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VETERAN MEDIUM'S REMINISCENCES.

HOW MRS. MILES ORD BECAME AN INSTRUMENT.

In our issue of April 30th we published an account by Mrs. J. Miles Ord on her early psychic experiences. She is a medium of 82 years of age, and leader of the Greater World Christian Spiritualist Centre, 13, Ashgrove Road, Redland, Bristol. Mrs. Miles Ord stayed the last week-end at Greater World Sanctuary where she gave an exceptionally fine and constructive address on Saturday evening. Afterwards one of her guides controlled her for giving clairvoyant descriptions and messages. The demonstration was highly successful in every individual case. On Monday evening Mrs. Miles Ord gave most sympathetic and illuminating evidence through her gift of psychometry, addressing over 25 members of the audience.

In her first article (April 30th) Mrs. Miles Ord related how she came in conscious contact with her guide Thelia, the spirit of a Grecian lady. In the following account our experienced friend tells how another guide, one Stephen, manifested in her conditions. This beautiful soul has brought her much comfort and helped her greatly, by inspiration, with her public work for Christian Spiritualism.

I promised Miss Moyes to write of my first meeting with Stephen, who, when in an earth body, was a priest in the Greek Temple at Jerusalem in the time of Our Lord's life and great work.

It was in the year 1906 I attended a circle formed of Officers and Members of the Third Avenue Spiritual Church, Little Ilford. At that time I was a worker and speaker, but had no desire for mediumship. One evening the leader of that circle, one John Connelly, while in trance came to me and the controlling spirit said: "I will not compel or coerce thee, but when thou art ready I am waiting. I that speak am Stephen." I replied: "Thank you" and felt no further interest.

Just about that time my girlie began to fail in health and I gave up the circle, and the aforementioned incident went quite out of my mind. She grew worse and after nine months of suffering God called her.

HOW MRS. FAIRCLOUGH SMITH WAS USED.

During her illness she often spoke of a lady she had heard at Brighton, a Mrs. Fairclough Smith, and so wished me to see her. The opportunity presented itself when she came to open a Sale of Work at the Church of which I was Vice-President at that time. We met, and she gave me a message for girlie. My child rapidly grew worse and could see no one.

A few days before the end, a telegram was received, saying: "Coming this afternoon at three—Fairclough Smith." I could not stop her coming, not knowing her address. When she arrived I told her the girl was too ill to see anyone. The medium answered: "I should like you to go and tell her I am here." I did so, and girlie exclaimed: "Oh Ma, at eight o'clock this morning I asked God to send her. I was going to ask you to do so, but was afraid it would cost a lot. Please let her come up to see me." Of course, I complied with her wish. I felt overawed at God's wonderful, mysterious work!

Mrs. Fairclough Smith asked to be left alone

with the patient. Later when she came away, I found that my dear one was sleeping peacefully. Ten days later she entered into the Higher Life. We were watching round her bed and through the day we could hardly catch a word, the dear voice being so very weak, but at ten minutes to one in the morning of June 20 there came three distinct knocks on the door of the dress cupboard (which she used to call her shrine) and her voice, now as clear as a bell, said: "Yes, yes, have you come for me? Will you kiss me?" And her arms were raised and clasped as if around someone. We heard the exchange of kisses. Then she spoke again: "Not yet; at noon I shall be ready."

GIRLIE IS TAKEN HOME.

She turned to me and said: "Can you see her, Ma dear? How lovely she is!" I replied: "No, darling, my eyes are blind, I cannot see." Her last words were: "It is White Dove; how lovely she is!" Again the dear voice was hushed. . . . At noon the angel friend came and carried the tired spirit home, and there was only the weeping of the watchers.

I felt for a time like losing my reason—and this is where my beloved Stephen comes in. I received a letter from Mrs. Fairclough Smith and when I turned over the leaf there I saw strange writing that I had a difficulty in reading. It was a spirit message given by automatic writing. It said: "When thou art ready I am waiting to help thee and others. Stephen."

I then remembered his first appearance at the circle and I prayed to God that He might help me to become a worthy vessel for His messenger. And I thank God that Stephen is working through me to-day to tell the glad tidings that what we call death is only the entrance into life more abundant. I have many helpers, by my beloved guides Thelia and Stephen are my spiritual teachers who help me to say in the midst of sorrow and pain: "Not my will, O God, but Thine be done!"

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THE LIGHT OF REVELATION.

By ZODIAC,

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

Address given at Friends' House, London, at the First Anniversary Service of the Greater World Christian Spiritualist League, on Saturday, June 4th, 1932.

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

My dear children, it is good that we are met together this night, and it is good that we should start on a note of praise and thankfulness to God; for gratitude, as it were, flings open realms unthought of by man, and by the quality of gratitude to God, so to-night I am allowed to take you in thought a little nearer to His footstool, a little nearer to our Saviour Jesus Christ. I want you all to share with me the joy which fills my being because there are so many here with humble hearts, with pure minds and with wills dedicated to the One Who loves them best. Joy fills my being because my eyes are opened and I know that there are many even as pioneers, as leaders of others, as those who indeed will strike down the obstacles on the physical path and show the clear way into peace and revelation.

THE PROMISED LIGHT.

What think you, my children, as to the purpose and the plan of the earth life? Is it God's Will that His children should take their way in ignorance, feeling only the blows, only the sorrows, and yet not comprehend why the sorrows and the troubles are there? Oh, I want to open your minds in the measure that something of the light of the Spirit shines through, and that ere we part you may say and feel that God's ways are best.

So, in speaking of praise to God and gratitude to the Master of all life, I am directed to address you for a short while on that which I name *The Light of Revelation*, the light which shall be given unto you as you progress. So simple it sounds to those who will listen! That great light of revelation has been promised over the far far past, and there are many as they take the physical way who ask within themselves: "When will the light shine upon me? I have tried and I have striven, but it seems that I conquer so little, it seems that I penetrate only an inch beyond the material into the land where God dwells."

So I have been sent to speak of the light of revelation which shines from the spheres of Love, and I want in the first instance to address the instruments who are gathered in, and there are many here this night. I want to speak to you, brother, and to you, sister, about those gifts which are your own. Have you not read that the one who has light should set that light upon a hill and not hide it from the eyes of man? Have you not read that with some the light becomes even as darkness? Why is this?

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MEDIUMS.

I speak to those who have that which they name psychic gifts, and I say unto them that unless that precious power housed within, unless those mighty gifts of the Holy Spirit are surrounded by sacrifice, by dedication, those gifts represent not light, for the light is covered o'er by materialism, and those who watch and wait are affrighted by the darkness that is shown. You know that my words are true! I come not this night to condemn or indeed to criticise in any sense of the word, but I know that a span ahead there are great things coming to pass, and therefore with all the force of my being I plead with the instruments so that they may draw other instruments on to the sunlit path; on to that path where sorrow may abound, because only by sorrow can we learn. Yes, I speak to those whose responsibility is so great and I say unto them:

Although you may realise it not, you are as guardian of others, you have been set into a position of power and all those who come under your wings are as your little ones; you are there to give them spiritual tuition. What is it that you teach? God blesses the faithful instruments, God blesses the humble listeners, God blesses the guides and the unseen teachers in turn; but the blessing must be small when those with the holy gifts, those with the power, those who have something of knowledge, forget that the path to God lies over the stones of sacrifice, over the boulders of self-denial!

INSPIRATION BEFORE CHRIST CAME.

Thus I speak in urgent tones! I want you to consider the light of inspiration, I want you to look back over the past and to think of those millions of another day, how limited was their earth knowledge for the most part. There are those mentioned in the Sacred Book who knew not Christ, for the Messiah had not come into the flesh; yet over the far far past there were men and there were women who had the light of inspiration and they gave forth of that light, and the light was not covered by the darkness of the earth.

Then when the Master came, bringing revelation in so sweet a form, He looked out upon this world and He searched for those who could carry the torch in time to come. You know that many responded, but, again, many fell away, and it was left to a tiny knot of humble men to pass on the wisdom which Christ had come to bring. The light of revelation was theirs, and inspired by the Holy Spirit they spake the Word not knowing what the Word might be, and in time, out of the persecutions, out of the loneliness and the loss of friends, something glorious was created upon the earth plane, and the power of that "something" was gloriously spread and spread, and you to-day, dear children, are sharing the light created by humble men and women nearly two thousand years ago.

I bring in this same point, for I want to emphasise once more that the gifts of the Spirit when those gifts are unallied to the gifts of the Spirit are of little worth.

MAN'S CAPACITY TO CREATE FLOWERS.

Think you as to this: Take the sweet flowers which they cast their fragrance over the conditions. Would you think you, brother, with the able mind, could you create a tiny wayside flower? And you answer: "How foolish a question! But look at all the flowers which man has brought to pass, see his many inventions. Why should you disparage the mind of the body?" And I reply: Brother, if I disparage the mind of the body it is because I know that within and beyond the earth mind there is the mind of the Spirit, and in the mind of the Spirit is housed the wisdom which shall make it possible for man to create the wayside flower in all its beauty, to overcome over the earth conditions the fragrance of the violet and more than that. I say unto you, brother, that the mind of the body is of little worth, it is because I want you to know that you have within yourselves unthought-of resources which have yet to be released by the power of unselfish conduct, by love for your neighbour.

Cannot you see that I but take away the light to make room for the greater? Is there a man or a woman there a woman who, when he or she has been beside the still form of a little child, would not gladly lay down his or her own life to bring

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HOW FAIRIES ARE BROUGHT TO LIFE.

Oh, dear children, although the individual blasphemes against the Name of God, God understands, God has full comprehension of the love caged within man even at this same stage, God understands that it is terrible to see a little one pass beyond the physical gaze. But because there was love in the heart and mind of the mother or the father, because there was the spirit of sacrifice, the desire to bear pain so that the little child might be free, that instinct creates a glorious power which, welling up within, is going to do something which man has not considered at this same stage. The love-light, the love-power within you, brothers and sisters, can create life in turn!

What think you of the fairies, of those you name the little people? I want you to grasp that because the children of the Most High are the sons and daughters of God Himself, so within us all is the creative faculty. You can bring to life the physical *body* of a child, but I say that there is something greater than that waiting for you, waiting, until you are prepared to safeguard your godly gifts—you can create life itself! There are many here who have seen those tiny spirits whom you name fairies. They come to life out of the most sacred feelings within man, out of the depths of human love; and more than that: There is not a child who has passed its way through the earth plane who has not given life to something that shall last for evermore.

You say unto me, perchance: "This is strange; I have not heard this truth before." But I answer unto you: So little you can grasp of Divine Wisdom! I give this illustration so that you may comprehend that you are but on the very outside edge of knowledge as knowledge was meant to be your own. You create, as you take your daily way, a million forms of life. Yes! You create beauty and sweetness, and you create that which would cause your heart to ache and your mind to be instilled with fear.

A little nearer we get to the light of revelation, a little nearer to the light of inspiration, a little nearer to understanding something of our spiritual being, something of that great Kingdom which God has gifted and entrusted to His little ones! I want you to grasp this great fact, for you are emerging out of one condition into another condition, and that condition can be charged with power, or, again, it can be as a menace grave and far-reaching.

"WHAT CAN I DO?"

So, to-night, I appeal to you all in love. I ask those who want the mind of the body to be fed, to take care, to realise that there is another mind, a bigger, stronger, far more important mind waiting for its nourishment, and the nourishment can be provided by following the simple way laid down by Jesus Christ.

There are those here whose lives are limited in the extreme, or so it seems to them. There are many tired mothers here, there are many anxious fathers; they are asking themselves: "What can I do? The teacher speaks of great things, but what can I do?" And I say unto you, brother, and I say unto you, sister: You can do those great and glorious things which God wills you should set into being!

I would speak more of that which holds your hearts and minds. I come amongst you to give all that I have, all that I am, to you, my well-beloved! What think you—when you pass out of a body of flesh and you come back into the physical condition

and you find an instrument to use, what think you will be your emotions in that same time? You will feel as I do this night and always when I am amongst those who are so caged and held, those who know so little of the powers within and the glories without. You, brother, and you, sister, can be a creator second to none! What must you do? Many of you are doing well, thank God! Many of you are giving out of your very being in order to bring help and comfort to others. The light of revelation is opening before you, you are inspired by the Holy Spirit, you are bringing to life not only those "little people" who have a great work to undertake themselves, who have to pass through their various stages of evolution, but you are contributing to that which you name the planes of the Spirit; you, with your limitations, with your heart-aches, with your worries and your anxieties, you are building part of God's land!

HOW TO PURCHASE SPIRITUAL TOOLS.

What then, my brother, my sister? Is it not worth while to struggle now for the sake of the freedom which lies in front? You must have tools; how can you create those tools? By taking the path of duty, by casting over your neighbour sweet thoughts, tender thoughts, thoughts of love; by going to the children and setting their feet upon the Way, the Way which leads into the land of peace; stilling their fears, soothing their reluctance and pointing always to the sweet by-and-by. And as you take the Way, so, if your eyes could be opened, you would see springing up around you the blossoms of the Spirit! You give to the flowers so sweet your love and your gratitude, and this is pleasing to God; but the Master bids me say that the beauty that is gifted unto man is but to lead him on, is but to take him further into the centre of reality.

So I speak this night—and the power of God is upon us all—and I ask you not to be held too much by the earth mind, to get a truer sense of proportion, to hold the wayside flower in your hand and to remember the promises of God that you in time shall create those beauties which you love so well. But it is not by the earth way of knowledge, it is not by going to books which have been written by the so-called scientists, it is by going to the One Great Scientist of all Life, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who showed to man that the lonely path, the stony path is the path which leads on to the fairest, brightest heights.

The earth mind is a tool, and God blesses the tool when it is used for the benefit of humanity. But woe unto the man, woe unto the woman who use their gifts to put a stumbling block in the way of another less well equipped than themselves.

A NEW CONDITION IN FRONT OF MAN.

The spirit of prophecy is upon me this night, by the Will of God, and I say that there is opening up a new condition in front of man and in that condition there will be testings and tryings, there will be that which will scourge the heart and mind of those who have forsaken the path of righteousness. But there will come to the children of the light who have not hidden their light but who have set their light upon a hill, there will come to them not only revelation in the earth sense, but revelation in the sense which God intends. Then the chains will fall from them, then their eyes will be opened, then their ears will become unstopped; and though bound by the earth body, man shall hold communion not only with his loved ones but with those who are as the angels of God; *but the preparation must be put in!*

Sweet as the water-courses may be, lovely the breeze which comes across the meadow field, glorious the stars upon the dark and lonely night, yet all these things fall into nothingness before the promise of God laid out for man! All the beauty of the earth gathered together would seem but as naught if you could for one moment look into the planes of

Divine Love! But again I say, for I would comfort many who are here, that the beauties in the planes of Divine Love are being added to by you when you still the word of complaint, when you hope though trouble is all around; yes, when you raise your heart and mind to God in prayer, then heaven is brighter than it was before!

Thus we come back to reality. And this night gathered in with us are those of the long ago, and they bid me pass on this message: The to-morrow is charged with meaning, the to-morrow is full of opportunity, the to-morrow is sweet with privilege; *but the preparation must be put in!*

PSYCHICS AND THE UNSEEN ENEMY.

So I plead with the instruments, and I urge the earth children who gather together to release those psychic gifts which seem so enviable to them, I urge them to take care, to beware that unseen enemies creep not into their tiny room—the tiny room of their heart and mind—for there must come the testing stages, there must come the trying processes so that the evolution of that which man is—and will be in time to come—is brought about by the Will of God.

Children, there is a great wide open continent of doing-and-being spread before us all; there are the bright ones to protect and to lead. They say to you: What of the to-morrow of time when this little earth will have passed out of your ken so far as the body is concerned? What of the to-morrow of time? We build from tiny things, we take the first bricks of effort, of sacrifice and dedication and, lo! bound together by the sorrows, sweetened by the prayers, that which is as a temple grows up by the grace of God.

So my own children worked, and to-day you see that God's promises have been kept. I mention this again merely to encourage, merely to underline that this can be your privilege as well, if only the first stages are endured, the first sacrifices made!

THE KEY TO LIFE.

The light of revelation is drawing close, the curtains of the future are being parted by the Hand of Christ, and in the future there lie those possibilities for man which man has never dreamed of at this same stage. Therefore I speak this night in urgent tones; I entreat you not only to redouble your efforts, but to see that those efforts which you are making are constructed on the lines of spiritual laws, for once you understand and follow the laws of the Spirit all else falls into line; you have the key to Life, life eternal, and then the dark days as well as the bright days are seen as part of the pattern and are equally welcomed by you. Thus man learns, and then so oft man forgets; but out of the sorrow which comes so the lesson at last is made his own.

This night, dear children, I say unto those who will listen, and I draw in the ones who seem far away from me (*on the balcony*): Brother, sister, there is in front of you not only a choice but a great, great test; but I want you to believe the truth which is of God: You can be strong, you can be courageous, you can be a creator of beauty in a thousand forms! Then there comes this thought: We talk of our own protection and we fold around us the cloak bestowed by God. Why are these gifts given to us? So that equipped we may take our way into those planes which are spiritually dark, and strike asunder the chains which hold our brothers and our sisters.

I would once again underline this point: What think you, brother, which is the greater thing—to create some mighty earthly construction, to set into the physical conditions an invention which is hailed by man as a miracle of power, or to go to a brother and sister bound and imprisoned by self and have the ability to unfasten their bonds and to set them free? Oh get your sense of values true to reality,

let it be that as you take your way you are equipped with the mind that is of the Spirit, that you know as to the value of this and the value of that, and then go back in thought upon that great undeniable fact that you are divine, that within you there is God, and God means that those God-like qualities shall be released. The mind of the body is merely a tool, but so oft it is as an enemy in disguise. The mind of the body is sweetened and purified and clarified only by contemplating the example of Jesus Christ, only by seeking to pursue the same path.

I am laying out this night before each of you every one a glorious future, a future charged with power; but I add that however far an individual may wander from the Christ, the time will come when back again at the foot of the Cross the path will be thrown wide open for him to enter in.

MENTAL OR SPIRITUAL GUIDES.

So many are inspired, and yet the light which could be theirs is only the half-light. So many have that which you name "good" guides, when you are free you will find that many of these guides, being satisfied with mental knowledge, have not penetrated into the wisdom which is of God, and the word "good" guide will be changed to an ignorant guide; but when the guide awakens to his great responsibility, lo! his ignorance shall be no more; he shall receive the blessing of the Master, and then in humbleness of spirit he will take his way with the Cross athwart his eyes for evermore.

You are "inspired" to come to-night, you are "inspired" to think of those things which are of God, you are "inspired" by the Holy Spirit to seek to part the veil between the seen and the unseen which you name the unseen. Oh let your inspiration be sound, be pure, let your sense of proportion grow as Christ intends; set your eyes upon the Cross, follow the Path, and though the shadows may seem great at first, lo! the shadows shall be cast away to light, and in the light you shall see the loved ones, and you shall see something sweeter than that, you shall see the protectors of your loved ones and you shall see that even those who protect them are protected by others nearer to the ideal; and the light of revelation shall grow, and peace shall come upon you. Many who have gathered here this night shall have the peace of God passes understanding even before the body is cast aside; but the mental way, dear children, is the way of love! The way of wisdom is the way of love, the way of love is the way of spiritual wisdom, the road that leads to love and wisdom is the road of service to your fellow men!

Thus the miracle of human life shall be demonstrated by each and every one! You shall see the creators in a way you cannot grasp while the body holds; yet when the body is cast asunder, in the planes where sorrow is unknown, you shall find not your recompense for the past, but you shall see the generosity of God around you, beneath your feet and above your head.

OUR MIND IN THE NEXT STATE OF BEING.

Thus my last words are: Gratitude to our Christ, praise to our God from Whom all life flows, from Whom all life must come! Yet because we were created by Him so I remind you that He has bestowed within His children gifts in measure like unto His own. In humbleness of heart we bow before Him; and we realise that the mind of the body, so prized by some, is as the mind of a tiny child in comparison with the mind vouchsafed to man in the next state of being. And the next state of being leads on and on into innumerable states of being, and in each state so the mind of the Spirit is released, so the gifts are multiplied, so the mind is trebled. Thus we see that nearer to God

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