian religion which was founded by Jesus, the Christ, who was proclaimed by his apostles and followers *(not by himself)* to be the Son of God and the Savior of mankind. His teachings were carried on by his disciples and finally set in concrete by the great apostle to the Gentiles, Paul.

At the end of the second century, Bishops made an attempt to solidify what should be accepted. This effort was called the Roman Baptismal Confession and was later to become known as the Apostle's Creed. In 325 A.D. the Emperor Constantine convened a council for the purpose of deciding if Christ was the same as the Father, or of like substance. This council ended with the publication of the Nicene Creed which was then brought into the religion as absolute fact.

Christianity is defined as the Christian religion, including the Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox churches, and Christian beliefs or practices, Christian quality or character, the state of being a Christian. And a Christian is *"of or pertaining to or derived from Jesus Christ or his teachings or pertaining or adhering to the religion based on the teachings of Jesus Christ as one who exemplifies in his life the teachings of Jesus.*

Christianity has major differences from some other similar religions of the times. These were: emphasis on the fatherhood of God, salvation by acknowledging Jesus Christ as savior, and the Son of God, the cross as chief symbol, communion representing the broken body and blood of Christ, baptism with diversified meaning by various denominations, a risen savior making his intercession for mankind, responsibility of self and for his neighbor's soul as well, Jesus as a deity, eternity of heaven or hell based on one's deeds.

The development of early Christianity had four important stages. The Gospel preached by Jesus; the gospel preached by the Apostles; the form the Gospels assumed in the Creeds; and finally, the Gospel as preached by the apostle Paul. Jesus is the main figure in Christianity. He saved men from their sins. Being saved meant living a more spiritual life and giving up sin. Paul was the great Apostle to the Gentiles *(non-Jews)*. He taught that Jesus was a divine being, the Creator of the world, God's beloved son, the image of the invisible father. Jesus put aside his divinity and appeared on earth, taking the likeness of humanity, and as a man, died on the cross to save mankind. Paul's gospel is of the cross, the death and resurrection are the foundation of Christianity as it was taught.

The sacred scripture of Christianity is the Bible which is believed to be the infallible word of God given to inspired men. The Old Testament is composed of 39 books and the New Testament is composed of 27.

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"What office is there which involves more responsibility, which requires more qualifications, and which ought, therefore, to be more honourable, than that of teaching?"
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FEATURE

FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

In this column we list ***Favorite Sayings to Live By.*** *Please send in your sayings that have helped you, for they may in turn assist another.*



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"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone."

— submitted by Mary K. Duggon

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"If anyone loses even a single right, we risk losing them all." Judith Jamison, Artistic Director, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

— submitted by Lillian Johanson

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"Life is the Journey and not the arrival."

— submitted by Ginger Golom

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"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: 'To rise above little things.'"

— John Burroughs



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"Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength."

— Anon.

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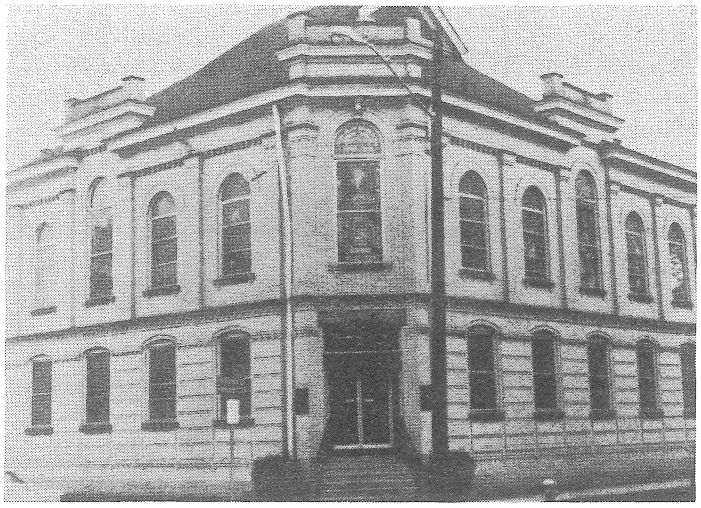
"Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great."

— Emerson

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAY MEMORIAL TEMPLE



The Way Memorial Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in September. The church received its Charter in September, 1901, and under the leadership of Rev. George W. Way, the members had the building erected and held the first service in their new home in September of 1916. In six short years the church was free of debt. Ironically, Rev. Way died in September 1922 and the mortgage was burned and the ashes buried with him.

With two great occasions to celebrate, 75 years for the church and 90 years for the granting of our Charter, we have planned a two-day affair. On Saturday, Sept. 28th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. we will have an exhibit of pictures, old and current, of past ministers and members who have faithfully served the Temple. Our scrap book will be available for viewing. At 5:00 p.m. a catered reservation dinner will be served. At 7:30 p.m. an all-message service will be held in the Sanctuary with local mediums serving.

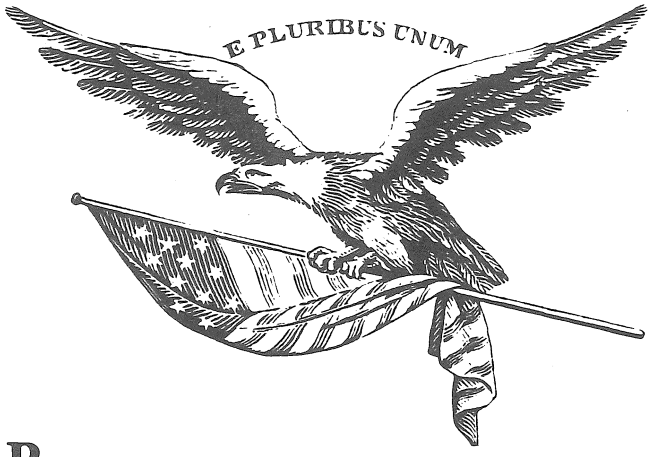
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., Rev. Velma Gasber will present Alvin E. Gasber, of Lily Dale, N.Y. and J. Barry Gasaway of Columbus, Ohio as speakers. Both men are 4th generation Spiritualists and have a wide and varied knowledge of the religion. Following the morning service a covered-dish dinner will be enjoyed. At 2:00 p.m. we will have our Annual Harvest and Home-coming Party. Members and friends will bring gifts of paper products and supplies for the new church season. A Chinese auction will also be held. This proves to be a fun-time for all ages.

The Official Board of the Temple wishes to extend an invitation to anyone who would care to celebrate with us.

TRANSITION OF DOROTHY PIERCE

Dorothy Pierce, born Dorothy Adamov in Akron, Ohio in November of 1920, passed to the higher side of life May 25, 1991. Dorothy was a long time Spiritualist and a member of Chapel of the Sunflower in Phoenix, Arizona. She had a strong belief in Spiritual healing and it helped her with her illness — the doctors said she was remarkable. Many friends and loved ones from the spiritside were there to greet her and they will now enjoy her wonderful sense of humor. Blessings on you loyal Spiritual Friend. You will be missed in the physical but welcomed as you greet us from the Spiritual. She is survived by a son, Dale Pierce, a teacher and author.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH — METHUEN STYLE



President Kenneth Wingood appointed trustees Mary Lou Lambert and Patricia Bertucci, Public Relations/-Fund Raising Specialists to be co-chairpersons for a medium's day-dinner-lecture. It was held on Saturday, April 27, 1991 at Church of Spiritualist Life of Methuen, MA.

At the suggestion of Robert Pierce, food coordinator, it was decided to do a theme event, with ***God Bless America*** as the theme of the day.

In keeping with the spirit of God and country, a search was begun to find returned local Methuen military personnel, who had served in the Gulf War. Cathy Mulligan, head of the Methuen Desert Storm Headquarters gave the names of Marine Lance Corporal Timothy Sheehy and Army Sergeant Dennis Moury as returned service men who were available.

Church members Dwight and Fran Broadstone's son,

Marine Corporal R. Burtram Broadstone, who returned just before the event, was also an invited guest, along with the other two service men. The Marines escorted their fiancees and Sergeant Moury escorted his wife.

Mary Lou Lambert was in charge of organizing the visiting mediums. Many came from the other churches to help out.

Christine Nagle assisted with publicity, contacting the media and distributing flyers and posters. She also approached merchants in town who donated items for a raffle.

A treasure table was set up and run by Louise Ladd and Paul Butzien, who were visiting the area from their new residence in Arizona.

Richard Fecteau, designed and made tickets for the dinner/lecture, and special tickets for guests.

Arlene Malvitch, dining room staff coordinator decorated the church hall in a patriotic bent. Red, white and blue was the color scheme of the dishes, table cloths, napkins and hanging decorations.



Robert Pierce and his staff, Arlene Malvitch, Christa Scott, Richard Fecteau, Rick Bertucci, Peter Bertucci, June Bertucci, and Jessica Bertucci prepared and served a baked ham dinner, with all the fixings and large old fashioned sunday desserts. A cheese/fruit table was set up for those who returned from Howard Johnsons, where the mediums day was held, to the church hall for the dinner and lecture.

Rev. Richard Fewkes, pastor of the Universalist Unitarian Church, Norwell, MA, who was lecturer of the evening, gave a blessing before the meal.

At the suggestion of John Baumhoff, the Spiritualist Manual's article on the flag and the loyalty pledge was read by Patricia Bertucci. ***"God Bless America"*** was sung *(souvenier copies were at each table setting)* by the group. Barney Silva of the Brockton Church accompanied the singing on his guitar, and Patricia Bertucci played the piano.

Red, white and blue corsages were given to the women guests and the service men were given certificates of appreciation from the church.

After dinner, Rev. Fewkes gave an informative lecture on Dream Analysis. He is a well-known and knowledgeable speaker and held his audience in rapt attention.

Christa Scott, trustee, took the left over food to the Salvation Army in Methuen.

The evening was a huge success in all areas, financially, socially and educationally.

The most rewarding aspect of the entire evening was when Sergeant Moury said that he felt honored to have been invited to the dinner. When he returned from Viet Nam he had been castigated and to have been invited to our event made it all feel worth while.

We as Spiritualists have often talked about going out into the community and becoming involved, but rarely ever do it. The tremendous response that we received was overwhelming, and engendered a feeling of warmth and satisfaction within all involved.

LYCEUM SUNDAY IN MICHIGAN



Children working with healing, Sunday morning during the youth service.

Lyceum Sunday at Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches . . .

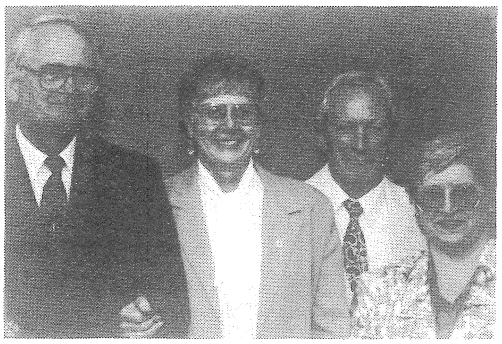
An active Lyceum group conducted the Sunday morning "Youth Service" at the May, State of Michigan's 99th Annual Spiritualist Convention. The speakers were: Melissa Strause, Zackery Strause, Tracy Weichner, Dennis Whittie, Angel Whittie, Phylis Whittie and Will Allen. The healing mediums were: Dennis, Zak, Melisa and Will. There were 52 in attendance for the youth service. This was the last segment of the convention which closed after the Sunday service.



(1st row L-R) Barbara Whittie, Kayla Hyatt, Phylis Whittie.
(2nd row L-R) Zackery Strause, Tracy Weichner, Angel Whittie.
(3rd row L-R) Will Allen (my son), Melisa Strause and Will Allen is holding Katy Chippen. The State Lyceum Superintendent is hiding behind Barbara Whittie.

95TH CONVENTION IN PORTLAND, MAINE

by Nancy Parry



From left to right: Rev. Larry Clark, Rev. Arlene A. Sikora, Carl Rickards and Carol Rickards.

Portland, Maine — The Portland Spiritualist Church hosted the 95th Convention of the Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches held May 31-June 2 at the Ramada Inn.

The Convention was dedicated to the memory of Lyndell Heald, Marion Stevens, Arlene Roderick and Jim McFadden, and all other loved ones and our predecessors in this beautiful Religion.

The Rev. Larry Clark of Lily Dale, New York, was the guest speaker. Larry presented an insightful and humorous look at *"Natural Law"* on Friday evening.

Business meetings were held Saturday. Officers for the coming year include: Rev. Arlene A. Sikora, president; Carl Rickards, vice president; Eva Giro, 2nd vice president; Carol Rickards, secretary; and Bernard Langley, treasurer.

Directors are Agnes Haldane, Thomas Haldane, Florence Langley and Mary Mersinger. Trustees are Warren Nielsen, chairman; Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson and Nancy Parry.

It was announced that the 96th Convention will be hosted by the Augusta Spiritualist Church, June 5-7, 1992.

Saturday evening there was a delicious banquet, during which gifts of appreciation were presented to Tom Haldane and Florence Langley for their outstanding devotion and service to the M.S.S.A.C. Following the banquet, Harmony International, a group of female barbershop singers which included Agnes Haldane, sang several selections. We are particularly pleased because Agnes has made a remarkable recovery from an automobile accident she was involved in last year. Later in the evening, dance music was provided by Carl Henry & the Boys.

Several conferees took advantage of the hotel's pool and sauna during the weekend.

Warren and Sue Nielsen were outstanding hospitality persons. They made us feel very comfortable in the hospitality suite.

The Sunday morning service was to benefit the Mary B. Redlon Medium's Relief Fund. Carol Rickards did the healing lecture and the Rev. Larry Clark gave the lecture. Several mediums in attendance gave messages.

The afternoon Memorial Service included the healing lecture by the Rev. Arlene A. Sikora. Nancy Parry and Carol Rickards performed the Memorial Service which was very moving. The Rev. Larry Clark gave messages.

Before adjourning, floral centerpieces were presented to pianist Elizabeth Carter for her efforts, and to Florence Langley for her dedicated service.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

by Hazel Hardmeyer

On April 6, 1991, at the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, N.S.A.C., in Orlando, Florida, two spiritual souls were joined together in a Spiritual bond of love. Mr. Larry Ward and Ms. Patricia Beesley exchanged vows before a well attended congregation. The beautiful service was performed by Rev. Sharon L. Lynch, NST (Secretary of the N.S.A.C.).

Sunflowers cascaded beautifully from the candelabras bedecked with spring flowers. The bride wore a dusty rose silk dress as did her attendant and sister, Mrs. Jo Sparks of Troy, Michigan. Mr. Andrew Beesley, also from Troy, escorted his Mother, the bride, down the aisle. The Groom was attended by his brother, Dale Ward of Altamonte Springs, Florida. As the soloist, Shirley Hoeft, sang *"All I Ask Of You"* it was so touching that the bride wept.

There were a lot of out-of-town guests present, among them, President of the N.S.A.C., Rev. Joseph Merrill, Trustees Rev. Joseph Sax, NST and Rev. Paul F. Spencer, NST, and his lovely wife Peggy, National Superintendent of the Bureau of Lyceums, and editor of the *Spotlight*, and Peggy Lelond. Many were there from Michigan including The Honorable Gordon Sparks, State Representative of Michigan, Patricia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Si Semonian, her daughter-in-law, Kathy Beesley (who traveled two days on a bus with Katrina and Bradley Beesley - ages 5 and 3), and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hardmeyer and their two grandchildren, Rhonda and Brian Wilt (fourth generation Spiritualists). Bryan and Sharon Ward were among the welcomed guests from the groom's family.



Patricia and Larry Ward.

A lovely buffet was served after the ceremony in the church hall. We all ask Spirit to Bless this marriage.

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22 I am youthful, vigorous and healthy.	**23** Change comes easily to me and I flow with life.	**24** Life supports me in all ways and I enjoy my lifes work.	**25** All of my bridges are filled with light.	**26** New insights and awareness enter my thoughts.	**27** I accept complete responsibility for my life.	**28** I claim my power and use it for good.
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