

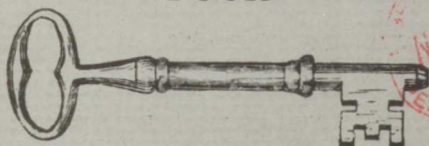
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## I Am a Guide

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I am a guide, a beacon to my comrades,  
I lead the way along a darkened road;  
They look to me for guidance and for comfort;  
They have a tender faith in my poor mode.

I have a gift they say that is quite precious;  
I always seem to know just what is right.  
They say I never waver toward the evil,  
They say I'm never tempted day or night.

Along my little path I trudge forlornly,  
But strengthened by their touching trust in me;  
I dare not stumble on the way, nor falter;  
It might react upon them harmfully!

So I'm a living symbol of uprightness,  
My friends look up to me as more than clay,  
I can't be lowly tempted, be just human;  
They put me in a frame; I try to stay!

—Emelda Deshaies

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The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Send us the names of your friends, who are in need of healing, and we will mail them a sample copy of the Quarterly that they may share in our Universal Healing Club. They will thank you, and God will bless you for your kind act.



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Dr. Wight, Atascadero, California

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## We Believe



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ued, conscious individuality from the moment of creation until he evolves to highest incarnate angelhood; that ministering angels can work through us for the benefit of mankind and to the glory of God. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation." (Heb. 1:14).

5 We believe in and partake of the Lord's Supper. Baptism is optional. "He took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you;; this do in remembrance of Me,"" (Luke 22:19).

"I indeed baptised you with water; but He shall baptise you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:8).

6 We believe in and endeavor to practice the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." (Matt. 7:12).

7 That the door of reformation is ever open to all. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9). "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15).

1 That God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24).

2 That the Son of God is the Savior of the world. "Jesus saith unto him (Thomas), 'I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.'" (John 14:6).

3 That the promises and healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ are the same yesterday, today, and forever. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." (John 14:12). "According to your faith be it unto you." (Matt. 9:29).

4 That Eternal Life is our Creator's gift to all men; that the future life of man is contin-



# Where Are Our So-Called Dead?

By

Rev. Nettie Garmer Barker

(Sermon delivered in the Church of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer,  
Kansas City, Mo. Oct. 20, 1935)

Almost every one of us at some time in our life have asked this question: "Where is my beloved dead? Where are all the dead?"

Occasionally one comes to me for a reading, or for spiritual guidance, who say: "I am a queer sort of person. I have no one in the Spirit World. Funny, isn't it? But I haven't anyone at all. All our family are living."

To such a one, I replied the other day: "O, but you do have someone in the Spirit World. If not in this generation, then they belong to generations past. You may not know them. Your parents may not have told you about them—but they are there, grandparents, or great, or great-great grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, loving you, and seeking to draw near to you, and guide you, because you belong to them through blood ties. Then there are friends and even acquaintances of your own generation, who, often indifferent to you here on earthplane, once they reach the Spirit Side of Life, and are able to judge you as God sees you—not the outward appearance, but the heart of you—they sometimes draw closer to you than your own kin. Why? Because they vibrate on the same wave you do—the vibratory wave between you and them may have been dulled, or obscured entirely by materiality, when they were in the mortal body.

Most of us agree with the poet Longfellow when he says:

"There is no flock, however watched and tended,  
But one dead lamb is there!  
There is no fireside howsoever defended,  
But has one vacant chair!"

And it is when we look at our dead lamb, and later, sometimes weeks and months later, when the sight of that vacant chair seems more than we can bear, we cry out in agony, "Where is my loved one?" Like Mary Pick-Pickford, following the passing of her beloved mother and brother, we ache for reassurance that somewhere all is well with our beloved.

Tonight, God willing, I shall try to prove to you that it is well with your loved ones, passed out of the body, and that they are ever near you, more vitally alive than when in their fleshy body. And, they, in turn, are aching to reassure you that God's promise of life everlasting is being fulfilled in them this very moment.

I came across a booklet last week titled "Where Are The Dead?" Always eager to learn the opinions of others, I read much, pro and con, on religious subjects, to keep an open mind. I always come back to Christian Spiritualism as the Christ religion for me, and intended, I am sure, for everyone else.

The author of this booklet broadcasts radio sermons all over the country. When I read his answer to "Where Are The Dead?" I decided then and there, to try to give the Christian Spiritualist's reply to that question. Only I call my title, "Where Are The So-Called Dead?" for all human souls are



created by God, and are eternal. When, later, they are taken out of the fleshy body, they cannot be called dead because of their God-given immortality of soul. God created each of us in His own likeness and image, therefore, we must be, as the Bible tells us, as He is—immortal souls from the beginning, and we cannot die. If the world in general insists on calling these people out of the mortal body "dead", then we Christian Spiritualists as emphatically insist that they should be termed the "so-called dead".

This author's answer to humanity's all-absorbing, vital question is this: "These Scriptures prove conclusively that when a man dies he knows not anything; that when dead he has no knowledge or wisdom, and does not work; that he has no memory; that he is in a condition of silence." A little farther on, this author says: "No man has a soul. Every man has a soul. God did not make a man and then put a soul in him, as the preachers tell us. This is the way He made man, as stated in Gen. 2:7, God made man's body of the earth. Then God breathed into his nostrils the breath that all living creatures breathe, and this animated the body, and man stood up and lived. All the animals are designated as souls. A cow is a soul. An ox is a soul." Now, our Bible says, Gen. 2:7—"And the Lord God formed man(that is, his fleshy body) of the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." There it is—read it for yourself. And then turn back to Gen. 1:27—"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." God does not say He created animals as souls. But He does say in the next verse, the 28th, that He gives man dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And when one is given dominion—made a ruler—over others—that one is in some way superior to those he rules. I take it that since we created in God's image—which means we have eternal life and we are given dominion over all animals, then we have a soul a part of the Divine Intellect of the Godhead—and as a child of God, created in His likeness, the Spirit of Life within us is the Spirit of the Almighty, immortal, everlasting.

This writer seems to deem it very necessary to show that both man and animal have souls, and both, at the death of the fleshy body, go to the same place—the silence of the grave. This man goes on to say: "The preachers have made people believe that a man carries a soul around in him and that when he dies the soul hikes off to some other place. But there is absolutely no support for such a contention."

I am going to show you where there is absolute proof for such a statement, that man has a soul—an immortal soul—and that his greatest work is ahead of him—in the Spirit World—working out his own progression, and helping other spirits who need development, and reaching back to the earthplane through some medium to aid suffering, sorrowing humanity. Also I am going to prove to you that we Christian Spiritualists know where our so-called dead are, and we thank God daily that they can return to reassure us. We cannot go to them unless we are a Christian medium qualified to go out into the Astral Plane, and meet them on the higher planes of the Heaven land. But they, at any time, if they choose, and the conditions are right, can come to us.



The Spirit World is everywhere—in every space around about us. This Spirit World is divided into spheres. And between it and our earthplane is a gateway through which every soul, when it leaves the body, must pass. This gateway is called the Earth Bound Sphere, and extends out about fifty miles from and encircling the earthplane. You can vision how large it is by the stratosphere's record of eleven miles up in the ether. Compare that with fifty miles, and you will have an idea of the space occupied by the Earth Bound area. Conon Doyle, in his book, "The Vital Message", says: "The Bible talks about the "Outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth". This "outer darkness" and the third heaven which Paul mentions in 2 Cor. 12:2 corresponds with the Astral Plane of the mystic, and is the Earth Bound Sphere of the Spiritualist, the gateway between this earth and the Heavenly Realms.

Beyond this gateway begins the First Sphere of the Spirit World. In all there are eight spheres in God's Kingdom. Rose, the Sunlight, one of my higher guides, and wife of Dr. Carson, head of the Spirit Healing Force in this church, says that the first five spheres are called the Spirit World. The remaining three constitute Heaven. In the Eighth, or Celestial Sphere, there are more degrees of spiritual development than in all the others put together. A spirit may be in that sphere thousands of years, ever progressing, attaining one degree after another, only to find there are always still higher degrees. The perfection of Spirit is below the perfection of Angelhood, and the perfection of Angelhood is below the perfection of Masterhood. There is, also, a perfection beyond that of Masterhood, and—still higher degrees of perfection beyond that. There is degree after degree leading to the highest achievement. Man in the mortal body cannot conceive of the spiritual perfection to which man in the spirit body can achieve.

When man leaves his physical body, he goes **straightway** to the place for which he has prepared himself. God is ever just, ever merciful. Whatever a man sows here, he reaps hereafter. Always he is a free agent to choose whether he will follow the path that leads straight back to God, from Whom he came and to Whom he will eventually return; or, if he will take a side road—a detour—and only find the right path later in life—or possibly, not until he passes to the Spirit Side. If the latter is the case, then that man, now a spirit, tarries a while in the Earth Bound Sphere. How long he tarries depends upon the sort of life he lived in the earthplane, and his readiness to ask for help. Jesus the Christ says, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find." Always there are Ministering Angels eager to help us here or after we pass out of the mortal body, when we are ready for The Way, The Truth, and The Light, and we humble ourselves to ask for it. Some spirits will tell you they have been years, even centuries, earth bound. Others—those who have endeavored to live as best they knew how under the circumstances—pass so swiftly through this sphere, they hardly know they do so. Their first stop is in the First Plane, from which they begin their progression upward. This First Sphere, Spirits tell us, is so much more beautiful than any idea of Heaven we can visualize that many prefer to tarry there rather than leave friends and kin who need to spend some additional time there.



learning The Law before they can evolve to a higher sphere.

A spirit has a choice of four modes of progression. He may remain in the First Sphere, and meet the bewildered spirits sent out of the body too quickly, as in case of accident, murder, or war. These pitiful souls are often unprepared for the Higher Life. Or, a spirit may become a teacher, or a guide to other spirits over there; or, he may aid humanity by reaching back with his message, through a proper instrument—a medium; or, he may choose to learn of the higher teachers in Spirit, and spend all his time progressing upward. Most spirits choose to serve humanity, bringing healing, messages of advise and comfort, or inspiration to mortals for the creation of works of art and invention. You are ever a free agent, here and hereafter, **to choose what you will.**

Those on the Spirit Side of Life marvel at the mighty Washington and Lincoln remaining in the Fourth Sphere, by choice, knowing their country has need of their services. Those two patriots are regarded as very high spirits over there, yet they place service—national service—above the desire to go on to the higher planes to which they have earned the right to enter.

Many modern Orthodox ministers believe in spirit return. Dr. Hargett, in his radio service for the Council of Churches over WDAF, Friday morning of the past week, (10-18-35), preached a typical Christian Spiritualist sermon. He said that he, a minister, knew that there was communication between us and God and those above. Then he spoke of his mother, out of the mortal body twenty-four years. He said he knew she had been with him all those years for he felt her presence. The whole sermon could have been preached from this pulpit, and not a word of it at variance with our Christian Spiritualist belief.

Another famous preacher, Dr. Alexander MacLaren said, "The dead are the living. Every man that has died is at this instant in full possession of all of his faculties, in the intensest exercise of all his capacities, standing somewhere in God's universe, ringed by a sense of God's presence, and feeling in every fibre of his being that life, which comes after death, is not less real, but more real, not less great, but more great, not less full or intense, but more full and intense than the mingled life, which lived here on earth, was a center of life, surrounded by a crust and circumference of immorality. The dead are they who lived while they died; after they die, they live forever."

If we but half try to live God's Law, while here on the earthplane, we shall be rewarded accordingly. The thief crucified on Calvary with the Christ is an example of the ready forgiveness of our Lord, when he asked sincerely "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom", and Jesus answered and said, 'Verily, I say unto thee, Today thou shalt be with Me in Paradise'."

The Orthodox church considers Paradise and Heaven synonymous, but we Christian Spiritualists know that Paradise is but the First Realm—the first step—to a greater, a more Celestial Heaven in store for us, and to which we must work our way before we can draw nigh to and realize the Presence of the Supreme God.

In 1 Cor. 15:44, Paul tells us our body "is sown a natural body; and it is raised a spiritual body." Also, in the same chapter, 50th verse, it says, "flesh

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# Christian Spiritualist Universal Friendship Club

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Many requests have been received from all over the U. S., asking that the editor bring the writers in touch with other Spiritualists, the object being an exchange of letters discussing the religion of Spiritualism, psychics experiences, etc. This club is being organized for that purpose.

Join NOW. The yearly dues are \$1.00; 75c of this amount will be used as a subscription to the Christian Spiritualist Quarterly, and 25 cents will be used for club stationery. Whenever you write the editor, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply. If you are already a subscriber to this magazine, then the 75c will be used for a subscription to any other person you may name, or any additional copy will be sent you, or your subscription extended. As you draw nearer to each other in the Cause of Christian Spiritualism, you will find you are drawing nearer to God, your Creator, Jesus Christ, your Savior, and to the Spirit loved ones, ever eager to help yourself materially physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Address all club communications to the editor of this Quarterly, Bishop Nettie Garmer Barker, 2626 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

NEW MEMBER—No. 3—Louise B. Wright, 77 Maple St., Middleton, Mass.

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## PALMISTRY FOR THE LAY READER

By Larry George

The hand records the personal characteristics; the left hand, the past, what circumstances, events, hopes, fears, ambitions, disappointments, and many other things that has been the experience; the right hand, the future, what will cross your path, and how you are likely to react to circumstances. We say "how you are **likely** to react"—the lines of possibility are there, but you may be forewarned of a weakness or a gift, otherwise unknown, and will forestall or be prepared to meet it in a way that will bring you the greatest success and happiness. Palmistry does not mean fatalism, but like all other natural sciences, proves the law of cause and effect, and man's free will in the matter.

An 8x10 page reading will be given free, if you will send me, care of this magazine, a carbon copy of each hand. To make the imprint; dampen the palm; place a sheet of good carbon paper on a thick pillow; press wet palm down firmly on carbon; hold a few seconds; then place the other hand under the pillow and press the center of the hand on carbon; This last gives a good imprint of the center of palm. Remove hand and carbon; place a sheet of white linen paper on pillow; press palm down firmly on this, proceeding as above to get imprint of center of palm. Do the same with the other hand. Dry, and it is ready to mail. This service is given free for two yearly subscription, (75c each) other than your own, to this magazine.

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## CHARACTER IN YOUR HANDWRITING

By Emelia Garmer

Every stroke of your pen tells the world what sort of person you are, and the characteristics you think hidden are as plain as the noonday sun to the graphologist when he sees the formation of your letters, their size, general contour, and the pressure of the pen. You may have a free handwriting analysis by addressing me, care of this quarterly, and sending a page of your own handwriting, together with two yearly subscription other than your own, to the Christian Spiritualist Quarterly, (75c each), an 8x10 page analysis will be mailed promptly to you.



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## Talks With The Editor

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(The Editor will answer, in this column, brief questions pertaining to Spiritualism and Development of Psychic Powers. This is a free service. Initials will be used in the reply, if you wish, but give your full name and address. No anonymous requests answered.)

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Q.—“Are guides always with us?”

A.—Some guide is always nearby. We are never alone in the sense that we are guarded and guided by loved ones or guides. Whenever it is necessary for a leading guide to be absent from our presence, a substitute, or helper, is provided. Guides have other missions besides the one of working for humanity through us as channels. They, like human beings, are ever evolving upward, ever aspiring to higher teachings, and we as instruments should not be selfish in trying to keep any one guide tied continually to our apronstrings. Mediumship is not a one-sided possession, but co-operation at all times, between the earth instrument and the spirit channel. “Freely ye have received,” Jesus says, “freely give”, and nowhere is this more true than the relationship, companionable, loving, and faithful, between the medium and the spirit guide.

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### WHAT'S IN A DREAM?

By George Lorenz.

The sages of medieval and ancient times believed in dream prophecy—that we dream what is about to happen. It revealed to them as it does frequently to us moderns the positive existence of a Psychic World, as real as our earth world. In our dreams, the soul may see the past, present, and future, and proves our dreams, the soul may see the past, present, and future, and proves to us that we may see without eyes and hear without ears by some interior sense, psychic and mental. Let your dreams interpret for you the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Life Abundant, which is your heritage, here and hereafter.

This magazine will interpret your dream for you free. Send your name and address, and one dream, together with two yearly subscriptions (75c each), other than your own, to me, care of this magazine, and you will receive an 8x10 page interpretation of your dream free.

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**SPIRITUAL BOOKS WANTED!**—Want donations of spiritual writings—books and pamphlets for our Church Psychic Library, which we are assembling. We plan to rent these books for 1c a day to readers, minimum, 15c; rentals by mail same rate plus postage both ways; proceeds to go into Church Fund; object, to spread the Gospel of Spiritualism. Address the Editor regarding same.



# Christian Spirit Healing

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"Oh, touch the hem of His garment,  
And thou, too, shall be free."

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Special absent healing for your material, physical, mental, and spiritual problems will be given you by Bishop Nettie Garmer Barker and Spirit Healers. You cannot pay for the healing—that is from God—but you do donate \$3.00 per month to Bishop Barker for her time as she gives each patient a personal, concentrated daily treatment by speaking the Word, and God, through the instrumentality of the Spirit World, heals the ailing condition. A daily spiritual treatment, (in addition to the daily Universal Healing Club Treatment) will be given for your needs for a month. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply, and address Bishop Nettie Garmer Barker, 2626 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri.

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## IN HIS NAME

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### Healing Testimonials

God bless you, dear pastor! When I learned to brighten the corner where I am, to make the most of the circumstances at hand, my physical ailments, which were many, disappeared like magic.—E. W. L.—Sept. 20, 1937

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Bishop Barker, I wrote you three months ago for healing for my physical body. I followed your detailed instructions, and as a result, the Christ Jefferson City, Mo.

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Principle is manifesting in abundance, in my physical, mental, material, and spiritual centers, just as you said it would.—Jennie S.—June 30, 1937, Orlando Beach, Fla.

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The change in my life has been like a miracle. I am well; I am better liked by my fellowmates; I have more money in my purse at any one time than I've had for the past three years. God bless you, Rev. Barker, and prosper your work.—A. D. B.—Sept. 1, 1937, Washington, D. C.

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All things work together for the good of those who try to live the Golden Rule. I cannot take time to enumerate all the blessings I have received since following your healing. God speed the work! J. J. S.—Aug. 2, 1937, Lynn, Mass.

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Mrs. Barker, I have rented my rooms, and I feel like shouting for joy for now I can do my bit toward helping with the household expense. God bless the Universal Healing Club, and you.—N. C., Chicago, Sept. 19, 1937.



# Universal Healing Club

*Health—Happiness—  
Prosperity—Peace*

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father in heaven."

This club is open to you, **whoever you are**, and **wherever you may be**, as a channel through which you may fulfill for yourself and the other members the Christ-Law of healing and prosperity. "Freely you receive, freely give."

Time: 8:30 to 9:00 a. m., Central Standard Time.

We bring you each morning, at this time, the mighty healing power of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Every person joining this healing club has tuned in on the Universal Healing Wave of our Blessed Savior, Jesus of Nazareth, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

This healing force is free, abundant, and never-failing. "God is no respecter of persons." The Christ power heals **you, me, everybody!** Believe in it, ask for it and soon you will realize peace, poise, and power coming into your life. For as you "draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh unto you."

At this sacred half-hour, you, individually, are asking, through the other members as the spiritual instrument, for healing in all your physical, mental, material, and spiritual affairs. "Ask and it shall be given you." If you continue to tune in on this universal broadcast for yourself and others each morning, you are sincerely seeking, and you **shall** find that which you seek. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

In unity there is strength. Each morning, at this time, join us in spirit, for a half-hour of universal healing.

Sing the first verse of "The Great Physician."

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Then sit, for 15 minutes in silence. "Be still and know that I am God."

Sing the first and third verses of "Pass Me Not, O, Gentle Savior."

Repeat the Twenty-third Psalm, slowly, prayerfully emphasizing each word as if it were written especially for you and your needs. After which ask for what you desire for yourself and others. Prayer is the door through which we seek and receive aid from our Heavenly Father. Each morning, together you and I and every member of this club shall take your problems to the Lord in prayer. Jesus says: "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Therefore, at this hour, pray, "God bless us," and "God heal us and supply our every need."

Sing one verse of "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Close with singing the first verse of "The Great Physician."

"According to your faith be it unto you."

Send Bishop Nettie Garmer Barker, 2626 Benton Blvd., Kansas City, Mo., a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your Universal Healing Club membership card. This is the only expense attached to this service. Otherwise it is free to all.



## Christian Spiritualist Universal Stamp Club

Organized for the purpose of exchanging duplicate stamps, or disposing of stamps of interest to the collector. More space in this magazine will be given to Club news and needs as the organization grows.

The \$1.00 yearly dues include a subscription to this magazine, for yourself or any one you may desire. Collect postmarks. 25, all different, including both postmark and stamp, sent with the \$1.00 yearly dues, this quarter, to the STAMP CLUB. ALWAYS enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, when writing the editor for reply. Address: BISHOP NETTIE GARMER BARKER, 2626 BENTON BLVD., KANSAS CITY, MO.

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### SELF-HELP AND ATTAINMENT

Repeat daily, beginning Oct. 1, 1937

- Friday— God show me Thy Will, and give me the faith and the strength to live It daily.
- Saturday— Thy Will be done for me, in my little earth-world, as it is for Thy Host of Invisibles in the Heaven Land.
- Sunday— I am still, and I feel the Living Presence of the Almighty God, my All-inAll, manifesting in all my affairs.
- Monday— Help me to help others today.
- Tuesday— Let me but touch the hem of His garment, and I am healed of all my diseases.
- Wednesday— As I draw nigh unto God, I draw nigh unto my spirit loved ones, and I am receptive to His and their guidance.
- Thursday— Help me to live always on the mountain heights of the Christ Consciousness, and to draw all men to me.

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### THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE

By

Henry Van Dyke

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and, to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are the guideposts on the footpath to peace.

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# *Spiritualism's Challenge*

By

Bishop Nettie Garmer Barker

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The priceless knowledge and proof of immortality and constant spirit communication is no where more clearly and convincingly laid before the general public than in Dr. Edwin F. Bower's latest volume "Spiritualism's Challenge". The author presents conclusive evidence of survival, gleaned over a period of 35 years of investigation and study in which his own loved ones as well as beloved guides gave numerous, unchallenged demonstrations of the continuity of spirit existence after the death of the mortal body.

Dr. Bowers assures us his "book is not a defense of Spiritualism. For Spiritualism needs no defense. It is a challenge." He tells us what every Christian Spiritualist knows—that Christianity is based upon spiritistic phenomena, and a medium duplicates, in more or less perfect demonstrations these same manifestations, many of which are recorded in our Bible, and accepted and preached, without question, by the Orthodox. Yet when a modern seer endeavors to demonstrate that the power of the holy Spirit, manifested constantly in the seance room, is the same yesterday today and forever, these Orthodox fanatics decry the results of facts about which they do not know even the fundamentals, the A. B.Cs.

Speaking of materialization, the author says: "To my mind the exact duplication of the body, the features, the speech, the photographic memory and identical personality of a man or woman whose physical body has long since been eaten by the grave worm, or incinerated into a few handfulln of ashes, is the most astonishing of all the miracles of psychic phenomena.

To see a man, in a fair ruby light, step from a cabinet, walk over to you even though you may be a dozen feet from the cabinet—give you a good strong hug or a hearty handshake, talk with you in a natural resonant tone of voice about events that prove him to have retained a perfect memory for details, and after a few minutes bid you a cheerful 'good bye', dissolve into the fog of dematerialization before your eyes and sink through the floor, is an absolutely unforgettable experience. . . . Convincing and authentic materializations are admittedly rare. But they are to be met with occasionally. When they are, they will be found to be among the most marvelous and instructive experiences that can ever come to a living being. Pretenders there are and will be, but the real thing does exist."

Dr. Bowers had the thrilling experience of holding to his breast the fully materialized spirit of his mother, hearing her dear voice with its familiar Irish brogue, and feeling her kisses on his cheek. In June, 1935, he again contacted the fully materialized form of his mother, and in the presence of 17 people and 2 mediums,—Mrs. Ethel Post and Frank Decker—he cut from the head of his mother a lock of hair, 9 years after her body was laid to rest. This spirit mother took her son's left hand and guided it until it came in contact with her scalp. Separating a lock from her heavy mass of hair, she brought his right hand, which held the scissors, up to the lock of hair, and said, "Cut it here." He snipped off a lock of about 200 separate hairs

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about 3 inches in length. Later this lock of gray hair was examined by expert microscopists, and it was found to conform, in every respect, with human hair. When touched with the flame of a match, the hair "burned identically as human hair would burn." To further block doubt as to the materialized spirit being one of the two mediums or some one else in the room, the author adds that Decker's hair is black and Mrs. Post's only faintly streaked with gray, while the lock cut from his mother's was almost white.

One of the most marvelous demonstrations recorded is that of experiences with "censigol gass", a peculiar gas unknown to scientists on this earth, which was discovered by the spirit guides of Frank Decker, and when used on him gives him exceptional powers which are steadily increasing. This censigol chemicalized gas is found in the center of the solar-plexus system, and originally was extracted from the surrounding air, just as one flower draws those chemicals which produce red. Decker is a magnet, helping Spirit to draw this gas, mixed with his own ectoplasm, and the teleplasm from his sitters, causing the latter and the whole seance room, and all in it to vibrate as though in a medical vibrating machine. "We combine this gas (or chemical)," Dr. Wilbur Stoddard, Decker's chemist, says, "with other chemicals which you are all giving out with every breath, and with it we produce the phenomena."

Some of you will remember Thomas A. Edison's promise to me to demonstrate a similar invention of his. The great Edison is now working on an invention whereby mediums may acquire the necessary chemicalization and vibration for phenomena in a much shorter time than has ever before been possible. He states I am to be the first developing medium to be given this honor, and that my students may demonstrate to the world the speed with which Spirit can develop mediumship. I pray God I may prove a perfect instrument for his purpose.

Farmer Riley, who was a master materializing medium when in the mortal body and Patsy, a young boy, two of Decker's guides, demonstrated splendid levitation and other marvelous phenomena that converted intolerant agnostics into dyed-in-the-wool Spiritualists. Patsy displayed marvelous harmonica technique, while the latter was held tightly in Dr. Bower's hand. The lad, too, could use the telephone, which he did one night in March, 1935, lifting the receiver and distinctly calling a number. The voice of the operator was heard answering the call, and Patsy was plugged in on a spectator's home phone, held a conversation with a mutual friend and his wife, then turned the receiver over to the auditor, who finished the conversation as a demonstration of what Decker's guides could accomplish when mortals co-operated. This experience was a demonstration of materialization, independent voice, and telekinesis. The author, eager to share his spirit experiences with others, wishes every one in the world could have a similar experience.

Spirit Master Masons materialized and gave signs, grips, and words as perfectly as from a brother in earth life. Farmer Riley was chosen by Spirit to demonstrate this convincing phase because he was not a Mason, and thus the public could not say the medium was doing it. Conon Doyle materialized and demonstrated apports, by presenting one of the sitters, who had known him in the mortal, with an Egyptian scarab, evidently used as a seal on a



ring, and brought by Doyle from his collection in London. The demonstration was an example of the swiftness of spirit travel. One moment Doyle materialized in the seance room, and the next, after asking his earthly friend to wait a bit, disappeared. In a few minutes, Doyle returned with the apport most likely having gone to London, secured the scarab from his collection there, and returned in those few minutes.

Many more wonderful demonstrations of psychic manifestations are recorded, every one of which is a direct challenge to the ignorance and intolerance of those who deny and doubt the survival of our personalities after the so-called death. We haven't the time tonight to present more of this interesting personal record of investigation by one who does not refer us to past history of Spiritualism's challenge, but is able to give us names of mediums now living in the mortal body, and able to duplicate these psychic experiences.

The author, in answer to the question so often raised: "Why can't I receive messages myself?" gives us some very good advice, which I wish to pass on to you would-be mediums.

"Why do I have to go to a medium, who doesn't know my dear ones, nor cares a rap about what they mean to me?" There are two answers to this question, Dr. Bowers tells us. The first answer is another question. The question is why can't you **communicate directly** with those you wish to address and dispense with such stupid circumlocutory mediums as the mail, telephone or wireless telephone, telegraph, radio, heliograph, drum or flag signaling, semaphore, the deaf and dumb alphabet and Braille system, in order to communicate with one another?

The second answer is **you can** communicate directly with your loved ones. That is, you can, if you will equip yourself to receive these communications. And if you **happen to be a medium**, even though an undeveloped one. But remember that **true** mediums are **born**, not made. And that very few persons—perhaps not more than one in one hundred thousand—has **real** mediumistic ability. These relative few may be **trained** or **developed** for mediumship. . . . However, each of us is psychic, even though very few of us are mediums. And as psychics we can develop spiritual faculties, by using the methods proven most effective. These psychic powers are **inborn**—common to every man, woman, and child of normal mental development. Under certain conditions they can be developed so that we can hear clairaudiently, see clairvoyantly, and feel clairsentiently. . . . As a rule, the great majority of well qualified mediums have had to "sit" for a long period of years, and sometimes give up many hours of time each day, before they came into their full power. Indeed, many mediums have found it necessary to continue their development even after they have gained national recognition. . . . If you really desire to become a medium—granting that you possess mediumistic potentialities—you must approach this goal in the proper frame of mind. Remember, you are entering a field hitherto unexplored by your earthly senses. And in so doing you must become subject to its laws. You must go as suppliant—with humility and love—not as a conqueror demanding proof. You must forget yourself, and seek to contact only the best. And right here, we might emphasize that while 'home development' or 'sitting alone', have frequently brought astonishing satisfactory results, you may be taking a foolhardy risk in throwing the doors of your consciousness wide open to any disembodied intelligence who may chance to be attracted by your invitation to come in and make himself



# The God Who Speaks

By

Rev. Nettie Garmer Barker

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The Christian Spiritualist knows that daily, hourly, the voice of God speaks to man—if the receptivity of the latter is attuned to the Divine vibration, which, in other words, is the universal vibration. The Christian Spiritualist, for many years, has been laboring single-handed to make this truth of man's proximity to the God-head common knowledge and recognized as a power available and workable **HERE** and **NOW** for all mankind.

It is a source of satisfaction, and one of great encouragement to discover that the provost of Queen's College, Oxford, England, Dr. Burnett Hillman Streeter, in his recent book, "The God Who Speaks," holds similar views. The author says: "We must discard the notions (a) that God thinks only in terms astronomic magnitudes; (b) that He cannot be concerned with trifles; (c) that God and His activities may only be named in vague and abstract terms."

Then he makes this statement: "Between God's plan and mine there can be no compromise." Is this not the Christian Spiritualist's belief exactly? Our God is closer than hands and feet, closer than breathing, and certainly He is concerned with our daily affairs as is evidenced by the healing of our physical bodies, often of disease labeled incurable, and His care of us and ours whatever betides. We go direct to our Bible for confirmation of this for in Ex. 3:12, God speaking to Moses, promises him even as He does us today: "Certainly I will be with thee." In Deut. 33:27, Moses says: "The Eternal God is **thy** refuge, and underneath **are** the Everlasting Arms."

Dr. Streeter says: "The existence and character of God cannot be determined by the kind of reasoning by which we establish a historical fact or a scientific hypothesis. As fishes in the ocean, so are we in that all-embracing Reality in which 'we live, and move, and have our being'; and life is an adjustment to that environment. This adjustment must begin long before our power of conscious reflection on it; and it must extend to depths of the personality which are commonly beyond the reach of such reflection. And only in proportion as there is in the seeker after truth a growing adjustment of the whole personality to that all-bracing ocean of Reality is his intellectual interpretation of it likely to be on the right lines."

We Christian Spiritualists emphasize the desire to do the will of God, the Almighty. We pray constantly, "Thy will, not mine, be done," and then we seek to learn what His Will, His Law, for us, individually, is, and we endeavor to do it His Way, and when He gives us the opportunity. Dr. Streeter recognized this when he states: "A sincere attempt to do the Will of God will be a preliminary condition of knowing of the teaching whether it is true. The way to a knowledge of God will be through a re-orientation of purpose and desire, a constant re-dedication of the self to the highest that it knows." Every Christian Spiritualist should memorize that statement, and repeat it daily.



Continuing, the author reasons: "If that be so, we should expect to find that, at a certain point of Spiritual development, the personality will be sufficiently sensitive to the influence of the Divine to reach an awareness of God's Will which may find expression through a voice within." Isaiah (30:21) speaks of this: "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, 'This is the Way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left hand.'"

Again this author is in line with the Christian Spiritualist belief when he writes: "—provided always certain conditions are fulfilled, this voice within ought to be regarded as an automatic communication from the Divine dimmed, no doubt, and at times distorted by limitations in the mental and moral development of the individual and his age. The evidence for this contention is made progressively clearer by historical study of that unique development of religion of which the Bible is our record, if this be taken in connection with and illuminated by certain phenomena exhibited in the lives of religious men through all the ages and in the present day." This fact, too, the Christian Spiritualist recognized and endeavor to comply with, if he would reap a worthwhile psychic development. You must be clear morally and physically. Do not limit your spiritual progression by lack of preparation for the biggest event that can possibly come into your life. A clean mind and a clean body, first; then "study", as Timothy advises, "to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Prepare yourself by study that you may be qualified to interpret the Bible to others, and to demonstrate psychic phenomena truthfully and beautifully, at all times. Then, and then only, will God speak to you, through Spirit instruments or direct.

"Thus saith the Lord", the prophets of old reiterate. "The Word of the Lord came to me", thus saith the High and Lofly One that dwelleth in Eternity, Whose Name is Holy", "thus saith the Lord of Hosts". The child Samuel was a predestined priest of God, for 'the word of the Lord was precious in those days', (even as it is now, Christian Spiritualists..) and the Lord called to Samuel three times. The child "did not yet know the Lord neither was the Word of the Lord yet revealed unto him". How like our present day lack of knowledge! The Lord comes, and stands, and calls and we hear Him not because we do not know him; He has not been revealed to us.

Dr. Streeter says:—belief that God has a plan for each individual life, and nothing which affects that life is insignificant, demands not only intelligence, but an intelligent use of the imagination." The learned doctor believes that the individual, his suffering, and his doings matter much to the Power that produces and controls this earth. God, in Dr. Streeter's opinion, "differs from man precisely in the fact that he can give attention to everything, everywhere, always, and all at once." The Christian Spiritualist differs from this believe in that he knows, through contact with Spirit Realm, that every desire and every unuttered, prayerful thought wings its way straight to God, the Almighty. He hears, and He answers every call, but not personally. If He did answer personally there would be no work for the Angel and Spirit Worlds to perform, no opportunity for the spirits to serve mankind, and earn their evolvement up to higher planes. The sole purpose of any spirit's existence is that that spirit may develop a spiritual character, here



and hereafter. God, when He hears our pleas, gives His Will to the Son, the Mediator between the Father and us, His children. His Son passes God's Word on to the Angel World, and they in turn, give it to the Spirit World, our loved ones out of the mortal body. The latter give it direct to us, or if contact is not possible, they express God's Will for us through some earth channel—some medium, who is a willing instrument, a messenger of hopeful expectation and comfort in our need.

Quoting Mr. Streeter again: "—the idea that God has a plan for the working out of which man may become a willing instrument, comes to one like a flash of lightning in the dark. —There are, it is said, two thousand million in habitants of this globe; so long as everyone goes ahead on his or her own plan, or without any considered plan at all, is it surprising that the result is conflict and confusion? Rather is it not remarkable that things are not worse confounded than they are? Could they go on at all, unless there were some kind of directive influence which, partially, at any rate, counter-balances the stupidities, the egoism, and the iniquities of mankind—unless there were in Shakespeare's phrase, 'a divinity that shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will'?"

The beauty of Nature—which is another name for God—the glory of the heavens; and the wonders of the earth convince us that they are but the expression of an All-wise, All-protecting, All-providing Creator, ever mindful of His own. The Christian Spiritualist's contact with the Heavenly World, the loving supervision of the Spirit Guides, the consoling, truthful prophesies of the Angel messengers, place the believer in spirit phenomena in a position of positive conviction about his future life. Truly, he who has not this soul-satisfying belief is to be pitied. Just to be able to contact our beloved so-called dead in that world, which my father so often tells me is the reality, our earthlife being the dream—just to be cognizant of such a realm is to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still in the mortal.

Dr. Streeter stresses a beautiful truth—"Christ made possible an attitude, which we may call 'friendship' between God and man; in a sense he brought God down from heaven to earth." Then he says: "The modern world needs re-affirmation—of the conception of God's plan, and until the belief is revitalized that God has a purpose and a plan—not only for the world, but for every individual in it, and for the minutest details in the life of every individual," religion will not be a power.

Could we Christian Spiritualists give a better explanation of the aims of Christian Spiritualism, and the requirements necessary for successful contact with God and the Angel and Spirit World than this amplification of "The God Who Speaks"? From this pulpit you hear over and over again the admonition to learn **to make** the right condition. Whatever contact you make with the Spirit World depends solely upon the degree of your mental and moral development. Upon the intelligence and the sincerity of your quest will rest the results.

May God add His blessing to this message, and may some soul here, because of it, find The Way, The Truth and The Life that opens the way to "The God Who Speaks".



# When Were You Born?

By Mahrae

October 23 to November 22; sign Scorpio, ruling planet Mars—As a child this person will require very careful training in mental control, although the nature may at times be somewhat dreamy and there will also be those stubborn turns that will need careful psychological handling. The parents, particularly the mother, of a Scorpio child, would do well to study a course in child psychology. Coming of age there will be some tendency to emotional extremes. In occupation research and laboratory work along the lines of medicine, chemistry and other sciences might prove a source of very good income.

November 23 to December 22; sign Sagittarius, ruling planet Jupiter. These folks, while born with a fortunate ruling planet, will need to practice more than the usual restraint, particularly when it comes to money. A tendency toward gambling and speculation in some instances if given free reign will very often turn into wanting something for nothing. When the something is not forthcoming for nothing there will be a tendency toward self-pity, the greatest of all sins. In occupation with proper education these folks would make good writers, they can speak well and are very often found lecturing and traveling from one place to another. When fully developed their ideals are high and very often it is found that others are pleased to follow their example.

December 23 to January 20; sign Capricorn, ruling planet Saturn—This sign is governed by the goat and very often it is found that these people feel they are "the goat." The greatest weakness is self-pity. There is some brooding and there is a failure to see the good side of another. A continuance along these lines will lead to a withdrawal from their fellow beings. To those of this sign who feel they are worse off a study of metaphysics will be found to give them the immediate lift they are always looking for but somehow never reach. These folks are practical enough in a material sort of way but the planetary influences being psychological tend to keep them discouraged in spirit and in this manner throws a reaction on material affairs.

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## EARTHBOUND

Alone with the heart of the Almighty  
A star in the shapeless void  
My soul is struggling free once more  
Of all it once enjoyed.  
The spirit and the soul set free  
Then shall I let the memory  
Of Earth with chains so leaden  
Be closely wrapped about me still  
And hold me from a higher Heaven.

—Margaret Oliver



## THE HARP OF THE SOUL

By Caryl De Voe

The wonderful threads of life,  
 Interwoven in delicate strands,  
 Respond to the magical touch  
 Of skilful, invisible hands.

The music is weird at times,  
 That is drawn from the harp of the soul,  
 And the melody is often sad,  
 When waves of adversity roll.

But when deepest chords are struck  
 By a player who holds the heart key,  
 Then the harmony is divine  
 And swells at the surge of the sea.

When the hand is that of love,  
 And the depths of the being are stirred,  
 A song of the soul sublime—  
 A symphony thrilling is heard.

## I'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER

By

Margaret George

Numerology, an age-old science, governs the numbers of our lives. Vibration is the basic foundation of the great Cosmic Orchestra, to which all of us belong, and if we would work with, and not against it, we would find our places, and travel at the vibratory rate that is ours **individually**. Vibration, changes every twenty-four hours, so each day has an influence all its own. We must learn to bring out the harmonies of our inner self, through the adjustment to our numbers, and thus be able to express life fully, and at its best.

We are influenced by the vibrations that rule the Universe; also we have a personal vibration all our own. There is a Universal Year, changing every time a different number appears in a year, month, or day, and a Personal Year, likewise changing with time. Therefore, we each have a Universal Year and a Personal year, a Universal Month and a Personal Month; a Universal Day and a Personal Day. How we react to their numbers decides our success or failure in life for a number has a constructive, negative, and destructive tendency to which we can adjust ourselves, or change to attract to ourselves the things we desire. The three controlling influences in our life are the SOUL URGE, our heart's desire, the HOW of very move and thought you have; the EXPRESSION, the WHAT of our lives; and the LIFE PATH, the most important influence, the WHERE which we came into this life.

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# Hamlin Garland's 40 Yrs. of Psychic Research

By

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Most of us think of Hamlin Garland as a writer of sagas of the Middle West. As an author, he holds a place in the literary world few have attained. So when we Spiritualists learn he has been delving into psychic research work for 40 years, we are surprised and elated for we know, sooner or later, another noted name shall be added to the list of men, high in their profession, who started out expecting to expose the fraud angle of Spiritualism, only to finish their task as converts to the greatest religion the world has ever known, with its knowledge and proof of immortality for every soul.

In 1891, at the age of 31, Hamlin Garland became a member of the American Psychic Research Society. Today, at the age of 75, in his latest volume, "40 Years of Psychic Research" he records his experience in what he terms "subnormal events". The Spiritualist calls them direct spirit communication, pure and simple.

B. O. Flower, the noted Spiritualist, in choosing Mr. Garland as a member of this experimental research organization told the writer the reason they wanted him was because "you are so young, logical in your thoughts, and a close observer. Furthermore, you are not a mourner. You can approach an experiment with an unprejudiced mind."

Up to this time, Mr. Garland had not given spirit communication much thought. He remembered stories his father had told of his mother as a young girl, in the early fifties, acting as a medium. She and her brother, Franklin a child of five, were the chief actors. Settlers from all over the country came to his grandfather's house to investigate the mysterious raps and table moving which seemed to occur of their own volition. Chairs followed Isabelle, Garland's mother, upstairs and little Frank, who could not write or spell, wrote on slates long messages full of cuss words and obscene threats. To the Spiritualist this child's experience is easily explained. When people are beginning their development in the psychic (which was what Isabelle and Frank McClintock were unknowingly doing), their protective bars against undesirable entities are down. The undesirable entities are not always evil spirits, but more often are undeveloped forces seeking to demonstrate their immortality before they are developed or prepared to manifest. The result is that the medium's health and faith are affected, sometimes wrecked, or both the medium and the spectators are so frightened that they want nothing more to do with what Grandfather McClintock called "work of the devil". The Spirit who did the slate writing through the instrumentality of the five-year-old child was evidently an earthbound soul, and evil as proven by the language used.

One of Hamlin Garland's aunts, whom he describes as a gentle, lovely character, said, "These forces made my life a hell for two years".

We Spiritualists can see instantly that Mr. Garland, through hereditary, was cut out to be a psychic investigator, whether he admits the fact or not. the psychic experience of his mother's family was one of the main factors



in making his decision to join the Research Society.

The Boston papers announced the founding of the organization, and letters from people experiencing psychic mysteries began to pour in. The author says: "I became aware almost in a day of an amazing world of hidden outlaw forces, a world in which miracles were every day occurrences. On reading these letters it seemed possible for me to step at once into this region of the unaccountable. It was at my door—or just across the street."

The author's first experience was with a young girl of a laboring family, all of whom were intelligent, industrious, and pious. "All the members of this family accepted theappings on the walls and the movement of a dead boy. "It is his way of letting us know that he is still among us, 'his mother explained. She talked to an invisible, intangible son, and the family were so serious of purpose and so happy in their faith that I had no desire to question it in their presence." Mr. Garland writes. "—recalling my father's stories of my mother's similar mediumship, I felt in this circle something of the same religious awe with which my uncles and aunts had approached the sitting in Grandfather's pioneer cabin fifty years before."

Again to the Christian Spiritualist, this demonstration is explainable. "According to your faith," says Jesus. This family approached the manifestation with deep reverence, and they had absolute faith in the power of their little son to demonstrate. Therefore, he could do so.

Mr. Garland's next venture was with independent slate writing in the light. The medium and her husband, a skilled workman, were young and were in awe of the strange power they had developed. "We want to understand it. We are scared by it," they said.

A pair of hinged school slates, bound together with a strong cord, were held by the medium and Mr. Garland, who was determined to hold them so tightly they could not move. To his surprise they moved so furiously he was afraid they might be broken. When they were opened, a dozen lines of writing done by several different hands were written on the slates. Because none of the messages concerned him, Mr. Garland did not accept the test, thinking there might be a possibility of invisible writing, although the medium was little more than a child and had all the appearance of sincerity.

Materialization tests came next, but his experience was like that of many of us, and he, too, came to the conclusion that "some of the phenomena are genuine but they are so mixed with trickery that I cannot report on them."

Onset Bay, a seaside resort, something like Lily Dale, was Mr. Garland's next investigation. He talked with the elderly folk, from the farm, who had come down to talk with their beloved dead, and he found them so happy in their faith that he did not have the heart to disillusion them. They were serenely confident that their dead were sharing with them the pleasures of the summer outing. "The air is just full of loved ones. They meet us as we meet with them," they told him.

Mr. Flower when told of this colony, asked, "Wouldn't you like to get their religion?"

"Assuredly," Garland answered. "—but my faith must be built on the rock of scientific experiment."

"Is there such a rock?" Flower demanded. "We take the so-called facts of science on faith." Then he cited the cocoon turning into a butterfly. "What is the cocoon but a dark cabinet?"



Mr. Garland asked Prof. Dolbear, a member of the Society, if he had ever had anything inexplicable happen to him.

"Never but once," he replied. "One morning as I awoke and lay, dozing, gazing at the ceiling, I saw a cloud of vapor form above my head—and while I wondered and waited, an open hand came out of it and reached down toward me as if wishing to grasp one of mine. Thinking it an optical illusion, I reached up and grasped it. It was solid! With a yell I leaped out of bed and watched it disappear. That is my one contact with a spook. If the senses of touch and sight are worth anything, I saw and clasped a living hand. But with all that I won't swear it was not an illusion." (Not willing to believe his own eyes when Spirit went to all that trouble to try to convince him personally. Do you wonder, friends, at the patience of the Spirit World and God Almighty, Himself, with our stubborn mortal minds? Everything is shown clearly, before our own eyes, and—**yet we doubt!** "O ye of little faith!" Jesus says.

In Washington, Mr. Garland is surprised to find Socrates and Julius Caesar writing, in commonplace English, slate messages, to an elderly German doctor. The latter had no doubts as to the authorship of the messages, Mr. Garland, himself, admits that they "were on a very high level indeed. There was something touching in the doctor's wish to have me share in his conviction," the author says.

How many of we Spiritualists, eager to share our positive knowledge of immortality with unbelievers, bring forth abundant proof, only to have the investigator determined not to be convinced under any circumstances. Reminds us of one noted investigator, who declared he would not be won over, regardless of proof. From the Spirit Side of Life he now speaks, at every opportunity, about this determination of his not to be convinced of spirit communication. He tries, in this acknowledging of his stubbornness, to make some sort of amends for his earthly acts.

A favorable test Mr. Garland reports is that of a 16-year-old schoolgirl medium, who was able to move a table in the light. Her work left no doubt in his mind that it "was being lifted by an unseen force and held suspended in the air for a minute, possibly longer." (Many of you know that I and many of my students are able to move a table in the light.)

The next recording is of a sitting with a man Mr. Garland calls "Kelly," who "had a performance which some observers considered a brazen piece of legerdemain while others called it inexplicable." The author goes on to say, "I had several sittings with Kelly, and while I was warned against him as a trickster I could not discover any precise deceit. His 'act' was profitable. He owned a comfortable home and was well regarded by his neighbors. —I regarded this (Kelly's levitation act whereby a guitar rose into the air and bells rang) at the time as an entertainment.—My feeling then was one of amusement, but I am now able to record the fact that this man continued for half a lifetime to earn his living in this way."

We Spiritualists take exception to that statement, "continued to earn his living in this way." Mediumship, true, is a God-given gift, but it is a profession, also. We spend much time, effort, and money in developing our phases. One of my guides said recently: Rev. Barker, people do not hesitate to spend much time and money in preparing for the profession of law, medicine, and the Orthodox ministry, and the public take it for granted that prospective lawyers, doctors, and ministers should finish a four-year high school



course and a four years' college course, and in addition, spend at least, four years in their choice of professional training. Yet this marvelous gift from God and the Spirit World is being regarded by the public and even by the prospective mediums, themselves, as something given full-grown and perfect **instantly** to anyone who expresses a wish to heal, give messages, and lecture. It is not done that way, Rev. Barker—not the quality of work to which you and your Spirit Band aspire. God expects every spirit in the mortal and every spirit in the Spirit World to work for—to earn—the higher phases of mediumship. Stand your ground! Be not moved from your purpose! Aspire to such, and we shall be victorious, and shall be able to give humanity a very high form of spirit manifestation. Why shouldn't this man, if his mediumship were genuine, earn his living this way? Jesus says a servant is worthy of his hire.

Old Mr. Vickers, the famous theatrical manager, was an open advocate of the spirit hypothesis. He recommended a medium, who was "able to produce writing on a slate under the bottom of a goblet filled with water."

James A. Herne, the actor-dramatist, asked: "Why under a goblet of water?" McVickers answered: "For the reason that most people go to a medium expecting to witness a miracle. We all want messages to come hard, that is, to say under conditions impossible to ordinary people. We argue that the dead being free from limitations of earthly life, should be able to manifest their presence in direct opposition to what we call natural law. Hence we insist on their writing on locked slates and reading sealed letters. The poor psychics are forced to grant these tests. So far as my experience goes—and it covers a good many years—I have found most of them honest. Go see this woman—she is a wonder."

Garland went, and his tests were made under conditions of his own, "devised to make trickery impossible." This is his report on a slate writing seance that met every demand of his: "Whatever the character of the forces, I absolve the psychic from any deception." Later, he tells us: "—it was my policy to study, not to expose them" (mediums).

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### THE LAND OF TO-MORROW

If you were holier, you would not mind  
 The constant friction and occasional flare  
 Of temper. Truly then you would not care  
 That some are quite amused when most unkind!  
 How like the many others, semi-blind,  
 Who bow their heads so quickly to despair,  
 Because some trivial matter could ensnare  
 That greater peace which surely you could find!

Who will remember all your pretty whims  
 When fifty years have passed? Who then will care  
 That you were fretting here so long ago?  
 And cheerfulness is wise, for grieving dims  
 The finest faculties, and so beware!  
 There is no time nor place for empty woe!

—Emelda Deshaies



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### WHERE ARE OUR SO-CALLED DEAD

(Continued from page 8)

and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." If we are corrupt in our earth living, then we cannot enter the Kingdom of God when we pass out of the physical body, but must go to the Kingdom of Satan in Spirit—the Earth Bound Sphere—and remain there until we have redeemed ourselves and earned the right to enter the Kingdom of God.

In John 14:23, Jesus says, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him," That is, if we accept Christ, and follow His teachings while in the physical body, we shall inherit the Kingdom of God in the Spirit Side of Life. We cannot hope to enter the Kingdom of God unless we, as human beings, live worthy of such a reward. The Angel of the Lord, guarding the tomb of Jesus, told those who came to the sepulchre, "He is not here: for He is risen." Jesus promises us the things He did we can do also. He arose from the so-called dead, and so shall we, for we do not die, do not inherit a condition of silence, the silence of tomb, but inherit eternal life, for our spirit, the Spirit of God within each of us, is continuous as was the Spirit of the Christ. He proved it by His own ascension, and we too, when our spirit leaves our physical body, can ascend to the Kingdom of God as Jesus did. Whatsoever a man sows here in the earthplane, he shall reap in spirit in the Kingdom of God.



# BOOK CHATTER

(Most of these books can be bought through us. That way they cost you no more, and will add a few cents to our church funds. Let us order for you.)

Three books that should be read and reread by every Spiritualist, and every man and woman interested in the question of "Where do we go from here?" is Hamlin Garland's "Forty Years of Phychic Research", "Spiritualism's Challenge", by Edwin F. Bower, and "Eternal Verities", by Marcella DeCou Hicks.

The first two are reviewed as sermons, and published in the earlier pages of this number. The last will be reviewed as a sermon, and published in the next number of the Quarterly. You may wish to read this absorbing volume before the next issue is off the press, so we give you a brief review here.

Mrs. Hicks has spent, as she writes, "fifteen years in the most profound study of the fundamentals of authentic mediumship and Psychism in all its phases—developing my own mediumship during the process. I have come upon nearly everything which others treading the same path find disquieting aggravating and contradictory. Doubts have assailed me hundreds of times because I could not logically reconcile this thing with that. I have been driven to disgusted distraction by seemingly utterly contradictory matter. But doggedly I have hung on and determinedly I have ploughed through and I have been rewarded at last with a clarity of understanding that has given me peace and security. I want to help the struggler, wallowing in the mires of uncertainty, to the same security and peace."

"What Good is Spiritualism?" "Mediumship", and "Finally—What is Spiritualism?" are a few of the intensely interesting and instructive chapters, helpful alike to the professional, the beginner, and the investigator.

(Mr. Garland's book is published by Macmillan, \$3.50; Mrs. Hicks' by Aries Press, \$2.15; and Dr. Bowers' published at his own expense, \$2.00)

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Margaret George, whose column, "I've Got Your Number", is a regular feature of the Quarterly, is eager to have you read and profit mentally by Mary Adams' "Count Your Numbers".

This little volume tells you how to make your numbers count for harmony, success, and happiness in your life. Finding and influencing people, discovering your personality, and your dominant traits, and finding your true mate are explained in such simple language a child could understand how to go about accomplishing it. The chapters, "The Power Within You", "When, Why and How To Change Your Name", "Best Days and How To Find Them", and "How To Set Up A Chart" will give you the urge to put the instructions into immediate practice. The author says: "It cannot be too emphatically stated that Numerology is not a cage into which you are locked by an inexorable Fate but a vast garden of opportunities where you can choose your path intelligently. If pitfalls are indicated, make a detour and avoid them. If you discover weaknesses, then it is up to you to conquer them."—(Aries Press—\$1.00)

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"The Case For Astral Projection", by Syian Muldoon, will be reviewed



next issue as a sermon, as it is a very worth-while discussion of the subject.

Quoting from the astral experiences of a Mr. Oliver Fox: "Eighteen years ago, when I was a student at a technical college, a dream impelled me to start my research—Instantly the vividness of life increased a hundred-fold. Never had sea and sky shown with such glamorous beauty; even the commonplace houses seemed alive and mystically beautiful. Never had I felt so absolutely well, clear-brained, so divinely powerful. The sensation was exquisite beyond words; but lasted only a few moments, and I awoke. As I was to learn later, my mental control had been overwhelmed by my emotions; so the tired body asserted its claim and pulled me back." The thought then occurred to the young man that he might try to force his dream consciousness further—He finally did so, and after a sort of **click** occurred in his brain, he no longer seemed connected with his physical body, and he made his first conscious projection.—(Aries Press, \$2.15)

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Dr. Jacob Goldwasser's "Scientific Devolution and the Super-Man" was written during various stages of psychical regeneration, resulting in the author finally coming into a knowledge of the Absolute, the Source, which is Indestructible, Eternal. He is secretary of a tropical colony of Scientific Living in Panama, above Boqueron, in the Providence of Chiriqui. His book is an invitation to "Come all ye, gather round my table, and drink from the fountain of knowledge."

You may not agree with many of Dr. Goldwasser's views, but every one of them will make you think. He touches on scientific living, which has given him vibrant health, the perfect diet, how to achieve this rejuvenation of the physical body, God's little children, and the race of gods, and in between numerous other vital subjects that will aid man in his search after the perfect earth life.—(The author, Bouqueron, Panama, \$2.00).

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"The Art of True Healing", by Isreal Regardie, is a treatise on the mechanism of prayer, and the operation of the Law of Attraction in Nature, the best book of its kind so far coming to our desk.

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# Story of a Poisoning

By

Margaret McCallum

The Highland Seeress, Greenock, Scotland

I have a friend, whose uncle was my uncle by marriage. She lives in the same town of Greenock, but in the higher reaches of it. One day when I was shopping, I met her husband, and he was so miserable, I exclaimed: "What is wrong, Dan?"

"Bessie is dying," he answered "The doctor cannot make out what is wrong with her. If our own doctor would of been at home, it would have been different. He is away on a holiday."

I said: "I think she has been poisoned from eating something."

"We are all well, baring her, so I do not see what she could have eaten," Dan replied.

(They found out afterwards that I was right as she had eaten a piece of fish, and she was the only one in the house that ate the fish.)

"I am running for brandy," Dan went on. "I felt I should give her that, but I don't know what made me come this length to get it."

"Your wife's mother in Spirit, who loved me, would impress you to do so," I said. "I had not intended going out shopping today, as I had a lot of letters to write, but something made me do it. Dan, your wife will get better. I see a horseshoe right above your head, and that is always a good symbol to me. You go home, and I will ask the Spirit Doctors to help." I knew Dan did not believe in the Spirit People helping, but as he had known me since a child, and he liked me, and his wife believed, I hoped he would. I have great faith in our Healing doctors, who belong to our circle, and we have many remarkable cures to their credit.

When I got home, I asked my doctors to go up to my friend's house, and I prayed hard for her recovery. The earthly doctor told my friend that he had an experience with her case unlike any he had ever had in his life. After lunch he slept, and he had a dream that he was at Court listening to a case of poisoning regarding two men, who had been poisoned, and died after eating game at a hotel meal. Such a case really happened as I had read about it myself. He suddenly awoke, surprised that he had slept at that time of day as he was not in the habit of doing so. He, himself, ran for medicine, speeding his car to my friend's house. Her skin had turned black, and he was just in time. When my friend told me afterwards about this, I assured her it was the spirit Doctors who made him sleep so that they could impress him what was wrong, because when awake his mind was too active to get it.

She is as well and strong as ever now, and happy in knowledge that her loved ones have her in their care. When she was a girl, she knew about her mother materializing to me, when I was 21, at a circle in London. So she always had faith in Spirit Power.

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"Suppose you are full of aches and pains; you can get out of them. . . . The hardest thing about it is to make up your mind to do it. And did you know that once that resolve is taken there are hosts of vital forces standing ready to aid you? . . . Get to work and build up a body that you will be proud of and that will honor you by yielding you harmonious service! Get in tune with these forces that will continually point you to such a grand achievement that it will be a delight to polish up and adorn the beautiful temple we call the body that the Spirit may not be ashamed to dwell therein. . . . Arouse the vital spark within you that will give you no rest till you get in line and tune your habits up to the key to which the Almighty intended you to sing your song of life. To this end may God bless you."

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## Spirit Phenomena

Rose, The Sunlight,

Wife of Dr. Carson, records her experiences in the Celestial World.

(Continued from last Issue.)

"From the first I reveled in the glories and the beauties of my new life, but the main incentive which seemed to spur me onward toward the greatest effort of my life was this prayer: 'O Mighty Powers, give me the strength and the ability to impart to those who need it the good that I myself derive from my pilgrimage to the Summerland.'"

No longer burdened with the weakness of the flesh, I was young and vigorous and in the bloom of my womanhood. Those associated with me said, 'Never before was the name of "Rose" so appropriate to you as it is now, for you are indeed like a rose in full bloom.' I was glad indeed, for I wanted to be helpful to all with whom I came in contact, whether they were of the flesh or of the spirit. . . I was one who found pleasure in the beautiful things of life, as I had always done heretofore, I knew the temptation would be strong to linger with the throng of beauty and pleasure-loving beings who



were to be found everywhere in that grand and wonderful life.

After studying the possibilities of my new life, I came to this conclusion: I would enter the different avenues open to me, and with my experiences would gain something that I could impart to those receptive to me, either in the spirit or the flesh.

I liked the perfect system I found on that other side of life. I made up my mind to study conditions from the lowest to the highest.

At first I was delighted to visit with my friends and go places of interest I found in that other world, but with every experience the thought was uppermost in my mind that I must be about my work for which I had been called to higher life. I must go daily to the dear husband I had left with a double burden to carry. I must reach him with my love and my encouragement, and, by the influence I was able to exert over him, to make him overcome the lonely feeling occasioned by the absence of myself.

Although the life was new and wonderful to me, I felt perfectly at home, my mind clearer than it had ever been before, and I found it easy and interesting to plan out the details of my future.

I had been assigned to a beautiful home, with spiritual furnishings, rich and elaborate, but I realized from the beginning that only a small part of my time would be spent in that home. My entire being vibrated with activity. I was fond of my friends and the dear ones found on that other side, and it was delightful to be with them, but I was eager to take up my work.

I felt so strong and well that it seemed to me I was filled with a new and wonderful form of vitality. I was thankful for every past experience of my life, but it seemed to me that I had just begun to live. No time was wasted in unnecessary work, no hours spent in sleep, and the days were so long and delightful, with no darkness to intervene. When night had settled upon the earth, it was bright and beautiful in the Celestial Spheres, and both outdoors and within the homes the inhabitants of the higher life were passing the time in the pursuit of instruction or of pleasure.

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The CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST QUARTERLY is a splendid magazine, with its messages of companionship and love, but I miss "Your Health" column in the latest issues. Won't you please continue the subject for I believe it is very helpful, and I look forward to it?—I. R. N. Y. July 7, 1937. ("Your Health" column continued in this issue. Thank you for this suggestion.)

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