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EDITORIAL

FROM THESE ROOTS

Recently I was called to a large Midwestern city to appear as a witness for the plaintiffs in a court case, a case which is deeply rooted in the soil of the garden of Spiritualism, reaching back through time to the founding of the N.S.A.C. in 1893. The scene of the court hearing was in an old fashioned building, the outside decorations of a day and age peculiar to the architecture of 70 years ago. The corridors were wide and busy with people running to and fro on their business pertaining to court. The courtroom was panelled in fine maple wood no plywood here, it was fine grained and solid betokening a day when timber was plentiful and the best was none too good as a setting for the enactment of the law of the land. The floors were tessalated, one heard the heels of the witnesses clicking sharply as their name was called and they went forward to raise their

right hand, that they might solemnly swear to tell the whole truth.

Papers rustled as the attorney's presented their cases, the while I sat watching the faces of the witnesses and the quiet contemplative expression of his Honor. The Judge was a quiet man he barely raised his voice as he swung on his swivel chair, seemingly disinterested until some point was raised and he swung sharply around fixing his penetrating eyes on the witness and the attorney while he noted the point of interest that engaged his sharp attention. I sat, looking out of the window, looking at the floor as I listened to the procession of witnesses and my mind harked back to my long years of association with these people. I had seen them in happy and sad times, I had served their congregations as speaker in conventions and church. Through the years I had been called to officiate at weddings as I had been called to officiate at the last rites of the members who had moved from this world of strife into the larger world of spirit expression.

My heart was heavy and sore as I saw former friends divided during this time by the overweening ambitions of one man who had forced his demands on hapless people. It was obvious that there was no real desire in the hearts of the defendants for this court case. All of them spoke smilingly to me, friend and seeming foe, telling me of the events in their lives since I last saw them. One who had been a widow when I last spoke to her introduced me to her husband of a year, they are such nice people and their great happiness in each other was like a ray of sunshine on a dreary day.

My mind was engrossed with the long years of my association with all of those good people. The chief defendant is a good husband, father and grandfather, but somewhere along the line of his life personal ambition overcame spiritual obligation, the other defendant has grown old and tired looking during the year since I last saw her, her back is bowed, but her voice is clear and sharp as always, as she stated that she did not have her records with her but that she would have them in the afternoon, she did not, however, have them that afternoon and we had to wait until next morning, the while everyone speculated as to the delay.

There was a stir in the quiet courtroom as Rev. Goldie Dodd was called to the stand, she delivered her evidence in a quiet unemotional voice, she had dates, facts, carefully prepared papers to support every word she uttered. Her training as a school teacher, long before she became a minister of religion was evident in all she said. The opposing attorney could not dispute her quiet factual statements and he waved her aside with "no questions." The attorney for the plaintiffs, tall cheerful and competent, questioned both sides using short crisp words and he carefully noted all answers in his

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SPIRITUALISM AND CHRISTIANITY



Rev. Kenneth
D. Custance

The thought that Christianity and Spiritualism are two different religions, just as Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Christianity are different, seems to be predominant in the minds of many people. Many professing Christianity still hold the antiquated and unenlightened thought that all religions except Christianity are pagan and uncivilized. Thus, Spiritualism (as another religion) falls into this category in the

minds of such people.

When some of these Christians are actually questioned on their ideas of Buddhism or Mohammedanism and have to put into words their habitual attitudes, perhaps they will retrench a little and make some concession in a charitable gesture that maybe Buddhists are civilized and maybe there is some culture among Mohammedans. However, they cannot possibly see where there is anything you would call religion in these strange groups.

I am certain that this weird notion would not be found among students of comparative religion; namely, a great thinker, Dr. Marcus Bach whose book "They Have a Faith" is so enlightening. This book gives a clear, concise and impersonal picture of many of the less familiar sects of Christianity, including Spiritualism. We would not find intelligent Christians, who are eager to know and understand completely their religion, holding these curious notions. They would be investigating and comparing the teachings of other religions, discovering the similarities and differences, finally being convinced as to why they are Christians. It is frequently stated that a convert to the Roman Catholic Church makes a far better Catholic than one born into Catholicism because the convert makes it his business to know just why he wants to be a Catholic.

With little thought, we recognize that ignorance is the basis of many attitudes regarding Buddhism or Mohammedanism. Many have taken another's thought on the matter. Very often another's information is scanty, the old ruse is being employed to convince one in favor of one religion by mentioning all the weak spots of the other religion.

Looking back to younger days and those in my home town, who were brought up in Protestant families, many of them used to look upon Roman Catholics as **nearly** non-Christian or at least worshipers of idols (statues). Among my school mates in grammar school,

the Roman Catholic boys and girls looked upon Protestants as non-Christians as some did not even believe in the Holy Trinity. Episcopalians were tolerated charitably because the outer trappings of the church were similar to the Roman Catholic Church. They had an altar with candles, the priests wore vestments and the same feast and fast days were observed.

Even today many good orthodox Christians look diffidently at Christian Science and New Thought as some strange "off beat" fancy of a queer group of individuals. "Oh," they say, "Christian Science is fine for nervous cases or those emotionally disturbed but as an every day religion for the average man, that would be hard to concede." Again this verdict usually comes from those who judge superficially or merely take and requote someone else's idea.

Thus the mistaken idea that Spiritualism and Christianity are completely different one being of God and one being of the devil, has arisen through ignorance. Many individuals have accepted another's prejudiced thoughts on Spiritualism. Many have belittled and minimized features of Spiritualism that they have little understanding of. In Onset, where our church is located, we have a classic example from one church group which stated, at a minister's meeting, that Spiritualists did not believe in the Holy Bible.

Considering the teachings of Jesus and the early Christians as set forth in the four gospels (those portions which claim to be the direct teachings of Jesus of Nazareth) you will find that Spiritualists are very happy to accept, live by and include them with our own basic teachings. We are not willing to take the interpretation of the Popes and the early fathers of the Roman Church. We are not willing to take the interpretation of John Calvin or John Knox, that fiery northern agitator, who, though conscientious, plunged into everlasting torment all who did not agree with him. We are not willing to take all the wars that have sprung

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We are willing to take the gentle line of teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We are willing to take the law of love as conquering hatred. We are willing to take the law that the gifts of the spirit are proving that spirit power produces an excellency in man. The spirit of Christ, the Spirit of the Golden Rule, these are Spiritualism in essence.

Jesus of Nazareth taught from the Spirit. It was not his work, but the work of the Father. Thus angels came and ministered unto him. His teaching was that of the law of loving-kindness and the manifestations were the gifts of the spirit. There was the gift of prophecy, the gift of healing and the gift of the working of miracles or wonders. These gifts were possessed and encouraged by the teacher of Nazareth along with the gift of tongues and the interpretation of tongues. These were shown to be part of his work and part of the work of the disciples. Similar gifts are demonstrated by our mediums and healers today in Spiritualism.

It is only in these last centuries of the church that these gifts have been denied or submerged. The saints, referred to in the Roman Church, kept the gifts of the spirit alive by their so-called Miracles. Whitfield and Wesley had these spiritual gifts and exercised them without considering that it was evil. Even Watts, the poet, speaks of "those ministering angels or spirits" that attend not only the dying saints but that keep watch around us everyday.

In other words, you will find that without these ministering angels and these spiritual gifts the progress of Christianity would have been much retarded. Teaching alone would not have satisfied those seeking a "sign or a token." Thus when Paul said "Are they not all ministering spirits?" did he not mean those who are "heirs of salvation," those who have passed from the earth who minister to us here?

It is well known that Jesus did not establish a creed. The only commandment or creed that He gave was the one commandment that "Ye love one another." His only doctrinal sermon

was the Sermon on the Mount. We Spiritualists do not accept creed or dogma but include the Sermon on the Mount side by side with the teachings of Spiritualism.

We claim the philosophy and religion of Spiritualism to be simple as are the direct teachings of Jesus, also Christianity which is equally simple. The church and political governments have made Christianity and its religion complex. The Ecumenical and Canonical laws are not simple. The Westminster Catechism is not simple and the laws that govern the various denominations become more involved and abstract with each generation. Therefore, the teachings of the primal church become more obscured.

The spirit of Christianity, however, persisted and can be found manifesting among the dissenting bodies from the established church, be it Roman or the Church of England. The various dissenters, especially under the mild teaching of John Wesley, went forward with the renewal of the gifts of the spirit. George Fox and the Quakers clearly established distinct communion with the spirits. Mother Ann Lee established further the communion of ministering spirits with her wonderful group of Shakers. About that same time, or one hundred and fifteen years ago, the Hydesville rappings awakened once more men's consciousness to the presence of ministering spirits and mediums began to demonstrate anew the gifts of healing, prophecy, of tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

Spiritualism has done more in the last hundred years to change the theology of the world than any other form of thought has accomplished, in the same length of time. Today, in America, the church puts no one to death for Witchcraft. Today no one is persecuted for his form of religious belief except in a mild social way. It is no longer fashionable to scoff at Spiritualism because many men of Science and many ministers of different denominations have wholly or partially accepted it.

Today, through the awareness of the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, the Protestant clergy recognize that Spiritualism embraces much that was contained in the early Christian Church and that Spiritualism embraces the simple teachings of Jesus. The scientists in the field of Extra Sensory Perception and Parapsychology have become aware of the meaning of the word "gifts" as spoken of in the New Testament. They have come to accept telepathy, precognition, clairvoyance, psycho-kinesis and others as gifts beyond the usual five senses of man. They accept these as a possible means to opening vistas of knowledge and expression hitherto undreamed of.

The theologians, who endeavored to explain the manifestations of Spiritualism, by saying that they are the works of Satan, must answer

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now to the scientists who no longer look upon the miracles of Jesus and the disciples as contrary to Natural Law or with an agnostic attitude of former years.

Jesus' teaching was for the purpose of establishing a spiritual, rather than a material kingdom here on the earth. It was for the overcoming of hatred with love and the revealing of a Spiritual God, rather than a material king, and a spiritual heaven rather than a material kingdom.

Spiritualists are willing and happy to take the gentle line of the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We are happy to proclaim the law of Love instead of the law of hatred and revenge. Spiritualism recognized that Spirit is the source of all life, and that there is a personal future life for each soul. Jesus said "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there may ye be also." Spiritualism teaches the return of spirits to minister unto and to communicate with mortals, to watch over them. The early Christians accepted and followed the admonitions of these ministering spirits. Thus we say "Spiritualism came not to destroy but to fulfill" the primary principles of Christianity.

No longer do we see crepes and widows weeds; no longer is there loud mourning at the time of death, but garlands of flowers hang upon the door to announce the birth into spirit life of a loved one of the household. Beautiful blossoms fill all the rooms with fragrance to show that the life that has gone has entered the world of blossoming.

We declare that Spiritualism and the Christianity of The Christ are **one**. That the teachings of Jesus and the teachings of Spiritualism fully accord. These teachings are as far removed from theology, creed and dogma as war is from peace, hatred is from love and aggression from brotherhood. We believe that Spiritualism and basic Christianity teach men the knowledge of the immortality of the soul and the power of triumphing over the limitations of the body and over death. Both continue to pose the question—

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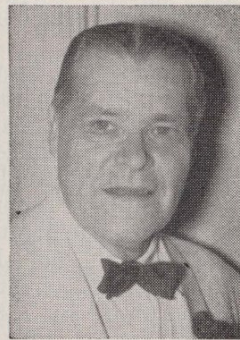
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Question

In your public demonstrations of mediumship often events about to happen are foretold and certain dangers predicted. Does this mean that those in spirit have definite knowledge of future events? M.G.R. Flint, Michigan.

Answer

This apparent knowledge is accomplished only through the laws of Cause and Effect in both the physical and the spirit world. Upon the bases of these laws rests the principle of prophecy; future events can be recognized and described through an association of factors leading to their culmination. Thus the result of certain causes develop, not only the probability but also the possibility of certain coming events. No; the spirit world does not have a preview of our tomorrows but perhaps does have a more spiritual concept of the environments which surround us.

What is prophecy? Websters unabridged dictionary states that it is "a foretelling under the direction of a God." This is perhaps archaic in it's explanation but it is undoubtedly the result of associations among priests, prophets and lawgivers within their own coterie of followers and converts. Prophecy was to them an explanation of divine will expressed through one chosen to represent a God and seemed to

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be especially associated with evil and disaster. As a synonym Webster uses the word prognostication which in the truest sense is to predict from observed signs, indications and conditions the probable outcome of events.

To prophesy in the spiritual sense is to express religious truth under divine inspiration: not simply always to predict future events but to warn, exhort and comfort by specialized messages a true impulse from the spirit world. In the ancient explanation of prophecy there was assumed a claim to the supernatural and a divine inspiration attributed to a god. In these modern times the assumption of the supernatural has been supplanted by the knowledge of certain emotional forces within our nature and reflected by us to the world of spirit.

This concerted knowledge is used by mediums as the basis of their message to us. The concerted factors both physical and spiritual form the "foretelling of events by a god."

Not all prophecies come directly from spirit. There is within our natures a factor called intuition, it's association with spirit entities is controversial. Those who know a little of our teachings sometimes call it a "hunch." They know only that they "feel" an impending event, but they are totally unaware of why or how. Thus their "hunch" is not infallible because it is influenced more or less by mortal mind. Such prophecies are usually discarded except when they reach a fulfillment and are then labeled "peculiar."

The more logical development of prophecy comes through the expression of mediumship. In mediumship, as I have pointed out, there is a conjunction of mortal, psychic and spirit influences, a resumé, so to speak of our desires our activities, past and present thoughts, environs and associations, which must perforce guide our future activity. In this manner a prophecy from spirit, although it is influenced to some degree by mortal mind, can predict the

future, can foresee the effect of causes which produce results. Thus it seems to the observer of mental phenomena that such advices and predictions come directly from a fore-knowledge enjoyed by the spirit entity operating through the medium. This is not so; the message is the careful compilation of factors expressed in both the receiver and the sender. There is no super knowledge of future events enjoyed by the sender in spirit. If there were there would be established a plausible belief in fatalism, the mistaken idea that one's life is charted and directed by a preconceived plan of operation.

Did you ever stop to think what a miserable existence a loved one in the spirit world would experience if given the opportunity to read, as in an encyclopedia, the future of a loved one left on the earth plane? No fatalism is as impossible as is the belief that the process of death gives an entity a pre-knowledge of future events. The precision of sensitive instruments and the knowledge of electrical forces, their attributes and their conformity to established law in conjunction with equally established laws in outer space enabled Gordon Cooper to complete his twenty two orbits around the earth. His prophecy concerning the success of such a venture rested on the concrete understanding of such laws. If this can be true in space, the same principles can be and are established in time, through understanding of these spiritual and physical conditions in, 'round and about us. The receipt of a communication in a public service is a fine and beautiful experience, it is not the result of any super knowledge but is as complex in it's procedure as has been the conquest of outer space. The veracity of such messages and the complete understanding of the method are dependent on mutual precisions, the laws of Cause and Effect are the final determinants.

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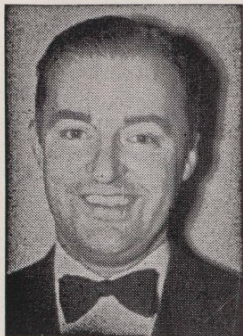
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We who long for the growth and continuation of our movement realize we must stress our philosophy and religion as well as the science of communication. We teach the unlimited quality of the Soul. We demonstrate what is only a hope to other religions, immortality. Do we live in the consciousness of this unlimited quality and immortality? Are we noble and true to rise above petty personalities? To us is entrusted leadership today by a Higher Power. We were prepared for it by the effort, knowledge and love of our Spiritualist pioneers. Who will be the leaders of tomorrow? Those whom we are preparing. Those upon the eternal shores watch and listen to our reaction to the need of the now. Will we fail our immortal friends? Will we fail our youth?

Each new generation starts a climb toward better living, toward perfection. It is a fresh, new journey for them. They start upon whatever foundation we have built, they begin in the direction we have pointed. May that be the way that will merit their continued confidence. As we contemplate the present day tragedies of narcotic addiction, bribery in athletic contests, dishonesty in some of our great educational institutions, are we not challenged and more than a little ashamed to realize the relationship of such exposures with shocking revelation of graft and corruption of many leaders in government as well as private business. It is obvious that education and religion

have failed partially at least to teach and demonstrate the permanence of such values as integrity, virtue, character and principle over the glittering but temporary and false values of money and other material advantages. The need of the now is obviously for a deeper faith, which is spiritual reliance, a stronger conviction and sound belief of joy of spiritual living through demonstration. Many religions with the same opportunity and from the same source, God, have not demonstrated the truth of immortality or explained the meaning of the gifts of the spirit; so we find a modern philosophy developing in which the exponent says, "What's the use? We will all be the same when we're dead." Unless religions are prepared to answer this vital question with proof and finality, the resultant philosophy and living will easily succumb to the material side.

We feel we have done our duty to our children because we pay taxes so they can attend schools, where they are prepared in general knowledge and citizenship and equipped to make a living. But in the most homes and schools, are they taught How to Live? Are they taught what Life is? We teach them to create with their hands. Do we also teach them how they can create with their thoughts and their words and actions. Do you remember your first effort to create? A poem, a drawing, a figure of wood. We know now that we create with finer stuff as well, with a subtle and delicate vibration. What are we creating for posterity? For Eternity?

As beneficiaries of past effort, what are we leaving for future generations? Are we giving them the priceless treasure of spiritual knowledge with which we have been blessed. Are we handing down hope or despair, strength or weakness, security or confusion? Does youth still look to us for guidance, or have they turned away from us? Can we still speak the language of the present so we might hold their interest, or have we become old fashioned and exclusive in our understanding to where we cannot explain it in words youth can understand? We cannot stand still, we must keep pace. Our truth is the truth of the past, present and future. We, today, are the vital link between past and future.

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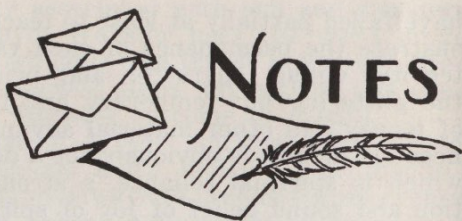
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NOTES from the FIELD

TAYLOR, TEXAS

Mass meeting of the Texas State Spiritualist Association Of Churches was held May 19th, 1963 in the American Spiritualist Church, Taylor, Tex.

Meeting opened at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Hegdahl, pastor of the church presenting T.S.S.A. president and N.S.A.C. trustee Rev. Evelyn Muse who then presided over the meetings of the day. Mr. Homer Kelly of San Antonio delivered an inspiring address after which a piano duet was presented by Deborah and Denise Roznovak of the Taylor Lyceum, the mother of the young musicians is State Supt. of Texas Lyceums. A noon dinner was served by the church ladies.

Afternoon services were opened at 1:30 P.M. and Rev. Alma Johnson, State Lyceum Advisor delivered the lecture, after which clairvoyance was delivered by Rev. Muse, Rev. Hegdahl and Rev. Jennie Cervin. Rev. Muse concluded the days activities with a few well chosen words of the values and work of the Spiritualist Church. It was wonderful day of work for the Cause and as always Texas feels that the membership is moving on the greater and finer achievements.

TAYLOR, TEXAS

The Rev. Jennie Cervin, a resident of Taylor for the past 34 years celebrated her 85th birthday anniversary Sunday, May 26th at her home on West 6th St. Rev. Cervin is a former pastor of American Spiritualist Church, Taylor. Her children and grandchildren gathered around her bearing gifts in honor of the occasion. A sumptuous dinner was the order of the day. Present were, sister, Mrs. Harry Hanson and Children, Mrs. Evelyn Cervin, Rev. Alma Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gillespie, Mrs. J. McCray, Bobby and Marilyn, Mrs. Don Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dale McCray, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown, Carol Ann, Johnny Mack, Leonard Jeffrey, Mrs. Wayne Searcy and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Matteck and children, Mrs. C. H. Johnson a niece of the late Rev. A. Cervin was also present, she lives in San Antonio. It was a very wonderful party and a memorable day a true testimony of the close family ties enjoyed by this fine family.

BROCKTON, MASS.

Saturday, May 18, 1963 the Lyceum students, Conductors and friends held a meeting in Observance of the Lyceum Centennial Year at the First Spiritualist Church in Brockton, Massachusetts. Three of the four Lyceums in the State were present, the Salem Lyceum, Onset Lyceum and Brockton Lyceum. The Springfield Lyceum and Conductor Mrs. Maude Spencer were unable to attend but sent a letter of good will and regrets at not being able to attend.

The following program was conducted:
Welcome by State Lyceum Superintendent, Gladys Connors
Prayer by Candy Karolides of Salem Lyceum, 5 years old.
Hymn No. 10—Open The Door For The Children
Pledge to Flag by Betty Cook of Onset Lyceum
G. Fanny Allyn Salute by Betty Cook, Teen ager.
America sung by all
Lyceum Childrens March with Lyceum star shape banners

Talk of Centennial Year and Founder Andrew Jackson Davies by Lyceum Superintendent Connors
Introduction of guests, Massachusetts State President Rev. Gladys Worsencroft
State Secretary Muriel Karolides
Senior State Trustee Paul F. Kingman
State Trustee John Worsencroft
Pastor Brockton Church, Gertrude L. Stevens
Lyceum Conductors, Mrs. Sue Gehling of Salem, Mrs. Laurie Kilpatrick of Onset, Mass., and Assistant Mrs. Celeste Osgood
Mrs. Hazel M. Lothrop and Assistant Miss Andrea Lothrop
First Brockton Lyceum Conductor, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Karlson

Love offering, Benediction by Miss Connors.

Meeting commenced at 1:00 P.M. with over sixty people attending, although it was a very wet day and quite a few of the members came from a long distance, namely from Greenwood, Rhode Island, Salem, Onset, Stoughton, Boston, Massachusetts.

We had a very constructive meeting, and exchanged ideas, much was gained. We talked of each Lyceum entertaining the Lyceum groups, thereby being able to meet at least four times a year to-gether. We were very sorry the National Lyceum Superintendent Clyde A. Dibble was called home from the Indiana Lyceum Centennial meeting but a letter of regret was read from him, and all expressed disappointment at not meeting him.

A lovely collation was served by the ladies of the Church, (Mrs. Gertrude Stevens, Mrs. Vera Harris, Mrs. Hazel Lothrop and Miss Gladys Connors) consisting of chicken, salmon salad, egg salad dainty sandwiches. Cakes, cookies, coffee and cool drinks for the children.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Spiritualist Temple Of Truth, Cleveland held special services May 14-15th, 1963. Guest speaker and medium for the occasion was Rev. William Graham Turner, pastor of The Center Of Psychic Science Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Turner is a much beloved missionary and his visits to the Cleveland church are eagerly anticipated. During this present visit he delivered three outstanding sermons and he followed this by delivering the wonderful clairvoyance for which he is justly renowned. He has promised the church that he will again visit Cleveland in the Fall. Church will closed from June 25th until August 6th and a greater Fall and Winter season is planned. During the time of church closing the pastor, Juliet G. Goldberg will visit in California.

CASSADAGA, FLORIDA

First Spiritualist Church, Cassadaga, continues to show progress with an increase in membership and more plans for an increased period of study and understanding. An open forum is conducted each Wednesday evening and at the first one held in late May, pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Myers was able to assist the stranger to understand more of the fundamentals of Spiritualism. At the recent church election of officers, Theodore Marvel was elected president, vice president is George R. Blodgett, secretary, B. Anne Gehman, treasurer, Judy Ross, with trustees, James Carper, Mae Graves, Wilbur Hull, Rev. Myers was again called as pastor for the ensuing year.

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PATTERSON, N. J.

New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists

The New Jersey State Association Of Spiritualists held a very successful convention May 4-5, 1963. All sessions of the convention were held in the First Spiritualist Church, 142 Carroll Street, Paterson, N.J. President, Rev. Emily W. Hewitt presided at all meetings. The main business sessions were concluded Saturday and Sunday was devoted to religious services. Memorial Services were conducted on Sunday afternoon in honor of arisen members. The service was in the very capable hands of Rev. Elizabeth Giberson. Rev. Raymond E. Burns of Stamford, Conn, was guest speaker for the convention. He is an excellent minister and speaker and his work both as a speaker and medium is eagerly sought by all.

Luncheon and dinner was served by the church ladies after all religious and business sessions. The attendance at convention was large and the public sessions saw a very eager congregation filling the pews to listen to the inspired words of the ministers and mediums. Election of officers and trustees for the ensuing term resulted in: president, Rev. Emily M. Hewitt, Paterson, vice president, Helen Hughes, Trenton, secretary, Isabella M. Prince, Passaic, treasurer, Harry Martin, Haledon, trustees, Rev. Elizabeth Giberson, Morristown, Florence Barnes, Westmont, Erma Pelotte, Maple Shade, Alfred Hook, Bellmawr, Howard Dinger Sr., North Haledon.

CONNECTICUT

The Connecticut State Spiritualist Association held their 76th Annual Convention at the Timothy Drake Memorial on May 4th and 5th.

Guest speaker for the Convention was the Rev. Ralph Whitney of Columbus, Ohio. The inspiring lectures and evidential spiritual greetings were well received.

A dinner was served at the Maple Hill Restaurant on Saturday evening.

There was a goodly number of delegates present at the business sessions.

The Saturday evening and Sunday services were well attended. Special music was enjoyed. The soloists were Miss Trudy Gates, and Edward Nordstrom accompanied by Mr. Stanley Usher at the piano.

A Memorial Service was conducted on Saturday by Rev. Louise Hagan and Rev. Grace Hoxie. President Dennis Hagan presided at all services.

Officers elected were as follows:

President—Dennis Hagan
First Vice Pres.—Clinton Cady
Second Vice Pres.—Mrs. Vera Dickens
Secretary.—Rev. Grace Hoxie
Treasurer—Mrs. Anna Nadeau
Trustees: Anthony Fernandes, William Stockford, Stephen Dickens.

**Indiana State Association of Spiritualists O. C.
59th Annual Convention, Convention Headquarters
Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis
May 9-10-11-12, 1963**

The Convention opened Thursday evening May 9th with a Banquet and Dance in the Chateau Room of the Hotel. 100 attended the Banquet, the largest number for a number of years. And more guests than usual enjoyed dancing.

The President Rev. Virginia Leach Falls welcomed the guests and delegates to the convention in a very gracious manner—telling them they were at the convention—first, because they loved Spiritualism, second, they wanted to do their part in making the laws that would govern their churches during the coming year. At the close of the Banquet, the President appointed two committees. The Committee on Rules and Committee on Credentials.

On Friday morning, the beginning of the business sessions found the greater number of the delegates in

their seats ready to go to work. Most of the day was taken up with reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and the report of the Delegate to the National Convention held in Denver October 1962. These reports were very well received. The National Delegate was given a rising vote of thanks for her splendid report. The Ways and Means Committee went into action late in the afternoon and with excellent results.

Saturday morning the Committees continued to report. Brief talks were given by the delegates on the "Good of the Cause" Much food for thought was given. At 2 P.M. the final roll call of the delegates was given. Then came the election of Officers. The results were as follows: Vice President, Orval Howe of Frankfort, George Hullinger and William Melick both elected as trustees and each to succeed himself for a term of three years. Velma Dickson was elected to attend the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio as delegate for the State. Mrs. Glenna Clark as alternate.

During the days of the convention a resolution was passed as follows—Resolved that one delegate be allowed for each ten members of the church. In so doing the delegates felt that perhaps more members would attend the conventions.

An open form and instructions on Platform Decorum was conducted by Rev. Geneva Carter each day at 1 P.M. These classes were very well attended.

This was the Centennial Year for the Lyceum. The Lyceum convention was held on Sunday afternoon and in charge of our Superintendent of Lyceums Rev. Bernice Brock. We also had as a guest the Rev. Clyde Dibble. Everyone was delighted to have him

The Guest Speaker for the three evenings of the convention, as well as one of the message mediums was the Rev. Ralph Whitney of Columbus, Ohio. Other message mediums were Della Howe, Fanchion Dorsch, Sadie Temme Glenna Clark Geneva Carter, Edith Wade, Emma Paul and Velma Dickson.

The Music for the days of the convention was taken care of by Mrs. Anna Weber and the Seranaders took care of the entertainment on Thursday evening. Healing services were conducted by Floyd Dryer, Keith Thomas and Halford Walters.

It was a good convention. The Official Board is planning a number of nice things for the people of Indiana in the near future. Keep in touch. In so doing you will not miss a thing.

Velma Dickson
State Secretary

**BOSTON, MASS.
Sixty-Eighth Annual Convention
of the**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF SPIRITUALISTS**

**May 1, 2, 3, 1963
Sherry Biltmore Hotel, Boston, Mass.**

The lovely Star-light room of the hotel was filled to capacity as two-hundred and twenty three people gathered together at the banquet. Friends and delegates from the First Spiritualist church of Brockton, Spiritual haven of Malden, First Spiritualist church of Middleboro, First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society of Boston, First Spiritualist Church of Quincy, First Spiritualist Church of Onset, First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, First Spiritualist Church of Salem, Star Light-house of Boston and a group led by Mrs. Conboy broke bread in harmony and love. Following the dinner the State President, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft greeted the guests in a gracious manner and then introduced Rev. Gladys Custance, banquet chairman, who deserves much credit for the most successful banquet held in many years. Rev. Custance expressed gratitude for the co-operation extended to her by all the church leaders who made every effort to make the banquet the success it was.

Rev. Worsencroft then introduced Rev. Kenneth Custance, Vice Pres., Mrs. Muriel Karolides, appointed

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to fill the Secretarial office left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Livia Brooker due to illness, Miss Minnie Winters, State Treasurer, Mr. Paul Kingman, Trustee, Miss Helen MacRitchie, Trustee, Mr. John Worsencroft, Trustee, and Mr. Bert DeYoung, Trustee and Mrs. DeYoung. Rev. Gladys Custance is also a Trustee, filling the unexpired term of Mr. George Larkins. Mass. State Atty. John Cremons was in attendance but was called away just before the banquet and returned later.

On Thursday morning at 10 O'clock, the delegates having assembled, the business session began. The President delivered a most heart-warming address and then appointed the usual committees.

The service of remembrance, conducted by Mrs. Beatrice Gifford, was indeed a tribute to those who have passed to the higher life since the last convention. White carnations were placed in their memory.

Miss Gladys Connors, State Supt. of Lyceums called on the various conductors from the churches to give forth of the activities in their respective churches.

The rest of the morning session was devoted to expressing gratitude for help received from Spirit.

At the afternoon session, President gave a most stirring address, speaking of the to-getherness felt from most all of the churches. Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer also showed a great progress financially and Spiritually.

The Supt. of Lyceums, Miss Gladys Connors, spoke of Rev. Clyde Dibble, National Supt., possibly coming to Mass. to meet with the Lyceum groups. Rev. Gladys Custance and John Worsencroft gave a fine demonstration of healing before this session closed.

The evening service was well attended with many from the local colleges. The lovely voices of Mrs. Laurie Kirkpatrick and Inez Vespers blended in duet to lend much to the service. Mr. Stewart Robb gave a fine address which was enlightening about the French Prophet, Nostradamus and of many of his prophecies still coming to pass.

Rev. Mollie Beck delivered well received personal delineations.

On Friday morning, sessions convened at 9:30. The various committees were received and the usual business conducted. The session concluded with a forum on "What Spiritualism Means to Me" and many fine comments were heard. Friday afternoon final reports were heard and then President Worsencroft appointed the tellers as election of officers was next on the agenda.

Mrs. Muriel Karolides was unanimously elected to the office of Secretary of the M.S.A.S. for a term of three years. Mr. John Worsencroft and Rev. Gladys Custance were also elected as Trustees for three years by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Irene Renwick was extended many thanks for a successful year in which she and her committee raised over nine hundred dollars to help swell the State treasury.

As Mr. Robb was called home after the Thursday evening service the Rev. Mollie Beck gladly assumed the lecture and message service for the Friday evening. It was all very well received by those in attendance. Again there were many from the local colleges.

It was a most inspiring and informative convention. Rev. Gladys Worsencroft, serving the capacity of State President for the year, did a splendid work, handling each situation in a most dignified and gracious manner. Mrs. Worsencroft has certainly learned and heeds the advice of Andrew Jackson Davis "to always keep an even mind."

The Mass. people are proud of the fact that Spiritualism is growing in the State, and most of all that much love is evident. The President of the Amesbury church, Mrs. Zelma Dickens, was present at the convention business sessions and a co-operative spirit is being built up between Amesbury and the Methuen church. The watch-word of Mass. is dual "To-gether-ness-Progress."

Muriel Karolides, Secretary
Mass. State Assn. of Spiritualists

REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA

The Redwood National Spiritualist Church of Redwood City, California sponsored a Special Devotional Service for the California State Spiritualists' Association on Thursday Evening, April 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Building, 1445 Hudson Street in Redwood City. Close to 150 people braved the unusual rains in April in California to hear the inspired and edifying address by the Treasurer of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, the Rev. Clyde A. Dibble of Burlingame, California and to experience communication between the Material world and the Spirit side of Life through the renowned and beloved Spiritual Medium, The Rev. Florence Becker, National Missionary and Pastor of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco.

Mr. Donald Haddick, former member of the State Board, had conducted the beautiful Healing Service for the whole congregation just prior to the coming to the dais of these California Spiritualists with the State Officers from the northern part of this great State. Others to be welcomed by the Rev. Genevieve Woelfl, N.S.T. Pastor of Redwood National Spiritualist Church were the First Vice-President of the State Association, Mr. Rolla Haddick; Trustee, Rev. Pearl S. Manning, Pastor of Brotherhood Spiritualist Church of Alameda, California and also the Rev. Wallace Irwin, Assistant Pastor of Golden Gate Church.

Mrs. Julia Burr was at the organ and accompanied her husband, Mr. David Burr when he sang two inspiring solos.

A Social Coffee Hour followed the Service which had given comfort and the assurance of the Continuity of Life to so many. Communication with the Spirit World was demonstrated this night to seekers from all over the Bay Area. Many traveled the 28 miles from San Francisco and others came from across the Great Bay to learn of the Science, Philosophy and the Religion of Spiritualism.

From—The Intelligencer, Wheeling, W. Va., Saturday, May 4, 1963.

This Is Your Church:

THE SPOTLIGHT RESTS ON MEMORIAL TEMPLE

According to documentary data now extant, much interest in the various phases of Spiritualism has been expressed by many people in the Ohio Valley since the middle 1840's, but not in a public manner at first. The meetings were of a private nature until early in 1863,

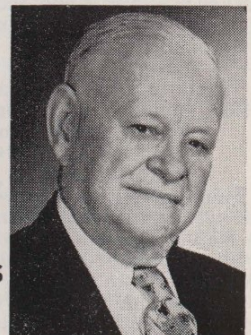
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at which time the first Public Service was held in the City of Wheeling. The following announcement appeared in the "Daily Intelligencer," Wheeling, Virginia, on Feb. 2, 1863:

"Dr. L. K. Coonley, of Massachusetts, classed among



Way Memorial Temple, Wheeling, West Virginia

the most popular Trance lecturers of the present time, will lecture in Union Hall, Main St., on Sunday next at 2 o'clock and 7 p.m. Admission to the afternoon service, free. Evening lecture, 10 cents."

In Luke's Gospel Record, the Master said: "A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed some fell . . . on good ground and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundred fold." Thus it was that those early sowers of the seed of the truths of Spiritualism sowed some seeds on good soil, which sprang up and bore a harvest.

On May 10, 1872, just nine years after Dr. Coonley had delivered the first public lecture on Spiritualism in Wheeling, a son was born to George W. and Alice Humes Way, whom they named George William. In his very early years, George William Way gave many evidences that he was destined to become one of the great psychic and trance lecturers and Spiritual leaders of his generation. This became a reality, as subsequent events revealed."

In the Fall of 1899 a small group of pioneer Spiritualists were called together by Mr. Henry Brunhaus. They met in the parlor of the old Howell Hotel, on Water Street, later the Union Mission, and definite steps were taken to organize in the City of Wheeling.

On Sept. 26, 1901, the First Spiritualist Association of Wheeling, was organized, with Henry Brunhaus, president; Sam Hartman, vice-president; Lucy Carroll secretary; E. S. Dillon, treasurer; William Selvey, J. P. Barger, and Laura Farnsworth, trustee, and the Rev. George William Way as the first pastor. They affiliated with the National Spiritualist Association of Churches at once. This newly organized Church held its meetings in the McLain Hall, Twelfth and Market St., but later moved to a larger place in the Odd Fellows Hall.

In time ground was purchased by the Church on the Island at the corner of Broadway and Maryland St. Construction of the Church building was started in the Spring of 1915, and finished in August of 1916. The dedicatorial services were held Sept. 10, 1916. The total indebtedness was cleared away in six years, and the congregation had planned to burn the mortgage on Sept. 28, 1922 but were saddened by the sudden passing to Higher Life of Rev. Way on Sept 6, 1922. And as his body lay in state in the Temple which had been built under his wise and inspired leadership, the mortgage was burned and the ashes were placed in his casket. He had served the Temple as pastor for 21 years. In 1929, the church and the building were made memorials to Rev. Way and the name became the Way Memorial Temple.

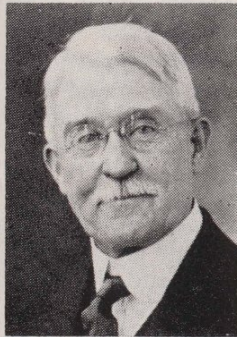
In 1913, the Lyceum (the Spiritualist's Sunday School) was organized. It, too, met first in the Odd Fellows Hall, but after the Church property was purchased, it met in a small frame building (the "shack") that was already standing on the ground.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Lyceum of The Way Memorial Temple, and the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the National Lyceum Movement, by Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis. These two anniversaries will be celebrated with special services on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 with guest speakers participating in this historic occasion. Many of his friends and loved ones believe that the spirit of the Rev. George W. Way will also be present for this special occasion.

A complete roster of the names of pastors who have served The Temple is not available. Many valuable books and records have been lost or destroyed by the floods which have inundated the Island, but such a roster would include the names of some of the most outstanding ministers and certified workers in the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. The Rev. Charles Alldredge is the present minister, and his wife, Dr. Helena Alldredge is the assistant.

Special anniversary speaker will be Robert G. Howell, pastor of the First N.S.A. Church, Binghamton, N.Y. He is also president of New York State Conference of NSA Churches.

There will be a special worship service on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock with Mr. Howell as speaker. On Sunday morning at 9:30 Lyceum classes will be held with Barry Gasaway and Alvin Gasber in charge.



NEW

A series of twenty eight lessons written in trance by the late beloved medium John Slater for the benefit of his students all over the world. The Lessons are furnished the readers of Summit, by John Slater Jr.

EARNESTNESS

In the development of spiritual mediumship, Earnestness should be a dominant feature. A pure and enlightened mind is most essential. The love of country also should obtain, a sense of justice truly one toward another. Fortitude is the one virtue a woman possesses that is superior to any of man's—which is courage. A woman can endure all of the sorrows of Earth, but a man needs and wants action. He is superior to all others especially when he faces that which will call for immediate action. In these two virtues, we find the differences which exist in both woman and man, when seeking the unfoldment of their special spiritual gifts.

Seek no popular applause. You do not need it, for you are beyond it. Be gentle and affable to all and therein find seed for future spiritual growth. Do not, above all things, be subject to man's perception of the right of his own particular judgments. Be wise and cautious, fair in your dealings and be just. Do not lose the at-

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APPROVED METHODS OF SPIRITUAL UNFOLDMENT



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

nite Intelligence.

At such times as these our spiritual development is of more vital importance than ever, even to our mere physical survival, as the Bible and prophecy tell us coming events will happen in the twinkling of an eye, or as a thief in the night, with no announcement. All true servants of God and seekers of Truth can see the Pattern, the inevitable Design, and many can see their part in it, if they are sufficiently developed.

Every one possesses a certain amount of psychic ability and is capable of extended seeing, hearing, and sensing, through the development or unfolding of the gifts of the spirit that can prepare him for the best that life holds, here and yonder. These powers, however, in most people have to be unfolded or brought to the front, and this is why "home circles," or "development meetings" held in some churches are now most essential. Into such circles, often in our homes, should be invited a very few choice, understanding friends, that they may share with us the harmony, peace, understanding, power, knowledge, and joy that results from regular communication with high spirit teachers and loved ones. Some times this holds families together and from pending tragedies, and at the present time can furnish information that can warn people of coming disaster. Furthermore, the Home Circle has often proved a vital link in bridging the chasm between this and the other world, especially in the case of bereaved members that seemed hopeless.

It has been in these Circles that many of our great mediums have discovered their psychic capacities, ever since the days of the Davenport, the Eddys, the Crandons, the Currans of Patience Worth fame, and many others. No less a person than Abraham Lincoln found that he was mediumistic in Home Circles held in his Springfield residence, before he ran for the Presidency. And Nettie Colburn Maynard, the medium that served him in the White House until the time of his passing developed her mediumship in a Circle, or so-called "upper-room," in Bolton, Connecticut, years before

These are the days of the predicted tribulations, catastrophes and cataclysms when man is thrown upon his own intuition or spiritual development which can mean his salvation in this time of "madness," as Spirit calls it. There is nothing small in earthly existence, nothing by chance in this continuity of life, all of which is intended to be progression toward oneness with Infi-

the Hydesville manifestations, which also took place in an "upper room" of the Fox family. Many thus have found, as Victor Hugo says, that "The tomb is not a blind alley, but a broad highway that closes on the twilight to open on the eternal dawn of immortality."

But the question people ask is, "How shall we develop our psychic gifts in our Home Circle? As preliminary to starting the Circle it is helpful to read such little books as, ARE YOU PSYCHIC? by Sophia Williams, YOUR HOME CIRCLE by Louis Henderson, HINTS ON MEDIUMISTIC DEVELOPMENT by Ursula Roberts, SECRETS OF MEDIUMSHIP by Muriel A. Hillier, and THE KEY TO COMMUNICATION by William T. Stead. Some of these can be found at Samuel Weiser's, 845 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

It is well also to have a knowledge of one's inner band of five helpers and teachers, to know at least one of their names, by consulting some good psychic. If not possible, then pray that the name of a guide will be given to each "sitter" and a special guide be given for the Home Circle. In time names will be made known; until then, members sometimes ask for the presence of a deceased relative that would be interested in the work attempted. All members are to have a serious businesslike, sincere, reverent, cooperative attitude, as this work demands a high level of character, conduct, and thought. Each will get the kind of a meeting he makes, just as he will get the kind of a heaven he earns by his works, words, and thoughts on earth. He is dealing with heavenly things; his guides and teachers are angels or "messengers."

In starting the Home Circle, briefly then, the first meeting will be devoted to a discussion of plans, desires of the group for development along certain lines if possible, the composition of the group, time, and conditions of meeting, and such like. It will need to be remembered that each will have to take the type of mediumship for which he is fitted, even though he may desire something different.

Supposing you are the one interested in starting the Circle. You will appoint a temporary leader which may be changed when the Spirit Circle Guide is able to communicate with you. You should begin the meeting with prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer. Use the true translation of the sentence that reads, "Lead us not into temptation," which should be, either "Leave us not in temptation," or still better, "Let us not enter into temptation," as the Essenes have it, of whose organization the Master Jesus was a member. God would not be leading anybody into temptation.

Attempt to develop both in the light and in the dark, the simpler forms of mediumship

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first, at least, according to the gifts each has, to save discouragement—gifts such as clairvoyance, clairsentience, clairaudience, inspiration, psychometry. Later the more difficult might follow, such as trumpet, apports, or materialization. In time each will find out what his possibilities are. Name the day of the week, the hour you are to meet, twice a week, or perhaps once at the beginning, the number to be invited, seven or nine—a mixed group is good, and the hour from seven to eight is excellent, especially if there are children to be present. Part of the meeting should be in the light and part in a blue light or the dark, according to the type of work done. Red light is stimulating and used for phenomena. The temperature should be about 70 degrees, and no fires that flicker. There can be a glass of water for the medium, and flowers that the spirit folk appreciate and that raise the vibration. Chairs should be hard. Sitters should not eat heavily before the meeting or they will get sleepy—of course never any drink or tobacco.

There are many ways of conducting a Home Circle, but let us suggest one that yields excellent results, Assemble promptly at the same time and place. Three times absent should count one out of the Circle. By the leader or some other appointed each time there should be a short talk, perhaps ten minutes on some phase of mediumship, with five minutes for questions. Then after the silence of a minute or two, the leader should call upon each in turn to rise and to report anything of a psychic nature that has come to them,—if anything. After this, an appropriate hymn may be sung or a record played. Before reporting on any psychic sensation, many leaders ask each to call on his guides, and to put a light of protection around him. Some leaders conduct breathing exercises to gain a more relaxed condition. To the count of seven each breathes in, holds breath, breathes out, and rests—seven counts to each; in a series of seven times, this rhythm is repeated. Then there is a silent period, and anything that comes to any is given out, after asking permission of the leader. The leader may help in the interpretation of symbols, if there is any doubt as to meaning. There may here be a question and answer period of five minutes.

After this, in some circles, each present drops an object that has been associated with him into a basket that is passed around. Then in turn one draws out an object from the basket that is not his—this could be a watch, a bracelet, a pin, a pen and such like. Each holds the object in silence for two or more minutes, to see what comes to him about the object. Then he gives this out, and the owner tells him where he has been right or wrong. All this is in the light.

After another song the light is switched off. Sometimes experiments are tried in blue or red

light, but usually there is darkness. Sometimes card-writing, or automatic writing is practised by four or five who wish to sit around a table for ten or more minutes. A basket with blank cards, colored pencils or crayons, with some flowers are in the basket covered with a piece of cloth, and placed in the center of the table. The rest of the circle may, with permission, give out any messages or reports on sensations, thoughts as from spirit. After those sitting at the table have returned to their seats, and if there is present a direct voice medium, the spirit Doctor of each speaks direct voice and answers a question or two for each sitter. This finished, the leader closes the meeting with prayer. When the lights are turned on, those interested in card writing take the cover off the basket and look through the cards to see if there is anything for them. There may be spirit writing on several cards. These are only a few things that may take place.

If there is a healer in the Circle, he is always willing to treat any sore of illness. People then return to their homes. Usually all feel uplifted, encouraged and blessed with their evening with Spirit. Each is willing to share with those who could not be present, and be like a garden without walls, like a vineyard without a guardian, a treasure house open to all worthy passers-by, remembering that only what they give they keep.

TRANSITIONS

Pappas—Gus Pappas, Port Chester, N. Y. Dec. 16th. 1962. Survived by wife (Florence) Both Mr. and Mrs. Pappas were life members of Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., also members of Albertson Memorial Church, Stamford, Conn. Memorial services were conducted at the Stamford church by Pastor, Rev. Raymond E. Burns. Final rites and interment in Kensico, Valhalla, N.Y.

Wamhoff—William Wamhoff, Seattle, Wash., April 29, 1963. Survived by his wife Anna, three daughters, ten grandchildren. He was a member of the State Board of The State Spiritualist Association of Washington. He was a World War I veteran and a member of The Mary A. Tower Memorial Church of Seattle, Wash. Services were held at Bonney-Watsons funeral home, Seattle and interment Washelli Cemetery, Seattle.

Raudebaugh—Rev. Bertha Raudebaugh, Tacoma, Wash. May 6, 1963. Survived by her husband Perry, two sons Clarence Watson and Walter Watson and four grandchildren. She was President of The State Board of the State Spiritualist Association for many years and the present President Emeritus of that body. She was Pastor of the Church of Spiritual Unity, Seattle, Wash. She had been active in Spiritualism the best part of her life, having served in many capacities. Services at Green Lake funeral home. Service conducted by Rev. William L. Norton.

Ambler—Walter E. Ambler, 81, of Youngstown, Ohio, April 30, 1963. Survived by his wife Lily and one sister in England. Mr. Ambler was a member of Grant Street Spiritualist Church, Youngstown, Ohio and was a life member of the New Castle Lodge No. 642 F&AM and Tyria Temple of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was also a member of Aut Mori Grotto of Youngstown, Ohio. Final rites of the Masonic Order were conducted by Lodge No. 642 at the Shriver Allison funeral home. Interment in Lake Park Cemetery in Ohio. Rev. William G. Turner officiated.

EDITORIAL (Continued)

yellow work sheets. I was called to the stand to deliver my evidence—I fear I was not too good as a witness—but there was a sudden hush while I spoke and it warmed me to think that even if there were some in that quiet room who were not in sympathy with what I said, yet the habit of years caused them to sit attentively. They saw me, not as a witness against some of them, but as one who had ministered to them for many years. The opposing attorney—his voice throaty and sounding like suet being torn—named me a “self seeking individual,” when the truth is all I sought was that we might sit down and reason together.

Secretary Merrill was armed with books of record going back to the first days of our association and the pages of his records made a whispering sound as he turned them back and forth to get the answers to the questions. He was a good witness having all the records of the association since the founding convention in 1893. Frayne Klusak was called to the stand, she was so cheerful, competent and witty, I thought of her father O. Perry Allen, he was such a devoted officer, he raised Frayne in Spiritualism and she has carried on his good work with her daughter and granddaughters, telling them to believe in God and test the spirit. The procession of witnesses continued, Evelyn Lessard delivered her evidence, she betrayed honest astonishment when the name of a man she had never known was mentioned as a delegate from her Camp Association.

Arthur Beesley was called and he delivered his evidence quietly and without one unnecessary word he had letters and a telegram to back his statements of fact. He is not alone a good man, he is a kindhearted, hardworking man, whose sole interest in the case is the preservation of his Association and his church where he had spent so many happy years, where his wife teaches Lyceum and where their children continue in the traditions he has enjoyed since he was a boy. Rev. Elsie Beesley was called, she is the mother and grandmother and also greatgrandmother of the Beesley family, she was eager to take the stand, her

happy eager expression acted like a tonic on everyone, she was armed with all kinds of documents and photostatic copies of deeds, but she was not asked for them, this was a disappointment, but her statement that she was a long time member and pastor of her church crackled through the room like a charge of electricity. Her good husband Edward, caused a ripple of amusement when he was called and he struggled to get out of a recalcitrant chair—he was in what is normally the Jury enclosure, there was such a crowd of witnesses, the overflow was asked to sit there—Mr. Beesley delivered his few words of very important testimony.

As the days passed, my mind went back through the years, I did not think of those good people as church leaders and ministers, I thought of the church buildings and how they had washed the floors, painted and repaired, how they had used their cars to carry food for thousands of dinners they had served through the years, how they had cooked, served and donated time, money and great effort; how they had welcomed the stranger within the gates of their churches, how they planned the future for their church members and friends. I thought from these roots has grown the great tree of Spiritualism to shelter the many who needed shelter. I grieved, thinking how shameful it was that they had to leave their busy lives in so many fields of work, come into a courtroom and recite the story of the years, I learned a great lesson thinking of their sacrifices and how the devotion of years was reduced to an argumentative point of law. I can still hear the rustle of indignation, like dry leaves in an Autumn storm, as an opposing witness told an obvious untruth. I see again, the quiet Judge as he listened to the final arguments, and the quiet tone of his voice as he told the attorneys to prepare their briefs, that he might render judgement on a later day. I can hear the voice of Edith Thornback as she delivered her evidence. She was so obviously a clean motherly woman doing her duty, distasteful though it might be. I thought, how blessed are we that there are such people and how safe our small world is when it is in the hands of people of good will.

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July 1925

RELIGION

There has been in the past altogether too many leaders of religion whose teachings were of a "sissyfied" form that has been detrimental to all Mankind. Spirit mediumship will change all of this phase of religious teachings and the teachers, from the other side of life, will be more masterful in their teachings.

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We do not believe in sudden conversions to Spiritualism. We know that one must be tempered and pass through the fire of Faith before they can enter the doorway that leads to knowledge. Too many of men's minds are like hot-

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CHANGES

How bright and sweet the morning. The air is clear and the trees are taking on their autumn colors. The crispness in the air leads to thought. How marvelous the work of God. How puny Man and all his works in comparison. Comparison there can be none.

One is the work of Divinity and the other is the work of Man. One lives on forever, while the other dies. This is the lesson of the moment. The ever-changing conditions of nature and man. So it is with mediumship. The ever-changing and undefinable essences that goes to making the chemicals necessary in the unfoldment of our spiritual natures.

No alloy is needed in the bright beauty of true mediumship. Nothing can be untrue in mediumship. All is pure gold and needs no additions. The clarified vision, the unadulterated harmony of the spirit world and its people.

The working changes that take place when needed. My friend and student be assured by us, when we state to you, that it is indeed a blessing that no words could express the glory and beauty in being a message bearer for the spirit world. You have been chosen as an instrument to do this mighty work. Do not repine; do not be impatient. Let God and the angel world work in sympathy and in harmony with you. In their own good time will come the out-bounding forces that will open your eyes and ears to the wonderful voices of the spirit guides and teachers, and you will be in At-one-ment with them. God be with you.

John Slater

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1st Spiritualist Church, 131 "C" St., N. E., Sun., 8:00 p.m., Tues., Class 8:00 p.m. Rev. Alfred H. Terry, Pastor.

FLORIDA

CASSADAGA—Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Services in the Auditorium every Sunday, 2:30 P.M. Lecture, Spirit Messages, Healing. Duncan Beck, Secy.

MIAMI—Metaphysical Science Church (N.S.A.C.), 601 S.W. 7th St. Sunday, HEALING SERVICE, 7:30 P.M. Lecture and E.S.P. Demonstration 8 P.M. Tuesday, PROBLEM CLINIC, 1 to 3 P.M. Thursday; ALL MESSAGE SERVICE, 2 P.M. and 8 P.M. Rev. Sophie E. Busch, Pastor.

ST. PETERSBURG—Church of Spiritual Philosophy and Vedanta Center, NSAC, 216 19th Avenue, S.E. Services Sun. and Thurs. 7:30 p.m.; Healing 7 p.m. Minister, Rev. M. MacBride Pantton.

TAMPA—Co-Operative Spiritualist Church, 115 South Packwood Ave. Services, Sunday and Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Healings, 7 p.m. Mrs. Alice Leon Knight, Pres., 1714½ North A Street, Tampa. Phone 258-0411.

Church of Eternal Light, N.S.A.C., 209 Magnolia. Sun. 7 p.m. Divine Healing; 7:30 p.m. Lecture and Messages. Thurs. 7:30 p.m. all message circle. Pastor, Rev. Mary P. Stevens, 2525 Palmetto St. Telephone 877-7394.

ILLINOIS

Illinois State Spiritualist Association—

President—Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, 3501 Shakespear Ave., Chicago 47.

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AURORA—Christabelle Spiritualist Church, service at 7 p.m. Sun. in Room "C" YMCA Bldg. Ben D. Jones, Jr., Pres., Jeannie H. Jones, Sec'y; 200 Willow Ave., Joliet, Illinois.

CHICAGO—Church of The Spirit, 2651 N. Central Park Ave. Chicago's oldest Spiritualist Church. Sundays, Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Wed., All Message Services, 7:45 p.m. Rev. Ernst Schoenfeld, Pastor. **Spiritualist Church of Truth**, 3349 W. North Ave. Services every Sun. at 7 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages. Rev. Theodore Siers, Pres.; Mrs. Mildred Berge, Secretary.

Puritan Spiritualist Church, 10957-59 South Park Ave. Services Sunday 2:30 p.m. Rev. Rose MacKay, Pastor and President, 8209 East End Ave.

Sunlight Circle Spiritualist Church, 4539 Oakenwald Ave. Services Sunday, 4 p.m. William A. Young, President.

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, Lee Kace, 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. Caughey, 2101 Longshore Place, Peoria, Ill., Secretary.

DECATUR—1st Spiritualist Church of Truth, 993 N. Edward St. Sun. 7:30 p.m. Wed. 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—

President—Rev. Virginia L. Falls
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EVANSVILLE—Union Spiritualist Church, cor. Michigan and Third Ave. Services Sun. and Thurs., 7:45 p.m. Rev. Sadie Temme, Pres., Gilbert C. Burke, Sec'y.

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—

Headquarters, Etna, Maine.

President—Rev. William Hubbard N.S.T., Etna.

Secretary—Wilson G. Gilman
Etna, Maine.

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, Sec'y.

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—

President—Rev. Gladys Worsencroft
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Telephone 774-2753

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, Lyceum 11 A.M., Afternoon Service, 4 P.M., Healing Service 6:45 P.M. Evening Service 7 P.M., Thursday, Mid-Week Service, 7:30 P.M. Pastor Mrs. Gertrude L. Stevens, 68 Perkins 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—

President—Mr. Arthur Beesley
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DETROIT—First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell, Detroit 27. Church Service, Sun., 10:45 a.m. Frayne Pansera Klusak, 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 Grampp, 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.

MUSKEGON—First Universal Spiritualist Church, Blue Rood, Occidental Hotel, Sunday Services 7:30 pm. (Healing 7:00) Rev. Wm. R. Aldred, Pastor, Mrs. Gertrude Reed, Secretary.

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, Mary C. Amis.

MINNEAPOLIS—2nd Spiritualist Church, 23rd & Lyndale Ave. N., Consultations Thursday 1-4 p.m. Services Sunday 3:00 p.m. Rev. Howard C. Lemire, President, 522-9210; William Miller, Secretary, 333-8405.

MISSOURI

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

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, HIlland 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, Inc., 2653 Natural Bridge Ave., St. Louis 6, Mo. Sundays, Lyceum 9:30 a.m., Devotional and Healing Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dorothy M. Buss, Pastor, 1856 Switzer Ave.

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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President—Rev. Emily W. Hewitt
142 Carroll St., Paterson, N. J.

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39 Rutgers Place, Passaic, N. J.

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.

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.

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. Mrs. M. H. Sylvester, President. Telephone AL 5-3854.

NEW YORK

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

President—Robert G. Howell
47 Front St., Binghamton, N. Y.
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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. Dinner served every Sunday, 5 p.m. Circles, 6 p.m. Healing at all services. 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

Ohio State Spiritualist Association—

President—Rev. Alice Lamb Towner
Box 3, Brady Lake, Ohio.

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5465 Main Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio.

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. Josephine Hudec, Secy.-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, Dr. William B. Owens, 1800 Kent Street.

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. 7:30 p.m.; Thursday 7:30; Minnie Davis, Pastor, BR 4-8832.

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 Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Telephone at Church TE 2-4464.

STEUBENVILLE—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. LaCade Ave. Sunday Healing 2:30 p.m. Services 3:00 p.m. Message Service 2nd Wednesday. Gilbert Foster, Licentiate Minister, Pastor, 451 E. LaCade Ave., Youngstown 7. Phone ST 8-9298, Church Phone ST 8-9134.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State Spiritualist Association—

President—Lester C. Scoles
4541 N. W. 43rd St., Oklahoma City
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4541 N. W. 43rd St., Oklahoma City

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, Secy. **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

Pennsylvania State Spiritualist Association—

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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.

TEXAS

Texas State Spiritualist Association—

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AUSTIN—First Spiritualist Church, 4200 Ave. D. Sunday Services, Lyceum 9:00 a.m., Church Service 10:00 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. Services; Sunday, 7:45 P.M. James F. Bradley, Pastor, DA 7-3625 Dallas, Elmer L. Atkinson, Assistant, MA 4-2368 Ft. Worth. Mailing Address, Sec'y 6818 Lovett Ave., Dallas, 27, 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, 1627 Pan Am Expressway N. 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—

President—Minnis Richardson
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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.

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SPIRITUALISM (Continued)

quality or the quantity of mediums depends upon the medium being used as a channel. So now, who's who in Spiritualism? Is it those who profess to be such good Spiritualists and mediums who brag about the number of readings they give in a day? It is those who try to tear down and destroy every other church but their own? Is it those who set the example of their followers by indulging in gossip, slander and deceit? Do they conduct themselves in accordance with the teachings that come from on high, Especially to those who surround them. Do they refuse to help you unless your pocket-book is open? Remember here and now, they are not among those who are who's who in Spiritualism. As far as we are concerned, they are among the missing. For they are lost and floundering in the wilderness of their own mistakes.

Who are those in Spiritualism? It is those who have become good Spiritualists first, and a medium second. These are they who uphold the truth and teachings of Spiritualism, who are church members of the religion they have faith and knowledge in, who support their church. Every church needs active and inactive members on its roster. Let us build the people around the church, and not build the church around its pastor alone. How many of you would like again to be a member of the church you used to belong to? Especially those who have sat at the communion table, those who have partaken of the everlasting waters of life, those who have been blessed by the touch of the vanished hand, who have once more heard the voice of a loved one, long gone, who have been re-united with your loved ones, would you like to be a member of a church that forbids you that joy? Think it over, then decide for yourself, but be sure that you contact organized Spiritualism, there is a difference, for it is like the five cent stamp is to your letter, a true seal of recognition.

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