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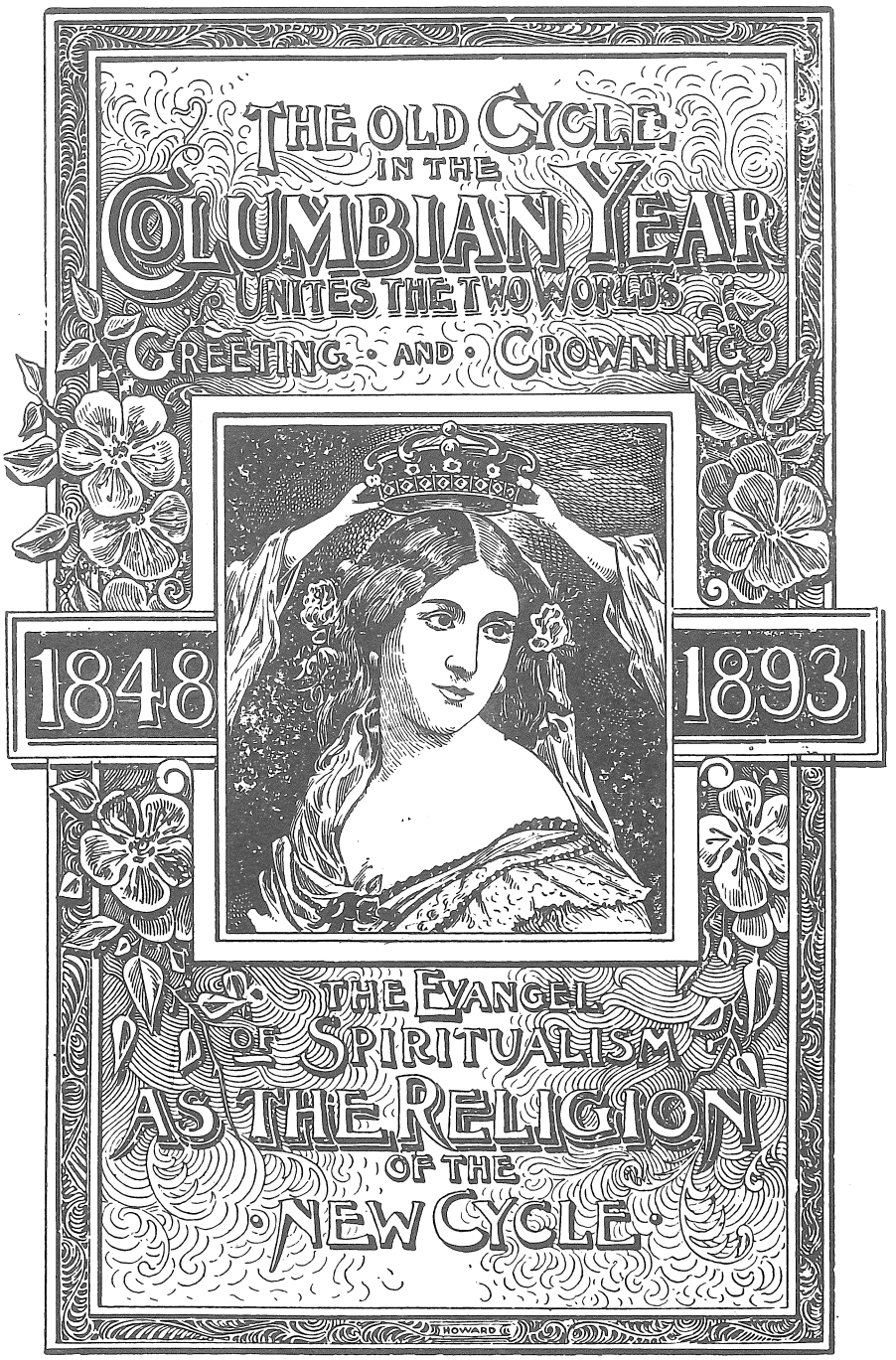
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CORA L. V.

The Silver Tongued Orator of Spiritualism

BY THE REV. SANDRA PFORTMILLER, NST

The owner of a lumber mill, near Cuba, New York, David Scott and Lodencia Butterfield Scott were excited with the birth of a daughter on April 21, 1840. Mr. Scott wanted to name her Lodencia Veronica but Mrs. Scott objected so strongly that the doctor suggested that since the baby was born with a *"veil"* over her face they might call her Cora. The name Cora implied a priestess, poetess, seer and counselor and the *"veil"* suggested a person with special powers. The parents compromised naming her Cora Lodencia Veronica Scott, but nicknaming her Cora L. V.

The first eleven years or so of her life were like most country girls, school and play. Mr. Scott was a free thinker, a philosopher and truth seeker with an open mind to explore new thoughts. An avid reader, he read the works of the current thinkers of the day. He became interested in the writings of the Rev. Hosea Ballou, the Universalist religion and the *"Hopedale Colony,"* a co-operative plan of communal living. (A book by Ballou, 1852, *"Modern Spirit Manifestations,"* related the spirit manifestations, teachings, and communications received at the colony. It did much to spread the word of Spiritualism.)

Mr. Scott spent a year at the Hopedale Colony in Massachusetts, then in 1851 moved to Waterloo, Wisconsin to help start a new branch of the colony, but his plans were changed forever that autumn of 1851, by an event that happened to Cora.

School was just underway and Cora was seated in the oak arbor preparing a composition upon her slate for class the next day. A type of sleep overtook her, she thought, and when she awoke her slate was



CORA L. V. SCOTT

covered with someone's writing. Cora hastened to show her mother, telling her someone had written this message while she dozed. Her mother was shocked at the message on the slate and also at Cora for some children playing in the area had come to her saying, *"Cora was asleep and was writing in her sleep."* The message on the slate began, *"My dear sister,"* and was signed by Mrs. Scott's deceased sister that had passed away at a young age. Mrs. Scott became a bit frightened for she knew that Cora knew practically nothing about the departed sister. The slate was put away, but not forgotten.

A few days later as Cora was sewing at her mother's feet she again fell *'asleep,'* but her right hand was trembling. Her mother could not restore her to consciousness, then remembering the slate put a pencil in Cora's hand and multiple messages were written on the slate, each signed by a different loved one that had left the physical world. The messages declared, *"We are not dead."* They also assured the concerned mother that her child would not be harmed but was chosen to help in their work of communicating the message of continuous life with those on earth.

The Hydesville happenings and Spiritualism were not known in this small community, but the neighbors, friends and people of all religions came to receive the sleep messages of Cora. Sometimes the questions were asked out loud and frequently a silent, mental question was also correctly answered.

Around this time the Rev. Adin Ballou's son, Adin Augustus, a brilliant Harvard student, studying for the ministry, left the physical world. This young soul had an awareness and interest in Spiritualism through his father and the Hopedale Colony. Both father and son desired to make the world a better place. This desire made young Adin a strong choice by spirit guides to work from the spirit world with Cora, who he had once met. Adin hesitated, not because his desire to help others had diminished, but because he was young in physical years, and new in the spirit realm, and this was an enormous responsibility. Spirit counselors assured him that he could not change another's life or impose his will on them, but that he could develop more quickly and teach others the truths of mediumship and the continuous life, and that he would not be alone in the control for there were others in command. He became part of Cora's band and in a few weeks was able to control her brain and vocal chords for a spoken trance state to be developed.

Another spirit control in her band

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was a German doctor that would give healing treatments while Cora was in deep trance. Cora's father was a great supporter and helped her in her healing ministry. Each day she would give healing treatments at their home and sometimes was taken in a trance state to the homes of neighbors too ill to travel.

Cora began speaking publicly during this time to small groups. The Scott family moved back to New York to pursue this *"New Revelation"* of Spiritualism. At fifteen Cora's public platform work before large audiences began with wonderful spiritual teachings shared. The meetings were held in large cities with the highest ranking men of the community present. The audience was requested to select a subject and the scholarly committee attempted to choose a most difficult topic for any speaker. The difficult questions were then given to the young entranced girl, who with ease and knowledge presented an address that many of the professionals admitted they could not have done better and would have needed many hours of preparation to include all the scientific or philosophic facts.

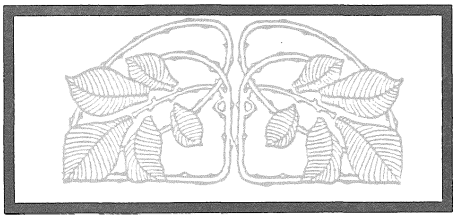
In 1853 Cora's beloved father passed away and for a period of time she became almost inactive. Finally she shared the platform with Thomas Gales Foster (a truly gifted orator) in a Buffalo, N.Y. Spiritualist Society, addressing ever growing crowds. After a couple of years Cora went on tour and stayed in New York City for a time meeting the Fox sisters, Emma H. Britten, Judge Edmonds, Professor Mapes, Horace Greely, Robert Hale and many other researchers and professionals who attended her sessions and were amazed and convinced by this beautiful and delightful teenager.

She became ill and was highly susceptible to a crafty magnetiser who called himself a doctor. This fifty-plus man coaxed her into becoming his wife, promising to manage her affairs, take care of her and make her wealthy. Instead he put her on *"show,"* working her long and hard while she was ill and treating her brutally. Finally Spiritualists insisted she be placed under proper protection and a divorce from Mr. Hatch was granted in the Divorce Court. Hatch retained the money gained from the trance sessions Cora had given and bitterly printed up pamphlets denouncing all mediums, which he sent all over the world.

Cora gradually regained her health and resumed her spiritual work traveling around to many large cities, discussing for her audiences subjects such as astronomy, history, political science, religion, Spiritualism, rights and slavery. One subject chosen by the intellectual audience was entitled, *"The Antiquity of the World as Proven by the Discoveries of Geology; It's Consistency as a Science, With Biblical History."*

In 1873 she went to England at the invitation of English Spiritualists and made three trips there altogether. (Her first tour lasted two years and the last trip was on her honeymoon.)

She met and married William Richmond, a wonderfully supportive partner in her life and her work. Mr. Richmond was so interested in his wife's teachings that he gave up his lucrative business and learned shorthand and the art of printing so he could publish her lessons. Cora's first literary publication was at the age of eighteen and she continued in the field of literature printing valuable lessons and books for the remainder of her life. In 1871 her famous poem *Hesperia* was published which described the coming world and the ultimate Universality of people when the *"Golden Rule"* is applied. It outlined the *"World Wars, the ultimate fall of European governments, the apparent loss of culture and morality; the growth of materialism and finally the corrective method for recovery by the growth of understanding the Spirit."* Cora also published *Phycosophy, The Soul in Human Embodiments, Ouina's Canoe* and a fictional book, *Zulieka.*



Cora's pastorate in the Chicago public life lasted over fifty years. She was the Pastor of the First Spiritualist Society of Chicago. She was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of the National Spiritualist Association in Chicago in 1893 and elected it's first Vice-President by acclamation. Mrs. Richmond's silver tongued oratory delivered a *"Presentation of Spiritualism"* before the first Congress of World Religions held in Chicago in 1893, which helped to focus the attention of the religious leaders of the world upon Spiritualism.

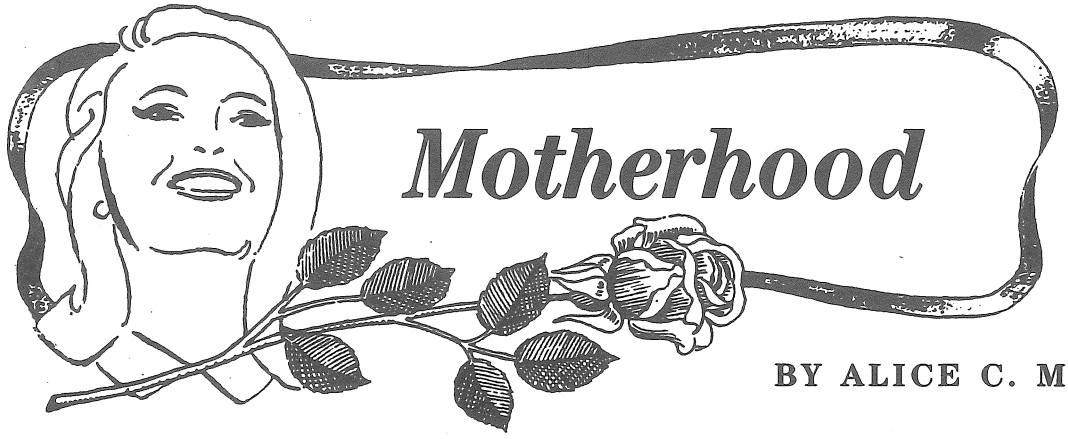
In her eighty-third year, on January 3, 1923 she passed peacefully to the Spirit World. Thank you, Cora L. V. Richmond for your clear demonstration and dedication to Spirit and to Spiritualism.

EDITOR'S NOTE: With the Centennial year on our minds, I thought I might vary somewhat from the usual editorials, and feature some research about Prominent Personages of Spiritualism.

Information and the quote for this review was taken from *Pioneers of Modern Spiritualism,* by Audra Cutlip and from *Experiences of a Medium* in the 1947 *TNS* received through the trance mediumship of Cora L. V. Richmond.

We are always the same age inside.

— Gertrude Stein



Motherhood

BY ALICE C. MILLER

It has been said that most of the beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, or by dozens or hundreds; plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, aunts and cousins . . . but only one mother for each of us in the whole wide world. Yet here I must add in all fairness, that some of us have had kind and loving foster mothers or stepmothers. However, at this writing I am concerned with *"natural mothers"*.

Most all of us adore babies. The love force in us reaches out to these dear little helpless creatures and surrounds them with a beautiful spiritual light. Although the mother loves them most of all, I wonder if she realizes what a wonderful thing she has done in giving this child earth life. Does she realize how important it is . . . what a divine privilege it is to be a mother?

Earth is the crib of humanity. Here all souls are started on the path to eternal progression. All of us were but an atom in God's Universal Consciousness until earth mothers and fathers gave us a physical vehicle through which to express and grow.

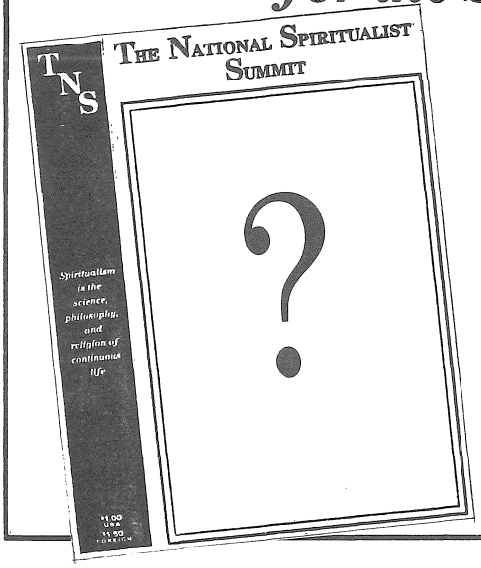
All the *"Liberal Women"* who believe that mothers and homemakers are being demeaned and enslaved; all the men who are directing world affairs; every philosopher and scientist; all owe their being to the fact that their mother, through pain and suffering, brought them into the world.

Surely, if women stopped being mothers, and if God's Natural Law of Propagation could be ignored, it would bring about the extinction of the human race.

So, dear ones, be happy in your role as mothers. Do your best to love and train and educate your children and know that there are those who are proud of you.

CENTENNIAL COVER CONTEST

for the September, 1993 TNS Cover



Remember in the March, 1993 issue of *TNS* we mentioned a contest for a cover to be used on the special September magazine which will honor the Centennial of our National Organization — 1893-1993?

We said that the winner of this contest would receive full credit for their ideas, and some kind of award/prize to be given at the Centennial Convention. It has been agreed that the cover submissions will be displayed at the Chicago convention; full credit will be given to the artists for their creations; a plaque will be presented during the convention to the winner of the contest, plus a two-year paid *TNS* subscription for the winner; in addition the runner-up will receive a one-year paid *TNS* subscription and the cover submission will be featured on another month.

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Our New Beginning

BY AUDREY SAABYE

IT HAD BEEN A YEAR since Bill passed and I needed to get away. Friends in Calgary had invited me to visit. The car felt warm and comfortable as I headed north on I-5. Traveling together had been our favorite pastime. But the long, dry, boring Sacramento Valley started wearing on me and Red Bluff was as far as I could go that first night.

I stopped in Mt. Shasta for breakfast the next morning, still not feeling the exhilaration I expected from this trip. I placed my order, took my glasses off and laid them on the table. They fell apart. The right screw rolled across the table.

I held my head in my hands, feeling really alone for the first time since Bill had passed. I choked back tears while I ate. Then, laboriously I put the screw and right stem in my purse and paid my bill. I looked in the cashier's eyes for sympathy, but there wasn't any. Totally oblivious to what I was feeling, she handed me my change and I walked out.

I drove out of town under a cloud cover with my glasses sitting cockeyed on my face and felt even more depressed. Then the sun peeped through the clouds and shone on Mt. Shasta. I gasped and stopped. Stepping out of the car, I began to feel a deep inner strength and enthusiasm. Staring at the beauty of it all, I felt the joy and upliftment I so desperately needed. Tears welled up in my eyes.

But I got back in the car and started fretting about getting my glasses repaired. Across the Oregon border I stopped at a Visitor Center.

"May I help you? Are you planning to visit Oregon?" the friendly clerk asked.

"I'm passing through," I said, *"but I need an optical company, you see . . ."*

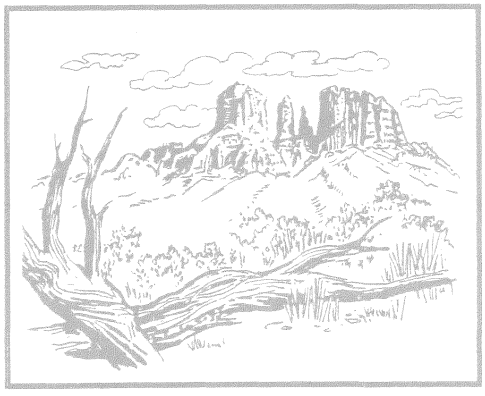
"Do you have the screw?" she asked.

"Yes." I dug it out of my purse.

With a letter opener she put the screw back in, then handed me a paper clip. *"If it falls out again, this will hold it together until you can get it repaired properly."*

"Wow! How delightful you are," I giggled. *"Thank you."* All the pressure and anxiety I'd been feeling lifted. I dashed out the door, spirits soaring!

The lush green of the Oregon country side lifted my spirits even higher. I felt like I could float, the energy was so high. Then I realized Bill was sitting beside me. He was casting that intense joy and enthusiasm over me. I realized I was feeling his thoughts.



"All the energy you wasted on anxiety and worry about your glasses, blocked your realization that I've been here all the time," I felt him say.

"Bill!" I screamed. *"I can hear your thoughts. It's not just my imagination."*

"Of course. Now relax and let's enjoy this trip."

A deep peace settled over me. I had relied heavily on automatic writing to communicate with him, but this was new. Then I passed a sign advertising the Butchart Gardens in Victoria. It triggered an overwhelming desire to visit them again, although I hadn't planned to. We'd been there five times.

"Go for it," I felt him say. *"Stay three days."*

I crossed the Canadian border from the Idaho Panhandle, three days later and soon approached Radium Hot Springs. I checked into the hotel and felt so excited as I waited for the restaurant to open. Eagerly following the hostess to my table, I gasped when she pointed to it.

"Is something wrong?" she asked.

"No, this is fine," I said, struggling to hold back the tears. *"It's the same table where I sat with my husband seven years ago. He passed away last year."*

"I'm sorry. Would you like to sit somewhere else?"

"No, this is all right." I settled into my seat and struggled to regain my composure.

As she walked away I heard Bill say, *"I planned it this way."*

The next three days I spent with my friend in Calgary, then headed west. But I felt the greatest healing when I was alone with Bill.

I checked into a Vancouver motel for two nights, then planned to spend the next three nights in Victoria. But the next morning I had a strong urge to move on to Victoria immediately, a day ahead of time. I'll spend **four** days in Victoria, I thought.

The snow capped mountains in Washington glistened brilliantly across the Strait of Juan De Fuca as I drove south toward Victoria. I parked the car and walked around the Inner Harbor. I felt such joy and excitement to be here again and impulsively started humming, *"Memories."*

I checked a few motels around the waterfront, but none felt right until I reached the Chateau Victoria Hotel. *"I'd like a room for four nights,"* I said to the clerk. She checked her computer.

"I'm sorry," she said. *"I can only let you have it three nights, the fourth is booked solid."*

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OUR NEW BEGINNING, (Continued from previous page.)

I stared in disbelief. *"Okay, I'll take it for three nights,"* I said. All right, Bill, have it your way, I thought.

I walked back to the car. I drove around the Outer Harbor and started sobbing uncontrollably. ***"I miss you, Bill!"*** I sobbed and screamed so hard I got lost trying to find my way back to the hotel. Two hours later I finally located it and moved in.

I calmed down and pulled out my notebook. I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU LOST IT, I WAS RIGHT BESIDE YOU, he wrote. Then I felt his comforting reassurance as I snuggled into bed.

At the Butchart Gardens the next morning, I was sitting on a vine covered bench, when a group of four walked by. One lady bitterly complained to the other about her husband. Oh, how I wanted to scream at her, *"Be thankful you still have him, lady!"*

But the beautiful gardens, the Inner Harbor with its ship and air traffic, the delightful surprises Bill led me to explore, the memories, the beauty that is Victoria, worked its magic on me. I leaned out the window my last evening, reveling in the marvelous experiences I'd had. Why can't I stay just one more day, I wondered. But he wouldn't answer.

I drove slowly around the coast the next morning to get in line for the Sidney-to-Anacortes Ferry. Once aboard and I walked to the front of the ship where a lady sat alone. We struck up a conversation.

"Did you go to Expo 86 in Vancouver?" she asked.

"No, my husband was ill then. He passed away a year ago."

"Only one year?" she marveled. *"I assumed you were a widow, but thought it surely must be at least two years. You're certainly putting up a brave front for it to be only one year."*

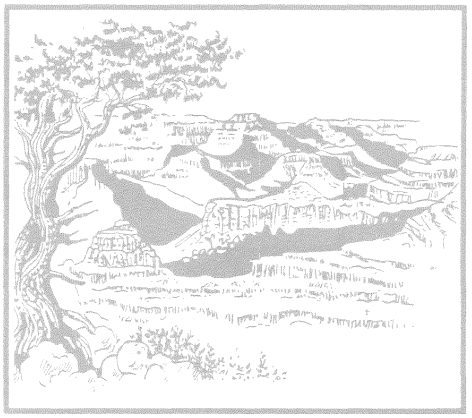
"No, I don't feel I'm being brave, because he's still with me. I feel his presence all the time, buoying me up and strengthening me from within."

Her face brightened. *"Yes,"* she said. *"May I tell you something?"*

"Yes," I said eagerly.

"A long time ago I was in love with a man named Bill. We were going to be married, but he was killed before our wedding. I was devastated. One day I was sitting on the beach. It was misty and I was crying and feeling so lonely. Then I clearly heard him say, 'I'm not dead, I'm more alive than you are.' "

I grinned. *"Yes, I know, my husband has told me the same thing, only he said, I'M NOT DEAD. I'M MORE ALIVE THAN ANYONE YOU KNOW. Would you like to read a couple of messages from him that I've carried with me?"* She nodded and took the papers.



. . . Tell my buddy how grateful I am to receive his loving thoughts, but I'm not dead. Far from it. If only he could see the beauty here I have to enjoy he wouldn't grieve for me. I am happier than at any time I experienced on earth . . . Just because I made the transition called death by those on earth doesn't mean I am (dead). This is the life, the greatest joy of my life! Not only am I enjoying this life here, but being able to share it with my family is even more beautiful. Life and death are nothing more than two sides of the same coin . . .

Don't fall into the pit of physical materiality by wishing I was back in my body. Our life together was one of learning and growing, not an end in itself. All life is constantly learning and growing. It can never be permanent or static in that element of physical materiality . . . We are spiritual beings and only Spirit is the permanent and solid form that grows and grows in its permanency . . . Each of us grew, one ahead of the other, at various states of our ongoing until we have come to this, our ultimate step of growth. Sometimes I'd be ahead of you and other times you'd be ahead of me. It was a climb of one pulling the other along alternately, like alternating currents of electrical charges. We are all part of this overall electrical energy, just little sparks, we are, and how the sparks did fly sometimes . . . Peace and calm, baby, "Bill."

"So your man was Bill, too," she said, as she handed them back to me. *"I'm not telling you anything you don't already know."*

"No," I replied. *"I'm very much aware of what you're saying."*

"When I first saw you I felt you weren't really alone," she began. *"You are, as far as other people are concerned, but you're not really alone. You and I are the only two people on this ship who could be talking like this and look how we were brought together."*

Now I realized why I couldn't stay another day. And it had to be these specific three days. I had to meet this lady. Totally in awe of what had happened, I merged with the crowd returning to the auto deck. This truly is our new beginning.

— SAINT —

"A little child on a summer morning stood in a great Cathedral Church. The sunlight streamed through the beautiful stained glass windows and the figures in them of the servants of God were bright with brilliant color. A little later the question was asked, "What is a saint?" and the child replied, "A saint is a person who lets the light shine through."

— Anonymous

PERFORMANCE

BY THE REV. PAT SMITH, NST

How do the general public see and hear our services? As ordained ministers it is important that we train our platform workers well in the area of presentation. Even though this subject is spoken about often, it still needs a lot of attention. We are not on a stage, but a devotional platform.

Our Healing Prayer and Principles are a part of every service in our N.S.A.C. churches. A very special part, with words that should be thought about as they are spoken. Unfortunately, when words are repeated frequently, it becomes a habit to rush through them. Have you ever been in a church and found it difficult to keep up with the reading? I have, and it disturbs me, for it is impossible to give thought or feeling to the words being spoken, when they are being rushed. Asking for healing should be a prayer with concentration. While our Principles present our beliefs as Spiritualists.

How can newcomers understand them or even think they are important if they do not have time for them to be impressed on their minds. This does not mean they should be dragged out, but repeated at a reasonable pace.

Along with above comes the subject of voice projection. It's surprising how the sound of our voice to our own ears is so deceiving. It took me some time to accept that for my voice to carry, my ears had to believe I was shouting. One of the ways to practice this is to place a tape recorder at the far end of the church or hall and then repeat a verse or statement over and over speaking louder each time until you feel you are shouting by the sound in your ears. You may be quite surprised when you play back the tape.

Why is it important to practice this projection? Because if the people at the back of the room cannot hear you, they are going to be whispering to find out what you said, and they can also get bored. There is no use being at a meeting of any kind if you cannot hear what is being said. This concerns all workers on the platform.

The chairperson has an important responsibility to see that the service runs smoothly. This does not mean they are not expected to make any boo boos, we are all human and slip up at times. I know I do. However, there are some basic rules such as arriving in good time to make sure that water is on the platform, announcements are written up... it is not very professional to ask, *"Have I forgotten anything,"* in the middle of the service... and to lead the service smoothly from one segment to the next, clearly, and cheerfully.

We want dignity in a devotional service, but humor that comes naturally shows we are human and extends a warm and wonderful vibration to all. The public have a lot of choice these days. Let's make it our purpose to attract those new people and make them want to keep coming back to our churches, and feel a part of it.

Jest Joking . . .



■ At a dinner party one guest called to say she was running late and to eat without her. The rest of the guests conferred and decided to wait. One gentleman offered, *"Besides, if you make us wait long enough we will eat anything."*

■ *"Time is an illusion that is perpetrated by the manufacturers of space."*
— Graffiti

■ *"The spouse who drives from the backseat is no worse than the spouse who cooks from the dining room table."*
— Hale Printing Company



■ Contradictions in terms:

New Improved!
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Petty Cash!

■ A question heard on the radio . . . *"If a messy desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, what is an empty desk the sign of?"*

■ Did you hear about the heart specialist that passed three cars on the freeway and said to his wife, *"I've just completed a triple by-pass."* — GP

■ A lifeguard is a body watcher.
— SP

Ethical Guidelines *for* Spiritualist Ministers

- Part V -

BY THE REV. MIRIAM BOSTWICK

Perhaps the remaining sections of Ethical Guidelines should be entitled, *"How Would You Handle This Situation?"* Included here are questions which were posed to a class on ministerial ethics to stimulate discussion. While some of the questions may seem a bit far-fetched, all are within the realm of possibility. As a matter of fact, the situations presented here that seem the most unlikely to occur were actually drawn from real life cases. Deviations from the so-called *'norm'* occur with sufficient frequency in varying degree to warrant a closer examination and evaluation of our practices as ministers, mediums and healers.

Ethics has to do with moral duty and obligation. It relates to principles of good and bad, right and wrong. Dr. Albert Schweitzer said, *"In a general sense, ethics is the name we give to our concern for good behavior. We feel an obligation to consider not only our own personal well-being, but also that of others and of human society as a whole."*

In considering each case example, ask yourself the question, *"How would I react in this situation?"* Be honest in your answer **before** you read the response given. In doing this exercise, remember that the response given below each question is a suggested way of responding and not necessarily the only way of handling a given situation.

1 There is a medium in your church whose style is not to your liking. This person does not demonstrate dignity and reverence in your judgment. How do you handle this situation?

RESPONSE: *Go to the person and tell him or her what you expect. It is your platform.*

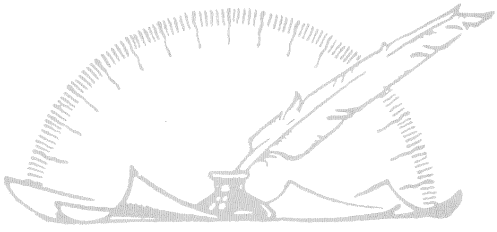
2 A member of your church is becoming very forgetful. You suspect senility is taking over. She has no close relatives nearby. Should you offer to be her financial or legal guardian?

RESPONSE: *No, this could get into a very sticky situation with the family. Recommend professional help.*

3 A member of your church comes to you telling you that she suspects her next door neighbor (not a member) is molesting his daughter. The member is concerned about the situation, but does not want to become personally involved. She knows something must be done and she puts it in your lap. What is your appropriate response?

RESPONSE: *The first place to check is with the school. Tell the administrator that you are a minister and that someone had come to you who was very suspicious of what was going on. You didn't feel it was right to do it, but could they investigate. Ask that the school psychologist talk to the child and follow through with action, if necessary.*

4 The minister of another Spiritualist church in your town runs his/her church with a different approach. They are more Christian oriented and use more Eastern philosophical teachings. Do you find yourself making disparaging remarks about that minister and his/her church?



RESPONSE: *You simply should not make disparaging remarks. You run your church the way you see best and grant the same respect for the other minister to run his/her church as he/she sees best.*

5 Someone has come to you telling you that he/she has found a large sum of money in a paper bag on the street? What do you advise?

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6 In backing out of a parking space, you hit another car, leaving obvious damage. There are no witnesses. Will you leave a note on the other car as to what happened and how you can be reached?

RESPONSE: *Leave a note. We know Natural Law is always in operation.*

7 A young man in your church tells you that he has been diagnosed as HIV positive. He has asked that you hold this information in strict confidence so that he might continue to function on his job and in the church as an active member for as long as possible. What change, if any, will you feel toward this person? Will you honor his request, or, do you feel compelled to tell others so they may **protect** themselves?

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Spiritual Healing In India



BY THE REV. STEPHEN A. HERMANN, NST



DR. RAMAKANT K. KENI

During my recent journey to the Far East, I was fortunate to obtain an interview with India's most prominent spiritual healer, Dr. Ramakant K. Keni. Dr. Keni's experience in the fields of medicine and spiritual healing is extensive. During the past two decades, he has treated an estimated 250,000 patients using both contact and absent healing. Dr. Keni is a consulting geriatrician and gerontologist at the prestigious Bombay Hospital, where he serves as Chief of the Department of Parapsychology. The medical research center at Bombay Hospital is perhaps the only institution in Asia with a separate research department on parapsychology.

Dr. Keni is a fellow of the International College of Angiology, New York, a Fellow of the American Geriatric Society, Chairman of the International Association of Polypaths, India and Chairman of the Institute of Healing and Alternative Therapy, Patna, India. Dr. Keni has traveled widely abroad. He has demonstrated his healing gift before large audiences in Germany, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and the United States. In addition, he has authored six books on the subject, two of which have been translated into other languages. Clearly Dr. Keni's qualifications as a healer are impressive.

I visited Dr. Keni in his office at Bombay hospital, where he regularly treats 40 or more patients a day. Dr. Keni's expertise as a healer is in great demand. The positive publicity given to Dr. Keni's work by the local press has caused patients to seek his help from all across the Indian subcontinent. Due to his high rate of success in treating patients, Dr. Keni has set aside his traditional medical practice and devote his time and energy fully to spiritual healing.

According to Dr. Keni, the results of spiritual healing are much better than the methods of modern medicine. Dr. Keni related to me that his prime motivation for working as a healer was the effectiveness of spiritual healing for treating seemingly incurable diseases and conditions.

"Medicine can do more harm than good. In our healing we only depend on the energy given," emphasizes Dr. Keni.

Every case treated through spiritual healing at Bombay Hospital is carefully documented by the Department of Parapsychology. The most recent statistics compiled by the department indicate an 87% success rate for patients receiving spiritual healing. A personal collection of over 94,000 certified letters maintained by Dr. Keni attest further to the remarkable results achieved through the power of spiritual healing.

Although Dr. Keni believes spiritual healing to be more effective than the methods of conventional medicine, he still encourages his patients to follow the advice of their physicians. In his practice over the years, Dr. Keni has observed that many of his patients have been able to give up medical treatment after successfully receiving spiritual healing.

"In absent healing I have found that the results are much better than in contact healing," explains Dr. Keni.

When treating patients Dr. Keni works primarily with the laying on of the hands. His approach to healing is greatly influenced by the late British Spiritualist healer and medium, Harry Edwards. Prior to conducting a healing session, through automatic writing, Dr. Keni is able to receive from spirit a correct diagnosis of the patient's condition.

Dr. Keni receives 40-45 requests monthly for absent healing. These requests come from all over India as well as countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Kenya, Mexico, Muscat, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain and Sri Lanka. Often the letters sent requesting healing include detailed case histories and photographs of the patients. In his career as a healer, Dr. Keni has treated 25-30,000 patients with absent healing.

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Dr. Keni's patients have included high ranking government officials, prominent journalists, top people in the film industry, leading members of the medical establishment, important industrialists and reputed scholars in the academic community.

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SPIRITUAL HEALING IN INDIA

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Dr. Keni's introduction to the teachings of Spiritualism and the practice of spiritual healing took place over twenty years ago in Bombay. Confined to a bed due to a deteriorating condition in the lower back, Dr. Keni found that modern medicine offered him no relief from the constant pain. At the suggestion of a friend, a long-time student of Spiritualism, Dr. Keni wrote Harry Edwards in Britain requesting absent healing for both the physical imbalance and the extreme mental agony caused by the diseased condition. Within a week Harry Edwards wrote back to Dr. Keni reassuring him that absent healing had started and that he soon would experience relief. It took a short period of time for Dr. Keni's spine to completely heal. It has not given him any problems since despite his frequent travel and busy schedule as a physician.

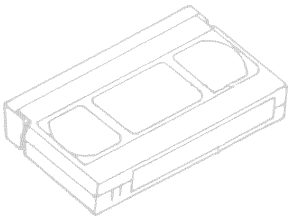
Six months later Dr. Keni was invited by the same friend to attend a seance given by a husband and wife team of mediums in Bombay. It was at this first seance that Dr. Keni received a message from his spirit teacher informing him that he was chosen by the spirit world to serve as an instrument for spiritual healing. Greatly inspired by this message, Dr. Keni investigated the teachings of Spiritualism further and regularly attended seances where he learned to cultivate his healing ability and powers of intuitive diagnosis. Since then Dr. Keni has, also, developed considerable skill as a psychic artist and has produced many beautiful works in oils.

Spiritualism is not presently an organized movement in India. There are few mediums and no churches or centers as found in the United States and elsewhere. Although Dr. Keni stands practically alone in his efforts of promoting spiritual healing in India, his achievements are remarkable to say the least. Dr. Keni is firmly convinced in the healing power of the spirit for he has experienced the wonders of spiritual healing in action. Dr. Keni believes strongly that everyone is capable of developing their healing gifts. As he rightfully insists, *"All of us have the healing potential . . . We are all healers."*

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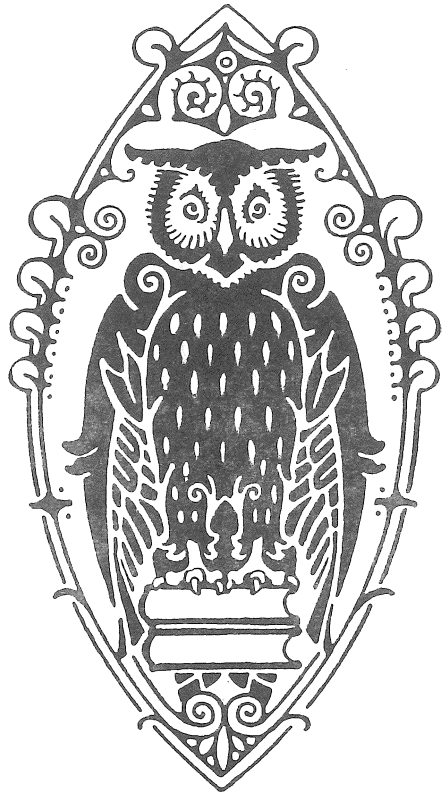
BY THE REV. FRANCES SCHER, NST

It has been my concern for quite a long time now, regarding what our students are being taught in classes. I realize of course that each church has existing classes for people to take but there are many differences in what is being taught. This is of course all right, however, often there are things left out or not talked about enough that I wish to encourage serious consideration by the class teachers. There are other things put in that would be best left out.

We must keep Spiritualism pure and be true to its Principles. I cannot see how any other religion can be intermixed. As far as I'm concerned in some churches there is too much Christianity shown (pictures and crosses on the walls) and expressed. Discussion and study of all religions should be a part of classes, but other religions should not be preached in the church or from the platform.

I have even heard in some churches talk about reincarnation. Each individual is entitled to their own private, personal belief, however, it is not to be taught in Spiritualism or talked about from the platform. Let us not intermix ideas that have not been proven or are not our beliefs with the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism.

There are other things that I feel should come into our classes — whatever type of class that is being presented, whether a development class, an adult Lyceum, a healing class — all classes. One subject that is not brought up enough, or taught with great seriousness, is our laws, the laws that govern our lives. We can talk about them, and we can read about them, but we must teach the students to work with and to live them. If it is not expressed enough in our classes the students will not become familiar, or interested enough, to accept them as our laws



and employ them into their personal lives. Spiritual growth comes from knowing these things. The laws are very, very important and there are many more than those that are talked about or written, and the laws need to be studied, discussed and explained to the students. This will aid the student to grow and develop. There can and should be beautiful, frequent, wonderful lectures given on Natural Law. Let us study them, learn them and become so acquainted that we feel them and we live them.

Another thing that I would like to see investigated and brought up more in our classes is Ancient Spiritualism. We have all heard the wonderful beginnings of the Advent of Modern Spiritualism and this is important. But I wonder if there isn't more information to be explored about ancient Spiritualism. Investigation and written works on Ancient Spiritualism might be shared with other teachers as there is not enough written on the subject that is readily available. I believe that Spiritualistic happenings began long before even the Biblical days, even before the stone age. I know spirit manifestations must have been there, that they did exist since time immemorial.

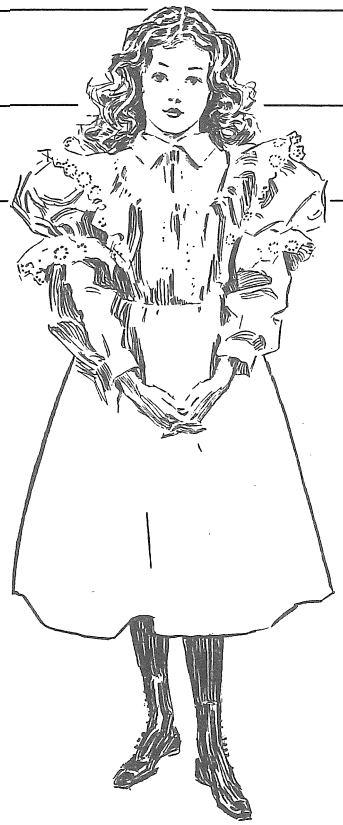
I would like to encourage teachers and students to delve deeper into the history of other religions for I feel that what they will find, indeed, what we believe in and what we teach as Spiritualists, were long practiced by many, even before organized society began. Ancient Spiritualism lived thousands and thousands of years ago when people had similar experiences as we have in Spiritualism today. Some form of Spiritualism would have been in the minds and hearts of men and women, who even before they could stand up or had a formal language or when they had many gods, Spirit still touched in. Infinite Spirit is for all time and all people.

There is not a special god for the blacks, for the whites, for the Catholics, for the Christians, for the Muslims, for the Jewish believers. Each month a Rabbi comes to the nursing home I live in. He expresses beautifully what we as Spiritualists believe in. There is ONE God and that one God loves each and everyone, regardless of color or creed, rich or poor, loves us unconditionally. I hope all Spiritualists believe in this one Divine Spirit and live according to the love and law God shares with us.

Other subjects that could be taught and put into our lessons are things that can really help the students. There are so many things that people need to grow on, things they need in order to progress. It helps all of us to know why people become ill. We have

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Spirit Reaches Us In Many Ways



BY THE REV. PAMLA ASHLAY-LEHRER, NST

I know from personal experience that the world of spirit contacts us in many ways. I would like to share with you some of the various ways I have personally been contacted. I realize that there are many people, most in fact, that have been contacted by the spirit world and who have shrugged it off. Some believe that their experiences were coincidences or their mind playing tricks on them. I know differently.

My first memory of contact with the Spirit World was at a very young age. I was only three years old. Of course, I didn't know that I was communicating until I was 14, but realized then that was what happened. I *"made up"* a *"fantasy world"* in order to escape an unpleasant and lonely home life. In my fantasy world a lady would come and talk with me. She asked me to come to her home. She would show me around, tell me of her life, introduce me to other people and sing her favorite hymn. I continued to talk with her daily until I was 14. At that time my uncle died. Three days later, he showed up in my fantasy world with the lady.

I decided it was time to tell my mom about my *"other world."* As I described it to her, my mother began to cry. I was describing her mother, who died when my mother was 14, the home she grew up in, the relatives that had died before I was born and the hymn they sang at my grandmother 's funeral, it was her favorite.

From that day on, I felt like I was different. That I knew things that others did not know. That I was put here by mistake and life was some kind of a cosmic joke. I was fortunate however, because at age 17 I met a Spiritualist minister, who taught me about the Spirit World and communicating with it. These are some of the things I found out:

... I found out that the Spirit World protects us from being lonely or harmed. That many children make up another world to escape difficult things in life and that some of the time, the made up world is really contact with Spirit.

... I found out that the Spirit World exists all around us, but moves at a faster vibration and that if I quiet myself, my thoughts, emotions and body, my soul would speed up and touch in with that world so I could see it. Many people experience this when they are reading or doing a quiet concentrated project, they will *"catch a glimpse"* of something moving out of the corner of their eye. They also have touched in. If they would remain still and acknowledge the presence it would become more clear.

... I found out that the ringing and high pitched sounds in my ears was the Spirit World trying to contact me. If I would become quiet, acknowledge them, ask them to speak slower and make it more clear, then I could hear them.

. . . I found out that the roses I occasionally smelled, was also a form of contact by the Spirit World. That one of my relatives was fond of roses and would bring the scent around as a form of recognition. Again, I would become still, acknowledge their presence and ask them to become more clear. After over twenty years of this, I now see the Spirit World clearly behind people all of the time.

. . . I also found out that the Spirit World rings phones, blinks lights, moves objects and one time even left a message on my answer machine. When my aunt was dying in California, I live in Minnesota, my grandmother in spirit told me that she would blink the lights in the dining room three times just before the phone would ring to let us know that my aunt was gone. Twenty minutes later, the lights blinked three times and the phone rang.

The most important thing that I found out, was that I am not unique. That the Spirit World contacts all of us from time to time. Where I am unique or should I say very blessed, is that I found out that if I would become still, acknowledge the presence and ask that they make it more clear, I would have proof of the contact.

Next time you hear a high pitched sound, catch a glimpse out of the corner of your eye, smell an odor or feel a presence... Be Still... Acknowledge . . . Ask Spirit to make it more clear . . . and they will.

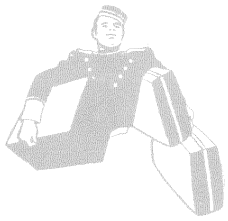
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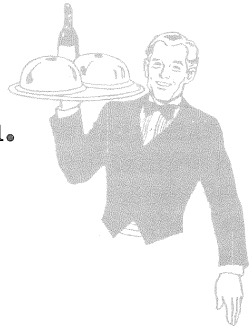
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● MARYLAND ●

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HATHAWAY, Pauline R., Medium, Licentiate. Consultations by appt. Classes at Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D.C. (202) 333-5114. Home: 3 Strawberry Court, 20616. (301) 283-4244.

● MASSACHUSETTS ●

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● MINNESOTA ●

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LEHRER, Rev. Pamla Ashlay-, NST, Medium, Comm. Healer. 3908 Georgia Ave. N., 55427. (612) 535-2746.

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● MISSOURI ●

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● NEBRASKA ●

OMAHA

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● NEVADA ●

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POTTER, Rev. Louis, Certified Medium. P.O. Box 1657, 89423. (702) 267-2492.

● NEW HAMPSHIRE ●

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HANDY, Cecelia M., Certified Medium. 179 Mill Rd. 03842. (603) 926-1451.

● NEW YORK ●

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● OHIO ●

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● TEXAS ●

AUSTIN

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● VIRGINIA ●

ARLINGTON

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NORFOLK

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

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● WASHINGTON ●

MILTON

JOHANSON, Rev. Lillian, Box 132, 2601 Milton Way, 98354. (206) 927-5579. SEATTLE — 4524 2nd Ave. N.E., 98105. (206) 633-3438.

● WEST VIRGINIA ●

WHEELING

GASBER, Rev. Velma, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003. Pastor of Way Memorial Temple. (204) 232-5795.

● WISCONSIN ●

LA CROSSE

MAHAN, Rev. Kattie E., Certified Medium, Comm. Healer. Consultation & classes by appointment. 425 N. 12th St., 54601-3506. (608) 784-7964.

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), Suite 105-106, 85006. Pastor Rev. Bernard Baker, NST, (602) 838-8990; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; All Message Serv. Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Unfoldment Classes 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; Healing Classes 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX - Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
1522 Encanto Blvd.; Rev. Alma Reeves; (602) 264-7626; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Classes 7:30 p.m.; Sat. All Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.

• CALIFORNIA •

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION,
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, (510) 357-2436; Sun. Serv. 9:30 a.m.; Classes - Thurs. 7:00 p.m.; Pres. Arthur Iman; Pastor & Secy., Rev. Wayne L. DuBois, NST, 2657 Miramar Ave., Castro Valley, 94546.

AUBURN - Spiritualist Chapel of the Pines,
Direct Mail to 457 Grass Valley Hwy., #12, 95603; Sun. Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Fri. All Message Service. Church phone: (916) 823-1816.

DOWNEY - Spiritualist Society,
Serv. Sun. 11:00 a.m. and Fri. 7:30 p.m. Please phone (310) 927-7079 for information.

MONROVIA - Spiritualist Church of Revelation,
34 E. Huntington Dr., Arcadia, CA 91006; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Located inside LOOK WITHIN Bookstore. Enter from parking lot behind building. Pastor/Pres., Martin Pina; Secy., Winston Lumley. Info call Harriette Calloway, (213) 681-1677.

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,
7776 Hesperia, 92345.

SAN BERNARDINO - Temple of Spiritual Truth, N.S.A.C.
732 N. Sierra Way, Direct Mail To: P.O. Box 1435, 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 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., Donald W. McFarland.

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 Clay) 94109. Sunday: Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Healing 10:30 a.m., Devotional Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Student Services, Healing 6:00 p.m., Devotional Service 6:30 p.m.; Wed. Healing 7:30 p.m., Serv. 8:00 p.m., (415) 855-9976; Pastor, Rev. Donald Haddick, NST; Pres., Sonny B. Gee; 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, NST; 4504 Independence Rd., Glencoe, 95232. (209) 293-4795.

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, (510) 283-1449; Pres. Jean Kuhl, 816 Cary Dr., 94577. (510) 483-5630; Secy., Rev. Betty Nauratil, 1048 Via Roble, Lafayette, 94549.

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

SANTA BARBARA - Summerland Spiritualist Church of The Comforter,
1028 Garden St., 93101; (805) 965-4474; (Correspondence to Secy. Sandy Romer 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.; Thurs. Inter. Unfoldment Class 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Foard Memorial Library, open by appt., in the Social Room; Pastor, Rev. Linda Schneider, 302 E. Figueroa St., 93101; Asst. Pastor, Richard Carlisle, 3996 Maricope Dr., 93111; Co-Pastor, Rev. Connie Smith, 29060 Burkley Rd., Hayward, 94544.

VAN NUYS - Spiritualist Chapel of The Flowers
14411 Vanowen St., Suite 118, 91405. Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. Mailing Address for church and Rev. Pat Smith, NST, 14833 Friar St., Apt. I, 91411. (818) 785-1871.

• COLORADO •

DENVER - Chapel of Spiritual Awareness,
6457 S. Xenon, 80127; 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) 973-9993.

DENVER - Spiritualist Chapel of the Rockies, N.S.A.C.,
1545 N. Hooker St., 80204, 280-9015. Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Messages & Healing, Wed. Serv. 7:30; All Message Service, Fri. 7:30. Pastor Bonnie Winston; Sec.-Treas. Jim Winston.

• CONNECTICUT •

CONNECTICUT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710. Secy., Verline Eldridge, 34 Starr St., Norwich, 06360.

NEW LONDON - New London Spiritualist Church,
P.O. Box 1268; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., 2 Moore, 06320; Pres., Al Ferency, P.O. Box 271, Ledyard, 06339; 1-800-302-8658; Secy., Lynn Haluga, 70 Dell Ave., Apt. B5, 06320.

NEWINGTON - The Church of the Infinite Spirit,
Masonic Temple, 80 Walsh Ave., 06111; Church phone (203) 754-3559; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m. - every 4th Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Message Circle; Pastor, Rev. Catherine J. Margiotta, 46 Webb St., Waterbury, 06704, (203) 754-3559; Pres., Homer Wooster, 101 Leffingwell Ave., Waterbury, 06710, (203) 574-2017; Secy., Doris Wendell, 377 Queen St., Bridgeport, 06606, (203) 374-5174.

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

NORWICH - National Spiritualist Church of Norwich, Inc.
P.O. Box 939, 06360; Church Phone (203) 886-8522; Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Secy., Alvera Gauvin, 70 Peck St., 06360, 889-5968.

OLD GREENWICH - Albertson Memorial Church of Spiritualism,
293 Sound Beach Ave., 06870; (203) 637-4615; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith.

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.; Pastor & President, Joyce Orcutt, 133 Wales Rd., Andover, 06232, (203) 742-7846; 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., (202) 333-5114; Pres. Pauline Hathaway, 3 Strawberry Court, Bryans Rd., MD, 20616, (301) 283-4244; Secy., John Meerschaert, 1600 16th St., #806, N.W., Washington, DC 20009, (202) 483-6084.

• 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., Jeannie Kerr Lerch, NST, 335 Piney Rd., Casselberry, 32707, (407) 834-5378; Secy., Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST. 4332 Woodlynne Ln., 32812, (407) 826-0807.

• ILLINOIS •

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Secy., Arsenia J. Williams, 10913 S. Parnell, Chicago, 60628, (312) 995-1911.

AURORA - Christabelle Spiritualist Church Of Aurora Inc.,
141 N. State St.

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., 60647-01101; Chicago's Oldest Spiritualist Church. Sunday Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Tues. Dev. Class, 7:00 p.m.; Adult Lyceum, 12:15 p.m. on the second Sun. of each month; All Message Serv., 7:00 p.m., on first Wed. of each month. Pastor, Ms. Marrice Coverson; Secy., Ms. LaVerne DeChristopher.

CHICAGO - Spiritualist Church of Truth,
6343 West Cuyler (½ block north of Irving Pk.) 60634; Serv. 2:45 p.m., healing, lecture, messages every Sunday; Pres. Helen Lopotowski; 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. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Lyceum every third Sun.; Secy., L. Anne Blair, 8227 S. Marquette, 60617, (312) 221-1231; Pres., Yogi Guice; Vice-Pres., Trudy Person; 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, (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.

• INDIANA •

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS,
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 p.m.; Reading Days, 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to 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., Bonnie J. Ashman, Rural Route 4, Box 238, Tipton, 46072, (317) 675-8072.

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 & Pres., Rev. Jesse James, Jr., 1301 Pennsylvania St., 46407; Secy., Verillia Shaffer, 636 McKinley St., 46404; Unfoldment Classes Fri. 7:00 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., (219) 874-6002; Sun. Serv. 2:00 p.m.; Correspondence to: Pastor & Pres. Rev. Ruth Novak, 7008 W. U.S. 20 W., #77, Daphne Park, 46360, (219) 872-6621; Secy., Mrs. Lorraine Carley, 6443 W. Bleck Rd., 46360.

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; 221 W. 9th St., 47302-1635, (317) 284-2494; Secy., Connie Graddy, 2905 Dakota Dr., Anderson, 46012. Open last Sunday in October thru last Sunday in May.

• IOWA •

CLINTON - First Spiritualist Church,
541 6th Ave. So., 52732; (319) 243-3233; Sun. Worship and Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Sun. Adult Lyceum 9:00 a.m.; Sun. Dev. Class 7:00 p.m.; Church closed during Month of August, open first Sun. after Labor Day; Pres. & Pastor, Rev. Georgia Milton; (319) 243-9738; Secy., Dorathy Burns, 369 6th Ave. So., Apt. 323, 52732.

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

CLINTON - Sunflower Spiritualist Church
10 Mt. Pleasant Park; Mail to: P.O. Box 6, 52733-0006. Sunday Serv. at 2:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bonnie Horstman.

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.; (Closed during July and August.) Pastor, Rev. William E. Buchholz, Jr., 806 E. Thirteenth St., 52803, (319) 326-3201; Secy., Roma Plagman.

• MAINE •

MAINE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Pres., Rev. Arlene Sikora, P.O. Box 46, Etna, 04434; Treas., Bernard R. Langley, RFD #4, Box 208-L17, Auburn, 04210; Secy., Carol A. Rickards, RR #1, Box 147, Bradford, 04410.

AUGUSTA — Augusta Spiritualist Church,
Corner of Court and Perham Streets; Sun. Worship & Healing Serv., 2:00 p.m. followed by social hour/buffet at 3:30 p.m.; Awareness Class, Thurs. 7-9 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Rupert Sigurdsson; Pres., Paul Lovell, Sr.; Treas., Karleen O'Connor; Secy., June Conley, 50 Windy St., Augusta, 04330.

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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.

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., Betty Simpson, RFD #2, Box 504, Carmel, 04419, (207) 848-2273.

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

SO. WINDHAM — Portland Spiritualist Church,
54 River Road (the Unity Building); Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6551, P.T.S., 04102; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Class Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Warren Nielsen; Secy., Michael Carter, P.O. Box 6551, Portland, 04102.

• MASSACHUSETTS •

BROCKTON - First Spiritualist Church of Brockton,
Healing and Evening Sunday Service 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; Church season is Sunday after Labor Day - Last Sunday in July; Pastor, Mary A. Bouchard, 59 Ripley St., Somerset 02725, (508) 673-5434; Secy., Cathy Rossi, 142 Morton St., Stoughton 02072, (617) 341-2142.

METHUEN - The Church of Spiritual Life, Inc.,
37 Lowell St., 01844 (in the chapel of 1st United Methodist Church); Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Interim Pastor, Mrs. Elva Peters, P.O. Box 309, Haverhill, 01830, (508) 373-2408; Secy., Christine Nagle, 62 Eastern Ave., Woburn, 01801, (617) 935-4397.

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

SALEM - First Spiritualist Church of Salem,
34 Warren St., 019070; Sun. Early Serv. 5:30-6:00 p.m.; Lunch break 6:00-6:20, Healing & Evening Serv. 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Telephone for weather cancellations; (508) 745-2098; Church season is Sun. after Labor Day - last Sun. in May; Pres., Priscilla Herrick, 9 Harbor St., Danvers, 01923, (508) 777-4268; Secy., Dorothy R. Crocker, 14 King St., Peabody, 01960, (508) 977-9554.

SPRINGFIELD - First Spiritualist Church, Inc.,
33-37 Bliss St., 01105.

• 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 — The Golden Rule Spiritualist Church,
1½ miles west of Bay Shore on old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., March — May and Sept. — Nov.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

CHARLEVOIX — Northern Lake Michigan Spiritualist Camp,
1½ miles west of Bay Shore on Old U.S. 31, North, 49720; Services: 10:30 a.m., June — Aug.; Secy., Gail Wrona, 07453 Old U.S. 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-3899; Treas., Marjorie Stanhope, 07423 Old 31 North, 49720, (616) 347-7598; Pastor, Rev. Cosie Allen, 1418 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids, 49506-3960, (616) 241-2761.

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.; Pres., Timothy Weichner; Secy., Mary Ellen Weichner, 4400 Edgar Rd., Lot 25, 49251, (517) 589-5193. Silver Star - Free Spirit Lyceum, Conductors Rebecca Strauss & Edna Goddard.

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

OXFORD - Spirit of Harmony Chapel, N.S.A.C.,
21 Dennison St., 48371; 1-(313)-628-2353; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres., Michael Dambrique; Secy., Elizabeth Wilson.

ROYAL OAK - First Spiritual Temple,
3224 Greenfield Rd. (1½ blocks So. of 13 Mile), 48073; Sun. Serv. 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

SOUTH BRANCH - Chain Lake Spiritualist Camp Association,
8000 W. Chain Lake Rd., 48761; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m., June 20th through Sept. 5th; 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, 3328 Minnehaha Aves. #4, Mpls., 55406, (612) 722-8480.

DULUTH - First Spiritualist Church,
1414 E. Ninth St.; 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,
Secy., Toni Ferdelman - address mail to: P.O. Box 22398. 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., 55102; Sun. Healing 10:00 a.m., Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pres., Mr. E. A. Yankovec, 1687 Century Circle, #319, Woodbury, 55125, (612) 735-7579; Secy., Menalinn Haberkorn, 1040 Laurel Ave., 55104, (612) 224-0698.

• MISSOURI •

KANSAS CITY - The Light of the World Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C.
3724 Red Bridge Rd.; Sun. Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Mailing address: Secy. Edna Rowland, 601 S. Ward Rd., Apt. D, Lee's Summit, 64081; Pres., Ann Winn.

ST. LOUIS - Fifth Spiritualist Church,
6026 S. Kingshighway Blvd., 63109; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Healing, Meditation & All Message Service, 1st Wed. of the month at 7:00 p.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., 68108-2121; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Philosophy Class Noon when scheduled; Pastor & Secy., Alace Jayne Fanslau, 321 Hascall St., 68108-2121, (402) 345-0101.

• NEVADA •

LAS VEGAS - Spiritualist Desert Church, N.S.A.C.,
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, Lillian Joyce, 405 Binker Ave., Berlin, 08009. (602) 767-1651; Pres. Edith Pedrick, 123 E. Oakland Ave., Oaklyn, 08107, (609) 854-4317; Secy., Irene A. DiRenza, 119D Haddon Hills Apts., Haddonfield, 08033, (609) 858-6535.

• NEW YORK •

ALBANY — Capital District Spiritualist Church,
2245 Central Ave., Schenectady, 12304; Sun. Serv. 6:30 p.m., Progressive Development & Philosophy classes, Mon.-Thurs., Open Healing Forum every Friday at 7:00 p.m., 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.

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ALBANY — Spiritualist Open Center,
1471 Rte. 9, Rome Plaza, Clifton Park, 12065; Sunday Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Spiritual Unfoldment Classes: Mon. - Thurs.; Open Circles, Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Silver Cord Books and Gifts, open after all church functions. Pastor, Rev. Hillary Kramer, NST; Pres., Patricia Cizewski, (518) 383-1931.

AMSTERDAM - Circle of Light Spiritualist Center,
419 Chapman Dr. (East Main St.), 12010. Sunday Services, 6:30 p.m., and open seances every Fri. at 7:30 p.m. year-round. Psychic Development Classes, year-round. Spiritual healing offered every Monday evening at 8:30 p.m. 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, Benjamin R. Cooper, Jr. (same address); Asst. Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Martino, Jr., NST, 30 Park Ave., Caldwell, N.J. 07006; 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, (716) 652-5018; 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 followed by All Message Service; 6:30 p.m. and 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,
Sun. Servs. Healing & Development 10:30 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m. (Sept.-June), Lyceum Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Karen Payne, Director; Pres., Barbara Laughlin; Secy., Carol Johnson. Address all correspondence to church at P.O. Box 1128, 14752.

LONG ISLAND - New Horizon Spiritualist Church,
261 Elmont Road, Elmont, 11003; Pastor & Secy., Milagros G. Rivera, (516) 354-1395.

LONG ISLAND - The Temple of Metaphysical Science, N.S.A.C.,
15 Oak Street, Patchogue, 11772; Sun. Serv. 11:00 a.m. Pastor, Rev. Edna C. Claussen, (516) 737-4651. Asst. Pastor, Rev. Virginia Berg, (516) 588-1442. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 18, Holbrook, N.Y. 11741. Secy., Ann C. Collins (516) 422-3279.

ROCHESTER - Plymouth Spiritualist Church,
175 Carter St., 14621, (716) 544-0427; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m., Wed. 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Ann Lazerson, 691 Parsells Ave., 14607, (716) 288-5666.

ROCHESTER - Spiritualist Church Of Light,
c/o The New Voyage Bookstore, 1712 Monroe Ave., 14618; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30; Pastor, Joseph Guarnaree, L.M.; Secy., Carol Orr, P.O. Box 1921, 14603; (716) 334-7434.

• OHIO •

OHIO STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
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ASHLEY - Ashley Spiritualist Camp,
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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 Old Worthington Rd., Westerville, 43801; (614) 263-1631.

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.

MARION - Memorial Spiritualist Church,
667 Henry St., 43302; Sun. Serv. 2:30 p.m.; Thurs. Message Serv. 7:30 p.m.; Pres. Robert Hull, 316 Franklin St., 43302, (614) 387-8887; Secy., Dorothy Beveridge, 241 Uhler Ave., 43302, (614) 387-2400.

SHERWOOD - Crystal Fountain Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
Crystal Fountain Park, Services 2:00 p.m., 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays, March thru Dec.; Pres., Robert D. Comstock; Secy., Hertha L. Comstock, 863 Warren St., P.O. Box 163, Roanoke, IN 46783, (219) 672-2769.

• OKLAHOMA •

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 George, 202 N. 8th St., 18102, (215) 434-3607.

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.

• TEXAS •

TEXAS SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION,
Executive Offices: 5213 Chestnut Lane, Bellaire, 77401.

AUSTIN - First Spiritualist Church,
4200 Ave. "D", 78751; Sun. Devotional & Message Serv. 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Mrs. June Brockway (512) 458-3987; Secy., Donald Willis, 1308 Neans Dr., 78758, (512) 837-4304.

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CAMERON - First Spiritualist Church,
802 S. College St., P.O. Box 1152, 76520; Sun. Serv. 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Frances Brown, 2723 S. Congress, Apt. #2311, Austin, 78704, (512) 447-2188; Pres., Pearlie Krenek, (817) 697-3027; Secy.-Treas., Connie Cannon, (817) 697-2296.

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.

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GALVESTON - Science Of Serenity Church, N.S.A.C.,
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HOUSTON - First Church Of Divine Science,
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TAYLOR - First Church of Psychic Science, N.S.A.C.,
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• VIRGINIA •

NORFOLK - The Memorial Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C.,
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SPRINGFIELD - Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, N.S.A.C,
7317 Westmore Dr., 22150; (703) 451-7705; Pastor, Rev. B. Anne Gehman; Pres., Patricia Stranahan; Secy., Bunny Starr.

• WASHINGTON •

MILTON - Camp Edgewood, N.S.A.C. Assoc.,
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MILTON - Church of Spiritual Truth,
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SEATTLE - Tower Memorial Church, N.S.A.C.,
2116 W. Dravus St., 98199.

TACOMA - Church of Spiritual Unity,
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• WEST VIRGINIA •

WHEELING - First Spiritualist Association,
(Way Memorial Temple) Broadway & Maryland Sts.; Sunday Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Service 10:45 a.m.; Wed. Healing 7:00 p.m.; Message Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Velma Gasber, 104 N. Broadway St., 26003. Parsonage: (204) 232-5795; Church: (204) 233-5065; Secy. Lucille Cubbin-Smith, 71241 Erin Lane, Martins Ferry, OH 43935, (614) 633-0520; Lyceum Conductor, Eva Jean Wilson, 57897 Kilgore Rd., Bellaire, OH 43906.

• WISCONSIN •

LaCROSSE - Second Spirit of Life Spiritualist Church,
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WEST ALLIS - First Psychic Science Church,
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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., Bernice Sasse. Church phone (414) 545-2126.

• CANADA •

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THE FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF MONTREAL,
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Submitted By The Rev. Sharon L. Snowman, NST

The first two poems are of particular significance since they both predate the Era of Modern Spiritualism. The first poem was written by Mrs. Felicia Dorothea Hemans, a British Poet, who was born in 1793 and passed to spirit in 1835. The second poem, an answer to the first, was written by an anonymous Quaker Lady.

The last poem by Mrs. Hemans was set to music by Herr Lister. It is also of interest to note that another poem by Mrs. Hemans entitled the Haunted Ground was set to music, the melody having been received through the mediumship of Leah Fox Underhill. (See page 417 — The Missing Link In Modern Spiritualism.)

Do They Love Us Still?

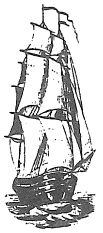
by Felicia Dorothea Hemans

Thou art come from the Spirit's Land, thou bird!
Thou art come from the Spirit's land,
Through the dark pine grove let thy voice be heard,
And tell of the shadowy band.

We know the bowers are green and fair,
In the light of that summer shore,
And we know that the friends we have lost are there,
They are there, and they weep no more.

But tell us thou bird of the solemn strain,
Can those who have loved forget?
We call, and they answer us again,
Oh! say do they love us yet?

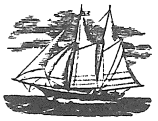
We call them far through the silent night,
And they speak both from dale and hill,
We know thou bird! that their land is bright,
But say, do they love here still?



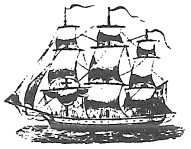
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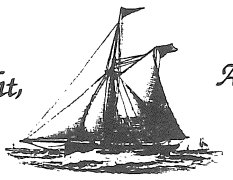
Yes, we come from the Summer Land,
From a land that is bright and fair;
And we come with a voice from a spirit band,
To say that we love you there.



To say if a wish or a vain regret,
Could live in elysian bowers;
It would be for the "friends" we can ne'er forget,
The "beloved" of our youthful hours.



To say that our homes are bright and fair,
We have told you from dale and hill;
And we tell you now with a Spirit's prayer,
That they love, "Oh! They love you still."



They bid me say that unfading flowers,
You will find in the land above;
And a welcome, too, in that home of yours,
Prepared by the hand of love.

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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.



Are We Doing Our Part?

By Jean Kerr Lerch, NST

Many times we hear of someone who needs absent healing for a condition that was brought about by their own actions. We know how important it is to take proper care of ourselves, and yet few people listen to their bodies. We get caught up in daily routines and quickly forget that we need proper nutrition, exercise, and rest. We find ourselves rushing out at lunch time to run errands, and pick up something at the local fast food place. Or, after work, going through a drive-thru place to pick up something quick for supper before rushing on to our next appointment. Perhaps we drive straight home, feel too tired to prepare a balanced meal, and have a slice of toast instead. In our busy world, who takes time to shop for and prepare fresh foods on a regular basis? Yet we know how much fruit and vegetables benefit our bodies. Do we drink enough water? Often, coffee, tea, and sodas seem to taste better, however, all liquids are **not** created equal.

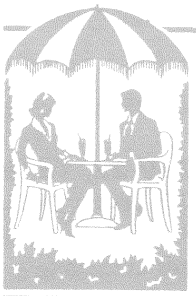
Exercise is vitally important, but don't we find creative excuses to avoid it! Many people join expensive *"health spas"*, only to find that it takes time (not to mention a specialized wardrobe) to attend. Perhaps a better way is chosen by those who enjoy walking or jogging. Doctors tell us that walking is the best exercise in the world for all-round physical conditioning, with less potential for injury. The added benefit of course, is the new awareness of all of Nature's wonders surrounding us. Watching the change in seasons, the changes in our neighborhoods, meeting people, are all advantages that we can enjoy.

Proper rest is so important, too. Have you ever taken your blood pressure before and after meditating? You will be amazed at the difference! Among other benefits, meditation allows us to *"sort out"* all the obstructions of our minds; to put things into perspective. This in turn allows us a restful sleep; one that will enable us to awaken refreshed, and looking forward to a beautiful new day.

Healing is perhaps the supreme expression of unconditional love. Whether healing demonstrated through the laying on of hands, or by absent practice, we know that the power of healing is limitless. I believe that unconditional love for ourselves as well as others, is the foundation of healing. As an example, when conducting the laying on of hands, as a healer attunes to the one in need, it oftentimes becomes apparent that the recipient may not be taking proper care of him/herself. In fact, they may be deliberately damaging themselves by partaking heavily of

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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* ***Barbara A. George,*** *of the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds in San Leandro, California.*

In this lesson, three types of physical mediumship are discussed: levitation, Direct and Independent voice mediumship and the Out-of-Body Experience (OOBE). The downfall of this mediumship has not only been the decrease of available and reliable physical mediums for scientific research, but the number of frauds it has produced for reasons of greed and/or notoriety. D. D. Home had stated that the originals and imitations have a difference and the difference can be easily detected, yet there are still those who try to fool scientists and the public.

This was particularly easy to prove during the levitation of persons and objects in and outside the laboratory. The fluctuation of the medium's weight during the demonstration was explained as a demonstration of mind over matter and controllable to some extent by the mind. The interruption of a type of current or force between the medium and the levitated object, began the realization by science that an unseen *"force"* does exist, it's just a matter of trying to explain what this force is and how it is produced. D. D. Home's availability to demonstrate levitation for researchers and scientists was instrumental in giving credibility to levitation.

D. D. Home, the Davenport Brothers, and Jonathan Koons are just three of the more well-known physical mediums of the nineteenth century who were studied and proven to not be fraudulent in their demonstrations. The Davenport Brothers and Jonathan Koons are particularly recognized for their demonstration of direct voice mediumship. Direct voice and independent voice mediumship is the only form of mediumship where the message is not in need of being relayed or interpreted by the medium to the sitter although the presence of the medium is necessary for the manifestation to occur. The spirit communication is directly between the spirit entity and the sitter and can be heard by those attending the sitting, unlike clairaudience where the voice of the Spirit is apparent only to the medium.

The dangerous side of physical mediumship is that because it relies on ectoplasm, loud noises and injury to the medium can occur more easily than in mental mediumship. Direct voice mediumship has helped us understand the importance of relaxed, openminded sitters and enabled us to develop information or guidelines for a good reading. Scientifically speaking, research in this area has produced greater acceptance that the soul does exist and continues after death.

The demonstration of Out-of-Body Experiences (OOBE's) and Near-Death Experiences (NDE's) has further concluded that if the consciousness can exist and travel outside the physical body while it is alive, why can't it do the same after the physical change called death? Raymond Moody, a twentieth century researcher in the field of NDE's, has recently developed a teachable technique for OOBE and has identified the area of the brain which becomes activated during this experience. While the same area of the brain is responsible for registering OOBE's and NDE's, these are two different experiences because in the NDE certain experiences occur as a result of clinical death that do not occur while physically alive and uninjured. In Jack Studer's book, *Treasures of the Psychic Realm,* it is asked how can science try to prove the existence of non-physical materials with instruments used to measure and explain things of a different substance? It would be like trying to measure the weight and mass of liquid substances by the same tools, methods and techniques used to weigh solid substances.

In conclusion, the Spiritualist and the Scientist have been looking for the same thing: 1) repeatable demonstration and reliable proof that the human soul, or spirit, exists; 2) it exists as a part of physical life which continues to exist in death; and more importantly, 3) what are it's capabilities? Both have recognized its existence and agree on its apparent ability to transcend time and space, it's just that we haven't quite figured out how. Someday . . .

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The kind of life a person leads is often determined by how loud the volume control is set on his conscience!



What happened in MAY throughout the years?



May 2, 1823 The birthday of **Emma Hardinge Britten,** called the *"Silver Tongued Lecturer."* This English medium has also been called the greatest women propagandist Modern Spiritualism ever had.

May 8, 1852 Charles Partridge and S. B. Britten first published ***The Spiritual Telegraph.***

May 9 **Mother's Day** reminds us to send honor and blessings to all mother's, step-mother's, grandmother's and great-grandmother's on both sides of the veil. The relationsip between children and mothers is special — we thank you for the lessons you taught us!

May 21, 1881 **American Red Cross,** a branch of the International Red Cross, which is a society that tries to bring relief and help in times of disaster. Many people are very thankful for this dedicated society.

May 22, 1859 **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's** birthdate. This renowned journalist and author was the creator of Sherlock Holmes and a strong advocate and expounder of Spiritualism.

May 31 **Memorial Day,** a time to pray for the Armed Forces of all the world and of all time. Let there be Peace on Earth.

Other noteables to be remembered: May 6, 1853, **Mary T. Longley** (medium, writer); May 12, 1857, **Dr. C. A. Burgess** (healer, organizer); May 12, 1884, **Elizabeth R. Courtney** (x-ray clairvoyance and healing); May 14, 1771, **Robert Owen** (British Industrialist, reformer, Spiritualist); May 23, 1734, **Franz Anton Mesmer** (animal magnetism).



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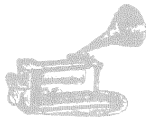
FAVORITE SAYINGS TO LIVE BY

*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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"Death is merely a change from an objective form to a subjective one."
— Gene Pfortmiller

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"We must look a long time before we can see."
— Thoreau



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"The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens."
— The Bahai Faith

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"Live in the now, trust all joy. Always do the things you fear most. Courage is an acquired taste. Renounce useless guilt."
— Erica Jong

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Arthur Findlay's Book, ***The Psychic Stream"*** is being republished for the first time after more than fifty years. Book will be available at the N.S.A.C. office at the end of May.

The Haunted Ground

by Felicia Dorothea Hemans

From 'The Missing Link' by Leah Fox Underhill (page 417)

Yes, it is haunted, this quiet scene,
Fair as it looks, and all softly green;
Yet fear thou not, for the spell is thrown,
And the might of the shadow's on me alone.



Are there no phantoms, but such as come
By night from the darkness that wraps the tomb?
A sound, a scent, or a whispering breeze
Can summon up mightier far than these!

Have I not, under these whispering leaves,
Woven such dreams as the young heart weaves?
Shadows yet unto which life seem'd bound,
And is it not haunted ground?



But I may not linger amidst them there!
Lovely they are, and yet things to fear;
Passing and leaving a weight behind,
And a thrill on the cords of the stricken mind.

Have I not lived 'midst these lonely dells,
And loved, and sorrowed, and heard farewells,
And learn'd in my own deep soul to look,
And tremble before that mysterious book?

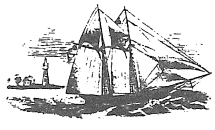
Away, away, that my soul may sour,
As a free bird of blue skies once more,
Here from its wing it may never cast
The chain by those spirits brought back from the past.

Have I not, under these whispering leaves,
Woven such dreams as the young heart weaves?
Shadows — yet unto which life seem'd bound,
And is it not — is it not haunted ground?



Doubt it not — smile not — but go thou, too,
Look on the scenes where thy childhood grew —
Where thou hast prayed at thy mother's knee,
Where thou hast roved with thy brethren free;

Must I not hear what thou hearest not,
Troubling the air in this sunny spot?
Is there not something to none but me
Told by the rustling of every tree?



Go thou, when life unto thee is changed,
Friends thou hast loved as thy soul, estranged;
When from the idols thy heart hath made,
Thou hast seen the colors of glory fade;

Song hath been here — with its flow of thought,
Love — with its passionate vision fraught;
Death — breathing stillness and sadness round —
And is it not — is it not haunted ground?

Oh! painfully then, by the winds low sigh,
By the voice of the stream, by the flower-cup's dye,
By a thousand tokens of sight and sound,
Thou wilt feel thou art treading on hallowed ground.

ETHICAL GUIDELINES . . . *(Continued from page 9.)*

RESPONSE: *Your attitude toward this person should be one of compassion. Ask yourself, is this a conscientious person who will do nothing to spread the HIV virus? In many churches members are not accepting of this situation. You should keep the information private as long as you know he is conscientious in taking precautions not to spread the disease. If the person acts otherwise, you have an obligation to tell so the congregation can protect themselves.*

8 You find yourself in a temporary financial bind and just need some funds to tide you over until a certificate of deposit matures. You have access to church funds. Do you feel free to borrow them, without discussing this with Board members or others, knowing you will pay it back shortly?

RESPONSE: *Absolutely not. You do not take funds without approval. You can go to the Board members, tell them of your financial situation and see if you can be "given" some money. You have an unwritten agreement to pay it back. Loans in the strict sense of the word should never be made. A church is not in the loan business. Gifts are a different matter.*

TEACH THE STUDENT WELL! *(Continued from page 12.)*

doctors, healers and chemists to help us when we become ill, but the understanding of why we become ill in the first place assists the student to avoid illness. Healing need not be taught in a separate class but should be a part of all our classes. I feel that the three major factors that bring illness upon us are anger, jealousy and egotism.

We have all seen this and experienced the sad effect of these three base emotions. We see it in our churches, at conventions, where we work and play. Let us teach our fellow Spiritualists to speak in love of one another, not to gather together in little groups and demean our people, our religion and our National Association. And with this I'll say God Bless you all and Good-bye. ■

I am very sad that I am unable to see to write. I have people writing to me and while others read me the letters it isn't the same as my reading it by myself and being able to respond. I want so much to write, so much to finish my second book of Spiritualism, on mediumship, so much that I still want to teach. I am lucky to be brought once every other month to the Spiritualist Chapel of the Flowers, pastored by the Rev. Pat Smith, to continue my work from the platform in talks and messages. I hope that I will again one day be able to write my stories, poetry, my book and teach classes.

Rev. Frances Scher, NST

ARE WE DOING OUR PART? *(Continued from page 26.)*

alcohol or drugs of some sort. This is where our unconditional love comes in. This is not the time to be judgmental. This person has come to us for healing, and we know that all healing starts first with a request; a desire to be healed. Therefore, it is not up to the healer to decide if one is *"worthy"* of receiving healing. We recognize that each person has a spark of Infinite Intelligence within, and that individual deserves every bit of love and compassion that we have the capacity to give. We know that we are but a channel for Infinite Intelligence, for who better knows the **real** need of the individual asking for help? It is necessary for healers to keep their mental and spiritual selves open and receptive to Spirit. Healers must be humble, recognizing that there is no place in healing for envy, ego, jealousy, or judgment of others.

Spiritual healing does not perform miracles; it only appears that way to the uneducated! Spiritual healing works with the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of an individual, accomplishing what originally may have seemed to be the impossible. We know of course, that spiritual healing coincides perfectly with Natural Law. Healers provide the means to complete the circle of love between healer, recipient, and spirit guide. As healers then, we must heal ourselves first; mentally, physically and spiritually. Only then will we be worthy to serve our fellow men and women as Infinite Intelligence and our Spirit guides direct.

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"There are moments in your life when you must act, even though you cannot carry your best friends with you. The 'still small voice' within you must always be the final arbiter when there is a conflict of duty."
— Gandhi

PARTY FOR THREE BIRTHDAYS AT MEMORIAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH



Ethel Hill, Margaret Caswell and Sybil Horgan.

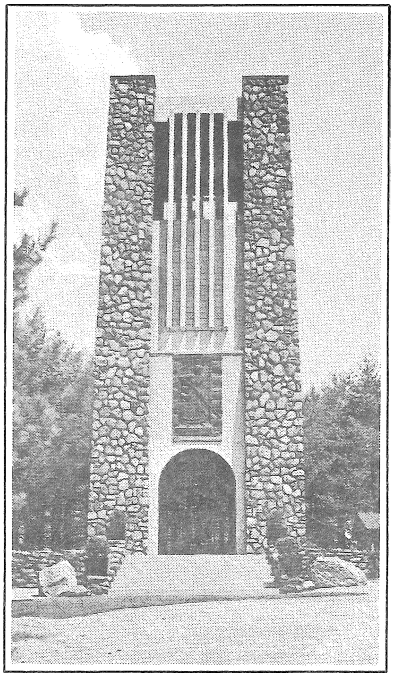
We have started celebrating the birthdays of our friends and members who have enjoyed at least "fourscore years". Ethel Hill turned eighty and Margaret Caswell surpassed her at "eighty-plus" during November 1992. Since Sybil Horgan, Trustee at the church, also celebrated her birthday on the same weekend, the fellowship hall hosted three birthday cakes, decorated by George and Sylvia Kincaid, who recently completed a cake-decorating course. With fruit baskets and night wear for our "birthday girls," the party was a great success.



Robert Croteau and Rev. Christine at Memorial Spiritualist Church in Norfolk, Virginia.

This tradition was started in September, when we gave a party for "Rev. Christine" who turned eighty. The greatest pleasure was to know that for Rev. Christine and Mrs. Hill, this was their first birthday party. Congratulations to all four and may we celebrate many more. It is true, you know, Spiritualists live longer!

SPIRITUALISM IN RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Cathedral of the Pines.

The Cathedral of the Pines, located in beautiful, natural surroundings, opens its Chapel to all religions. Services have been conducted by more than 50 different religious denominations; and those of different origins. There are ponds, trails, wooded areas, mountain vistas, reading rooms, meeting areas, outdoor pulpits and altars, gardens, a monolith, sculpture, Memorials honoring Servicemen and a Memorial Bell Tower honoring all American Women War Dead. The beauty of the land, the serenity of nature and the good energy of the unity of truth in life, all adds to the special quality of the Cathedral.

The National Spiritualist Association of Churches is scheduled to present a church service on August 22, 1993, at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Evelyn Muse and the service will also include a healing portion conducted by commissioned healers and spirit greetings proving the continuity of life by Rev. Muse.

All Spiritualists are invited to attend this special annual service. There is an Inn that the group usually stays at and enjoys a gathering on Saturday night. For more information you may contact either Ruth M. Dyer, 415 County St., Apt. 109, New Bedford, MA (508) 996-4724, or Al Ferency, P.O. Box 271, Ledyard, CT 06339, (203) 439-1395.

INVITATION TO THE CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

The Officers and Trustees of the CSSA cordially invite members and friends of the Association to attend their 98th Annual Convention to be held at Griswold Claremont Center, 555 West Foothill Blvd., Claremont, CA 91711. The Convention dates are June 24—27, 1993.

CSSA Delegates will attend business sessions June 25, 26 and 27, Friday thru Sunday and at 7:00 p.m. each

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Invitation to the California Convention,

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evening of these three days, devotional services will feature certified and student workers of the Association. The public is cordially invited to attend the evening services. To receive a program of the events, please contact the Association Secretary at the following address: Evie Sordelet, 5537 Whitney Ave., Carmichael, CA 95608.

A TRIBUTE TO SOMEONE SPECIAL

A Poem To A Precious Daughter On Her Ordination

Loving daughter and caring child
So sweet of face and manner mild

With gracious heart and ordered mind
You're Spirit's model of Truth defined

Good fortune's mine
I hold you dear
I thank you so for being here

Written to the Reverend Janet Travis, NST, by her loving father, Peter Travis, in recognition of her ordination on November 29, 1992.

NEWS FROM ORLANDO



The Spiritualist Church of Awareness members and friends donated more than 100 gifts, wrapped and ready for Santa to give out to the Children of the Crisis Nursery,



Inc. of Orlando, FL. We know that our contributions benefitted the needy children, but we each also received so much from this project. The Rev. E. Ann Otzelberger, NST, Rose Renedo and Carolyn O'Neill were on hand to help Santa with the gifts. The children were excited with anticipation as each received a present.



We were also pleased to welcome into membership at the Spiritualist Church of Awareness, Howard D. Eisner, Jr. President Jean Kerr Lerch, NST, read the Service of Admission to Fellowship and welcomed Howard into our church family, followed by the members of the congregation.

A LETTER FROM CANADA

Dear Sandy,

I want to thank you and everyone for your prayers during Rev. Ruth Dyke's illness and now for her progression. I am sure an official thank you will come from Springdale Church, although all persons taking responsibility have not yet been decided upon. The funeral and eulogy by Rev. Doreen Ball and Rev. Winnie Murphy was most beautiful. There were wonderful flowers and arrangements that added to the beauty.

It was so nice to talk with you and later when I went out the door to go to the funeral, there on the mat was an American penny. I always pick up pennies and say, *"Pennies from heaven!"* This time I was reminded of your husband Gene's article, *"Apports Help!"* I just couldn't get over it, you called and then this American penny. I said to my husband, John, *"You put that penny there when you came in, didn't you?"*

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A Letter From Canada, *(Continued)*

He said, *"So help me God, I didn't."* He plays tricks on me sometimes, but he never knew you had called. On the way to the church for the funeral service I told him about Gene's article, in the December, '92 magazine, about apports being a message from spirit and how pennies seem to be something that appears frequently . . .

May you walk in the warmth of God with Love and Harmony.

— Mary K. Duggan
Brampton, Ontario

IN MEMORIAM



The Rev. Ruth Dyke

On the earth plane a shining light was dimmed for some months before finally being extinguished on January 16th, 1993. The Reverend Ruth Dyke, Pastor of Springdale Spiritualist Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was that *Light*, but she has now begun her Spiritual Journey in the Summerland. She was a strong guardian of Pure Spiritualism and this she taught to her students over the years. She was also a true friend to all. Many of her former students are now working mediums serving Spiritualist churches in Ontario. A few of her former students are now Ordained Ministers teaching students of their own. Reverend Dyke worked diligently and tirelessly for Spirit, no task was too great or too small for her. She published a quarterly bulletin which was eagerly awaited by both students and ministers alike and the articles contained therein were used for the teaching of students within her own church and other churches. She submitted articles to *The National Spiritualist Summit* and *The Two Worlds* (England) and those printed articles plus the bulletins will be useful to future generations of Spiritualists. Her whole life was dedicated to Spirit. Her physical presence will be greatly missed by all, but assuredly, Reverend Ruth Dyke will visit from the Spirit Realm to continue her teachings.

Reverend Winnie Murphy of Springdale Spiritualist Church, gave the eulogy. Reverend Doreen Bauld of the Church of Universal Love officiated at the funeral service for Rev. Dyke, held January 26, 1993.

MEMORIAL TO BIRDI

Birdi was never one to wave her flag so people could see her works. She was a silent worker, that prayed and moved with what God wanted her to do. A lot of people say they move with God, but she really did, and you could see God in action, in her works. She seemingly stepped on some toes, and at one time or another most people got upset at her, in the way she did her business, but she had a great love for all people. No matter what happened in life, she would forgive, and pray for the people or the situation. She especially loved small children, and older people, because they needed the most help, and she said the rest can take care of themselves. You could write a book on the healings that took place in her presence and prayers that she prayed for us all, that got answered.

Her greatest wish was that all people would wake up to their heritage within, and God within, and demonstrate the gifts that God has put in us all, making the world a better place.

Some would say she would be dearly missed, that may be true, but our Religion teaches us that she is not dead, and she lives on, and I'm sure many have felt her presence, and love. I'm very thankful to have known her, and to have had her touch my life as she did, and I know others feel the same.

— Warren

Editor's Note: *Birdi used to telephone . . . she seemed to know when. She'd start right in, "You've been working straight for hours. Take a break and talk Spiritualism with me." Other times her first words would be, "What's wrong?" Rarely a hello or who it was on the other end of the call. Birdi would be right with her statement. If I wasn't feeling 100% she'd send me healing energy. The first time I experienced the power of it, I was amazed. If anyone needs healing, send Birdi a thought in the Summerland. I'm sure she will be glad to help.*

Birdi Torgerson was the Pastor of the Second Spiritualist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She left her physical body on January 25th, 1993, at the age of 87. Memorial services were held at the church with her children, Chrissy Degendorfer, Robert Torgerson, and Warren Anger conducting the service. Music was played by Warren Anger, Kevin Miles and Marv Lowry. She was the President of the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association of Churches and a familiar face at the annual N.S.A.C. Conventions. Bless you in your progression, Birdi, may you fly free.






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Positive Statements To Help Create A Positive Day

Affirmations . . .

MAY 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 The Law shows me the way.
2 My courage to change serves me well.	**3** With help from Spirit, I can do all things.	**4** Thank you God for the sun and the rain.	**5** The special moments of my life bring me joy.	**6** My relationships are fulfilling.	**7** I think thoughts of success.	**8** Thank you God for all my freedoms.
9 We remember those in the Summerland with Love.	**10** I attract good things in my life.	**11** I surround myself with positive experiences.	**12** Guided by inner Light I grow in Love.	**13** New opportunities for growth and happiness enter my life.	**14** Inner transformation comes from my meditations.	**15** I enjoy new thoughts and learnings.
16 Today I will make a change in my life.	**17** Strength within brings strength without.	**18** I cherish all my friendships.	**19** A spiritual atmosphere surrounds me.	**20** My life's path flows in a positive direction.	**21** A special Light to all those that help others.	**22** My soul touches other souls with compassion and caring.
23 My life's journey is guided. **30** I follow my instincts.	**24** A Higher Power is within me. **31** Bless all nurturers.	**25** There is joy in each new truth learned.	**26** Positive thoughts and actions are my choice today and everyday.	**27** I make a gift of myself to another today.	**28** My surroundings are pleasant and safe.	**29** Eternal truths awaken my soul.

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith, constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact, scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul here or hereafter.
9. We affirm that the precepts of Prophecy and Healing contained in the Bible are Divine attributes proven through Mediumship.



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