

The Greater World

"Glorious indeed is the world of God around us, but more glorious the world of God within us."

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A SONG OF PRAISE.

THE WONDROUS GLORY OF GOD.

Message given through MRS. NISBET, President of the Temple of Spiritual Knowledge, Rochford.

Blessed be the Lord God of Hosts. Blessed be the angels and archangels who praise Him. Blessed be they who follow and serve Him in the fullness of their strength, and may the eyes of men be opened, may their ears be unstopped, so that they shall know that the Lord of Hosts has sent forth His Own Chosen to serve His people on earth. Blessed are they who seek after truth and find it in the pathways of the Spirit. Blessed are they who mount the long winding path to heights unscalable except by the free and unspotted. Blessed are ye who come to be washed in the Blood of the Lamb, so that you can resist the world, the flesh, and the devil, and find God in the heights beyond.

He will pour forth His Spirit upon all flesh. He will heal and He will save through those acceptable unto Him, those who have been tried in the fires of sacrifice. He has led His chosen beside the fiery ordeal where the flames have leapt out to scar them; He has led His chosen through the tortuous path hidden in the rocky fastnesses, where no light from Heaven was, and He has brought them to the still waters of peace and refreshment. The God of Hosts has mercy upon all His children. That which they have done against Him He will enable them to wipe away. That which has been a reproach in His Sight He will help them to cleanse from their souls.

DIVINE MERCY.

He will remember not the iniquity and sins of those who turn to Him in repentance and faith, for by their tribulations they shall be washed whiter than snow. He will use the true and zealous in His service. He will remember not any of their deeds against Him, but He will teach them to worship Him and to do His bidding; and when they have discovered the mercy of the Lord they will take the glad news to their brethren and preach to them the doctrine of atonement and of peace between Heaven and earth. The God of Hosts is merciful as He is powerful. He will hold not anything against the repentant sinner, but for all the days of unrepentance must men suffer sorely; for their hardness of heart and their transgressions against Divine Law must they suffer.

God is righteous and He is just, and they in the High Places praise Him forever and ever. Even as

they work, even as they are despatched on their errands of mercy, even as they perform the many functions pertaining to their high estate, the angels and archangels continually praise Him, *O God Most High*; and into the mouths of men put they the words of praise. Feebly have the tongues of men proclaimed the power and might and love of the Lord of Hosts, but their songs of thankfulness are taken up on the waves of the Spirit until they reach the Throne of Thrones. The songs of praise increase their volume as they rise, for as the soul progresses towards the Lord so do the chants of praise ring stronger in the Heavens, so do those higher and yet higher acknowledge the Lord and all His mercies.

WHAT PROGRESS REVEALS.

As the souls of those who have lived on earth make their onward progress, the due appreciation of the Father's goodness becomes clear to them, until the greatest praise of all rings forth from cherubim and seraphim, angel and archangel, around the Throne of Grace. They so high do know and acknowledge the goodness of the Father, for their vision is wide and they see His mercy on every side. The feeble children of earth with limited, blunted sense, discern not the Majesty of God, and only in the High Places does the praise of Him ring forth with all significance and purpose and understanding.

But upon the lips of the dwellers of earth shall the words of praise be given, through the mouth of the uninstructed and the simple shall mighty truths be uttered, and within the humble heart shall be imprinted the Seal of God. The anointed ones shall be used as instruments of Light, they shall show to the earth children something of the praise due to the Lord of Hosts. They shall teach men how to worship Him and how to seek Him, that they shall be neither blind nor deaf to the teachings of the Spirit. From the beautiful blue, from the sunshine of the Spirit, shall descend the Glory of God to make the whole earth light, and in the days of man's repentance the calm and beauty of Heaven shall appear and the wondrous Glory of God.

(Mrs. Nisbet's control was seen clairvoyantly by a member of the Circle, who described him as an ancient patriarch.)

THE PURPOSE OF THE EARTH LIFE.

By ZODIAC,

A Teacher in the Temple at the Time of Our Lord. (Medium: WINIFRED MOYES, trance.)

Address given at the City Hall, Portsmouth, under the auspices of St. Paul's Christian Spiritualist Church, Gosport, on Sunday, January 10th, 1931.

Saviour Christ, into Thy hands I commend the spirit of this Thy child.

My dear children, so gladly I come amongst you to speak in this same way, and if there are those here who find it difficult to believe that a spirit disembodied for nearly two thousand years can come back and use the physical tabernacle of another, then I ask them to wait a while, to wait until their own earthly body is laid aside. Then they will have revealed unto them many miracles of God's grace, miracles so simple yet so strange—those things which demonstrate that the laws of God govern physical laws and even the disbelief of man's mind.

So to-night I say unto you all: I greet you with love in my heart and it is true that I know you well. Those you name your guides and your dear ones, we meet in the realms of light, and so I can say that we are friends and the word stranger cannot apply. I have come to bring unto you a message from the Christ. Oh think not that I claim too great an honour! There is not one here, not one little child, who cannot be as a messenger of the Christ. There are those who think on lines contrary to this, but again I say: let them wait until the earthly body is cast asunder and then they will know that my words were true.

DO THE INNOCENT SUFFER FOR THE GUILTY?

To-night I have been instructed to speak to you upon that which I name *The Purpose of the Earth Life*. I want at the outset to bring in those economic conditions which are causing distress to so many who have not the clear explanation which God meant should be their own. I want you to realise that those who are free from the body are not indifferent to the plight of so many upon the earth plane to-day; but free-will cannot be interfered with. That which appertains to-day is the direct result of what has been done by the free-will of man. You may answer me: "Yes, but the innocent suffer for the guilty," and I reply: It has been so since life was first created. But I would remind you that although the innocent suffer for the guilty, God's law of restitution, God's law of compensation goes on all the time; and although one here, one there, nay, countless thousands may suffer through that which is against the Divine Will, so again the Divine Will and the Divine Law can bring to the one concerned, or those many, that compensation which in the life to come shall show that God is not mocked and that His protective care is around all who suffer.

GOD IN EVERYTHING.

But I want you to think of the purpose of the earth life, I want you to realise that there is no gift, that you have nothing upon the earth plane, whether animate or inanimate in your language, which is not treasured by God. There is something of God in everything there could be, there is something of God in this material, (*stage curtain*), there is something of God in the wood upon which I walk, there is something of God in those lights which seem so bright to you, there is something of God in the vibrations around each one. Oh believe that there is naught that is *common* in the whole of creation! But I must remind you that some of those things brought into being by man have not been used as God intended. Many with the gifts of the earth mind abuse their powers; many with the gifts of the hands, of creating music and portraying upon the canvas the scenes of daily life, many have forgotten that there is a *life to come* and that in that life to come there is this great fact inescapable before each one: that the past must be retraced in thought,

that the past must be retraced in deed, and all that which is arraigned against the law of harmony and of love must be righted before the individual concerned can really progress.

CHILD SOULS.

Yet I would not sadden; the day has been over-saddening to you—the dark sky, the storm, the wind which has swept over house and hill, these things oft cast a shade over the mind of those upon the earth plane; but the storm and the tumult have their part in the great constructive plan. The purpose of the earth life must not be overlooked. There are those who take on a physical tabernacle and when they grow to man's or woman's estate, they feel that a so-called "good time" is their right. They turn from their lessons, they shrink from the discipline of the daily round. There are the young of every nation who long for that which they call pleasure, and there are some who seek pleasure by ungodly means. But forget not this: the earth life is of supreme value because during this stage the vast majority know right and wrong, the vast majority exercise their own free-will.

I would remind you of the far far past. Man was created in the Image of the Divine, pure, perfect, but without the gift of personal experience. So it was that long before the earth plane came into use for the purpose and the plan, man had to learn to govern himself, to control those gifts which had been granted unto him, and to put to a right use the opportunities which were all around. I want you to realise that this little globe—which seems of such importance to you—is one stage and one stage alone. You have taken your way as a living soul clothed in a garment, not of flesh but of something finer or something coarser than flesh. As a living soul you have had countless lives in other conditions, in those worlds which are beyond the imagination of man. Way back over the far far past you have lived your many lives, and now the stage has been reached when you have learned sufficiently to know the difference between right and wrong. Here, blinded, held by many restrictions, you take your way, it seems to some, in loneliness of heart. But that, again, is not the Will of God.

The Will of God is that there shall not be any barriers between the many worlds or states of existence; the Will of God is that man should commune with man wherever the individual may be; the Will of God is that you should hear the voice of the one who has gone on before; the Will of God is that you should see that precious soul close beside you in the home, but in a finer, lovelier body than the one you treasured so much.

But the Will of God has been turned from because those upon the earth plane followed the path of personal indulgence, those in the physical body forgot the simple laws laid down by God as Christ.

LOST CAPABILITIES.

Yet here again I have words of hope, words of great inclusive cheer. The purpose of the earth life shall be made plain to man as time goes on and then it will be seen that the troubles, the pains, the disappointments, the carping anxieties, that these are restoring to the individual what the individual has lost; then it will be seen that the gifts of the mind and the gifts of the hand were given for a purpose far beyond the imagination of man now and in the time of long ago. Oh forget not this: the gifts that you possess to-day are as echoes of those gifts bestowed upon the children of the Most High.

So I want to speak this night to the wiseacres

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to those who prize their intellect, to those who say: "Give me facts!" I speak to such as these in tones of love, even if my tones are stern. Brother, be not over-confident regarding that which you believe. Forget not that the time will come when the body of flesh will be laid aside, when that mind of yours, which seems so all-important now, will have lost its cunning, when the sight of your physical eyes will have grown dim. Then, brother, it will mean all in all to you how you lived your life upon the earth plane, whether you were compassionate and just, whether you were ambitious in the earth way and forgot to be ambitious in the God way. In the time to come when sight is made your own, then point by point shall be vouchsafed to you the study of the past, and in your new-found liberty a truer sense of values will be made your own, and the value of a tender heart, the value of an upright life will seem of first importance.

THE REAL PURPOSE OF LIFE.

The purpose of the earth life is so great, so merciful, so inclusive that this night I can but indicate a trend of thought, and you in turn must follow that trend of thought and make the truth your own. Within you is the Holy Spirit and by seeking you shall find. Within you is God and by applying the divine laws to the things of daily life, so it shall be proved to you that God's laws are true and God's laws are justice itself.

Now I wish to speak to the toilers, to those who are hard beset. I want to speak to the tired mothers, and to the boys and girls who have seen the ambition of their heart laid aside for the ambition of the Spirit. Be of good cheer, the purpose of your earth life is being worked out! If you had your earthly desires, so the desire of the Spirit must wait a while for fulfilment. If there were no storms and tumults, how could man grow, how could the seed planted in the darkness force its way into the light? So it is with you. The troubles of the earth plane are great and they must increase, but out of the troubles, out of the sorrows so shall come the resurrection of man. Out of the darkness so a great light shall be shown, and in that light shall be manifested your true Master, your truest Friend, Jesus the Christ, the One Who trod the earth plane and suffered not only as you suffer now, but suffered in a way you cannot understand while the earth mind holds.

So I want you all, especially those who are troubled at this time, to arise in Spirit, to allow something of explanation to filter through to the mind of the body and to realise that what a man sows he must reap; and this applies to countries, to nations and to worlds as well. What has been sown must be reaped, but in the reaping—though there are tares amongst the wheat—in the reaping there shall be shown many sweet flowers of the Spirit which were overlooked by searching man.

PROCESSES OF SPIRITUALISATION.

I would that I could come amongst you and throw over you the power of the Holy Spirit. I would that I could show you who are so hard beset, that the processes of release, the processes of spiritualisation, they are ever the same, whether in this world or in those many worlds through which you will pass. Out of that which is given up, so you take; out of that which seems to go wrong, so a mighty "right" is given instead; out of that which man does in ignorance, if in faith, so something is constructed for evermore, and I would that you could take this thought to heart.

You look out upon the world to-day and you see that which calls out your exclamation of admiration. There is the inventor, the constructor of earthly things. What has he done? What of those great ships in the harbour? Are they safe from the storms of earthly life? What of those inventions which defy time and space and the vibrations which govern the earth? Does not the thought of those

things constructed by man make you pause—pause to ask: "What of the constructor and what of the constructions when the earth life is no more?" I answer you with words of cheer. In those great constructions many have toiled, many have given their best; and when the ship or the vast building is no more, so in the conditions, there for evermore, is the beauty created by the patient worker. By that which has been torn from man, by the stilling of the word of complaint, by hearkening to the voice of discipline, lo, when earthly things are no more, beautiful, strong vibrations of Spirit remain as demonstration of the Divine within man.

THE CONSTRUCTIVE CHARACTER OF PAIN.

Much I would pass on, for there is that which tortures the mind of man! The earth life, so full of injustice, so full of sorrows—what is the meaning of it all? The meaning is glorious, the meaning is constructive as man has never grasped. It is clearing the path for you, my brother; it is clearing the path for you, my sister, so that when the earth garment is cast aside you shall walk free into the home which God has prepared for you, and the entanglements of the earth will hold you no more.

There is many a man and many a woman who when the earth life is over still cling to the earth. Yet those with spiritual power shall release them in time from the bondage which holds. To-night I draw in a vast host of the unseen, your loved ones, the little children and the angels of the Most High—witnesses to the love of God, witnesses to the law of God that naught can divide. In this hall, gathered here by your dedication, so those you love have come to do their part. Gathered here by your wish to hear the word of God, so your loved ones way back over the long past have gathered too. What is their message to you this night? To impress upon you again and again the importance of the earth life, the privilege of the earth life and the gift of the physical existence.

The roses bloom, and the roses fade away. The sunshine comes and then a cloud obscures the sun. The warm winds of the west are changed to the cold winds of the north. Each and every one has its place. If the rose did not die to this state, it could not bloom in the brighter planes of Spirit. If the body that holds you now were not cast aside, what would you know of real truth, what would you have of real gifts, what would you experience of joy? The mind of man to-day may seem great. It is a valuable tool; it is a tool that can be used for a divine purpose, but when man passes into Reality he finds that the finest brain upon the earth plane is as a child's intellect in comparison with those who are free who trod the path of duty when the body held.

THE VALUE OF THE EARTH MIND AND BODY.

So I say unto you, brothers: Prize the earth mind in this sense, and this sense alone: It is something which will allow you to have something better when you are free. Prize the strength of the physical tabernacle in one sense alone: The physical tabernacle, if used for the spreading of God's truth, if used for the protection of others, that physical tabernacle will lead on to a body charged with power; and then, even as God desires, by thought you shall create some of the wonders of the Spirit. By holy desire you shall set into the conditions harmony of sound—the music of the spheres. By dedication, again, you shall bring into life those things which you love the best.

So I ask you to be practical in the Spirit way, I ask you to use that gift of commonsense which is your own, and to commune within. To-day passes, to-morrow must come; the earth life—so short, so brief to us—the earth life will soon be over for you, and then as men and women imbued with power, or as men and women with a feebleness of mind and a feebleness of garment, you will take your way.

Is it not worth while to have a little struggle, is it not worth while to have a little pain, is it not worth while to go without now so that in the sweet by-and-by you may have and hold for evermore? The way of the Divine within you is sweeter than you imagine. You strive and it seems, perchance, that you fail; but in God's sight and by the law of the Spirit, you strive and you attain. What seems to happen upon the earth plane is of little importance in comparison with real life, the life which concerns that soul within.

CATASTROPHIES AND SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

The days are speeding fast. By the power of the Holy Spirit I have foretold that certain things will come to pass. In that hour, in that day, let it be that you are amongst the pioneers, amongst the brave souls, the leaders of others; that you stand unafraid, confident not in yourselves but in your God, knowing that one step to the left or one step to the right means that the companions of the Spirit are there with you, enduring with you, protecting so far as possible and ever leading you out of the things which seem into those things which are.

There must come upon the earth plane that which man calls catastrophe, but I want you to think of this with no fear in your heart, I want you to face that which lies in front, knowing that with Christ in your heart and mind naught that is evil can touch you. And more than that, that your part shall be the man's part or the woman's part in the God sense; that you go to others with your sure protection and calm their fears, that you shall say unto them: "The earth life is as a school time. Soon you pass into brighter conditions, and then the lessons, so hard to learn, will be forgotten in the joy that is your own."

There is a peace here not of the earth at all. There is a joy here which has been brought out of the conditions of joy. Amongst those who listen to my words in the physical body there is the pioneer soul; yes, many, many! There are disciples here waiting for the call, and the call has come this night. Oh be as warriors in the Christ sense, be as leaders in the God way! Then what the future holds can be met by you with calmness, with fortitude, and more than that, with a sense of peace which is the Will of God.

The purpose of the earth life must be worked out for you as in the time of long ago it was with us. Persecutions were many, but we were content to meet them as part of our portion and as part of the holy plan. There are persecutions to-day, but they are of a different character, persecutions which attack man, persecutions which attack woman—the persecution of anxiety, the persecution of poverty, and the persecution of a wavering faith. But to-night there is for you another start, to-night a glorious future is held out before you, if only you will do your part. Great things must come to pass! Great things can come to pass in the human soul and in the human mind. You each one can demonstrate that the Holy Spirit governs the earth laws, the earth life and even those things which man has done against the Divine Will.

MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

Oh dear children, I long to linger among you and to speak to you upon those many subjects which throb through the earthly mind. There is love; you understand it not! There is hope; it is like a dying light to-day! There are the gifts of the mind, but so oft they are abused. There is the story of creation, and there are some here who would like to know the truth. I would that I could be among you and could take that medley in the earth mind and loosen the knots, smooth out the tangles, set you free from earthly thinking and give you the gift of divine comprehension instead. Then it would seem unto you that the earth life was a treasure, hidden perchance. Then it would seem

unto you that the earth life was a privilege too great for you to understand. Then it would seem unto you that the Christ road was all that matters. On the Christ road it seems to some that the thorns are thick; but they touch that which is material alone. Around us and above us is the power of the Holy Spirit, bringing compensation, bringing illumination, bringing a freedom which indeed is worth the pain the thorns impose.

COMING MANIFESTATIONS OF SPIRIT POWER.

I plead with you, and I plead with the instruments in this temple this night. I want for each and every one the very best; I want when the earth life is over, for you to pass into spiritual power, spiritual light and spiritual joy. Therefore, my children, go over that which is your household, and over the gifts which are therein stored; go over that which is your own and see what you have gathered in—the abilities of the earth mind, the strength of the earth body. These things will then fall into their rightful position, to be used for the bringing of the Kingdom upon the earth plane, to be used for God! There are those here who shall witness a manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon the earth plane which shall baffle the earth mind of others to explain. There are those here who, charged with the power of God, shall do those miracles which Christ has promised to the faithful heart and to the obedient mind.

The time has sped. I must leave you in this same sweet way, but I would reassure again and again. The purpose of the earth life is so clear when the earth life is over; but while the body holds many as blinded children wander hither and thither and know not what lies in front. The purpose of the earth life is to set you free from that which binds; the purpose of the earth life is to show to man, if man is faithful and true, that though bound by the physical, he can demonstrate those God-like gifts which are his own.

Peace be among you! In front, glorious in its radiance, is the Cross of Jesus the Christ, protection for each and every one—the protection of the power of sweet simplicity. So then, my brothers and my sisters, as you take your earth way, I entreat you to be practical in the Spirit sense, to build not for the little earth to-morrow, but to build for the spiritual to-morrow which can represent eternal day.

I draw down, by the power of God, His peace. Resting upon each one, even as tongues of fire, so the Holy Spirit is there, giving, *but you must take*, giving and giving over the days, over the centuries until at last the children of God arise and take those gifts which their Father would have them possess. Peace and again peace! . . . There are some here whose eyes have been opened and they see the Radiant One. There are some here who witness the little children free from the earth body, passing along the rows, giving a flower to each one, the flower of remembrance, the flower of love.

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS FUTURE.

I bless you, dear child (*Mrs. Dring*), by the power of Christ. Let the path in front, though steep, though piled with obstacles, be trodden by you with a great great faith. Set your standard firm for Christ. Call to those around you to rally to your side, and I say that there shall come many whose existence you knew not and they shall show themselves as friends in very truth. Plant the standard of the Christ and call and call and call until the earth body is no more; and then by that which you have constructed so those in the dark realms shall leave their imprisonment and join the army as well.

A great and glorious future! What can be yours can be yours and yours (*congregation*) as well, and when the earth life is ended you will find it hard to forgive yourselves if you turned a deaf ear.

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INTERESTING PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

MATERIALISATION OF SPIRIT GARMENT.

The photograph published below was taken on Wednesday, December 23rd last, at Mrs. Lilly's circle held at 19, Bessborough Gardens, S.W.1. The plate has been placed at our disposal by Mrs. Redmore, of Greenwich, who paid a visit to our office on January 15th. It was Mrs. Redmore who took the photograph with her own camera and plate, the latter being developed immediately after the exposure.

The result was the supernormal impression of a cross. The light rays acting on the chemical film of the plate must have been very intense, something like that of the writing on the scotograph we printed in our issue for December 12th. The cross does not appear to have been formed by ectoplasm, but seems to have been registered on the plate by a direct application of light rays.

CLEAR "EXTRAS."

Mrs. Lilly did not sit with the circle, but was present in the room when the photograph was taken. Undoubtedly her mediumship helped to produce the psychic result, for on several previous occasions Mrs. Lilly obtained clear "extras," the best one being perhaps the face of her North American Indian guide "Running Waters." Once the face of Mrs. Redmore's husband, in Spirit, was impressed on an unexposed plate in possession of Mrs. Lilly. Mrs. Redmore has shown us the plate. The "extra" is quite distinct, although not more than about three-eighth of an inch in diameter. The face was easily identified by the members of the family, including those who have not investigated and are not in sympathy with this Truth.

Last week we printed an article by the Rev. H. T. Lovejoy, L.Th., entitled "What I have learnt about the Spirit World." One of the psychic

phenomena which astounded him most during his investigations was the materialisation of his wife's etheric body, and the cutting off with scissors, by the spirit herself, of a piece of her raiment four inches square in size. He was warned that this material would quickly evaporate, if exposed to the light. Although preserved in a bottle and in darkness, the Rev. Lovejoy stated that the fragment of cloth "of an apparently silken nature" had already shrunk to the size of a shilling piece and had turned from white to brown in colour.

HUSBAND MATERIALISES.

An almost similar manifestation has recently been experienced by Mrs. Redmore at one of Mrs. Lilly's private materialisation seances. The spirit form of Mrs. Redmore's husband materialised by her side and was visible to the sitters by the use of a luminous board carried by the spirit himself. He showed his garment and told his wife by direct speech

that he would tear off a piece which she would be able to keep, but it was not to be shown to sceptics or it would dematerialise.

WHAT THE MATERIAL LOOKS LIKE.

The sound of tearing material was then heard quite distinctly, and the spirit form pushed the torn off piece inside Mrs. Redmore's hair. After the circle she removed it and placed it in a booklet. When Mrs. Redmore visited our office on the Friday of last week, she showed us the piece of "cloth" in slightly shaded day light, although she has received no instruction in regard to light effect. The material was about two inches by one-and-a-half inches in size and looked like white artificial silk, fairly coarse in texture, something like handwoven linen cloth. The ends were loose on all the four sides, and the portion of material had every appearance of having been torn out of a larger piece.

THE BIBLE AND SPIRITUALISM.

The REV. GEORGE WARD, of Forest Hill, S.E., will give a special series of addresses at the *Christian Spiritualists' Congregation*, 35, Cresswell Road, Twickenham, on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., on "The Bible and Modern Spiritualism." The subjects will be:

- Jan. 27th: *Joseph, the Divine Dreamer.*
- Feb. 10th: *Elisha and Clairvoyance.*
- Mch. 2nd: *Elijah's Spirit Writing.*
- Mch. 9th: *The Levitation of Philip.*
- Mch. 23rd: *Materialisation of the Christ.*

It is suggested that visitors should bring their Bibles for reference. Questions and discussion will be invited

WILLESDEN HEALING CENTRE.

A happy party gathered at 189, Willesden Lane last week for the opening of the Willesden Healing Centre by Madame Arnee. After a beautiful address, given through Madame Arnee by her Egyptian guide, Mrs. Lilly gave many clairvoyant descriptions, which were all recognised. Particulars regarding services and healing circles appear on page iv.

MYSTICISM AND MODERN LIFE.

MRS. GRAHAM (*Aelfrida Tillyard*) will hold six Discussions on "Mysticism and Modern Life" in the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, by invitation of the Rev. C. J. MORTON, at 5.30 on Wednesdays during the Lent Term, beginning January 27th.

The speaker on February 10th will be Mrs. DIMOCK, Member of the Council of the G.W.C.S. League. Her subject will be "Mysticism and Spiritualism." The other lecturers will be dealing with Mysticism in relation to a) Human Affections, b) Science, c) Education, d) Health, and e) the Church.

MR. F. H. HAINES IN LONDON.

Many people will be glad to know that Mr. F. H. Haines will be taking two evening services in London in the near future: On Jan. 31st at Rochester Square Temple, Camden Town, and on Feb. 6th at The Friendship Centre, 85, Lancaster Gate, W. The trance addresses given through Mr. Haines are of a very high order.



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Two impromptu songs were rendered by Miss Braggins—"Into Thy Hands" and "Bride with me."

Although the service did not finish till 9 o'clock, a great auxiliary event appeared in the Bradford Daily Freeman on Monday morning.

ZODIAC SERVICE AT PORTSMOUTH.

From Mrs. Doby, President of St. Paul's Christian Spiritual Mission, and Vice-President of the Christian Spiritual Fellowship:

I wish to thank you on behalf of the local Christian Spiritual Fellowship, for the beautiful service that you held at the City Hall on January 15th.

The wonderful things of Zodiac's address: "The Purpose of the Earth Life" proved a great inspiration to all, and will be a lasting memory in the hearts of my people.

We shall look forward with great joy to your return visit and wish you every success, with best wishes from the Christian Spiritual Fellowship.

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After I had given the meeting from the Bible, I saw a canopy of blue suspended on four golden poles. From behind through the canopy, the face of the sun, was shining brightly. Then I noticed that Miss Joyce was looking at a substance that appeared to be a beautiful spirit form. The medium was surrounded by children who were in the platform and also over the audience.

Mr. E. Scarborough, Hon. Sec. of the Christian Spiritual Fellowship:

I saw a very good man with a long beard, the top of which was white. His robes and head-dress were white, and his eyes and hair were a purple light. As he walked in the air, rays and lines of the violet were springing up every where. It was a beautiful sight.

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The Rev. H. W. Rendell, of Portsmouth, writes to Mr. Joyce:

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I can assure you of my sympathy with your work in The Greater World, and I shall be happy at any time to do whatever I can to further the cause of Christian Spiritualism. I am confident from my own experiences that it is only as we know the Spirit and Presence of the Christ within our own hearts that we can hope for the spreading of the truth and for His light to permeate and enfold the whole of God's creation.

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The medium was surrounded by children who scattered petals on the platform and also over the audience.

Mr. E. Newbery-Coles, Hon. Sec. of the Christian Spiritualist Fellowship:

I saw a very aged man with a long beard, the type of an ancient Jew. His robes and head-dress were white, and round and over him was a purple light. As he walked to and fro, roses and lilies of the valley were springing up everywhere. It was a beautiful sight.

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SANCTUARY OPENING. POSTPONED TO MARCH 12TH.

The date for the Dedication Service of "Greater World Sanctuary" which was provisionally fixed for February 27th, has been postponed a fortnight and will definitely take place on Saturday, March 12th, at 6 p.m. Some structural alterations are being effected in the building, including the strengthening of the floor of the meeting room, and it is possible that the necessary work will not be completed until the end of February or early days of March.

Practically the whole of the seating accommodation was applied for within 36 hours of the announcement that admission would be by invitation only. However, it is intended to admit additional visitors to one or two large adjoining rooms to which the service may be relaid.

EASTER IN LOVELY DEVON.

Easter will be early this year, Good Friday being on March 25th. Zodiac will be speaking at The Greater World Church of the Spirit, Bickington, on Good Friday, and on Easter Sunday at the Plymouth Christian Spiritualist Temple.

Any visitors who wish to spend the holiday at the Greater World Bungalow, Bickington, should apply to Miss McEvoy as soon as possible. If all the rooms are taken, there is plenty of accommodation in the little village.

Spring in lovely Devon must be seen to be realised! Those who feel tired and strained after the dark days of winter will find a wonderful refreshment in this pretty corner of England.

Miss McEvoy, the founder of the Church at Bickington, is coming to London at the beginning of March, and will be taking meetings at Haringay and West Ealing. If any other Church would like to have her services, application should be made to Greater World Bungalow, Bickington, S. Devon.

PROPAGANDA MEETINGS.

Week after week the Zodiac meetings are crowded by earnest people interested in the higher aspects of Spirit return and communion; and day by day numerous letters are received from all over the country bearing witness to the help and enlightenment gained from Zodiac's addresses.

We draw our readers' attention to the series of special meetings mentioned below. Whether it is Cannock, Nottingham, Croydon, Woolwich or Weaste, we know there is a large public ready for the Christ teaching regarding what is known as Spiritualism.

MISS VIOLET BURTON'S LECTURES.

A new series of Lectures, under the title of Universal Teachings, are being given by Miss Violet Burton at 78, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, W.2, on Thursdays at 11.30, Sundays at 11, and Tuesdays at 9 p.m. The subjects of the Lectures are given on page ii. Special Healing meetings by Mr. H. Lonsdale are held on Fridays at 8 p.m.

ZODIAC AT CANNOCK, NOTTINGHAM, CROYDON, WOOLWICH AND WEASTE.

Jan. 24.—Special Service at 3 p.m. at St. Joan's Christian Spiritualist Church, The Public Rooms, Cannock. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Annie Perkins.

Jan. 31.—The Empress Ball Room, Arnold, 6.30. Special meeting organised by the Daybrook and Arnold Spiritual Church. Visions by Mrs. Hockley.

Feb. 7.—Croydon Spiritualist Church, Ruskin Hall, Wellesley Road, West Croydon, 6.30. Aura Readings by Mrs. Dimock.

Feb. 14.—Town Hall, Woolwich, 6.30. Special meeting organised by the Woolwich and Plumstead Spiritualist Church. Clairvoyance by Mrs. Annie Johnson.

Feb. 21.—Weaste Cinema, Eccles New Road, 6.30. Special meeting organised by the Weaste Christian Spiritualist Church.

WELL ATTENDED HERNE BAY SERVICE.

The meeting room of "Greater World House" was taxed to its utmost capacity on Sunday last when Mrs. CONSTABLE took the service. One of her high guides delivered a very spiritual address on "Divine Love." He said each one can be an apostle, can be one who prepares the way for the Christ; that it is only Divine Love that has the power to free man from his fetters.

During the address Mrs. Pattinson, of "Argyle House," had a vision of The Master standing on a mount with His arms around a large white Cross. A beautiful golden light was shining, and in the background she saw hills and valleys. At the very moment when Mrs. Pattinson experienced this vision, Mrs. Constable, under control, turned towards the side where the Presence Form of Christ manifested.

The medium then gave ten spirit descriptions and passed on messages. Everything she said was received as correct by the people she spoke to.

Mr. Gosling presided.

While conversing in the morning in regard to the passing of Mrs. Mabel Beatty, Mrs. Constable was entranced by her control, who gave the hostess and guests a most comforting message about the departed one's entry into the Light.

The speaker for Sunday, January 24th, will be Mrs. BONSER; address and clairvoyance.

THE PASSING OF MRS. MABEL BEATTY.

Many people felt a sense of great loss when they heard that Mrs. Beatty had passed into the Higher Life; but we would not dwell on that side so much as on the constructive work started by Mrs. Beatty here, which we know will be carried on still more effectively in her new conditions.

Since Jan. 3rd until her passing on the 13th Mrs. Beatty was practically unconscious. We are thankful to know that much of the pain which might have been her lot was lifted from her by those in the Spirit.

On two occasions Mrs. Beatty has stayed at Greater World House, the second time accompanied by her devoted friends, the Misses Bear. In our issue of Dec. 5th we published a review of her new book "The New Gospel of God's Love," which is the third of a series of Teachings given of "The White Brotherhood" through her hand. These books appeal to a large number of readers interested in the philosophical side of this great Truth.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EARTH LIFE (Contd. from p. 39).

to the Voice of the Spirit. Love for you fills my being, yet if I were too loving in the earth sense and I praised and did not warn, then when you pass into Reality you could rightly call me a traitor to the name of friend. Because I love, so I seek to guard; because I love, so ever and ever again I must forewarn; because I love, so I strive with the Spirit within and I ignore the mind of the body, for the Spirit within has the will to climb when so oft the mind of the body cries for rest.

Peace be with you! The golden Cross of Jesus the Christ athwart these conditions I leave as a legacy for those who enter herein; and, please God, many a careless man and many a careless woman shall be careless no more because of that which has taken place this night. Thus the blessing rests upon each one.

Master, give unto us all that great courage which Thou demonstratest, so that whatever the strain we go on our way fixing our eyes upon the highest point; carrying the cross not with sadness, but with a sense of the great privilege which is our own. Master, grant that this indeed may be so.

Farewell, dear children. I would that I could have come amongst you to give that which is my gift from God Himself. Farewell, but we shall meet again.

"EXPOSURE OF H. DENNIS BRADLEY."

GEORGE VALIANTINE'S REPLY TO FRAUD CHARGES.

The International Psychic Gazette Ltd. (69, High Holborn, London, W.C.) has published a threepenny pamphlet of 22 pages, called "Exposure of H. Dennis Bradley—Being an account of his efforts to discredit a famous voice medium and 'Smash Spiritualism;' with George Valiantine's reply."

The Chairman of the G.W.C.S. League's Board of Literature dealt with Mr. Bradley's latest book, " . . . And After," in our issue for October 24th last under the heading "Spiritualism Maligned," subjecting his tactics to a frank review. The I. P. GAZETTE also took a fearless stand against Mr. Bradley's attack upon Spiritualism. We quote from the pamphlet Mr. Valiantine's letter to the Editor of the I. P. GAZETTE:

LETTER FROM VALIANTINE.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of October 25, enclosing proofs of your review, for which kindly accept thanks. I think it is a fine article and appreciate your kindness in taking so much interest in me.

I was very much surprised when the Editor of one of our papers here in Williamsport called me by telephone and told me that Mr. Bradley was writing a book denouncing me as a fraud, and he asked me what kind of a man Bradley was. I told him, as far as I knew he was all right.

I am perfectly innocent of the charges made against me. It looks to me as though it was a frame-up, as there were none of my friends present at the sitting, and, therefore, they had everything their own way.

As far as the weeping is concerned, they certainly did abuse me, which hurt my feelings very much. They tried to make me admit that I made them (the imprints) and I told them if they could explain it, to go ahead and do so, as I could not; and I told them it was beyond me, and that I was perfectly innocent of any wrong-doing.

The night before I left, Bradley urged me to have a sitting, which I did. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley and myself sat as usual, but we could not get any voices, only the movement of the trumpet, and Bradley, after the sitting, became very angry because we did not get anything and said he was going

to smash Spiritualism. The next morning I left for Southampton.

They threatened to denounce me to the world, by the *International News*, that I was a fraud. I told them to do just as they liked, as I was innocent, and he (Bradley) wanted me to leave London by the next boat, and for me to cancel the arrangements we made with Dr. Vivian, of Southbourne, which I did not do. He did not want the newspaper men to know when I left England, fearing that the reporters would interview me.

Noel Jaquin took my toe and foot prints, six times, and I would like to know why it was necessary to take them so many times, and as all the prints were mixed up, mine with those of the Spirit prints, which we had gotten, they could easily have taken two copies of mine to Scotland Yard and said one was supposed to be that of Sir Arthur's. At the first sitting we had for finger prints, the prints of all those present were taken, but after that, only mine were taken. Why was that?

"I AM INNOCENT."

I could not understand why Dennis Bradley, after writing two books on Spiritualism and lauding me as one of the greatest mediums of to-day, would deliberately turn around and denounce me as a fraud; but since reading your article, I can clearly see what is at the back of it all: that he wants to return to the Catholic faith, and before doing so, he wants to make amends, and is taking this means to do so by denouncing me as a fraud and thus try to smash Spiritualism.

I am enclosing herewith an article which was printed in our Williamsport *Sun*. I was interviewed by a reporter here.

What seems so strange to me is that there was nothing in the New York papers about it; but it is my opinion that Bradley wanted the paper of the City in which I live to know about it.

In conclusion, I wish to state again, that I am perfectly innocent of the charges made against me.

Again thanking you for your interest in the matter, and trusting that everything will be all right, I am, sincerely,

GEORGE VALIANTINE.

November 7, 1931.

Williamsport, Pa., U.S.A.

FALCONER CASE: APPEAL POSTPONED.

The Falconers' appeal to the High Court of Justice at Pretoria against the Johannesburg Magistrate's sentence has met with a further postponement and will now be heard only in March at the earliest. We understand that when the Magistrate passed his judgment, the defendants' lawyer asked for a period of three days within which to pay the fines. This request was flatly refused, nor would the Magistrate allow two days or one or even half a day, but he eventually agreed to one hour to raise the money, in spite of the bail deposits and although the lawyer offered his personal guarantee!

One of our S.A. readers writes us that some time in December police agents went to the Spiritualist Hall with a search warrant, and took away any oversea magazines in which reference was made to the case. Our friend has also informed us that she has learnt that two donations of £10 each towards the Defence Fund have been received in Johannesburg from readers of THE GREATER WORLD in Scotland and Switzerland respectively.

DEFENCE FUND.

On Dec. 26th we announced that we had collected in London altogether £122 0s. 9d. We have since received another donation of £5 from a reader who wishes to remain anonymous. The proceeds of the Fund organised here and in Johannesburg are being handed to Mr. McDonald, the generous gentleman who has paid the legal expenses and the fines. Prior to the Falconers' arrest, Mr. McDonald obtained an excellent "extra" which we hope to be able to

publish in due course. Early in the morning on the day of the police action, Mr. McDonald went into a deep trance and one of his guides advised Mrs. McDonald to persuade him not to leave the town—for it was his intention to go to Pretoria that day—because he would have to stand by the "Falconer boys" who would have great trouble before the day was over. Mr. McDonald followed the advice, and a few hours later the arrest took place.

WORK IN LONDON.

Craig and George Falconer are now training for regaining the power to take psychic photographs. They will be practicing their gift at the *Bayswater Healing Centre*, founded by their mother, Mrs. Margaret Falconer, and her husband, Mr. Fraser. Mrs. Falconer is greatly blessed with psychic gifts and many people are deeply indebted to her for the help they have received through her mediumship. The Centre in Bayswater is at easy access from most parts of London. (Full particulars will be found on page 47.)

THE TRANSITION OF MRS. CLAUGHTON.

The transition of Mrs. Claughton, the wife of Mr. Harold Claughton, President of Rosse Street Christian Spiritualist Church, Saltaire, took place on Jan. 14th. Mrs. Claughton has done much for the spreading of this Truth, and was loved by the members of the Church. A Memorial Service will be held in the Church on Jan. 24th, at 6.30.

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ROMANCE OF THE BUILDING OF A CHURCH.

THE RESULT OF FAITH AND HARD WORK.

The members of many Spiritualist centres in all parts of the country hope that they may one day vacate their rented hall and move to their own church. From time to time wonderful facts come to our notice of how a building has been brought into existence. One of these inspiring accounts is given below, showing that much can be accomplished by the few when they have the same ideal and are prepared to make personal sacrifices. This

Council, the foundation cut, 139 cart loads of earth taken away and 20 tons of concrete put in. On April 14th, 1930, the second day of "Summer Time," the first brick was laid by a Trustee. The extra hour of day light was most valuable, as the bulk of the work was done after the men had finished their daily employment. The building was completed in October 1930, the week-end "Summer Time" ceased. What happened within those six



relates to *St. John's Christian Spiritualist Church of Philadelphia, Co. Durham, affiliated to the G.W.C.S. League.*

THE ACQUIREMENT OF A SITE.

The full history of the band who for three years met in a school-room, sitting upon desks, cannot be given, but they were imbued with the desire to serve and to do. First the church was planned and put on paper bit by bit by an architect, who proved a heaven-sent friend. A plot of 515 square yards of land was purchased free-hold on Dec. 31st, 1929. The Agent of the local collieries was approached, and, coming in contact with the Spiritualists' enthusiasm, he offered them an old engine house, more than a mile from the site, which had to be dismantled. This yielded about sixty thousand bricks, which were cleaned mainly by less than a dozen women. A local builder responded by transporting the bricks free of charge.

In due course the plans were passed by the

months must be left to the readers' imagination.

HOW THE MONEY CAME.

The Church had £105 at the bank when the first brick was laid. The completed building, fitted with low pressure central heating, electric light, and seating 200 people, is valued by the Insurance Corporation at £2,000. At the opening date, Oct. 18th, there was a debt of £350, this being a free loan by Members, for an indefinite period. Donations from friends and sympathisers came in as the work progressed. Truly prayer and faith set many wheels in motion!

The Church is carried on in the spirit of self-denial. An offertory box is used instead of making collections. The services are taken by unpaid speakers, and the cleaning and all other mundane tasks are done in a voluntary manner. Membership embraces all who accept Jesus Christ as Leader. A Sunday School provides Christian teaching for a large and happy band of children.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

A Vision experienced by MISS E. NICHOLSON.

After much pondering and wondering as to which was the right way, after reading this and that opinion concerning the Christ, and after studying hard to find the truth—I cried out in my soul: "God, help me to find the right way!"

One night I went to bed weary and worn out mentally with the strain of weeks of uncertainty and doubt. In the early hours of the next morning I was awakened by voices and a bright light. I found myself lying in the roadside somewhere near to Jericho. Like one knows a place one has lived in, so I positively knew this scene. Oh, how weary and worn out I felt! Even though the voices drew nearer, I could not lift myself from the ground. They came nearer, these voices, and then I beheld a cavalcade of men and asses. The foremost of these rode his ass, the others walked and led theirs. As they drew near to me so that he who came first could be seen clearly by me, he stooped down and asked me in tones so kind and loving, unmatched even

by a mother's to her child: "Art thou weary, art thou languid, art thou sore distressed? Come to me!" He stooped and lifted me on to his ass so close to his bosom that I felt my weariness depart. Oh, the love I felt from him as he added: "and be at rest!"

I now beheld his face very clearly, and though the sceptics may scoff and even jeer, *the face was that of the Christ!*

I walked on air for days, and only my own lack of faith and patience prevents me from continuing to live in this condition.

(NOTE: Miss Nicholson and her co-worker, Mr. J. Sutton, of Darlington, gave clairvoyance at the Zodiac service at Durham Town Hall on Whit Sunday last. They specially journeyed to Sheffield on January 17th to hear Zodiac again. We understand that Miss Nicholson and Mr. Sutton will take the service on Sunday, January 24th, at St. John's U.S. Church, Philadelphia, a picture of which is given on this page.)



GIFTED TRUMPET MEDIUM OF NEW ZEALAND.

FORTY SPIRITS MANIFEST AT ONE CIRCLE.

Review by MISS J. STEPHEN.

"SPIRIT VOICES." Compiled by H. Montague Crane. (Alex Wildey, Ltd., Christchurch, New Zealand.)

The keynote of this book, which bears throughout its pages the stamp of absolute sincerity, may be taken from the opening words of the first chapter:

"Truth is stranger than fiction. Strange indeed is the truth contained within these pages, so strange that many who read will scoff and say: 'Surely this is fiction.' This is a book of Truth!"

Yes, incredibly strange are the records contained in this narrative of sittings held in Christchurch, New Zealand, over a period dating from February, 1924, up to May, 1931, at which Mr. Lancelet Brice, the gifted trumpet medium, acted as the channel of communication between the two sides of life and through whose mediumship countless numbers of entities manifested in a most evidential and convincing manner, bringing with them ever more and more remarkable tidings as the years went on. The book has been most ably compiled by Mr. H. Montague Crane, who is to be congratulated on the skill and judgment he has displayed in the carrying out of what must have been by no means an easy task—that of selecting what was most suitable for publication from the somewhat bewildering mass of material he must have had at hand to deal with. The value and interest of the book is further enhanced by excerpts taken from the writings of different well-known authorities in the clerical and scientific world, adding the weight of their testimony as to the truth of "life after death," given in the form of a foot-note at the end of each chapter.

WONDERFUL PSYCHIC DEMONSTRATION.

Of the sittings themselves space does not admit of a detailed account but, briefly, they may be said to have reached the high-water mark of excellence as regards psychic demonstrations of this character. One can only marvel that with evidence of such an absolutely convincing nature to hand, vouched for by an indisputable authority, doubt of any kind as to the established truth of the continuity of life after death should still be possible to any thinking person. At these sittings, held nearly always in the dark, as many as 40 different entities have been known to manifest on one evening. In addition to the medium's own guides—highly evolved spirits through whom much beautiful and valuable spiritual teaching was regularly given—there manifested also at these meetings the personal friends and relations of the different sitters, as well as many of the stalwarts of the Spirit world, such as W. T. Stead, Northcliffe, Raymond Lodge and others, giving additional weight of evidence by linking up still more closely

WALTHAMSTOW FIRST C.S. CHURCH.

We are glad to announce that owing to the growth of this Church a larger place had to be found. The new address is 37, Prospect Hill (side gateway entrance), Walthamstow.

Miss White, of the Harringay C.S. Church, took the opening service, her guides dedicating the Church. Two years ago a prophecy was given through Miss White that a hall would be found in January of this year. Beautiful visions were experienced during the service.

Mrs. Chesterman, founder, and her helpers have done wonders in a short time. Not only has the Centre paid its way but £50 has been collected by the members and given to deserving objects. This is an instance of what can be done by faith and effort.

the threads of communication between different parts of the world, as well as of the spheres.

GREAT HEALING POWER.

In addition to his powers as a trumpet medium, this gifted psychic possesses also healing gifts of a high order and much valuable healing work was accomplished at times by the agency of one of his controls who was a doctor in earth life. Such demonstrations as apports, levitations, partial materialisations etc. were on occasions witnessed at the sittings, but Mr. Brice does not in any way stress this side of his mediumship, for he rather values the higher and spiritual aspect of his work. To quote from the book itself:

"He is a man of unblemished character, and integrity. . . . He holds his mediumship as a great gift from the eternal God of Love to be used only for His Honour and Glory and for the happiness of those who seek Eternal Truth. . . . What means most to him, and is the teaching of his guide, is that God is Love beyond conception, that life is eternal and that advance in knowledge and goodness is continuous."

With a medium who holds such high spiritual ideals, in combination with outstanding psychic gifts, it is not to be wondered at that the best and highest possible results have been attained and that—again quoting from the book—"Spiritualism is spreading very fast in that country." Amongst many of the gems of beautiful teaching scattered through these pages may be instanced the following:

"The spirits (on the other side) are full of energy and do not R.I.P. but go on striving to make good. . . . In world affairs we can see many conditions of progress and new hope, out of which will come the opportunity of the spirit and lift man's mentality and help him to find that Heaven he has sought so long. . . . The service of your fellow-men will become as incense and linger about you. . . . The very Essence of God Himself exists in you."

OVERSEA WITNESSES OF THE TRUTH.

Beautiful passages such as these abound throughout the book, but each must seek for himself and take as his possession that which most makes its appeal to his special make-up. In conclusion a word of greeting and of congratulation to our brothers overseas, to whom has been given the privilege of bearing witness to this glorious truth of life after death, in which we are all equally interested in such a convincing and satisfying manner. Gratefully we of the mother-country acknowledge our debt to them for such an achievement and pray that they may ever continue to go on from strength to strength in the great work they have so well begun.

LEAMINGTON SPA G.W. SPIRITUAL MISSION.

We are glad to state that a more suitable hall has been found in which to hold the services of the above Mission. The new address is 1st floor, Masonic Rooms, Willes Road, Leamington Spa. The opening service in the new church was a very happy event. Mrs. Jones, the founder of the Mission was presented with an illuminated address beautifully signed and painted by Mr. Elliot. She was also given a lovely little brooch.

We are delighted over the progress of the work of the Mission, and we look forward to a very progressive year for Mrs. Jones and her helpers. Mrs. Jones will be taking service at St. Joan's C.S. Church, Cannock, the Sunday following Zodiac's visit.

A WOULD-BE SUICIDE SAVED BY A VISION.

LIFE IN A BUSY HOSPITAL.

Before the great war broke out, MRS. JOY SNELL wrote an account of many of her wonderful psychic experiences, but it was only after the war that it was published in book form under the title, "The Ministry of Angels." The volume soon reached several editions. The late REV. ARTHUR CHAMBERS, Vicar of Brockenhurst, wrote a Foreword which he concluded with the following paragraph:

I think no careful and open-minded reader will peruse this simple and impressively written narrative of personal experiences without obtaining a fuller idea of the love and concernfulness of the All-Father God for His creatures here on earth; an extended view of the possibilities of existence; and a comfort and inspiration, which arises from the knowledge—inborn upon us from so many sources—that as we pass through the educative and restricted life of the Physical to the higher and fuller life of the Spiritual, we are not left unattended and unaided; that whether seen, or unseen, by us now, there are with us those Spiritual Ministers of God who "do His pleasure."

The authoress relates how when twelve years of age she had a vision of the Saviour and the Holy Mother, which she believed was a foreboding of impending death. An old lady friend reassured her and explained to her that she had psychic gifts. During the six years that followed, the girl had no further visions, but frequently heard heavenly music and singing. From the age of eighteen she experienced remarkable prophetic tests of clairvoyance and clairaudience. When twenty-two, her happy home life came to an end by the sudden passing of her dearly loved father.

We now quote the following deeply instructive experiences from the book, comprising chapters III. and IV.:—

A SERIES OF "BLOWS."

After the loss of my father black despair settled on my soul. My feelings seemed to be petrified. Even the relief of tears was denied me. I hardened my heart against God. I said: "God would never have been so cruel as to take my father from me; therefore there is no God." I ceased going to church and abandoned myself to the gloomiest thoughts. Their hold upon me was strengthened by other sorrows and troubles which followed fast. After my father's death it was found that the supposed friend to whom he had entrusted the investment of his money had misappropriated it and there was nothing left for his children. My brother, resolved to make a living for both of us, went to a British colony and was there drowned. My favourite aunt died. I had a nervous breakdown, followed by a long illness. Convinced that life held nothing for me that could make it worth living, I rejected all efforts to give me solace and comfort.

About two years after my father's death an uncle with whom I was then living persuaded me to accompany him on a visit to a relative who was the matron of a large hospital. He hoped that it might lead to my taking up nursing as a profession, for unless I could be induced to take an interest in something that would turn my thoughts from myself he was convinced that I should never regain my health.

The matron gave me permission to spend part of each day in the wards. Then I began to observe the work of the nurses; to note with what skill, tenderness and patience they ministered to those placed under their care, and how often they succeeded in relieving their sufferings. I fell to contrasting my life, burdensome to myself and contributing nothing to the happiness of anybody, with the lives of these nurses. The desire came upon me that I, too, could do such work, but I

felt utterly unfitted for it, unworthy of it and incapable of ridding myself of the gloomy thoughts, centred in self, that had become habitual with me.

BLACK DESPAIR.

A few weeks after my first visit to the hospital I left it one morning, feeling that I could no longer endure such a useless, unhappy life as mine had become, and resolved to find some way of escape from it. I wandered about aimlessly for hours, sitting down now and again when I could find a seat, and debating with myself the justifiability of suicide. As time went on the case for suicide grew stronger in my mind; that for life weaker. At last I was convinced that the best thing I could do, both for myself and for those whose misfortune it was to be bound to me by the ties of relationship, was to kill myself. There only remained for me to decide what means I should adopt.

While running over in my mind the various ways open to me by which I could end the life that had become hateful to me, and trying to decide which of them I should take, I heard the refrain of an old familiar hymn. Then I saw that I was passing a church. Something which I seemed powerless to resist impelled me to go in. It was the first house of worship I had entered since my father's death.

The hymn they were singing there was, "Jesus, Lover of my soul." It had been my father's favourite hymn, and often I had sung it to him in the happy days that now seemed long years behind me. The words and the music touched some spring of emotion that I had thought was dead within me, and sinking into the nearest seat I buried my face in my hands and gave way to a flood of tears.

After a time, I know not how long, I became aware that the service was over and that I was kneeling alone in the church, now dimly illumined by a few gas jets. Something like the calm that often succeeds the tempest had fallen on my storm-swept soul.

THE WHITE-ROBED FIGURE.

I raised my head and looked up and for the second time found myself gazing at the white-robed figure of the Saviour, surrounded by a bright light, which seemed to emanate from His own person. For a short time I gazed, spellbound by the indescribably tender compassion depicted on that radiant face.

"Oh, help me!" I cried, "for I am afraid to live and yet I dare not die."

The Saviour stretched forth His hands in a gesture of loving appeal, and said in tones that revealed a depth of sympathy and tenderness no human voice is capable of expressing:

"Come unto Me, weary one and stricken with despair, and I will comfort you and give you work to do for Me. Now go in peace."

The vision faded from my sight. A great burden seemed lifted from my soul, and I left the church resolved to begin a new life, a life that should be of some use to others.

I have no recollection how I reached the house in which I was staying, but late that night I came to myself to find the good matron bending over me while I lay on the bed, fully dressed. She was alarmed by my appearance and summoned my uncle. I told him what I had seen.

"Thank God!" he exclaimed fervently. "This will be a turning point in your life."

The unhappy life—the life which I seemed to have been living so long, though it had really lasted only a little more than two years—appeared to have fallen from me. My thoughts, which had

...en centred on my own grief and wretchedness, began to flow into new channels. Vistas of another life—a life that should be of some benefit to others—opened up before me.

Again I was able to pray; again I was able to yield myself to the gentle influence of my unseen mentor. And like the strains of some haunting melody again and again there recurred to me those words, "I will comfort you and give you work to do for Me."

That work lay close at hand. I was admitted to the hospital as a probationer. With zest I applied myself to the duties assigned to me, and in striving to assuage the sufferings of others found the boon of self-forgetfulness. More real to me became the presence of my invisible guardian and keener my susceptibility to the tender guidance. Often I was conscious of being helped thereby to perform tasks which seemed beyond my own physical strength, and of being prevented making mistakes in my eagerness to help some poor sufferer. It seemed as though at times an impetuous movement was checked by a restraining hand laid on mine. At other times a voice seemed to whisper at my ear, "Nay, do not do that: do this," and I would immediately become aware of what was the proper thing to do and how it should be done.

THE HALLOWING OF HORRIBLE TASKS.

There are some phases of hospital work of which the casual visitor who sees only the patients lying in scrupulously clean and neat little cots, knows nothing. Some of the sights a nurse sees and some of the things she has to do are too revolting to bear description. It was about three months after I had joined the hospital that I was first

brought into sharp contact with this ugly side of the work of a hospital nurse. At the spectacle laid bare to me of the hideous ravages wrought by a disease caused by depravity and vice, I was filled with loathing and a sensation of physical nausea. I turned from the patient in disgust. "I will not—cannot—defile myself by touching this man," I said to myself.

Then a flood of light descended upon me and looking upwards I beheld, bending over the patient, the figure of the Saviour. He turned His head and looked down on me, and stretching forth His hands over the disease-disfigured sinner, said:

"Inasmuch as ye do it unto these ye do it unto Me. In every creature entrusted to your care behold Me and the work will be easy."

The vision—if vision it were—vanished. I turned again to the patient. Gone was all the loathing and disgust which I had felt a few moments before.

Several such pitiable cases came under my care in the course of my hospital experience. And always when called upon to minister to these victims of their own sinful lives there recurred to me the words, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto these ye do it unto Me," and the work was made easy.

The duties of a nurse are often arduous and exacting; but throughout the years that I earned my livelihood as a nurse, whenever overcome by fatigue, depression or physical weakness, nearly always I was able to gain renewed strength, courage and hope by recalling this vision of the Saviour and the words that fell from His lips.

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