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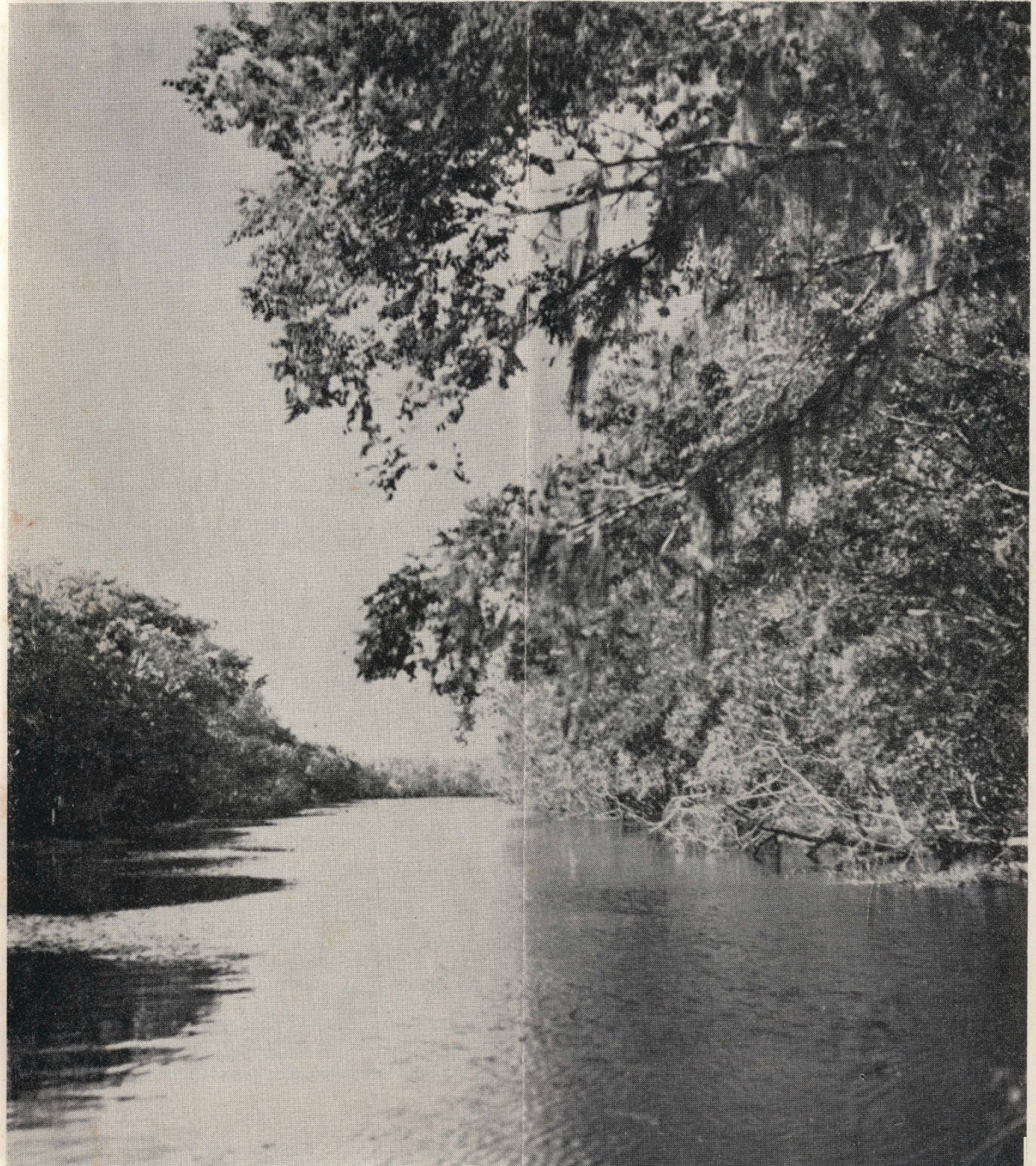
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EDITORIAL

SPIRITUALISM

A Potent Factor In All Ages Of History

Immortality demonstrated—this is the great practical achievement of Modern Spiritualism. It would be far from the truth to say that not until the advent of Modern Spiritualism had phenomena been absent from the moral, religious and philosophic thought of mankind. It is our claim as Spiritualists that the important element of all the great religions and many of the leading schools of philosophy in the world today, as in the past, is identical with the fact now so thoroughly established by spirit phenomena, namely the persistence of the individual human ego after the dissolution of the physical body. It is also to be observed that from the very beginning of human history that the most palpable evidences of personal immortality have been given in many times and

places. The literature of the ancient world both those of the Eastern and the Western world and including the Christian Bible are replete with narratives of the doings of angels and spirits and of their relations with mankind.

The mediumistic qualities and powers of Jesus are familiar to all who will read. It is also evident that among early Christians many persons were able to speak in unknown tongues, to foretell events, heal the sick, to in fact do all the things which the modern day medium seeks to perform as part of their religious understanding. The angel Gabriel was as familiar to the early Jewish people as he was at a later time to Mohammed, founder of the Moslem religion. Both great religious systems would therefore seem to have a common background of inspiration, since Gabriel was the messenger of the one God. Never since the beginning of history, written or legendary, has the flood tide of messages from spirit ceased to flow. Many of the early Christian fathers, the agnostics, mystics, monks and friars of the Middle Ages, recognized the presence and potency of the invisible world in the affairs of men. George Fox, Swedenborg, the Wesleys, and many of the philosophers, scientists, poets, artists and divines of the last two and the present century, perceived and still do perceive, the transcendent glories of the spiritual life of man. And if, at the present hour, evidences were wanted of the tremendous power of Spiritualism over the minds of large numbers of people, one need but draw aside the mask from the "occult science" and "secret doctrines" movements prevalent in all quarters of the globe and discover that the potent factor is man as spirit, endowed with manifold powers of manifestation, whether in or out of the body. In the widespread interest in the hidden and transcendental, there is clear evidence of the universal coming of the spiritual man claiming his inheritance as an immortal being seeking to assume his just responsibilities as a member of a universal spiritual brotherhood.

We know that Spiritualists are in possession of certain knowledge that distinguishes them from certain of their fellowmen who accept man made creed as the basis of their religious understanding, the Spiritualist does not say "I believe in the communion of saints" he KNOWS that he can commune and communicate with spirit entities, whether "sainted" by man's belief or through the wondrous mystery of human love and devotion. The Spiritualist has no creed, but this does not mean that he has no form of worship, he being a progressive religionist knows that in the worship of God he enters into a higher form of understanding of the growth of spiritual attainment in this life as a preparation for a larger and more progressive life in the spirit world. The Spiritualist has a duty in respect to all departments

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PREDICTIONS FOR 1963

By CHEIRO

Delivered Through Rev. M. MacBride Pantan At The
Church of Spiritual Philosophy and Vedanta Center
St. Petersburg, Florida

Transcribed by Mrs. L. F. Davis—Dec. 30, 1962



Rev. M. MacBride
Pantan

Hello, my friends, Cheiro here! Glad to again give you a few annual prognostications.

I trust that you have been keeping them over past years. If you have, you've seen that a great number have been extremely accurate. I trust that this year also I may give you a general overall picture of that which you can expect in 1963.

First of all, I should like to say that it is a year very much mixed up, which starts off calmly enough, but does not continue calm. There are several high peaks of tension which are perilously close to being explosive. In the first part of the year, there will be a mounting tension in Europe—not only in Berlin but in other parts of the continent. Another place where tension will be rife is South America. Tension—and even worse! Also, during this year, keep a very sharp eye upon Asia. And also, once again, Africa. Takes in pretty much the whole world, does it not?—for the world is constantly being stirred up. These are perilous times through which you are now living.

I told you, last year, that I could see to the end of 1962. And I also told you that I could see that the major cities of the United States and Europe were still standing as the year ended. So I am going to speak to you again on this subject. As I look over the major cities of your United States, I see that there are still lights burning in 1963. But I want to say that the danger is by no means over. You cannot rest upon your laurels. You cannot take things easy during 1963. This is not a light struggle that you are upon, but rather is one of considerable danger.

First, in Europe there are two places—three actually—where we can look for difficulty. The first is, of course, Germany. Things have been quiet in Germany, but they will not remain that way very long. The month of March brings about a state of crisis, though it will be fomented before then. There is approach to danger in Europe, this year, very grave danger. Also France. France is a place where you are going to find surprising events taking place . . . and a certain amount of pigheadedness—I can-

not say anything else. There will be danger in Italy also, danger internally. The Communist Party in Italy will come even closer than they already have, to taking charge of the entire government. And England is going to undergo certain changes in this year ahead. For a while, it will seem as though there is little stability that can be banked upon in England. Also, I look for a voice to be silenced during the year of 1963, in England.

Now to switch to Africa: Africa is a land in turmoil, and it is constantly being agitated. The middle part of Africa is a seething caldron. What appears at first to be a cessation of turmoil is going to erupt again. And the middle of the year—(around June, July, August)—will be very, very troublesome. There will be grave danger in South Africa, this year. There will be an uprising, and a considerable amount of blood spilled. And—I should like also to point out—the extremely northern part of Africa will not be quiet. There will also continue to be a grave difficulty as far as all of the Near East is concerned in 1963.

Your most troublesome spot—world wide—will come from Asia! I have spoken to you about this before. I have told you—and clearly told you—the difficulties in Asia. Communist China is in grave need of certain food stuffs to be had from the rest of Asia. And China is going to enter upon a series of conquests kept under control so far, by—surprisingly—the men in the Kremlin. This is a situation which will not always be the same. There is going to be a surprise announcement as far as China is concerned, and it does not auger well for your world! China is under the power of those who are without scruple of any kind whatsoever; dedicated to the propagation of an ideology, which they are going to force upon the hundreds of millions of peoples—first in Asia, and eventually, so they believe, upon the entire world. There have been brush fires in South Asia. In 1963, it is doubtful if these can be controlled. If your government is wise—and it has shown considerable wisdom—a great deal of thought will be given to this problem of China, which will not be contained within her own borders.

Nor is there going to be surcease from struggle in South America. I look upon South America, this year, to bring about surprises during the year. Several of the largest governments in South America may be overturned in 1963, and there may be established forms of government which will not be pleasant to live with.

I told you before that England will have a voice silenced. England is struggling very hard to have economic equanimity and she is sore

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pressed to maintain her position. She will continue, however, to keep control . . . and a sense of balance over those who will be inclined to be rash. The economic prosperity of Central Europe, the Common Market, will become a greater factor in the world. It will rapidly assume a position of dominance. These economics will be one force that will tend to keep Europe quiescent. If it were not for this, your world would long since have exploded. A strange note of alarm from Spain, this year. I have spoken to you in the past of the condition of Franco, which will be brought to light more in 1963, particularly toward the end. Also there will be a sharpening difficulty in the most troublesome place of Europe, the Balkans, which will again come into the news in 1963.

There will be desperate attempts to bring about a state of cooperation and peace as far as India, Pakistan and China are concerned. These are still problematical, as I speak to you at this time, though it appears (as much from pressure within the Kremlin as from without) that China will not pursue too belligerent an attitude **now**, although she has every intent—and I speak to you of this again—she has **every intent** of eventually marching into, and conquering, **all** of Asia . . . including India, Burma, Thailand, Viet Nam and all other parts. There will be a strong force of peace in Asia, however, from a newly arisen Japan! How strange are human events—the very Japan which, for so many years, was a belligerent force, shall now exert force of peace in Asia!

There will be grave, grave difficulties in South American countries close to you. Last year, I told you, I am sure you remember, that Mr. Castro might possibly lose his head in 1962. He came perilously close to it—did he not? In 1963, from an entirely different point of view, Mr. Castro may lose his stature, and there may be an entirely different picture south of your border. It is not the immediate southern part of your borders that I am concerned with—it is the farther south. I look for revolutions; I look for blood being shed in several of the larger portions of South America, this year. Your world is not without the shedding of blood in 1963. But I wish to point out to you again—I do **not** see atomic destruction in 1963 . . . and perhaps that may give you a certain measure of peace!

However, whenever there is accumulation of weapons, there is danger. A balance of power is the most dangerous of all playthings that mankind has to deal with, for sooner or later the balance is going to become unbalanced—and there can be only one resolution to that situation. If they are accumulated enough, weapons have a way of going off by themselves. It is only a very short time, now, until the Communists of China will also explode atomic weapons. And when this situation arises, there will have to be great wisdom and great care,

else your entire world will be quite other than you have ever known it.

There will be in 1963 a number of natural catastrophes. I spoke to you last year of a very severe earthquake that you would hear about, but which would not touch your own country. I am sure you remember it. I speak to you this year of certain faults in the crust of the earth, close to the Pacific Ocean. There will be also gigantic storms in that area. There will be a minor and a major volcanic explosion this year. And there will be also a number of tragedies relating to means of travel.

Coming now to your United States, I should like to say that you are to be congratulated by the wisdom of those in high places, who have acted with considerable foresight and strength—which foresight and strength is one of the great leveling forces in your world, not only politically but economically as well. I look for advance in your economy in 1963. Those of you who wish to make plans in accordance with this, may do so with considerable safety. I look through the entire year and I see that the year is bright economically in the United States of America. This brightness increases, rather than decreases, until the latter part of the year. Oh, I do not mean that there will not be fluctuations. There will. But, on the whole, it will be extremely bright. I told you last year that 1962 was not a good year for investments. It was not. I tell you this year of 1963 will be a good year for those of you who wish to make investments. There will be a flowering economy. There will be more prosperity. There will be increase in employment. There will be a stability. And a rapid sale of hard goods of all kinds. And there will be also increase in the value of real property. You may look for a modest increase in the beginning, and then a more rapid increase—in the value of real property—and also certain advances in the entire economic picture of your state. Even agriculture will profit. Although it may seem as

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though there has been considerable damage, this damage is going to be less permanent than it appears.

Your national weather is going to be rather severe in the early part of the year. The entire United States will continue to be cold. However, it will not be too cold in Florida—although there will be some;—nor will it be lasting. Spring comes very rapidly and very warm after the severe Winter. And then, having firmly established herself, Spring, especially in the northern part of the country, decides to take a vacation for a few weeks and Winter once more moves in, only to be pushed out again. Summer, in your entire United States, will be a very pleasant time—moist, but not too moist, although there will be considerable dryness in the southwestern section. Your Fall, however, comes rapidly with blasts of cold, then mild and then cold again. There will be also a number of tropical storms during this year. I look for seven. However, I do not see any of them doing damage to the locale from which I am now speaking, though one of the storms may make a swath across a certain part of the East.

I also would like to speak to you about danger in traveling in the year of 1963. I mean not only by air; I mean also by railroad; I mean also by automobile. There will be a large percentage of accidents. And I speak to you now of the week-end of Labor Day, as being one which is particularly unfortunate. Remember it.

There will be accomplishments—one or two at least—of a surprising nature in outer space. There will be failure in outer space. There will be the loss, not too sudden, of one of the outstanding figures of your theatre, later in the year. There will be a surprising number of changes in politics, this year, because of violent transitions in high places, in a number of nations. There will be danger in the air. And there will be, this year of 1963, particularly later in the year—and mark my words well—a threat, not a paper threat, but an actual air threat of bombing from the skies. But, as I see it now, it appears to be capable of being controlled.

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There will be advances in medicine this year. I have spoken to you in the past about certain advances concerning cancer. In 1963, particularly toward the end of the year, there will be a break-through regarding certain types of cancer which will be made public. There will be also revolutionary techniques developed for certain operative procedures, that will be able to bring about what may appear to be miracles. There will be developed a surprising control of certain diseases for which there has been no control whatsoever until the present time. And, again good news for you Floridians, certain medical miracles will be both discovered and established, through the use of certain portions of the skin of the orange!

On the whole you have a year of peace, or near peace. But I would not have you sleep or become too complacent. Rather, I would warn you that again the greatest of wisdom and care is going to be needed by those in your highest places—for the time of an international showdown is approaching. There is but one source in all of your world capable of putting pressure upon various factors in your world. One hope. And this hope lies in your United Nations. Here wisdom can prevail. And all who participate in it can help by recognizing that there is no other force or hope for your world politically, except in this body. There will be difficulties within the United Nations, many of them, but, on the whole I do not see anything but a continued strength therein.

Well that is your world! Quite a picture, isn't it?

Glad that I could come to you once again. And I do expect that I shall be here next year to speak about the year 1964—which is in no wise like 1963. Cheerio? Have a good year. And may the Lord bless all of us. We need it.

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Fellow Lyceumists:

Now that we have entered on the Centennial Year, let us remember **THROUGH THE ENTIRE YEAR** the best way to celebrate is to start a Lyceum in your church, or if you already have a Lyceum, to reach out beyond the boundaries of your own group, and extend the wonderful influence of the teaching of the Lyceum.

This is an age which prides itself on its scientific method of doing things, from the mechanical processing of food to the electronic tabulating of records and payrolls, not to mention rockets, space ships, satellites, etc.

Spiritualism, heaven sent from the Summerland, the Spirit World, is the one religion which does not have to modernize to be compatible with a scientific age. It is a **scientific religion**, because it is based not on theological opinions, or so-called miracles of another day and age, but upon facts and laws of nature, applicable just as much today as ever, when through **KNOWLEDGE NOT BELIEF**, we learn to understand and live according to the wondrous laws of nature, which are the laws of God.

So the message of the Lyceums to all races, colors and creeds in this Centennial Year is to

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find the **TRUTH** of your own spiritual nature, and having found it, to abide by the constructive ways of nature. Mediumship is not based on weak, scattered minds, but upon concentrated, balanced, well organized minds, to where the elements of nature are harnessed both within and without. So few people make the effort to cooperate with nature, it has rarely been shown what we can be, what God and the Spirit World intended us to be, what our true possibilities are, what our lasting qualities and spiritual nature meant us to unfold and accomplish.

To what value to travel all over other planets and space, when so few of us have learned to travel beyond the boundaries of the five physical senses, when so few are interested in finding out and harnessing our thoughts and emotions, by constructive instead of destructive ways, by love instead of hate, poise rather than fear. No one is asked to deny, give up or surrender any sense pleasure to find out the truth of spiritual things, only to be balanced in all activities, not to go off the deep end, in the modern expression; to find out the tremendous reservoirs of spiritual power within everyone, untapped or wasted by so many. Living always outside of oneself, craving constant sensation and excitement, is never to know and experience the spiritual thrills found in silence and meditation, in such states to be able to come close to our immortal friends; to feel their presence so close, it brings a new and lasting security to answer the instability and hysteria of modern times.

When Galen, the Greek philosopher, gave the magic staff to Andrew Jackson Davis, saying, "under all circumstances, keep an even mind," he gave the greatest spiritual legacy for all future generations.

We who seek peace in our times, must first find it within to demonstrate it without. Mind stillness alone brings spiritual substance. Stillness is not emptiness or weakness, but control.

When man has learned to control himself from within, then is he fit and ready to control things without. Just as with Galen of old, the spirit teachers are looking for mediums, channels, instruments upon this plane today whom they can impress with the importance, yea the necessity of man finding the true values of

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religion, not in symbols, creeds, dogma, but in the inner meanings, the interpretations, the inspirations of the so-called miracles and revelations of old. God's laws have never changed. The same spiritual doorways are ajar for each age and generation, IF they will give enough time, attention and energy to spiritual values, as they so easily do, along with billions of dollars, to fashion new weapons.

Let the message of the Lyceums reach out to a needy world. I beg of each Lyceum conductor to find new recruits, new avenues, new children, new adults. If there is more than one Spiritualist church or Lyceum in your city, or in your state, meet and join together at least once in this Centennial year, even if it means a journey. The effort will be well worth it. Your children will find they are not alone in their wonderful teachings, but others of their age are finding a religion, heaven sent, clear, understandable, practical, and compatible, not in contrast to the findings of science.

Your National Superintendent is making effort THIS YEAR to help you, but we need your cooperation. The 1962 Annual Lyceum Conference demonstrated how many of our young people are really interested in the teachings of the Lyceums. At this conference, lasting friendships were formed, even though their homes were hundreds, in some cases, even thousands of miles apart.

Very soon, we will be announcing the date and place of the 1963 Centennial Lyceum Conference, but in the meantime, have a citywide, statewide, or regional Lyceum Centennial Conference in your own area, particularly if you cannot journey the distance to the 1963 Lyceum Centennial conference. You can have classes, recreation, musical expressions, philosophical discussions, and demonstrations by your Lyceumists. If you need any help in this effort, please feel free to contact me, as well as your State Superintendent. And don't forget to get more subscriptions to the Spotlight, our one and only Official Lyceum publication.

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Prayer And Human Suffering

By Major T. H. Patterson

Editor of 'Yours Fraternally', official organ of THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRITUALIST FEDERATION.

Birth, life and death, should not be accompanied by human suffering. The evolutionary change to physical birth, senility and eternal spirit existence after death, is a process of perfect and infallible precision, providing always, that there is no corruption of the Designer's blueprint. The omnipotence of the universal directive power has provided a human body of supreme perfection which "Medicus" has described as "Fearfully and wonderfully made—Infinite diversity but infinite harmony."

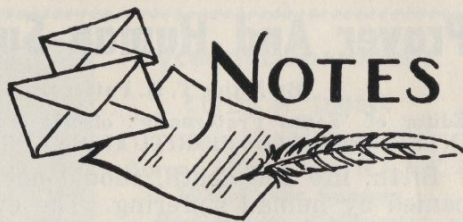
It is quite true that we are living in a period of unparalled mental tension which is the primary cause of most ill-conditions. Human delinquency has paved the way for the intrusion of physical and mental imperfections in the "infinite harmony" of the human body and spirit duality.

The individual does not suffer so much from his own immoral conduct as he does from the accumulated effects of wrongful thinking and conduct of his own species during past generations. In the same way that past generations have preconditioned the painful living of the present generation, so do we by our immoral conduct, precondition, even in a more aggravated form, the painful living of the children of our own and future generations.

The Book of Common Prayer gives a false conception of the purpose of prayer. We are told that when a person is sick "it is God's visitation" and that we must "take therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord." Prayerful intercession which is based upon such a declaration is more likely to increase and prolong the ill-condition, rather than to remove the cause or alleviate the suffering. It can have no logical basis for the tortured mind of morally minded parents who pray to God for their suffering child who has been "visited" with such dread diseases as poliomyelitis or leukemia.

Human deviations from the path of moral conduct have arisen in many cases from ignorance and inexperience. Other causes have been abuse of privilege, greedy aspirations and immoral ideology associated with all aspects of human living. For the former we can be excused with the full knowledge that learning is an evolutionary and progressive element. For the latter we must accept the laws of retribution and know that human suffering is unassociated with the influence of the omnipotent force of the universal directive power. In the final analysis of cause and effect we will find that the law of retribution is influenced by the conduct of man and not by the will of God.

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NOTES from the FIELD

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The Louise Scholtz Memorial Church had five of its members attend the National Convention at Denver. They were Pastor, Mr. Garrett H. Scholtz, President Homer Kelly, Vice President, Mrs. Lou Locher, (also a member of our State Board of Trustees), Treasurer, Mrs. Ted Paddock, and Mrs. Gene Lewis, the wife of a Trustee of our church Board. They all reported a wonderful time at the convention.

The Rev. Rose Sendker worked at our Sunday night service via her return to Florida from the Convention. The membership honored the Rev. Sendker and the returning delegates with a reception in the Social Hall. We must also commend our Pastor, Mr. Garrett Scholtz, who is not only holding the services of our own church, but those of the First Spiritualist Church of Austin, which at this time is without a pastor.



This is a view of the rostrum of the Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel with Pastor Garrett Scholtz.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The Third Spiritualist Church of West Allis reports great progress both in attendance and in interest since Rev. Harre Milesi has been pastor of this old and important church membership. The New Years Eve and Watchnight service was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. The Kraft Memorial Center also reports progress, services are held in the Plankington Hotel

each Sunday, the church is served by Rev. Lester Miller of Madison each first and third Sunday, Rev. Otto Schuh serves the first and fourth Sunday. December having five Sundays, Mr. Joseph H. Merrill, Secretary, N.S.A.C. served, he delivered a most impressive address and since he is an accomplished musician he accompanied himself at the piano as he sang a solo appropriate to the occasion.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Sunday, November 18th 1962, the Fifth Spiritualist Church, 6026 South Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, conducted special Dedication services for the new electric drinking fountain. The church fountain is one of the happy results of the marriage of Miss Elsie J. Winter and Mr. Fred C. Hamel who were united in matrimony by Pastor the Rev. Emma Ordorp, on September 22nd, 1962. The newly married couple wanted to express some of their joy and they donated the new cold drinking fountain (called the Winter-Hamel Fountain) so that the church people and the visitor to the church may drink a glass of sparkling water with a thought to the blessings of good health. The fountain will also be remembered as a memorial to the dear ones gone to the higher life, it will ever be a rich testimony to the love and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Hamel.

The church has many plans for the work of the social agency with a special luncheon, Feb. 21st and at 12:30 P.M. a card party will follow; there will be table prizes consisting of hand embroidered pillow cases along with many other interesting prizes for attendants.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Mass meeting in honor of the Texas State Spiritualist Association was held in the First Spiritualist Church, Austin, October 28th, 1962. T.S.S.A. president the Rev. Evelyn Muse presided at the meetings. Mr. Garrett Scholtz was speaker at the morning services, he is pastor of the church in San Antonio and the afternoon speaker was Mr. E. J. Bowater of Houston. Clairvoyance was demonstrated by Rev. Muse, Mr. Scholtz and Mr. Bowater, Miss Ursula Krueger was soloist for the occasion. The church ladies served a delicious noon dinner and at the close of the successful day, Rev. Muse delivered the closing remarks and benediction. Second Anniversary services were held at the church December 2nd, 1962. Mr. Homer Kelly of San Antonio was speaker at the morning services and the Rev. Muse (whose home is in Edinburg, Tex.) was speaker in the afternoon. Clairvoyance was delivered by the Rev. Jennie Cervin, Garrett Scholtz and Rev. Muse. At the close of the services the church ladies served one of their famous dinners.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

As the organ chimes rang out the melody of "Come To The Fair," the doors of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, San Francisco, opened at 2:00 P.M., Friday, December 7, upon another successful Winter Fair. From that time on throughout the evening of Saturday, December 8, Rev. Florence S. Becker, Pastor, welcomed to the Social Hall of the Church the many friends and members who look forward each year to this most enjoyable social event on the Church calendar.

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Decorations of the holiday season provided a colorful background for the various booths. The Guild's Workbasket displayed attractively gift-boxed items of needlework. A great variety of suggestions for holiday giving was displayed on the Gift Table, including flowering plants of African violets. Of special interest again was the booth of beautiful pieces of needlepoint furniture. Colorful cloth elephants and horses for the children were to be found in the booth of Lolly-Dolls. The Bake Shop offered home-cooked food, jellies, condiments, cookies and fruitcakes.

The long table through the center of the Social Hall was always filled with guests enjoying the delicious home-cooked dinners, salads, sandwiches, coffee, cake and pie which were served continually at the "Round The Clock Diner" from the moment the Winter Fair opened until the closing hour.

Each day of the Winter Fair many prizes of value were awarded, as well as a cash prize given every hour on the hour from the "Pot O' Gold."

In gratitude to Rev. Florence Becker and the Golden Gate Church, many of the friends and members gave personal gifts, thus adding to the proceeds of the Winter Fair for the continuation of the work of the Golden Gate Church.

A congregation which over-flowed the Church auditorium into the Chapel eagerly awaited the inspired address and annual Forecast given by Rev. Florence S. Becker, Sunday evening, December 30, 1962. This Service marked the 50th consecutive year that Rev. Becker had given an annual Forecast of trends and events in the years ahead.

After an inspiring address on the fundamental beliefs of the religion of Spiritualism, Rev. Becker gave way in trance to the influence of her guide and teacher, Dr. E. J. Briggs, as the beautiful music of Malotte's "Lord's Prayer" was being played.

Dr. Briggs extended a friendly greeting to all and in particular to Mr. Samuel Allison and Mr. Al Neil, who, with Rev. Becker, are now the only remaining Charter Members of the Golden Gate Church. Another well-loved member, Mrs. Annie Wilhite, for twenty-seven years Church Treasurer, passed to that Higher Expression of Life on November 18, 1962, at whose services Rev. Becker officiated on November 21.

Before beginning the Forecast, Dr. Briggs reminded the attentive audience of the significance spiritually of this occasion. "There is a slogan I have given forth for many years—'Back To God.' The old Universe is rocking on its axis," he said, "for men and women have gotten too far away from this Universal Law of Life. You are out of step. You have allowed your materialism to take precedence over your spiritual nature . . . If you will but turn your thinking and make friends with God."

"We are beginning a new year," said Dr. Briggs. "It will be a 'new' year only if you discard your negative thinking of the 'old' and get new thoughts and ideas . . ."

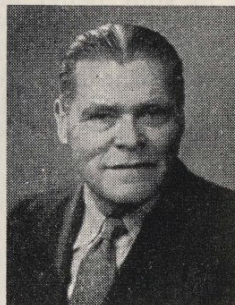
The Forecast in trends and conditions in the world for the time ahead, country by country, was then given by Dr. Briggs through Rev. Becker's trance mediumship.

"In your hands you have a mighty power," said Dr. Briggs during his concluding remarks, "You have a will and you have a shuttle in your hands . . . Will you thread your shuttle with love, generosity and compassion and with it, with the skill of the weaver, begin to weave a pattern of unity, for united you stand and divided you fall . . ."

Spiritual Greetings during the Service were given by Rev. Becker through her blind-fold billet reading phase of mediumship.

The beautiful music of David Burr, baritone, accompanied by Julie Burr, Greta McGregor at the piano and Dorothy Haddick, organist, greatly added to the impressiveness of this last Service of the old year.

Rev. Clyde Dibble, Co-Pastor, gave the Invocation as Chairman for this Special Service.



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"Quiz Corner"

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No personal questions, please.

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Question

I am not a bona fide Spiritualist but have long been interested in metaphysical and psychological development. What puzzles me is the frequent references in your magazine (and others) to the term scientific investigation. How can there be a scientific investigation of religion which is entirely of a spiritual nature as related to man? M. R. H., East St. Louis, Illinois.

Answer

Undoubtedly you are not familiar with one of the basic tenets of our religion as expressed in our Spiritualist Manual. Our very first definition of the religion is that it is a composition of three aspects—namely, Science, Philosophy, religion. By religion we mean spiritual in nature since it deals with the universal quest for proof of the continuity of life—or immortality, a term which we do not use in a general sense. We believe that man passing through the process of death continues to live maintaining his consciousness, memory and expressive ability. The proof of such belief we approach through scientific investigation. We claim that the basis of our belief is not the result of events and experiences in various eras of time but is dependent upon the changeless immutable laws of Nature itself. Such conviction is the result of personal search—science is that which can be demonstrated. When research goes beyond that point it must then become philosophy. Since science deals only with proven facts and the laws that maintain those facts, our procedure becomes scientific. We study the various laws that have been discovered, analyze them, classify them and through the power of reasoning we then develop our conclusions. In Spiritualism the seance room becomes a laboratory, the expressions of communication through mediumship a living proof of life after death. We do not believe in conversion to our religion, but that one's convictions of its proof and power is purely of a personal nature acquired through scientific investigation.

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Question

I am a Baptist and I will never be a Spiritualist, but I am interested in your belief and history, my question is this—in 1848 the Fox sisters SUPPOSEDLY communicated with the spirit of Charles Rosna a peddler who had been murdered and his body buried two feet under the basement of the Fox cottage. If this is so, what evidence is there to substantiate this tale, was a body, a skeleton discovered, if so how was it identified? D. T., Marshall, Texas.

Answer

The well established story of the Fox sisters and the code between them and Rosna is the concrete basis for the inception of physical phenomena in Modern Spiritualism. Through this code, Rosna was able to identify himself and the circumstances surrounding his death, among the amazing data thus received, it was revealed that his body was buried in the cellar. As a result of this information many efforts were made by various people to discover the spot where the body was buried. These investigations were carried out through the aid of the raps produced through the mediumship of the Fox girls. The cottage stood on low lying ground and the excavations had to be abandoned because of flooding, it was noted, however, that the raps—which were heard coming from a heavy beam over the heads of the children, completely ceased during the excavations. In spite of many efforts to locate the spot where the body was buried it was not found. In the course of years the house, empty and abandoned, because of its reputation as a "haunted house," fell into decay. On Nov. 22, 1904 some children playing in and around the house caused the collapse of a cellar wall and revealed a human skeleton and lying beside it the tin box in which Rosna carried his wares and his money. The skeleton bore the characteristics often described earlier as to the physical make-up of Rosna. The box was empty, a few years later, Mr. Benjamin Bartlett restored the cottage and had it moved to Lily Dale, N.Y. where it stood until it was completely destroyed by fire, Sept. 21st, 1955; but the "rapping beam" and peddler's pack box were saved, they are still at Lily Dale. It is interesting to note that the various sects comprising orthodox Christianity were founded on psychical experiences described by their founders and leaders. The family of John Wesley in Epworth Rectory, England were the only ones who experienced the "rappings" and visions which led to the eventual founding of the church of Methodism, none but George Fox saw the visions which resulted in the founding of the wonderful church of the Quakers. Only three people were ever known to have seen the angel Moroni and the famous tablets of gold first revealed to Joseph Smith the founder of the Church Of

Latter Day Saints. None of these events contain a lasting proof for all peoples, they do, however, establish the faith which their followers exemplify. Just so do we as Spiritualists link the murdered Rosna, his skeleton, his peddler's box and his contact with the Fox sisters to the growing interest of today in all things metaphysical and psychical.

Weddings

FIDLER - FISHER

On Sunday, November 11, 1962, Rev. Clara Senior, Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Reading, Pa. united in marriage Kathryn Fidler and Irvin Fisher. The couple were attended by Mrs. Stella Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Groff and Mrs. Hazel Peterson. Mrs. Sara High was soloist and Mrs. Mary Baker pianist. The church was beautifully decorated by Mr. Paul Weidner and Mr. Stewart Lerch with palms and white mums. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the recreation room of the church, where the newlyweds received congratulations and gifts. Refreshments were served.

MC GINNIS - SCHMELZLE

On December 9, 1962 at the Spiritual Science Church of San Bernardino, California, Helen McGinnis and Emil Schmelzle were united in Marriage in a double-ring ceremony by the Pastor Rev. Ann Cannara.

The regular Sunday Service was at 7:30 P.M. The Pastor, Rev. Ann Cannara gave a very inspiring Lecture on Marriage using this topic for the occasion. After the Service the organist Mrs. Myrtle Barrett played "I Love You Truly" then the wedding group came forward for the ceremony, Mrs. Louise McGinnis and Mr. Frank McGinnis were the witnesses for the marriage.

Beautiful yellow Chrysanthemums decorated the rostrum, Mrs. Theresa Edwards took colored pictures at the church and at the reception, which was held in the Social room of the church after the wedding.

Mrs. Theresa Edwards served the Punch and Mrs. Marie Panthere served the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schmelzle are both members of the church.

TRANSITIONS

Raisch—Emilie Raisch, St. Louis, Missouri, Nov. 5th 1962, survived by her husband Fred, two sons, one daughter, also her mother in law, grandmother and great grand mother, her physical presence will be greatly missed by a host of friends. Mrs. Raisch was an attendant of the Fifth Spiritualist Church, St. Louis. Funeral services from Kutis Funeral Home, St. Louis, interment in New St. Marcus Cemetery. The Rev. Emma Ordop officiated.

Balius—Fern Balius, president of the State Spiritualist Association of Washington, December 6th, Bellingham Wash. She had previously served on the State Board from Trustee to President and had been Pastor-President of The First Spiritualist Church in Bellingham for a number of years. She was a Licentiate Minister and a State Missionary and had been very active in Lyceum work. She leaves besides her many friends, her husband Walter, a daughter Maxine and a son Richard. Many tributes to her long service were represented in the many floral pieces at her funeral. Rev. Lillian Brown officiated and Della Carlson was the soloist.

BOGEN—George Bogen, West Allis, Wisconsin. Mr. Bogen was a member of Third Spiritual Science Church. Rev. Otto Schuh conducted memorial services in the Kraft Memorial Church, Milwaukee in honor of Mr. Bogen. Flowers were placed on the altar by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eggert. Mr. Eggert, a friend of many years, sang a solo "Beyond The Dawn."

GOD'S MESSENGER OF BEAUTY



**Rev. Enid S.
Smith, Ph.D.**

Luther Burbank, sometimes called the "plant wizard," "a saint among the roses," or "partner of nature," trained plants to work for man, to beautify America, and accomplished in his chosen line more than any other man who has ever lived. This sensitive, inspired man, conscious of spirit guidance, did more in a generation in creating new and useful types of plant-life than Nature could have done in a millenium—

more indeed than Nature unaided would ever have accomplished. To him beauty was life and he caused her to unveil constantly her lovely face. His heart and fingers were torches to lead men's souls to her enchantment that she might not remain in the silent, shadowy corners of oblivion.

It seems strange to some, because of its paramount significance, that it is often a long time after the decease of many of the great souls in all walks of life before the world discovers, through many sources (such as obscure records, or brief unnoticed accounts, or from those who knew them intimately) that these souls all were conscious of spirit guidance and communication, of astral flights, heard spirit voices, dreamed dreams of great significance, and saw visions—all of which was true in the case of Luther Burbank.

Just to give a brief example of this. The

famous Yogananda who knew Burbank very well and called him his "American Saint," writes in his Autobiography these words spoken to him by Burbank one day when they were out driving together: "Sometimes I feel very close to Infinite Power," and the "plant wizard's" sensitive, beautifully modeled face lit up with his memories. "It is then that I am able to heal sick persons around me, as well as many ailing plants." He went on to speak of some of his psychic experiences connected with his deceased mother, who was a sincere Christian woman. "Many times," he said, "after her death, I have been blessed by her appearance in visions; she has spoken to me."

The present writer has been having articles published on Burbank, her friend, since the early 1920's when she lived in California and was able to get much firsthand information from Santa Rosa, where Burbank lived in a humble, simple little house among the roses. He was always a deeply sincere, religious man, but one who could brook no sham, superstition, or falsehood. He has said that he realized spirit guidance and direction in his life, and especially in his work with plants. He was aware of his guardian spirit, as he called him, and felt that he had been delivered from many accidents and troubles by this spirit helper. He always wanted to make, through his scientific work, an avenue for the realization of spirit to man, but he ran into much persecution and misrepresentation, and because of his connection with the Spirit World, where it was known, he was often considered "godless," for persecution in those days was much worse than it is now, and still there is much to be desired.

Another interesting fact about Burbank, recorded in books about his life, is that he inherited apparently from his mother the ability to receive what he called "telepathic communication." Also one of his sisters was blessed in this way. "In tests before representatives of the University of California," says the horticultural genius, as the world now recognizes him, "confirming her, she was able seven times out of ten to receive messages sent to her telepathically. My mother was in poor health during the last years of her life. I often wished to summon my sister. On such occasions I never wrote, telephoned, or telegraphed. Instead I sent messages telepathically. Each time she arrived at my home in Santa Rosa, California, on the next train."

By these and other similar recorded words of Burbank's, we can see how easy it is to leave unsaid some of the most important things in a person's whole life, for when Burbank passed on in 1926, the eulogies were many and wordy, but there was no mention of his communica-

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tions with the discarnate, or of his guidance by spirit in all his famous work—neither was there a word about the investigation at the University of California or of other mysterious occurrences dear to the heart of this scientific genius who used “telepathy” as practicably as most people use the telephone.

But for a moment let us consider how this great soul was prepared in this life for his outstanding accomplishments. March 7, 1849, to Lancaster, Mass., he came to a farmer father who found time to read good books as well as to work with land, and to a mother who had a strong love for all beauty. Young Luther was a frail child who spent much of his time in reading. His great devotion to plants was noticed almost from the cradle, and his parents found that he appreciated the gift of flowers more than the present of a toy. In time he went to the common school near his home, and later to the academy Winters. He had to work Summers to pay expenses. For several seasons he worked in a factory in Worcester at a salary of 50 cents a day. To improve his income he invented a machine that would do away with the work of at least six men. His employer increased his pay and his friends urged him to take up the career of inventor. But indoor work was hard on his health besides he was wedded to Nature and the plants, so took up gardening and seed raising.

On one fortunate day he found a seed ball with 23 seeds on a potato from which he grew 23 healthy plants, each of which had a different kind of potato. One of the plants was especially strong and produced a very large cluster of big, smooth potatoes of very fine quality. They were sold for seed, and proved so fine that the gardener who bought them called them “Burbank potatoes.” It is said that since that time millions of dollars worth of Burbank potatoes have been raised in the United States, but Burbank received \$150 for his prize potato.

Another fortunate day came to the young man when he was 25 and moved to California. The climate of New England and the sunstroke he had experienced did not agree with him. He now sought work in a new place that he might get ahead enough to become a nursery man. Work was hard to get and many positions were beyond his strength. Finally, he heard of a building being put up, and applied for a job. He went out to purchase with nearly all the cash he had a shingling hatchet required—but when he returned he found the job had been given to another. However, at last he found work in a small nursery, but had no funds for a lodging, so slept in a damp, unwholesome room above the steaming hothouse, where for days and nights at a time his clothing was never dry. The constant moisture and lack of food brought on an attack of fever. A woman in the neighborhood, herself in straightened circumstances, found him dying one day and

insisted on sharing daily with him a portion of the milk she had for her family. He protested as he felt he would not live to pay her back. But her daily pint of milk saved his life, the life of the man who was to become the foremost figure in the world in his line, and who was to pave the way by his own discoveries and creations for others of all lands to follow in his footsteps. For some time now he was a stranger in a strange land, close to starvation, penniless, beset by disease, close to death. Yet never for an instant did he lose hope or abandon confidence in himself or the work he felt he was to do in this life. In the midst of all hardship he kept an unshaken faith. He accepted the trials that came as a passing necessity, never thought the world owed him a living, but struggled on. He was fighting in the splendid armor of a clean life, with a heart of gold, a resolution of iron, and a will of steel. He was wan and haggard when he rose to wander from place to place in search of work. He went from one job to another, saving a little money and regaining strength. Ever his goal was before him to create beauty to attract men to God, by being a raiser of plants and a creator of improved and better species. Finally, he purchased a plot of ground and established a nursery which was to become famous throughout his own state and also throughout America. He began a wonderful series of experiments which later astonished the scientific world of two hemispheres and established an epoch in the vegetable kingdom that would mean much to the future. So, having paid the price of a chance to start to serve the world he was ready for his experimentation of selection and cross-breeding of plants for improvement and producing new varieties, believing always in God’s help and guidance from the Spirit World, knowing always that he could not do it alone—so he steamed ahead.

Early, he had the offer from a young fellow starting a prune ranch, of preparing for him 20,000 young prune trees, but they had to be ready in 9 months, when usually it took 2-3 years. But young Burbank had intuition and ingenuity, took the order, sprouted almond seeds—the only seeds that would sprout at that time of year, soon grafted 20,000 prune shoots into the almonds, and in 9 months had the prune trees ready and all was well!

As time went on he would have as many as 500 experiments going at the same time, some of them involving 200,000 plants from which he would select the best to breed from. He greatly improved plums, cherries, apples, pears, figs, grapes, peaches, quinces, walnuts, as well as varieties of flowers and vegetables, also he created many new varieties. His lillies, dahlias, poppies, roses, verbenas, petunias are wonders. Everybody knows his Shasta daisy, the offspring of the English and American daisy

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with their pure white Japanese cousin. The flower grows to be 5-7 inches in diameter, and is named after Burbank's favorite peak in the Sierras.

Many ideas came to him out of the ether while he was working on other experiments. His spineless, thornless cactus is another wonder. He talked to the thorny cactus, as he talks to all his plants according to their needs. He says, "While I was conducting experiments, I often talked with my plants to create a vibration of love. "You have nothing to fear," I would say to the cactus. "You don't need your defensive thorns. I will protect you. I know you have had enemies as all cacti do have. But wouldn't it be nice if you had only friends and did not have to grow those thorns all over you? I will take you to my garden, a lovely place, where there are no enemies, and you will not need to grow thorns, if you will cooperate with me." This was the beginning of his teaching the cactus not to grow thorns. He experimented several years combining several methods, but ended up with the spineless, thornless edible cactus that is valuable for food for man and beast, a cactus that can produce the third year 150 tons of forage per acre, and with 30-40 full-sized pears on each leaf. Some of this experimentation was carried on at his second place 8 miles from Santa Rosa at Sebastopol.

So the wonder worker dreamed on with his visions of improvements, created the white blackberry, the plumcot, the nectarine, among other wonders. He taught the gladiolas to bloom around the stem like the hyacinth, drove out the disagreeable odor of the dahlia, replacing it with the scent of the magnolia blossom, the calla with the fragrance of the Parma violet, and the scentless verberna was given the intensified fragrance of the trailing arbutus. Fruit trees were created so that they would withstand freezing in bud and flower—a poppy so increased in size that it measured 10 inches across its brilliant bloom, also a blue poppy. He created the Australian star-flower one of the everlasting varieties which was to be used for the decoration of ladies' hats, along with improved varieties of grass.

Moreover, Burbank dared to try experiments that modified supposed scientific laws. He was told that crosses between two varieties of the same species were possible, but not crosses between different species. However, later when he had succeeded it was admitted that under particular conditions that were especially favorable one could take parents of different kinds, such as the crinum and amaryllis and bring about successful crosses. After that Burbank began to hear less about fixed rules and laws. He had started his work spurred on by Darwin, Lamarck, Huxley, Galton and the rest of those wise men. He succeeded in crossing the plum with the apricot—parents of different species.

Said Burbank, "My theory of laws and underlying principles of plant creation is in many respects opposed to the theories of the materialists. I am a sincere believer in a higher Power than Man's. All my investigations have led me away from a dead material universe tossed about by various forces."

Before speaking of the latter part of the great man's life, it may be interesting to some to have a few words directly from him, as he speaks "direct voice" to the writer very often through different deep trance mediums, in various places. He is always so natural and comes like a sweet breath of spring, he who gave his life to beautify earth to attract men to God. Last summer he came after encouraging the heavenly blue morning glories in the writer's garden at Lily Dale so that a tendril grew 12 inches by measured length in 24 hours. Many interested people observed this growth and also have noted that he causes the plants that ordinarily bloom but once in a season to bloom perpetually through the summer. The following are his words:

"I have observed the interest of many people who admire your garden. I know you are writing now about the flowers and the influence of prayer on plants. I pray as always. I thought I understood on earth the way Nature responded and particularly to my touch and my way of living. I knew that nothing could die in Nature. I always felt and knew that I would be somewhere, that I would be myself and putter around as I like to do. I did experiment incessantly to eliminate that which was not good that I might have something to show that was beauty, in tune with God Himself. I am now able to say that I live in this beauty in Spirit Land. You would be surprised at the laboratories and the experimental work we have here. On earth I had my trusted few for years. I look in occasionally and see that some are still carrying on. I am doing much the same work I did on earth. I will come when I can. I love your garden and come to see God's love blossom. I will lend my magic touch to you. Plants will cooperate with those who understand them. When I was experimenting with cross pollination, some of my plants did not respond well. I used to talk with them and show them they must cooperate or I would toss them aside. After a while they came out successfully.

"I would like to say a word to your public. If mankind would take its pattern from things that grow in Nature and set their sights to a high level and love the efforts expended in incorporating others into their own lives, then they would have a garden of Eden in mind and spirit. Then would be the kind of a world that good people are seeking. I see things in my own way through the light that shines in me. There must have been something in me that gave the inherent ability to express so

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that man could have more varieties of beauty to look at. You will know from all of the facts of my life that I lived under much direction of spirit. My heart and soul lived to create and to proclaim beauty. I had many visions while on earth, and I left my body nights to go to strange lands—places of great beauty. Each weaves his own pattern of life. May peace be with you all.”

Burbank never grew old or lost the child in him. He still could go over a gate or run a foot race or kick a chandelier when 77 years of age. He said, “That is because my body is no older than my mind, and my mind is adolescent. I am as inquisitive as I was at 8, asking, ‘What is this; how does it work?’”

In his last years he grew increasingly impatient with bigotry and superstition and from this suffered a great deal of persecution and misinterpretation. A minister asked him to speak in a San Francisco church, but because Burbank used logic and reason with kindness in making things plain he was engulfed in a whirlwind of hatred and with mail that was heaped upon him later that he felt he should answer, his life was shortened. But ordinarily his days were cheerful and humor was often expressed, for all who really knew him loved him.

To the last, God’s messenger of beauty worked to improve everything he touched and to turn man’s thoughts from the base destructive forces into the nobler productive ones which would lift him to the higher planes of spiritual consciousness and of action toward that day when man shall offer his brother man not bullets or bayonets, but richer grains, better fruits, fairer flowers, with love and understanding.

COMEDY

Mark Twain said everyone talked about the weather but did nothing about it.

So now I write about New England Weather
Some days the rain comes as light as a feather
But Holy Cow we get just around the corner
And then say we should wait a little longer
It is just too bad for that hat or bonnet
For on our head we will not find it on it
And Lo and Behold, we see dog turn it over
We pick it up; it looks like a turnover
Then we run home for an umbrella and rubbers
And tell the sad story to our dear Mothers
We start again with head high and straight shoulders
And in our hearts we feel a bit bolder
Then we stand and wait for a bus
And linger there and fume and fuss
And by Golly, it will not stop for us
You can imagine what words come in our minds
They could not be printed in the Sunday Times
So that is the fate of us mortals below
It happens to all who are on the go.

A. H. Christenson

NATURAL LAWS

Today we hear much about natural law, universal law, universal consciousness, cosmic law, cosmic consciousness, universal mind, Divine law, Gods law, Infinite Intelligence etc., etc.

Regardless of how we may express ourselves, reference is always to that which is behind and controlling this entire universe. It is beyond the power of the mind of man to comprehend the operations of the Infinite. Mans greatest wisdom seems to be Gods foolishness.

However, this does not bar man from seeking rational and understandable explanation of the facts and manifestations of life in this universe.

This entire universe is now regarded by the intellectual world as one stupendous whole. As one grand and awe inspiring concern, governed in all its parts by laws that are all inclusive, unchangeable, and everlasting. A universe in which vacuum and separateness are unknown. A universe controlled by a perfect law of harmony.

Now to clearly understand any one section or division and the activities of this universe, we must first see it in its relation to the whole or else we get a nearsighted and distorted view and become narrow minded.

Man lives in what he terms, “an ever changing world.” What is today is not tomorrow, nor was it yesterday. The law of change therefore is a permanent part of our entire universe. Man can observe the law of change in the consistent sequences appearing in the lives of mortals. Birth and death, night following day, season following season, the movement of the planets.

Man reasons therefrom that a definite, powerful, unchangeable universal law must govern the entire universe. Yes, God’s law of harmony.

Nothing in this world stands alone. Every expression of life be it physical or spiritual is a part of the infinite whole regardless of its greatness. Therefore every particle of matter possesses the same power to a fractional degree.

According to the findings of science in each particle is found evidence of natural law. A progressive unchangeable growth.

In the stone formation there exists properties of the soil. In the soil, properties of plant life. In plants, properties of the animal kingdom. And here we see the highest form of in-



Harold Birch N.S.T.

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telligence: man. And in man, although we cannot see but can realize the indestructible principle behind all life, **Spirit**.

We know all expressions of life evolve from a lower to a higher vibration, each manifesting in its own way. Therefore, these laws being common to all things, universal in scope and power, must govern all life both in the material and spiritual world.

Life as we know it had its beginning in a material form on this plane of earth. Therefore, all those in spirit had to have first existed here.

It's when man understands these laws and their expressions he will cease to classify spiritual mediumship and all else beyond his present range of knowledge as mysterious.

Anything new to us remains a mystery until we understand it. Once we understand it, at least in part, it becomes common place and as natural as tomorrow.

When our knowledge of nature increases, we can expect better communications between the two rates of vibration. Between those in a material body and those out of the body. For all spirit communication has to be in harmony with natural law. There are no secrets or magic formulas. Spiritual mediumship is for all regardless of creed, color, or social standing.

This we prove by the fact that the uncivilized of the jungles have among them mediums as did our American Indians. To quote from Kenyon Jones, "Mediumship has come in every age, in every generation, in some form or other in every country, in every nation, in every tribe, and so it will continue to come because it is in harmony with Gods own laws."

We still find so many people including ministers of many faiths who are supposed to be in a position to teach to man his relationship to God, denying spirit communication. They say it's unnatural, impossible and the work of evil. This attitude will continue to exist as long as people cling to a man made credal system.

However, this cannot be taken as an excuse for our own mediums not being in a position to intelligently explain psychic phenomena and spiritual mediumship in the light of natural law. No man has a monopoly on education. Our great libraries prove this. Knowledge is there for the taking.

In Spiritualism our purpose is to study facts as they pertain to creation, to man and his possibilities, to life both in and out of the body and communications between the two worlds. To accomplish this we turn to natural laws in its many branches and here only will we find the answers to our questions.

Regardless of the plane of expression, mans objective all through life seems to be progression, striving to live according to the decrees of nature, attune himself more harmoniously with God.

The source of natural law and man's source are the same, because the law of cohesion and

adhesion which hold together the atoms of our bodies also hold together the entire universe. Man's body is by no means anymore important in the scheme of natural law than other animal forms.

The thorough conviction Jesus had of this fact may be found the key note of his great humility. Jesus realized and understood the fact that we are as much a spirit now as we will ever be but now we are existing under different conditions, vibrating at a lower and denser rate of vibration than those in spirit. However, we are still governed by the same laws only on a lower plane.

Man is aware that his advent into this life was accomplished by nature just as his birth into the next plane of consciousness will be consummated. Nature governs all circumstance and environments associated with life in both worlds.

Man's consent or approval have no bearing upon these matters whatsoever. Man's greatest wealth lies in the spiritual plane not this material. Man's spiritual knowledge should be of natural law and how best to use what God has given us to use. A form of communication between men both seen and unseen.

In Spiritualism we find the following laws manifesting through the following branches are a worthwhile study to better come in tune with the infinite:

1. Law of Desire
2. Law of Love
3. Attraction, repulsion, propulsion
4. Law of Vibration
5. Law of Passivity or activity
6. Law of Co-operation
7. Law of Productivity and receptivity
8. Law of Compensation and retribution
9. Law of balance
10. Law of Harmony
11. Law of Cohesion and adhesion
12. Law of Cycles
13. Law of Supply and Demand
14. Law of Cause and Effect

Man is ever conscious that this world is governed by something. When he begins to study the deep underlying possibilities, he sees the equality that exists among all humans. In that, these laws govern all alike. Because all are part of one great whole, it is one thing all humans share in common.

To come closer to God and understand Gods ways, we must study natures ways because nature's ways are Gods laws.

When man turns to natural law rather than a creed, then we will all see life as God meant it to be, a pure spiritual experience.

The most beautiful chapter of the whole Bible was written from inspiration and covers well the experience of man throughout life's journey. I believe you all will recognize these lines, which begin thus:

The Lord is my shepherd etc., etc.-23rd Psalm

WHERE IS HEAVEN?



REV. EDITH M. NILES

Heaven is the most talked of, sought for, and looked for place in our lives. Everyone wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die. It all depends upon whether you are considering heaven as a place or a condition. The time and the place is here and now. For years, the school of thought of past ages have been that man could live as he pleased, regardless, then in the closing day of his

mortal life be transported into a blissful state called heaven, with a prayer on his lips to some imaginary selfish and revengeful God; and perhaps leaving his earthly estate to some church or society, he could glide between the golden gates to eternal happiness.

Intelligent minds no longer accept this worn out theory. They no longer belong to the mass thinkers, one may be highly educated in book and college learning, yet, be in complete ignorance of spiritual laws. In the past we have been told and taught that heaven was on the right hand of God, but where is God? We must find God if we are to know where heaven is. In Luke 17: 21 we are told that the kingdom of heaven is within, if that is true, then that must be where God is. Jesus, the Christ, when asked where heaven was, he said in this chapter. "Neither shall they say lo here, or lo there, the kingdom of God is within you."

We have been told by the churches that heaven is a location above, that it is God's home, now that is not in accordance with the Bible, is it? For the Bible says that heaven is within, now which one are we to believe? The Bible or the church? Let us make up your mind about this question. For once and for all. I would say in this case, we should believe the Bible. What do you think? The churches have never been able to tell us how many miles up is heaven, or have they told up how many miles down in hell. Remember the churches have created both locations for us poor sinners, so they say. But thank God, the religion of Spiritualism has revealed to us that both these places are conditions and not locations, and that we are not punished for our sins, (which are the mistakes we make) but we are punished by them. Now where are these places? As man very recently has gone into orbit on his journey through space has not yet discovered this location of heaven.

Nor has hell been discovered below the earth. Our elder brother once said, "Come let us reason together" let us accept this one

thought, that harmony is heaven, discord is hell and all of us have encountered both. Heaven, like gold, is where you find it. Let us dispense with the parade of creeds and dogmas, let us also be reminded that there are no lost souls. Our soul is a spark of God, therefore how can he lose himself? We believe in the spark of divinity that God has placed in everyone, and its our duty to nourish that spark. Many churches of today will reject you from their roster if you do not accept vicarious atonement, which is only another way to ask some one else to pay for our mistakes. One way to get out of things if you can make it.

It is not what church you belong to, or your belief, it is what we do that counts, heaven is just what we make it, you can have both conditions under the same roof, and many do. A few expressions we hear almost every day, "I sure have been thru hell today" says one, "I had a wonderful day today, it was like heaven" says another. Are they not referring to conditions rather than locations? The war torn parts of the world today is a hell on earth. Is than not a condition brought on by man's greed for power? Happiness is a cloak, not big enough to cover one. But big enough to cover two. Let us get out of the piscean age of ignorance and fear, where we were told that God would punish us severely if we transgressed the law, but we meet out our own punishment to ourselves as we violate these laws. Thru the immutable laws of compensation and retribution, we cannot escape these two laws. For they are the circle of our deeds. Now that we know where heaven is, let us extend the light that we have, let us keep our lamps well trimmed and filled with the oil of love and life, and if we have enough light, we will always be able to find our way. The teachings of Spiritualism have taught us these things and that truth has set us free, "He" once said, The truth will set you free"

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Spiritualist Church of Divinity, 6146 South Ashland Ave. Services, Sunday 7 P.M. Mary E. Novak, President, Evelyn Kellner, Secretary.

CICERO—1st Spiritualist Church, 5033 W. 25th Place. Church Service Sun., 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages and Healing. Rev. Marie Prescott, Pastor. Marie Berg, Secretary.

CREVE COEUR—Spiritualist Church of Harmony, 109 Homewood Ave. Services, Sunday, 10:30 A.M. Study Class, Wed. 8 P.M. Rev. Gladys Cunningham, Minister, Mrs. Hattie M. Caghey, 2101 Longshore Place, Peoria, Ill., Secretary.

DECATUR—1st Spiritualist Church of Truth, 993 N. Edward St. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Grace W. Brown, 940 N. Edward.

EAST ST. LOUIS—United Spiritualist Church, 51st St. and Ohio Ave. Services Sunday and Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Otilie S. Dryoff, 633 N. 87th St., East St. Louis.

FREEPORT—1st Spiritualist Church, Y.W.C.A. Bldg., 514 W. Stephenson St. Sun. Services and Healing, 7 p.m. Wm. Franklin Sloggett, Pres., 1107 S. Adams.

LEROY—J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church, 102 S. Pearl; Services Sun., 2 p.m. Potluck Dinner, Motion Pictures, Tape Recording, Mediumship Class. Mr. Daryl N. Winters, Pastor. Ph. 962-2066.

WESTMONT—Unity Spiritualist Church, 21 East Quincy St. Lecture, Healing, Spirit Greetings 7 p.m. Mr. E. A. Backlund, President. Sylvia Kostopoulos, Sec'y.

INDIANA

Indiana State Association of Spiritualists—

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MICHIGAN CITY—First Spiritualist Church, 220 W. 10th St. Services Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Lyceum 9 a.m.; Wed. Circle Service, 8 p.m.; Fri. Circle Service, 2:30 p.m. Rev. Amelia Hullinger, Pastor; Gertrude Rachor, Secretary.

FORT WAYNE—Spiritualist Church of Divine Science, 1615 Wells St., cor. Spring. Sun. Lyceum 9:45 a.m. Service, 7:30 p.m.; Thur. 2 and 7:45 p.m. Special Service 1st and 3rd Sun. of month, 2:45 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. Rev. Bernice Brock, Pastor. 1604 Andrew St., phone A-4567.

FRANKFORT—1st Spiritualist Church, Magnolia and Green Sts. Services, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.; First Sunday of each month, 2:30 and 7:45 p.m. Orval C. Howe, President.

GARY—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C. 2430 West 11th Ave. Services: Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Ass't Pastor, John Kladarin; Pres. Edward Miko; Sec'y Reba Schallon Weaver, 288 Ellsworth St., Gary 3.

INDIANAPOLIS—Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 1415 Central Ave. Sun. Ser. Healing, 7 p.m.; Church Ser. 7:30 p.m.; Tues. Message Ser. 2 p.m.; Thurs. Ser. 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glenna Clark, phone ME 4-6673. George Jackson, Sec'y, 6848 Evanston Ave., phone CL 5-2375.

Progressive Spiritualist Church, St. Clair and Park Ave. Sunday service, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday services, 7:30 p.m. Edith Wade, President.

MUNCIE—Unity Spiritualist Church, cor. 9th and Mulberry Sts. Rev. Virginia Leach Falls, Pastor, 1925 W. 9th Street. Assistant Pastor, Rev. Lee Bridges, N.S.T. Healing Services, Sun. 2:15 p.m. Worship service 2:30 p.m. Church phone, Atlas 8-2582.

IOWA

DES MOINES—Third National Spiritualist Church, 2733 Thompson, Des Moines 17. Services Sun. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Minister, Janice Rosalie Baynes, phone A.M. 6-5824. Anna W. Gaugh and H. S. Smiley, Assistant Ministers.

CLINTON—First Spiritualist Church of Clinton, 409-411 South Third St. Services Sun., 2:30 p.m. followed by Spirit Greetings. Rev. H. Louise Miller, Pastor; Elmer L. Oxley, Pres.; Grace L. Struve, Secretary.

KANSAS

WICHITA—The Spiritualist Church of Occult Science, 732 Patti. Services Sun., 8 p.m. Rev. Maude K. Gates, Rev. Jessica Reynard.

The Peoples Spiritualist Church of Wichita, Kansas. Church services each Sunday 7:30 P.M., Labor Temple, 417 E. English. Building Fund Social every third Friday, 7:30 P.M. Pastor, Rev. Marie Brew, 614 E. Pine. Sec'y, Lucille Collins, 1401 Laura.

MAINE

Maine State Spiritualist Association of Churches—

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AUGUSTA—The Augusta Spiritualist Church, Court and Perham Sts., Sunday Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday seances when announced. H. Francis Stevens, Pres.; Bertha L. Stone, 229 Cony St., Fin. Sec'y; Margaret M. Stevens, 51 Middle St., Corr. Sec'y.

BANGOR—Bangor Spiritualist Church, GAR Memorial Home, 159 Union St. Sun., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Mon. 7:30 p.m. Alice L. Mooers, Pastor, Camp Etna, Maine; Bernice L. Moore, Secretary.

DOVER-FOXCROFT—First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church. Sun. services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, North St. Walter H. Burgess, Pres.; Myra L. Burgess, Sec'y.

ETNA—Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, Sunday Lyceum 1:30 p.m., Services, 2:30 p.m. May through October. Rev. William Hubbard, N.S.T., Founder. Mrs. Marion McCrillis, Secretary.

PORTLAND—Portland Spiritualist Church, 574 Congress Street. Services, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Shaw, Pres., Mrs. Ethel Lorenzen, 203 Stanford Street So., Portland, Secy.

STOCKTON—The Stockton Spiritualist Church, Griffin Memorial Hall, Stockton Springs. Services, Sun., 2:30 p.m. Pastor, Fred Carlton, Pres., Oscar Elden, Sec'y., Mrs. Pearl Elden, Stockton Springs, Maine.

WATERVILLE—Waterville Spiritualist Church, Elmwood Hotel. Services Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Seance, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Theola Cook, Pres., Mrs. Reuberta Byam, 5 College Place.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Sanctuary of Truth, Inc., 2106 Eutaw Pl. Services: Sun. and Wed. 8 p.m.; Minister: Teresa A. Fecher; Marie Gorsuch, Pres.; Raymond A. Hamilton, Healer; Sec'y: Clara E. Shepherd, 3320 Bayonne Ave.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists—

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BOSTON—First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society of Boston, 7 Park Ave., Davis Square, Somerville. Services Sun., 3 p.m. Miss Helen MacRichie, Pres.

BROCTON—First Spiritualist Church, 54 Green Street. Church Services Sunday, Afternoon Service, 4 P.M., Healing Service, 5:30 P.M. Evening Service 7 P.M., Thursday, Mid-Week Service, 7:30 P.M. Pastor Gustavus P. Karlson, Licentiate Minister, 80 Kame St., Brockton.

MALDEN—The Spiritual Haven, 48 Washington Street. Church Services Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Beatrice Gifford, Secretary, 31 Chestnut Street, Malden 48.

LAWRENCE—The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist), 113 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, Mass. Services Sunday: 4 p.m. Lyceum, Early Service 6:30 p.m., Church Service 7:30 p.m. Rev. Edythe B. Meader, Pastor.

ONSET (CAPE COD)—First Spiritualist Church, Highland Ave. Services, Sun. 7:00 p.m. Wed. Class 8 p.m. at the parsonage. Rev. Kenneth and Rev. Gladys Custance, Co-Pastors.

QUINCY—1st Spiritualist Church, 4 Maple St. Services Tues., 8 p.m. Pres., Bert DeYoung.

SPRINGFIELD—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., 33-37 Bliss St. Services Sunday, 3 P.M., Healing Service each Thursday, 7:30-8:30 P.M. Young Workers night, first Wednesday of each month, 7 P.M., Lyceum Sunday, 3 P.M. President, Paul Spencer, Clerk, Ruth Aggerup.

SALEM—The First Spiritualist Church, 34 Warren St., Salem. Church Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Evening Services 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday Services 8 p.m. Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, Pastor.

MICHIGAN

N.S.A.C. Spiritualist Association Churches—

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DETROIT—First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell, Detroit 27. Church Service, Sun., 10:45 a.m. Frayne A. Pansera, Pres., Rev. Goldie Dodd, Sec'y, 89 Delaware, Detroit 2.

FLINT—Menton Memorial Spiritualistic Church, 613 E. Austin Ave., Flint 5. Sun. 7:45 p.m. Amy Bolton Gramp, Sec'y.

LESLIE—Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, West Bellvue St. Lyceum, 10:30 a.m.; Church service, 7:30 p.m. Rev. E. McLain, Pres.; Irene Smith, Sec'y, 111 West Race St., phone Tu 9-2731.

ROYAL OAK—First Spiritualist Temple, 114 Pingree, Sunday, Lyceum, 10 a.m. Church Service, 11:45 a.m., Ralph Cheney, President, Edith A. Thornback, Sec'y, 1865 Beech Lane, Troy, Mich.

Royal Oak (Detroit) Ministerial Association of Spiritualists, 114 Pingree St., Royal Oak, Mich. Regular Meetings, second Monday of month, 8-10 P.M. Pres. Rev. Goldie Dodd; Sec'y, Margaret Blackburn, 1900 College Ave., Ferndale.

MINNESOTA

DULUTH—First Spiritualist Church, 601 East 5th St. Sunday Service, 11 a.m. Conference every third Sunday. Pastor, Rev. F. W. Hutchinson. Secretary, Rev. Buhl Surine.

MINNEAPOLIS—2nd Spiritualist Church, 23rd and Lyndale Ave. N. Church services Sun. 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Howard Lemire. Pres.; Mable Ficke, Sec'y.

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KANSAS CITY—Ninth Spiritualist Church, Rev. Frances R. (Maude) Tucker, Founder, 4510 Prospect Ave. Sun. Services: 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Healing Service, 7:45 p.m.; Spirit Communication Service, Tues., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Rose Recob, Pastor. Phones: Church, WAbash 1-3679; Wm. R. Stover, Sec'y, HIlard 4-9236.

ST. LOUIS—Fifth Spiritualist Church, 6026 South Kingshighway, St. Louis 9. Sun. Lyceum, 9:30 a.m.; Devotional Service, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Emma Ordorp. Burkett Spiritualist Church, Natural Bridge Blvd. and Glasgow Ave. Devotional Services, Healing and Spiritual Communications, Sun. 10:15 a.m.

Soul Science Spiritualist Church, 3683 Dover Place, St. Louis 16, Services, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Secretary, Elbert Brown.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Portsmouth—First Spiritualist Science Church, 144 Maplewood Ave. Services, Sun. 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m. Rev. Frank Daley, Pastor, phone Geneva 6-4270.

NEW JERSEY

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CAMDEN—First Spiritualist Church, 509 N. 6th St. Sun. 2:30 p.m., Wed. 8 p.m. Mrs. Mary Rhodes, Sec'y, 30 Lincoln Ave., Collingswood 7, N. J. Rev. David W. Ensign, NST Pastor, 17 Theodore Ave., Maple Shade, N.J. **Fourth Spiritualist Church**, 28 No. 26th St. Sunday, Lyceum 10 a.m.; Wed., 8 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m. Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Pastor, Church Rd., R. D. Moorestown.

NEWARK—First Spiritualist Church, 632 S. 12th St. Services Sun. 2:45 p.m. Rev. Y. Weiderholt; Sec., Christine Hansen, 840 Myrtle St., Elizabeth, N. J.

PASSIAC—1st Spiritualist Church, 276 Main Ave. Sun., Lyceum 9:30; Services 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m.

PATERSON—1st Spiritualist, 142 Carroll St. Services: Sunday morning services discontinued for July and August; Sunday evening service 7:00; Wednesday afternoon service 1:00; Wednesday evening service 7:00. Pastor, Rev. Emily M. Hewitt.

Second Spiritualist Church, 176 W. Broadway. Church Services Sun. and Fri. 7:00 p.m.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE—First Spiritualist Church of Light N.S.A.C., 131 Alcazar St., N.E., Albuquerque. Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Mr. Raymond Smith, President. Phone AX 97190.

NEW YORK

New York State Conference of N. S. A. Churches—

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BINGHAMTON—1st National Spiritualist Church, 47 Front St., Sun., Lyceum 10 a.m. Church Service 11 a.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m., Women's Service Group, 8:30 p.m. Robt. Howell, Pastor; Arlene Vavra, Secretary.

BUFFALO—Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, 1980 Bailey at Hazel. Service: Sun., 7:45 p.m.; Wed. 2:30 p.m. Rev. D. Mona Berry, 262 Dartmouth Ave.

Center of Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, 695 Elmwood Ave. Sun., 2:30 p.m. William G. Turner, Pastor. Sec'y Lucille M. Turner, 105 North Main St., Cassadaga, N. Y.

FREEVILLE—Harmony Center Church, Freeville Camp Grounds, Freeville, N. Y. Services, First and Third Sundays each month, 2:30 p.m. Pastor, Mrs. Mildred Stevenson; Mrs. Ruth Craft, Sec'y, 12 Church St., Cortland, N. Y.

ROCHESTER—Plymouth Spiritualist Church, 889 S. Plymouth Ave. Sunday Services, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Guest mediums 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month. Hot dinner served every Sunday, 5 p.m. Rev. Eleanor Gutzmer, Pastor, Dorothy Callahan, Secretary.

SYRACUSE—First Spiritualist Church, 535 Oakwood Ave., Services, Sun., 3 p.m. and Wed., 7:30 p.m. Margaret H. Tice, Pastor and President, phone HO 8-5638; M. Frances Morse, Secretary.

OHIO

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AKRON—Home Spiritualist Church, Pine & Chestnut St. Sun., Lyceum 6:30 p.m.; Devotional Service 7:45 p.m. Message Service, Thurs., 8 p.m. Rev. Mattie Failor.

ASHTABULA—1st Spiritualist Temple, W. 43rd and Main. Sun. and Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Lyceum, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Ralph D. Cutlip, Pres., 5465 Main Ave.

CLEVELAND—Spiritualist Temple of Truth. Services, Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Development Class immediately after Services. 3540 Bainbridge Road, Cleveland Heights 18. Juliet G. Goldberg, Pastor, YE 2-3532. Esther Hills, Sec'y., AC 6-9078. Josephine Hudec, Treas., 663-7161.

COLUMBUS—Spiritualist Church of Spirit Revelation, 241 W. Hubbard Ave. Sun. and Wed. 7:30 p.m.; message service, fourth Fri., 8 p.m. Mrs. Chas. Mitchell, Pres., phone AX 9-2775; Rev. Elizabeth M. Lannon, Pastor and Sec'y.

The First Spiritualist Church, State and Sixth Streets. Church phone CA 8-112. Services Sun. and Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Ralph A. Whitney, 1298 Bryden Rd., phone CL 2-1843.

The Spiritualist Science Church, Hotel Chittenden. Services Sun., 7:30 p.m. First Sun. of each month, conference, 2:30 to 4:45 p.m. Dinner served at 5 p.m. Evening service, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Edgar J. Smertz, Pastor, Edna D. Smertz, Sec'y., 1720 E. Broad St., phone CL 3-7181.

Boerstler Memorial Spiritualist Temple, 79 McDowell St. Services Sun., 7:45 p.m.; Services, Thursday 7:30 p.m., Second and last Sundays of the month, services 2:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Supper at 5:00 p.m. Call Br. 9-8881 or CA. 1-9388, Minnie Davis, Pastor.

First Spiritualist Church of Linden, 1751 Aberdeen Ave. Devotional Services, Sun. and Thur., 7:30 p.m. Last Sunday in month from Sept. through May, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Services. Dinner, 5:00 p.m. Pres., John Rowe; Pastor, Maudella Rowe, 37 East Franbes Ave., phone AX 1-2752.

DAYTON—Central Spiritualist Church, Haynes and Hulbert Sts., Sunday Services, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Devotional Service, 7:45 p.m. Pastor Mr. Vernon Smith; President, Franklin Holland, pastor 256-2810, Dayton.

EAST LIVERPOOL—1st Spiritualist Church, 245 W. 6th St. Services, Sun. and Mon., 7:30 p.m. Sara H. Bowersock, Pres.; Doris E. Tucker, Sec'y, 328 Tiptop Alley, East Liverpool, Ohio.

KENT—1st Spiritualist Church, 132 S. Water St. Sun., 7:45. Wed. Study Class and Healing 7:45. Rev. Alice L. Towner, Brady Lake.

LIMA—Spiritualist Church of Truth, 1445 E. High St. Road. Services Sunday 7:30 p.m., Wed. All Message Service, 7:30 p.m. President Howard W. Lee, 421 N. Jameson, Phone CA 3-0863; Secretary Doris Jenkins, 699½ N. West St., Phone CA 2-7301.

MASSILLON—First Spiritualist Church, cor. of North Ave. and Third St., N. E. Sunday evening service at 7:45. Mary J. Church, Pastor. Message Circle 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7:30 p.m. Telephone at Church TE 2-4464.

STEBENVILLE—First Spiritualist Church, 207 No. 6th Street. Services, Sunday and Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Rev. Cora B. Yocum, 109 Pembroke Road.

TOLEDO—National Spiritualist Church, Commodore Perry Hotel (French Rooms). Services Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Mr. Erwin O. Fosgate, Pres., 209 Marie Place, Perrysburg; Orlyss Ballmer, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN—Grant St. Spiritualist Church, 228 Grant St. Services Sun., 7:00 p.m.; Mon., Study Class, 7:30 p.m.; Wed., Message Service, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Healing Service, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Amy Pearce, Pastor, 130 West Glenaven, Youngstown 7. Phone ST 8-7931.

First Spiritualist Temple, 323 W. LaCleda Ave. Sunday Healing 2:30 p.m. Services 3:00 p.m. Message Service 2nd Wednesday. Gilbert Foster, Licentiate Minister, Pastor, 451 E. LaCleda Ave., Youngstown 7. Phone ST 8-9298, Church Phone ST 8-9134.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association—

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ENID—Spiritualist Healing Center Church, 1020 East Maine, phone AD 7-1138. Sunday: 10 A.M. Lyceum, 506 West Iowa. Alice Marie Eppinette, Conductor and Healer. 10:40 A.M. Lecture and Class work, 11:10 A.M. FREE Public Healing, followed with Spirit Greetings. Alice Marie Eppinette, Pastor, A.S.P. Fields, Assistant Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY—Central Spiritualist Church, 1005 N. Harvey. Sunday and Wed. 7:30 P.M. Pastor, Carrie Hamblen.

TULSA—2nd Spiritualist Church, 919 S. Cheyenne St. Sun. 8 p.m. Healing, Devotional and Message Service. Rev. Adella Reynolds, Pastor; Mildred Arnold, Sec'y.

OREGON

GOLD HILL—Concord Spiritualist Chapel, N.S.A.C., 560 Second Avenue, Gold Hill. Services, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Elvina Colburn, Pastor, Ruth Carbiener, Sec'y.

PORTLAND—The First Spiritualist Church, N. S. A., Red Men's Hall, S. E. 9th and Hawthorne Blvd. Sun., 7 p.m., Healing; 7:30 p.m., Service. Alma Gudhart, Pres.

PENNSYLVANIA

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HARRISBURG—First Spiritualist Church, 607 North 2nd St., Knights Malta Hall. Services 2:30 p.m., Sunday. Rev. J. F. Kreisa, Pastor, Freda Marburger, Pres., P.O. Box 587, Harrisburg. All welcome.

McKEESPORT—1st Spiritualist, 809 Locust. Sunday, Healing 7:15, Lectures, Messages 7:45. Mrs. Laura Salvador, President.

PHILADELPHIA—Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, Rising Sun and Park Aves., Phila. 40. Services,

Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Healing—Sermon—Messages. Services, Wed., 8 p.m. Healing and Messages. Social, 2nd Sat. in each month. President, Rev. Mahlon Simon, Pastor, Rev. Reba E. Fasnacht.

Second Spiritualist Church, 423 South Broad Street. Church services, Sunday, Healing, 7:00 P.M., Lecture and Messages, 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, 8 P.M. Message Service. Rev. Alida Neige, Pastor, Rev. Augusta Taylor, Co-Pastor.

The Fourth Spiritualist Church, 165 E. Albanus St., Philadelphia 20. Services Sun. 2:30 and 8 p.m., Wed. and Fri., 8 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Harry H. Brunning, telephone Gladstone 7-3375.

First Association of Spiritualists, Master and Carlisle Sts. Sun., Lyceum 2:30 p.m.; Lecture and Messages 3:30 p.m.; Dinner 5 p.m. Healing Service 7 p.m. Lecture and Message Service 7:30 p.m. Revs. Melvin O. and Dorothy Smith, Co-Pastors; Charles McElwee, Pres., R.D. 1, Salem, N. J., Mary Mooney, Sec'y, 970 Allengrove St., Philadelphia 24, Pa.

PITTSBURGH—First Spiritualist Church, 256 Boquet St. Service Sunday and Thursday, 8 p.m. MU 2-3878, or Sarah Taylor, President, Phone HI 1-0131.

READING—First Spiritualist Church of Reading, 1047 Penn St. Services Sun. 7:30 p.m., Wed. 8 p.m. Clara Senior, Pastor, Lititz, R.D. No. 4, Pa. Telephone Ephrata RE 3-1894.

WILKES-BARRE—Second Spiritualist Church, 22 Public Square (Second Floor). Church services, Sunday and Wednesday at 8 P.M. Mrs. Augusta E. Ridler, Pastor and Medium.

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AUSTIN—First Spiritualist Church, 4200 Ave. D. Sunday Services, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Church Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Alma Johnson, Pastor.

CAMERON—First Spiritualist Church, South College. Sunday, Lyceum, 10 a.m. Devotional and Message Service, 11 a.m., each First and Third Sunday. Maude Pugh, Pastor.

DALLAS—First Spiritualist Church, 5334 Forney Road. Devotional Service 7:45 p.m. James F. Bradley, Pastor; Thelma Devenport, Sec'y. Phones, DA 7-3625 - EV 1-2416.

Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas, Hotel Dallas. Devotional and Message services each Sunday at 8 p.m. Rev. Maude Conner, Pastor; Mrs. Marie Schiller, Secretary. Phone, Davis 7-9280.

EL PASO—1st Spiritualist Church, 2328 Grant Avenue. Devotional and Message Service, Sun. and Wed., 8 p.m. Rev. Lena Halstead, Pastor; Ollie Barrett, Assistant.

HOUSTON—1st Spiritualist Church, 3523 Beauchamp St. Sun., Lyceum 6 p.m. Lecture, 7:45 p.m.; Wed., 7:45 p.m. Rev. Myrtle London Rogers, Pastor, Harry H. Adams, Healer.

SAN ANTONIO—Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, 321 Van Ness St. Services Sun., 7:30 p.m.; Wed., 8 p.m. Garrett H. Scholtz, Pastor; Mr. J. A. Shelman, Sec'y.

TAYLOR—American Spiritualist Church, W. 4th St. Sun. Services 7:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages. Rev. H. Hegdahl, Rev. Jennie Cervin, Co-Pastors; Mrs. Evelyn Cervin, Sec'y.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK—Memorial Spiritualist Church, 307 W. 37th St. Devotional Services Sun., Wed. 7:30 p.m. Secretary, Miss Florence Siebert.

WASHINGTON

State Spiritualist Association of Washington—

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BELLINGHAM—The First Spiritualist Church, Girard at "D" St. Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Healing, 10:30 a.m.; Wed. Services, 7:30 p.m. Ruth Poole, Pres. 2014 D St., phone R.E. 4-5852. Della Carlson, Sec'y. 2715 Alabama St., R.E. 4-3928.

BREMERTON—Harmony Chapel, 837 4th St., Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Angaline Turner; Vice-Pres., Leonia Watson; Treas., Lillian Moen; Sec'y, Glen Brink. 837 Fourth St.

PUYALLUP—First Spiritualist Church, 343 - 2nd St. S. E. Services Sunday: Lyceum 10:00 a.m., evening service 7:30 p.m. Message service 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12 p.m. Pres. Merle Van Doran. 3220 N. Meridian. Sec'y Rachel Baars, P.O. Box 395 Sumner, phone University 3-7080.

SEATTLE—Universal Spiritualist Library, 3009 Arcade Bldg., Seattle Library open daily, Books for rent, Periodicals for sale. Mediums in daily attendance. Ada B. Johnson, Pres., Sunset 3-0449; Librarian, Emma English, Pa. 3-3228. Walda V. Solibakke, ME 2-9095, Sec'y of Board.

Mary A. Tower Memorial Spiritualist Church, 916 East James St. Devotional Service Sun., 11 a.m. Sun. and Wed. 7:30 p.m., Adult Lyceum, Fri. 8 p.m. Rev. Mary B. Crisp, Pastor.

Church of Spiritualist Unity, 3013 Arcade Bldg. Lyceum, Sunday 1:45 p.m. Devotional Service 3 p.m. Rev. Bertha D. Raudebaugh.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEELING—Way Memorial Temple, Broadway and Maryland Sts., Wheeling. Sun. Lyceum 9:30 a.m.; Church Services 10:45 am. Rev. Charles Alldredge, Pastor.

WISCONSIN

GREEN BAY—First Spiritualist Church of Green Bay, cor. Webster and Pine Sts. Devotional Services Sun., 7:30 p.m. Phone Hemlock 2-8597.

MILWAUKEE—Kraft Memorial Spiritualist Center, Plankinton Hotel, Milwaukee. Sunday Devotional Services, 10:45 a.m.

WEST ALLIS—3rd Spiritualist Science Church, SO. 81st West Beecher. Sunday, 3 p.m. Devotional Service. Rev. Harre C. Milesi, Pastor; Mrs. Gladys Scharner, Secretary.

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(Continued PRAYER AND HUMAN SUFFERING)

There is no need of the human species which has not been abundantly provided for by the power which controls the destiny of all living things. Every want of man can be acquired by human effort. This applies to our material and spiritual needs equally.

The continuity of spirit in its after death existence is as much a gift of nature as the rays of the sun which pour down bountifully to maintain our physical body. Our power to intercede to Spirit is a corrective force and a preventive influence. We can effectively intercede to Spirit for all our rational and moral, physical and spiritual needs.

Spiritual healing is basically an intercession to Spirit for the removal of human suffering. It is a prayerful intercession. It is a form of human activity which links those who suffer with a power of limitless possibilities. Prayer is an antidote to human suffering.

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of human life, he needs to be thoughtful, diligent, sympathetic, loving and humane. He knows that he is a progressive being and that as he passes from sphere to sphere his status is ever to be determined by his antecedent motives and deliberate acts, he knows that he is the maker of his own destiny, in so far as that destiny lies within the domain of his intelligent will.

Hence it is that the Spiritualist is a practical man as well as a searcher for the higher truths of the spirit realm; and as he mingles with his fellows, in the neighborhood, in society, in business, in the walks of science, of art, of philosophy, of politics, he stands for the moral principle, the broadest and most generous form of liberty. He is the foe of tyranny, oppression and injustice, he loves his family, his neighbor his country; and he is ever ready to protect them against all who would do them harm. In short, the Spiritualist is one who rejoices in his freedoms, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, he is loyal to his God and loyal to his country, ever seeking ways to improve his lot and his relations with his fellowman everywhere.

CORRECTION

Through an error in reporting the name of Faye B. Culp of Granite City, Illinois was omitted as one of the newly ordained ministers at our recent convention in Denver, Colorado.

The Rev. Faye B. Culp was an honor student of the General and Advanced Courses and the N.S.A.C. board is proud of her standing and your editor is happy to make this correction. Rev. Culp was ordained in a very impressive ceremony, she was attended by her sister Augusta Bottrel and a number of other friends. The Rev. Rose Recob, wrongly listed as from Granite City, is actually from Kansas City, Missouri.

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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

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Each Wednesday at 8 p.m. the members of the League sit in Healing Meditation, sending Healing Prayer Vibrations to all in need.

HEALING THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY

It is only through quiet meditation that we can correct our health, deepen our knowledge, and formulate wise plans toward better health. By means of meditation we rise above "Babel of Voices" and learn to appraise our ideas and opinions of healing at their true value.

In inward silence and stillness, we learn to know and to do the will of God.