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Dreamy Early Summer Days

EDITORIAL

THE LONG VIEW

Today, more than at any other time in our nation's history, we must strive to see things in proper perspective. True perspective is not an easy thing to achieve with all of the dissident forces demanding our attention every day, each with a seemingly valid reason for their complaints. News of defeat and disaster, in any part of the world reaches us almost instantly, so that unless we are fortified by a true faith and trust in our country's leaders we are apt to be thrown into a panic, which spreading from one to the other like some foul gas destroys all sense of reason and understanding.

The rapidly changing nature of contact between racial and ethnic groups in our country makes for a new shift of power with the emergence of a whole new way of life for millions of our fellow citizens, because of this old resent-

ments flare, new ones are born and the resultant conflagration does not cleanse and clear, it causes total destruction. No man can achieve a true perspective when his eyes are blinded by the smoke of hate.

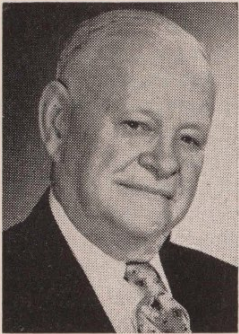
The undeclared war in Viet-Nam grows daily and the peace of the whole world is threatened, fear like the flickering darting flames of a forest fire runs through the capitals of every nation. Old allies are openly antagonistic to the policies of the United States and as the days pass, it appears to be increasingly difficult for the members of Congress to understand the planning of the Administration. The members of the Senate and the House are greatly influenced by the mail they receive from their constituents, so no matter how they may think personally, they must try to satisfy all elements as best they can, an almost impossible task when the ugly face of war is peeping over every shoulder.

Each of us need to be calm we must hold faith and try to take a long view of events as they occur; it is fatally easy to panic if we have no true perspective. This is especially true if one reads and studies the words of the newspaper and magazine columnists, just a short time ago the better known of this wise breed praised the Administration and its policies, but during the last few weeks they are hedging on their former extravagant praise, the mood has changed and now the wisemen are looking for a way out; war is coming too close for comfort, in the published words (of recent date) of one very well known columnist "the President is in trouble." This is an unworthy statement and it would seem to place the blame for seeming disaster on the shoulders of the Chief Executive, when it properly belongs on the shoulders of every citizen, the trouble in Viet-Nam did not happen overnight it has been brewing for years through three Administrations.

In these peculiar times of instant news, we—the public—are inclined to believe that our favorite columnist has preternatural wisdom, when in fact he is a trained observer whose past experience and very possibly facile pen has given him a reputation for forecasting good or evil. Columnists are even as you and I, human beings who may sometimes—maybe many times obtain a flash of true wisdom and are able to forecast what will happen in the near or far future. There can be no doubt that we are living in a deeply troubled world, but if we have faith in Infinite Intelligence we will maintain our balance spiritually and mentally, we will retain a sense of perspective and realize that our way of life has been a long time in the building. We are the end product of freedom loving peoples of many ancient nations, our sense of freedom is rooted deep in our consciousness and with it there is a real sense of

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SPIRITUAL AWAKENING



H. Gordon
Burroughs

As other men have creeds,
So have we ours.
We keep the holy faith in
God,
In man and the angel minis-
trants between.
We hold faith more dear
Than earth's rich mines
Or fame's proud treasure—
A faith that plucks from
death its sting,
Communes with angels
every day,
Sees God, the the good in
everything
Where Truth Eternal holds
her sway.

There is one eternal, definite, universal cause which we call Infinite Intelligence. God is spirit; spirit is causation. God, being spirit, those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. God is love; there is one God, not many. These statements constitute, in part, the creed or faith of the Spiritualists.

Religion is a system of faith and worship. We feel then that we are a religious people because we have faith; and having faith, we have a form of religious worship. The religious side of that which is known as Modern Spiritualism builds character and makes the life of the individual bigger, sweeter, and more lovely upon this material plane of consciousness, enabling him to worship God, not gods, to see God in everything in the ever-manifestation of truth, of love, and of beauty. Such do Spiritualists strive to do. They worship at no man-made shrine. They listen to the teachings of all religions of the present and of the past, provided that what is preached or taught can be applied to their lives today.

Spiritualism does not rest upon man-written Bibles. It accepts the truth in all Bibles if they conform to truths as presented today.

Spiritualism does not depend upon a man-made institution to determine the saving of souls, because Spiritualists believe that we are souls animated by Spirit, perfect in the likeness of the One Cause which is perfect; that Cause, being Spirit and perfect, we have designated as Infinite Intelligence. We are not interested in saving souls. We would have you gain knowledge and do that particular service for yourself. We teach you personal responsibility, taking away the crutch upon which man has been leaning for two thousand years—the crutch of letting some other individual pay your ransom fee that you might sing anthems in a beautiful, imaginary heaven out yonder in God's vaulted skies. We bring you the message of personal

responsibility; you, individually, are responsible for every action of your lives, and you must pay the price.

We respect the Galilean of long ago and pay homage to Jesus of Nazareth; but we love him so dearly as a man, a teacher, and a philosopher that we are not willing that he should die upon the Cross of Calvary that you and I may enter into a heaven that we have not earned. Consequently, we have been condemned because we have taken that particular crutch away from the individual. But we have given him another—that of personal responsibility, thus making of him not a puppet in the scheme of God's great creation, but a master of his own destiny, as William Ernest Henley expresses it in his poem "Invictus":

"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul."

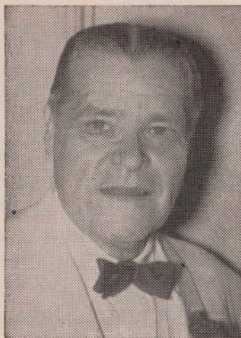
Spiritualism has answered the question of Job: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The message that comes from the other world is a proof of the continuity of life that man has believed, or wanted to believe, from time immemorial. It has brought definite consolation to the world.

The question has often been asked, "What good has it been to humanity?" It has restored to the heaven world men and women who gave to the earth much truth—like Socrates, Bruno, Confucius—forerunners of advanced thought who were condemned by the church and relegated to the pit of eternal torment, known to the Christian world as Hell.

Religiously, it has broadened man's thinking. It has brought to the world a comprehensive message of growth, of love of God and not fear of God. It has brought back the miracles of Christ. It has brought heaven into the hearts of men. It has taken the lid off of Hell. It has placed you in the position of living in God's ever-present eternal now with never a separation and never the annihilation of one of God's children. It brings us the precious message that death is a mere incident in the eternal progress of living. It thus brings us a religion of happiness.

It is not necessary that you accept any particular creeds or isms. It is not necessary that you pass through any particular plan of salvation; the only baptism the Spiritualists recognize is the baptism of the holy spirit of God, the holy spirit of love, the holy spirit of peace and joy. You can look up into the face of your

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Question—

In visiting various Spiritualist churches so many times I hear the term Modern Spiritualism used and almost in the same breath proof of its truth is said to be found in various quoted books of the Bible, since we know the Bible to be an ancient book, just why is Spiritualism termed Modern?

—J.N.C., Saginaw, Michigan.

Answer—

Spirit phenomena has been a motivating force in the development of all religions of the world—not only in the Christian Orthodox concept but equally as true in the concepts of Confucius, Lao-Tze, Buddha, Mohammed and the Hebraic teachings found in the Torah. In each system we discover Spirit as an existing force operating far beyond the capabilities of mortal mind. Thus each system became problematical and controversial as time blunted the edges of the original revelation, but the understanding of Spirit as the first CAUSE is never denied as the basis for these varying concepts. The process of any religious system was slow in its development and the rise and fall of its original impact was affected by new ideas and borrowed declarements from many correlative systems. A careful analysis of recorded history proves this to be a fact. It is, however, in the modern sense that we must approach the present day application of this question and it is the Christian orthodox viewpoint we must consider.

At varying times in the development of Christianity great leaders have appeared to guide their followers into a new concept of life. Moses spent his entire adult life leading the Children of Israel to freedom, his prophesies were often thwarted by rebellion, jealousy and misunderstanding among those he hoped to help. Always, a motivating power which he called God expressed through him before the eyes of the people. Recall the Tables of Stone, the Burning Bush, the Voice from the Mountain

Top, the Power to Move the Waters of the Red Sea. He and his people accepted these apparently supernatural events as the moving Presence of their God, the same concept is accepted in orthodox Christianity today. We, as Spiritualists know all that I have already quoted as being the operation of Infinite Spirit, through several channels of Natural Law **supernormal**, but in no wise **supernatural** in nature, we know it as Materialization, Trumpet, Apport and Direct Voice manifestations. All are well known terms in the development of Spiritualism For many centuries the experiences of Moses became the fundamental teaching of the Scribes and Pharisees. A new Messiah was predicted, there could be no deviation from the Law as demanded by the Hebraic church. The church as established by the Hebrews became the only accepted mode of religious living.

Nearly two thousand years ago a lowly Nazarene was born in Bethlehem, His birth, teachings and physical death, combined with the teachings in the Old Testament and New Testament are the basis of Christianity as we know it today. Recall again with me, His birth—the Angels singing, the Star, the adoration of the Shepards the journey of the Wise Men and the adoration of the Magi. All of this was not an acknowledgement of the new life, but rather an appreciation of and the fulfillment of prophecy handed down through many years. When Jesus reached manhood and following His baptism in the Jordan River—at which time there was another evidence of a supernormal Power, when the dove flew gently down and the voice spoke to John The Baptist—He became outraged at the church leaders and their manner of life and teaching, he thus became a rebel. He was conscious of the Power, God The Father and he went about teaching,

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not the strict letter of the Mosaic Law, but the spirit of the law of love and the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. He rejected the "whited sepulchurs." Recall his healing demonstrations, His many miracles, but most of all after his trial and physical death, His many appearances to the doubting and fearful Disciples. The orthodox Christian church has maintained throughout the centuries that the prophesies of Moses and many others, the birth life and work of Jesus were supernatural and the Church attributes all of this to a personal contact with the Almighty, never to be repeated. We Spiritualists know and recognize all such happenings as a supernatural expression of Natural Law brought about because of the need of the people, spirit mediums always have appeared and they have unfolded their mediumistic faculties during times of great stress and need.

The natural and normal expression of mediumship, was not accepted as part of Christianity except as a visitation from God Himself. Knowing nothing of the naturalness of spirit contact the recipients accepted such contacts as the actual presence of their personal God. During the Reformation we find many such contacts in the development of varying branches of Christianity but it has become evident to modern scientific researchers that there was a psychic contact established. For the purpose of this particular column let us recall the recorded history of Emmanuel Swedenborg, his psychic powers startled the thinkers of his century, his positive ability to transport himself psychically through great distances; his description of the activities and conversations of persons long since passed from the realm of earth. Recall again the discoveries of Anton Mesmer, his theory of psychic rods extending from the human body which we know today as the Aura; his development of the sneered at Mesmerism, which is now the highly regarded hypnotism a most useful adjunct of todays physicians. Such men as Swedenborg and Mesmer are true wayshowers in todays studies into the subjective mind and to the great new fields of understanding that are now open to students and teachers of the history and power of the human mind.

We Spiritualists are particularly grateful to these men in that they inspired Andrew Jackson Davis to formulate our own school of philosophy. Davis himself experienced the truth of the theories of Mesmer and recognizing the extraneous forces described by Swedenborg, he predicted some few years before the Hydesville rappings that a new demonstration would prove that such visitations were not from a PERSONAL God to some chosen man or woman, but rather loving visits of friends from the world of spirit, a place that Davis named the SUMMERLAND. His predictions came true

with the advent of Modern Spiritualism through the mediumship of the Fox sisters.

The phenomena of Spiritualism have ever been present. Prior to the philosophy of Davis and the Fox demonstrations such experiences were deemed the supernatural visitation of a personalized God, through these same experiences we have learned that spirit contact is the operation of Natural Law and is the normal possession of every human soul, it is the bridge between the two worlds the mortal and the etherial. Modern Spiritualism dates from 1848 and the time of the Hydesville demonstration, ancient Spiritualism has been with us since the time of recorded history, we prove our modern revelations by the fact of their happenings and we link all of the past revelations to the present as the continuous movement and flow of psychic power under the operation of the Natural Law, which is the Law of God.

LETTERS FROM A DEAD MAN

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By
Wilbert Beauchesne

6th Letter

The Sage has taken me to the Realm of Volunteers, and there I have heard and seen the works wrought by dedication and unselfishness. The Realm of Volunteers are those spirits who are truly concerned for the welfare of human-kind. They have progressed spiritually to an astounding degree, and have gathered together for the redemption and well being of Man. They are elevated in thought for the good of all, blessing those of earth who are receptive to their messages of Love and Strength. They ask nothing of themselves, but rejoice in the wondrous capacity to give. They are forever aiming Godward, by following the teachings of the Master, bestowing instead of greedily taking. They are, in a manner of speaking, the Angel Thoughts which soar to the uplifted and waiting heart. They are an inspiring band to see, love.

Some, in time of great need, when the spiritual Light of Man is almost dim, return to earth, to lift up, to encourage, to guide, to bring hope in the midst of darkness. Such lofty souls are rare, however, for it takes much spiritual power in order to do this. I'm afraid, that even here, too many of us are still impatient to reach the summit of Perfection, an achievement requiring much study, much waiting, much meditating, and quantities of tremendous Love for All.

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THE DISCARNATE STRANGER



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

For more than a quarter of a century, if I had not known the truths of Spiritualism, and if I had not experienced incidents more remarkable than the one I am about to relate to you, I would not believe the following story could possibly be true. If I had not seen in various parts of America as well as abroad, numerous materializations of relatives and friends whom I have recognized, as

well as many of the formerly famous of earth who have come to me and whom I have recognized by their pictures—such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, James Whitcomb Riley, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Lillian Whiting, Marie Corelli, and many others,—I would have found difficulty in believing the incident I am about to narrate. Again, had I not in my own house, with doors and windows closed and in broad daylight had apparitions brought by request, objects from many parts of the world, as well as my large Bible from the shelf in my room, placed in my lap and opened by invisible hands and marked, I would have been loathe to accept the narrative I am about to tell. Or, if I had not heard “direct voice” speaking to me, calling me by name, or heard the voices many, many times of discarnate relatives, friends, guides, I probably would not be able to know that the story is true that I now am going to share with you.

For many years, as a college teacher in America and across the waters, I have been interested in gathering hundreds of psychic and spiritual experiences of my students in connection with psychology classes I have taught. The following story was told by a young man who then was working for his Ph.D. in one of our large universities. We will call him “John,” since the attitude of many of our American institutions of higher learning toward psychic phenomena is such that he prefers that his real name not be mentioned publicly.

It happened that on a week-end, one late afternoon, John was taking a little time off from study and was driving his second-hand car alone off the beaten path, along a Southern road that was not in very good condition, owing to a recent rain. He soon found himself axel deep in mud and unable to continue on his journey. It was nearly dark, and there seemed to be no farmhouses near this particular woodland road. John was tired and in no hurry. After surveying the landscape for a few min-

utes without discovering any inhabitants in the vicinity, he rather enjoyed the idea of being alone and resigned himself to spend the night in the car, expecting in the early morning to go in search of help that he might extricate his car and continue his journey. He curled himself up on the front seat and was soon fast asleep.

About one o'clock in the morning, as he guessed the time, he was aroused by a tapping on his windshield. At first he thought it might be a twig blown against the glass, but upon thrusting his head out the window found that there was no bush or tree near the car and that not a breath of air was stirring. Still the tapping continued. Soon he was wide awake and sat up trying to discover the cause of the sound in this veritable wilderness. Everything was bathed in total darkness, without a sound to be heard except the tap, tap, tap on his windshield.

Suddenly, however, John was about to lose interest in the cause of the tapping and to resume his slumber, when a large oval of light

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appeared directly in front of him on the other side of the windshield. In the oval of light presently a girl's form materialized. She was beautiful with dark hair and blue eyes. He regarded her a moment, pinched himself to make certain that he was actually awake, when all at once she began to speak to him. She told him her name, assured him that he was actually awake and that she was really the person she declared herself to be and could prove it. "Come down with me to yonder graveyard," she invited, "and I will show you that I have spoken the truth, that my name as I just gave it to you is on the grave stone, with the date of my birth and death, and the words, 'Rest in peace'." She then gave the dates of her birth and death and bade him follow her, as she started off. He hesitated a moment as he rubbed his eyes, again to make certain he was not dreaming. While he hesitated the girl turned back to him and began to explain the reason why she had appeared to him and the message she wished to have delivered to a certain young man in a farm house some two miles down the road to the east. She told how she had passed away suddenly before she had had time to explain something that was of vital importance to both of them. She pleaded with John to deliver the message in the morning when he went to get help in extricating his car from the mud. She assured him that the young man, naming him, would remember her and verify the facts she was now stating. When she paused in her speaking and started down the road in the direction in which she declared was the graveyard where she had been buried, John felt impelled to follow the radiant figure. He seemed to have lost all nervousness and apprehension which possessed him when he was suddenly wakened by the tapping on his windshield. The girl seemed so lifelike, and yet the illumination about her was not of the earth. On and on he followed, until finally, after crossing a field to which they turned off from the road, they arrived at the graveyard. The apparition passed among several of the graves and then paused and knelt by one a little apart from the rest. "This is where I was buried," she said to John. "See! You can here read my name, the date of my birth and death, and the words, 'Rest in Peace.'"

John approached, stooped down, and in the light that surrounded the lovely woman read

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for himself the words upon the stone. They were exactly as she had told him when she first appeared on the other side of his windshield. "It is absolutely true as you declared," he said simply.

"And now," she said, "I want you to pledge you word of honor to me that you will deliver the message to the young man in the farmhouse down the road from here. I was in love with him, and he will understand perfectly the message. I am unable at present to come to him directly, but he will know that I live."

John assured her that he would be true to his word and deliver the message shortly after dawn. The girl then told him that it would be difficult for him to find his way back to the car alone in the intense darkness, but that she would take him safely back and then leave him, as she had to get back to her work on the other side of life. She had been permitted to visit earth for a short time and to bring to him the knowledge that there is no death.

At length, when they arrived again at the place where the car had been stuck in the mud, she bade him good-bye, and vanished. The light quickly faded where she had stood, and John found himself enveloped in total darkness. He entered the car, but made no attempt to sleep any more that night.

At dawn he started out to find the farmhouse, and in half an hour located it just where his nocturnal visitor had indicated he would find it. He had a walk of about a couple of miles, but when he arrived he noticed that the young man was already up feeding the stock. He did not know just how to approach him with the strange message he had to deliver. But a promise was a promise and he would do his best. He was afraid of being ridiculed or being called "crazy" or just plain "silly," so, for a moment he hesitated until the young man came out of the barn and started to chop wood. John then approached the wood pile, passed the time of day, told of his misfortune in getting stuck in the mud of the road, and discovered that the young man was most willing to talk. In the course of the conversation, John asked him if he chanced to know a young girl by the name he gave. The young stranger at once became suddenly very sad and said tearfully, "Yes, but she passed away the fifteenth of last last March. We were to be married in June. Her grave is yonder across the field. There she rests in peace."

John then found an opportunity to describe the discarnate stranger, the apparition of the night and the various events that took place, and finally to deliver the message she had left with him.

"That was certainly she!" declared the young man. "If you had known her for years you could not have described her better, and I

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MEDITATION ON THE MEANING OF RELIGION

By BETTY PIERCE
Reporter, Herald-Post
El Paso, Texas

We want to talk to you about the meaning of religion. It may seem like a rather strange subject for Easter—1965—today, people all over El Paso are celebrating the resurrection of Christ—and I suppose I could stand up here and tell you how wonderful it is that He died to save us. But it happens that I don't believe that. I don't believe that any of us can afford to feel that because Jesus died, we will have all our misdeeds forgiven us.

And that brings me to one of my points—among the thousands of people who spent part of today celebrating the resurrection, there are many who don't believe it ever happened. But they celebrate, right along with the others, and they sing the hymns, and they drop their money in the collection plate, and Monday morning they won't have the slightest idea what the minister said yesterday, and if they do, it won't have much effect on what they do.

What is religion? Ask that question, and you'll get answers like "Religion is the belief in a higher power," or "Religion is the means by which people try to reach God." Some would answer, like Karl Marx, quoting a Protestant clergyman, "Religion is the opiate of the people."

To me, all these things **can** be true. But I have my own definition of religion—I didn't hear it anywhere, I didn't read it anywhere—I evolved it for myself. And it may be that a number of other people have come to the same conclusion that I have, and would express it in similar words.

To me, religion is not what a man claims to believe—religion is the way he lives his life.

We all live our lives according to the things we really believe in. If we **didn't** believe in the things we do, we'd live our lives another way. The way you live, shows beyond any doubt what you really believe in.

If you take advantage of the weak, then you must **believe** in taking advantage of the weak, or you wouldn't do it. If you lie, steal and cheat, then that must be what you believe in, regardless of what you **say** you believe.

Just because a man is told that he **must** believe something does not make him believe it—it may make him **say** that he believes it, but always, somewhere in the background, is his true personal opinion. And that opinion is expressed every day of his life, in his dealings with his fellow man.

I attend First Unitarian Church. I sometimes joke about it, and say that's the only place in town they won't throw me out of! That's not entirely true—there **are** other liberal

churches. And First Spiritualist is one of them.

In this church, and at First Unitarian, and in a few others, no one is going to demand that you pretend you believe things you can't believe; things your mind will not accept. In a few churches, the minister and the congregation are willing to let each person progress at his own speed in his own direction—to let him **seek** the truth, even if it should take him his whole lifetime, and he never comes to a conclusion. At least, that way, he is a student, a scholar; his mind is flexible, he is free to consider each question as it comes along, and come to his own conclusion.

A good many orthodox clergymen have come around to this way of thinking in the past few years—and it often causes a scandal; They get thrown out of the church, or their superiors make it so uncomfortable for them that they are forced to leave. And others leave in search of a congregation where they are not forbidden to use their own powers of reasoning.

I've heard Reverend Lena Halstead say, "If you sit down quietly, and compose your thoughts, and use the reasoning-power God gave you, you can work out your own problems." And I think that's very true.

But it's nice to have a place where you can talk over the things you've thought about with other people, without fear, without embarrassment. When a group of people can congregate in a house of worship, each one free to feel the things he feels, to believe the things he believes, that group has gone a long way toward achieving mutual tolerance, and true brotherhood. Brotherhood is not a matter of all people becoming exactly alike—it's a matter of all of us learning to respect the other person's right to believe as he is able to understand.

In this group there may be people who are convinced beyond any doubt that the Christ was raised from the dead. There may be others who **don't** believe it. There may be others who are frank to admit that they just **don't know**—that they have not, as yet, come to any conclusion on the subject.

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In this age, it's a rare thing to find someone who can hold ideas different from the ones you hold, and yet can permit you to hold your ideas without trying to convert you to his point of view.

No two people are exactly the same, and no two situations are exactly the same. We have all been subjected to different experiences in our lives, and it is reasonable that these different experiences should lead people to have different opinions.

Easter, like any other holiday, is a good time for reflection. Usually there is spare time, or a rewarding experience with people we love, or some sort of uplifting influence to give each of us a push toward doing a little serious thinking about his goals and ideas, about himself and other people, and his relationships with other people.

Merely re-hashing something that happened a couple of thousand years ago is not religion—and there is no magic in prayers or incantations, in the burning of incense or of sacrifice—except when it makes a difference in the thinking or behavior of the person who does it.

Someone has said, "We seem to look on God as some kind of a cosmic bell-boy—a person who will perform what we ask if we tip him enough, or praise him enough."

Personally, I have a higher opinion of my Creator than that. I don't think He can be bribed or flattered into granting my personal desires. That is why I have said, sometimes, that I don't believe in divine intervention—that I don't believe in answered prayer. It is not because I don't believe in a Creator—it is simply because I don't think things work that way. I think you reap, for the most part, what you sow in this world. I believe that it's up to me to make the most of my life.

An old Sanskrit writing says, "Look well unto this day, for it is life—the very life of life—tomorrow is only a vision and yesterday is already a memory, but today, well-lived, makes every tomorrow a vision of hope and every yesterday a memory of happiness."

The ancients were wise in the ways of human nature, and there is a great deal to be

learned from studying the scriptures. Not only the Judeo-Christian scriptures, but those of other religions—and truth is not found exclusively in old writings—it can be found in the writings of today, if one will look for it and be willing to accept it when it comes.

Our late Unitarian Minister, Rev. Charles Manker, used to say, "Truth is truth, no matter where you find it." And I think this is very true.

But someone else said something once, that I think is equally as true. "The trouble with having an open mind is that people going by throw so much trash into it."

So, we have to be selective about what we accept as truth; think it over, test it. Find out for ourselves, and evolve our own personal religion, based on our own experiences, and our own hopes and desires.

I can quote a whole string of things, all written or said by different people, which I believe to be just as true as what I read in the Bible. John Ray said, "A good conscience is a soft pillow."

The ancient philosopher Aristotle said "Reason is a light that God has kindled in the soul." Mary Baker Eddy said, "The characters and lives of men determine the peace, prosperity and life of the nations."

From Robert Louis Stevenson—"The cruellest lies are often told in silence." From Disraeli, "Nature is a more powerful force than education."

And from William Shakespeare—"Sweet are the uses of adversity; which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head."

There are many scriptures, and all of them are wonderful. Sometimes people ask, "Do Unitarians believe in the Bible?" The answer to that is "Yes. They believe in it and study it, and love it, just as they do any good literature, although they do not believe it is the word of God. Rather, they believe that it is the voice of man is his search for God.

And, as long as man pursues this goal, I'm sure we have nothing to fear.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS,

Excerpts from Chapters 12, 13 and 14.

Address Given by the Rev. J. C. Snook at St. James
United Church, Montreal, Que., Canada

It is a joy to return to St. James United Church for I feel the vibration of friendliness which comes, not only from the Clergy and Board of the Church, but also from the very many friends that I have made during my visits.

Before I start to talk to you on Spiritualism (which is considered to be a very provocative subject) let me renew in your minds a few of the verses which I read to you in the Scripture Lesson this evening. I read them from the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. It says,

"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God that inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Do we not forget sometimes that there are many paths of religion? Do we not forget also that millions of people who inhabit this earth offer God their prayers, their thanks, their gratitude, in various themes of religion? I have before me this evening just one or two excerpts from the teachings of some of the religions across our world who in their way, as you do from within this Church, reach out to God. Lord Krishna in the "Gita" of that very well-known Eastern religion says this,

"By whatever path you come to Me I shall welcome you, for the paths men take from every side and Mine."

From the great inspirational wisdom of Buddha come these words,

"I sit and meditate and gradually, as I pass onward, I raise my hand to the Ultimate Truth; then I behold other hands coming from other parts of the world to rest upon the same Shining Oneness. They, my brothers, are touching the same Truth as I. How can there be conflict between them? They shall come from the East and from the West, from the North, from the South, and shall sit in the Kingdom of God."

From the understanding of the revered Chinese philosopher, Confucius, comes this realization—brought to us through the inspiration of a great Chinese teacher, Wong Hi, who said,

"There are many paths up the mountain of Religious Truth. They twist and turn but ultimately reach the top."

And Jesus, the Master of the Christian religion brought these words, coming to you from the 6th Chapter of St. Matthew,

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all things will be made possible to you."
Lest we forget the many religions of our world, I bring these excerpts to you.

In my thirty years as a Minister of the Spiritualist religion (of which I are very honoured to belong) I have walked a path that has been, to say the least, precarious. It has been a path which has shown many pitfalls and difficulties, for it is a religion unacceptable to most people. Let us analyze this religion, for a moment. Let us take the word, "Spiritualism." What does it mean? It is an acceptance of the teachings which come from Spirit. It has no ritual nor dogma, but embraces all other religions. It is founded on seven simple principles:

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN
THE COMMUNION OF SPIRITS AND THE
MINISTRY OF ANGELS
THE CONTINUOUS EXISTENCE OF THE
HUMAN SOUL
PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
COMPENSATION AND RETRIBUTION
HEREAFTER FOR ALL THE GOOD OR
EVIL DEEDS DONE ON EARTH

and, finally,

ETERNAL PROGRESS OPEN TO EVERY
HUMAN SOUL."

I wonder how many of you would say, with all sincerity, you would not accept these seven principles of Spiritualism—for within your teaching of Christianity you accept completely the seven points which I have given to you this evening. You believe in the Fatherhood of God, you teach the Brotherhood of Man, the Communion of Spirits and the Ministry of Angels, and the Continuous Existence of the Human Soul—or, as you put it, the "Eternal Life." So for that matter as we come together tonight I feel that I am with a body of Spiritualists; for we all, in point of fact, believe in the same things.

How is it, then, that so many people upon the earth look on Spiritualism as something which is, perhaps, untouchable? I have heard

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it so said often, "Do you believe in that?" "Oh, they try and contact the dead!" Some people, when we speak of Spiritualism, start to look for the witch on the broomstick or the wizard with a conical hat and dark piercing eyes. There are those too, unfortunately, who publish little tracts from time to time saying that Spiritualism is the work of him they call the "Devil."

Are we to believe the teaching of St. Paul to the Corinthians or are we to put it aside as a fantastic thing—something which is not to be used by mankind? Were the only prophets the ones who walked our earth far back in time, or is this contact St. Paul speaks about for the betterment of all humanity? Does it belong to the past, or are these gifts here and now to be used for the benefit of one and all?

In the Spiritualist Church we try, to the best of our ability, small as it may be in many cases, to bring about a teaching which will enable mankind to go forward in time in the way life was meant to be upon our earth; that we should find peace, comfort and unity within our world and benefit by the contact we can make with those beloved ones who have passed on into a phase of life unseen by man and yet vibrant around us even as you sit and listen to me in this Church. For dotted here and there come the sparks of Divine Light as they come back to teach us, to encourage, comfort, and bring joy to our lives. Surely we must believe if life goes on then the possibility of a return is always here and if we reach out on a vibration of spirituality and ask God from within ourselves (in our meditation and in our prayers) that we might be helped by the contact of Spirit, then we shall get the response we need—a response which will be beneficial not only to ourselves but to all those we meet throughout our daily lives.

Do you believe in prophesy? Is it possible that through the power of thought man can be directed, inspired, helped and consoled, or do you believe—like so many others—that the time of prophesy is gone? Let me bring you two instances which occurred during the past year. The first is a prophesy that was printed in an American magazine in the month of January, 1964. It foretold the catastrophe which happened on the West Coast. Later in the same year. The second, a prophesy of nine years ago, has its fulfillment tonight in this Church as I stand before you. Spirit, acting through the instrumentality of a "medium" (as you call them) told me that I should speak to a congregation in the largest church of its kind in the city I was in and here, nine years after that time, I stand before you in this wonderful Church of St. James, doing just that which was prophesied.

To a great many people the religion of Spiritualism is but a new "ism." They look upon it as new religion and date its beginning

from the year 1848 in a farmhouse in Hydesville, N.Y., when some young children heard mysteriousappings on the walls as a spirit tried to make contact with this side of the curtain which we call "death" and gradually proved itself by a series of investigations. From that time there was a renewed interest in the means of contact between Spirit and the material. Although we call it "Spiritualism" it is not new—it is ages old, for it goes back through centuries of time to far beyond the beginning of the Christian religion, when the prophets, the seers, and the clear-thinkers worked in the temples to bring wisdom and instruction to mankind. As far as you can trace man's footsteps through the aeons of time, the contact of Spirit has always been there with him for his use. I would be so bold as to say that if it had not been for that contact there would have been no religion upon the earth whatsoever. Without the belief in Spirit, without the seeing of those so-called "ghosts" by the early men of our time, the realization of a greater and fuller world would not have reached the mind of man and he would have dragged his footsteps through earth time without the knowledge of the greater spirituality of God.

Many people place much more emphasis on the science of Spiritualism than they do upon the philosophy. This is because the science of the religion plays a great part in bringing the proof of survival to mankind and without that science the philosophy could not be proven. In our Churches thousands of people do gather to listen to the philosophy of our religion, receive the joy of a message from a beloved one gone on, to feel the healing hands of he, or she, who in endowed with healing power to take away the pain from an aching body. Are these things wrong? Must we put them aside? Are they not to be used, or are they for the upliftment and betterment of all humanity? Is there anything

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Lyceum Leaders are invited to send news of their Lyceum to Mr. Dibble. He will use this news as part of his regular Column. Questions on Lyceum work are invited: answers will be printed here.

Fellow Lyceumists:

I am looking forward to seeing a great gathering of Lyceumists at Lily Dale July 16, 17 and 18, 1965, and I know our pioneer friends from the World of Spirit will be joining with us in great numbers.

Our general conference chairman, Rev. Evelyn Muse, has left no stone unturned, and no detail unplanned, to have this coming Conference the greatest in our history.

When Spiritualists say they are dreaming, they generally mean they are envisioning spiritually. I have been reminded from Spirit many times, that my plans for a Conference beginning in 1955 were far from dreams, but were definite impressions and inspirations from our pioneers, to "make a new world" by increasing the interest and progress in Lyceum teachings and instructions for each new generation.

So it was in 1955, at the behest of Spirit, the First Lyceum Conference was held at Fort Wayne, Indiana. On that inspiring occasion I received a letter from Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, then President Emeritus of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, well along in his nineties. His words so full of illumination are just as vital and important today, and were definitely prophetic. So I quote his letter herewith for all of you to read."

"My sincere congratulations on your arrangements for the First Lyceum Conference to be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

May this be the predecessor of many more such annual Conferences by means of which may be unfolded many competent teachers capable of understanding and teaching the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism as outlined and adopted by the National Spiritualist Association in its Declaration of Principles.

Such teachings will bring further light to the Religions of the World and are the steps in the ladder by which Man may climb from lowly

earth to the Higher Skies, as is well indicated in the Third Declaration of Principles.

May the good work in the Lyceums and among our young people prove a great and lasting success and a blessing to our World."

Joseph P. Whitwell

By the time you read this, the time for the Conference will almost be upon us. If you have not already done so, please send your Conference application promptly to Rev. Muse, 404 No. 8th St., Edinburg, Texas.

She has so arranged the program for the entire 3 days, that there will be something doing every moment for both children and adults. And full utilization will be made of the many spirit shrines, historical data, Bangs Sisters paintings, Skidmore Library, and many other interesting features that no Spiritualist can miss.

The facilities at beautiful Lily Dale make it ideal for a Spiritualist Youth Camp and Center. I am confident you will support this Conference in such a manner that another important link will be added to the growth since 1955, and stronger foundations laid that soon hundreds of Lyceumists will be coming from far and near to meet together every summer, to talk and learn together, to play together, and to worship together.

Your Superintendent and Rev. Muse will be at the Dale early to put the finishing touches on the Conference that all will be in readiness for your maximum enjoyment, instruction and inspiration.

God Bless you all! I hope to see all of you at Lily Dale July 16, 17 and 18, 1965.

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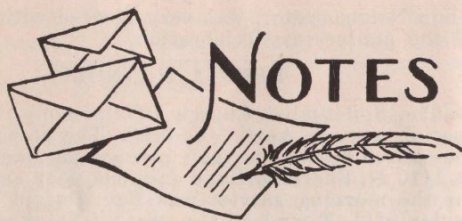
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NOTES from the FIELD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D. C. continues to grow in every way under the able leadership of our minister, the Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs.

Monthly evenings of private counsel, under the ministry of the psychics of the church, have been a popular feature of the years program.

There has been a gratifying increase in church membership.

A library of several hundred books on occult subjects has been opened in an attractively furnished room and the circulation of books has been steadily increasing.

One new feature of the year's activities was the giving of two children's parties, one at Christmas and one at Easter, both of which were well attended and enthusiastically received.

Another added feature has been the holding of a monthly Philosophy Class conducted by the Minister, who has used his book, *Becoming a Spiritualist*, as a textbook.

During the season two memorial services were held for several members and friends who had entered the Spirit World. There was a beautifully conducted christening service conducted by the Minister in April.

As is his usual custom, the Minister gave prophecies for the coming year on New Year's Eve. A social hour followed.

A pleasant occasion on the agenda of the Minister occurred during the winter when he was invited to spend a week in Montreal with friends, visiting and conducting several sessions of spiritual counsel and instructions with them.

The Rev. Mr. Burroughs will serve Chesterfield, Indiana during the coming summer.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

On Sunday afternoon, April 4th, last, Detroit's First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell Avenue, was privileged to present to its Detroit fellow Spiritualists and friends Mr. Stanley Poulton, internationally known and appreciated staff medium of the famous Marylebone Spiritualist Association and of its successor, the British Spiritualist Association, 33 Belgrave Square, London, England.

A capacity congregation of more than 200 persons, some of whom came from as far away as Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio, jammed its usually more-than-ample-sized church quarters, and Mr. Poulton brought to his rapt listeners both the freshness and vigor of youth and the accomplishment and judgment of maturity.

Mr. Poulton presented a challenging and informative analysis of Spiritualism's place among world religions—and as a way of life here and now. His typically English demonstration of clairvoyance and clair-audience gave prolific proof of survival of bodily death and of the individual entities communicating back from the etheric world of spirit.

Under the most exacting conditions Mr. Poulton has demonstrated his remarkable talents before educational philosophical, scientific and religious bodies as well as before lay gatherings sometimes numbering into the thousands. In his triumphant tours of South Africa, Canada, Mexico, the United States and his own home United Kingdom, Mr. Poulton has won outstanding

ovations and superlatives for his dynamic personality and mediumship.

His service at First Temple followed by one week two earlier most satisfyingly successful public appearances at Detroit's Museum of Arts, under the sponsorship of the Spiritual Life Center, Dearborn, Michigan.

First Temple's flower-bedecked platform on this occasion, as usually; radiated the beauty, color and inspiration which only God's beautiful flower creations can add to such occasions of brotherly love and service.

Also assisting in making Mr. Poulton's visit even more memorable than in 1958, church president Charles Youngs, as pre-service music host, presented a specially taped 30-minute program of masterful organ, vocal and instrumental religious music and beloved hymns. Mrs. Mary Gordon was guest pianist; Mrs. Malcolm (Penny) Nichols, president of the Spiritual Life Center, assisted briefly with clairvoyance; and the Rev. Goldie Dodd, church and MSSAC secretary, presided most ably as chairman.

Incidentally, in a recent election at First Temple, three former officers of the MSSAC's Detroit Chapman Memorial Spiritualist Church, which merged with First Temple only weeks before First Temple's recent 70th anniversary celebration, were elected trustees of First Temple. They were Mr. and Mrs. Mearl (Mattie) Sprow and Mrs. Margaret Dennis. (First Temple's 70th anniversary celebration was reported at some length in the March issue of *The Summit*.)

Rev. Dodd was reelected secretary, Mrs. Bertha Throop reelected treasurer and Mr. Clifford Floury and Mrs. Edith Boyer reelected trustees. Mrs. Frayne (Pansera) Kluzak, after four terms, retired from the presidency of the church but remains as vice-president. Mr. Charles Youngs, former 3-term vice-president, was elected president.

First Temple thus looks forward confidently to the challenging years ahead and to even greater service to Spiritualism and to its Detroit-area Spiritualists and other friends.

AUGUSTA, MAINE

The Annual Convention of the Maine State Spiritualist Association will be held this year at Augusta Spiritualist Church at Court and Parham Sts., with the banquet being held at the Augusta House.

The dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 5th and 6th, and the principal speaker is Rev. Converse Nickerson of Somerville, Mass.

The Annual June Campmeeting of Camp Etna, will open June 25th, and run thru the 27th. Principal speaker will be Mr. Jobie Robinson of Orrington, Maine; president of the MSSAC.

The Harrison D. Barrett Church, of Etna, opened on May 2nd, with Jobie Robinson of Orrington, as speaker and message bearer. This church operates between the regular dates and events of Camp Etna.

The regular Campmeeting of Camp Etna opens on August 1st, and runs through August 29th, this year; with speakers from Florida, New York and Massachusetts, including Rev. Harold Alderson, Shirley Lyford, and Wayne Giles.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

March 21st, 1965, Fifth Spiritualist Church was served at the morning and evening services by Rev. William Dickensen. Mr. Dickensen is a very well unfolded medium demonstrating seven different types of mediumship to the congregation, all of which proved

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to be very enlightening to all. He reached ninety people with individual spirit messages at the morning service and eighty-three at the evening service. April 5th we had the distinct pleasure to again be served by Rev. William Aldred of Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. Aldred has served the church several times and the members are always eager to again welcome him, he served the church again in May. Rev. Dickens will serve the church on June 6th and we urge all of our members to keep the date in mind. It is always a great event when such wonderful missionaries visit us.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

February 27 and 28, the Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel had The Reverend Janice Baynes of Des Moines, Iowa, as its guest worker. Mrs. Baynes's work was well received. We feel that she, too, has made many friends for Spiritualism.

On Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., our monthly benefit dinner was served to approximately one-hundred-twenty guests. After this delectable meal, Mrs. Baynes participated in psychic demonstrations, along with our Pastor and mediums of the church.

The monthly dinner for March was one of our semi-annual INTERNATIONAL dinners. Individual members with different family backgrounds—such as, German, Czech, Italian, English, Spanish, etc.—prepared traditional family recipes. The food was served "buffet-style" in our Social Hall to an excess of one-hundred guests—enriching our funds, and spreading the Truth of our beautiful religion. We feel that the increase in our attendance is definitely attributable to these social functions.

To meet the ever-increasing needs of friends and members, an enlargement program has been undertaken. Special funds have recently been raised to beautify our grounds, to enlarge the social hall, and to remodel the interior of our Chapel. Thus, we will be more adequately prepared to meet the needs of those who are seekers—that they may enter and learn with us, and that they may share in the experiences and knowledge of Spirit.

Our Sixth Anniversary is well-marked by growth and progress, due to the diligent efforts of our beloved pastor, Garrett H. Scholtz, and the friendly atmosphere and cooperation of members and friends. We are truly proud of our contribution to the community, through serving GOD in our religion, and look forward to many years of joyous service.

We extend our sincere invitation to fellow Spiritualists and workers to worship with us, when passing through San Antonio.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Second Spiritualist Church of Philadelphia celebrated the 117th anniversary of the birth of modern spiritualism on March 28. The guest speaker and medium was Reverend William Turner of Cassadaga, New York. His work was excellent, and his lectures and messages were greatly appreciated, making a distinct impression on the congregation at each meeting.

Two services were held at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on March 28. An additional all-message service was held at 7 p.m. on March 29. All three services were fully attended by those eager to hear the excellent speaker and medium, Reverend William Turner. Mr. John Palmer, a professional singer, added to the beauty of the service with several favorite selections.

Many interested persons provided the flowers for the church platform, in honor of their loved ones. Our medium, Mrs. Caroline Bartram, who always works hard to raise money for the church, worked especially diligently for this occasion and the Reverend Augusta Taylor, who has been with our church for 28 years, again made a success of the difficult job of raising necessary funds. Only the few, again, willing to work for the benefit of all, were, nevertheless, sufficient to make the anniversary a memorable one. Reverend

Alida Neige, pastor, was very pleased with the results of the anniversary celebration.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The Spiritualist Church Of Harmony, Peoria, held special services April 5th, 1965. The occasion marked the church moving to their present permanent location at 1110 N. Sheridan Road just one year ago. Lecturer for the morning service was Rev. Darryl N. Winters, pastor of J. T. and E. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church LeRoy, Illinois. Mr. Winters delivered a most inspiring address. The congregation was uplifted by the beauty and wisdom of his address.

The lecturer for the evening service was Rev. Ethel Phillips of Peoria, she delivered an educational and inspiring address and this was followed by clairvoyance delivered by friends of Rev. Phillips who accompanied her to the church. The rostrum was banked in baskets of red and yellow glads, white mums, and carnations, the organ music and solos offered by several musicians rounded out an excellent program. The noon dinner served by the church ladies was just a bit more special than usual. The church board and the various committees of the church have worked very well and happily together, they spend many hours in planning for the welfare of the church and its progress. Mr. Sam Caughey, acting Minister has much to feel pleased about for the good work that has transpired stems from his capable leadership and example.

ENID, OKLAHOMA

Thursday evening, April 8th, The Spiritualist Healing Center Church enjoyed a special service with Rev. Wm. R. Aldred N.S.A.C. Missionary of Muskegon, Michigan as guest worker. Rev. Aldred gave a most educational lecture on Old Testament Prophecy, followed by billet demonstrations. Thanks to Rev. Aldred for a wonderful service.

TRANSITIONS

Morgan—William Phelps Morgan (93) Bristol, Connecticut, March 8th, 1965. Survived by two sons, one daughter, one brother, six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. Mr. Morgan was a charter member and treasurer of First Michel Spiritualist church, Bristol. Funeral services from Young Funeral Home, Interment, East Litchfield Cemetery, Conn. Rev. Calista Rita, Officiated.

Baynes—Si Baynes Sr. (69) Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Baynes passed away while visiting friends in Enid, Okla., April 8, 1965. Survived by wife Rev. Janice R. Baynes, Missionary, N.S.A.C., son, Si., Jr., two daughters, Ruth and Janice, one sister Callie, also mother-in-law, Rev. Anna Gaugh, N.S.A.C. Missionary also many other members of the family, including nine grandchildren. Br. Baynes was a Shriner, a member of Des Moines Masonic Lodge, Corinthian Chapter, Knights Templars, Order of Amaranth, White Shrine, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and Topeka Council Number 1. A.T.R. Funeral services at Bellville, Illinois with interment in Masonic Plot, Valhalla Cemetery. Rev. Emma Ordorp of St. Louis, officiated, followed by Masonic Services by the Brotherhood of Chapter No. 502.

Sotherlin—Mrs. Mae Sotherlin, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2, 1965 survived by two daughters and several grandchildren. Mrs. Sotherlin was a life-long Spiritualist and until a few years ago she was noted as a Healer. Rev. Emma Ordorp officiated at the funeral services which were held in Pacific, Missouri.

Kennedy—Harold D. Kennedy, Baltimore, Md., on March 29, 1965. Member and former trustee of The Church of Two Worlds in Washington, D. C. Funeral services from Cvach Funeral Home. Interment in Baltimore National Cemetery. Services conducted by the Rev. Bertha Eckroad, of Baltimore, who is a member of The Church of Two Worlds.

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Bates—Mrs. Annie Bates, Tucson, Arizona, on March 30, 1965. Member of The Church of Two Worlds, Washington, D. C., where she formerly lived. Services on April 1, followed by cremation.

Lee—Edith C. Lee (61) Lima, Ohio, April 11, 1965. Survived by husband, Howard, two daughters, four sisters, eight grandchildren. Mrs. Lee was a charter member of the Spiritualist Church of Truth, Lima. She and her husband have devoted many years of their earth life to the cause of religion. Funeral services from Chiles & Sons-Laman Funeral Home. Interment, Christie Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Amy Pearce, President, Ohio State Spiritualist Association, Officiated.

Knowles—Mrs. Flora R. Gummer Knowles (81) Fort Worth, Florida, April 16th, 1965. Survived by one son, one brother, two sisters, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Gummer Knowles was formerly a resident of Poquonock, Connecticut, she was a much beloved Spiritualist medium for a great many years. Funeral services from the Taylor and Modern Funeral Home, Hartford, interment Elm Grove Cemetery, Poquonock.

Manning—Reverend Pearl E. Manning, Alameda, Calif. March 11, 1965. Founder and Pastor of the Brotherhood Spiritualist Church, Alameda. Survived by her husband, William W. Manning, two daughters, a brother, Reverend Philip Huddleston of Oklahoma, a niece and six grandchildren. She was an active member of the Royal Neighbors, and the Pythian Sisters.

She was a native of Texas and attended the A.C.I. college at Jacksonville, Texas, and was ordained a Spiritualist minister at First Temple of Spiritualism, Oakland, Calif. Then took her examination at the National Spiritualist convention in Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were held at Grand D. Miller mortuaries with Reverend Clyde A. Dibble, Sup't. of Bureau of Lyceums, N.S.A.C. officiating.

Carpenter—Margaret (Wetnall) Carpenter (90) March 14, 1965. Oakland, Calif., a long time member of the Brotherhood Spiritualist church, Alameda, Calif.

She is survived by three daughters, three sons. She is also survived by thirteen grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

One of our early pioneers, she was a native of Missouri, and a mother of ten, she emigrated to the west in 1911.

Funeral from the Grant D. Miller mortuaries, with the Reverend Marion Smith officiating. Interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

ORDINATION

On Sunday afternoon, Palm Sunday, April 11, 1965 in the auditorium, during the services held under the auspices of the First Spiritualist Church of Cassadaga, the rite of Ordination into the ministry of the Nationalist Spiritualist Association of Churches was conferred upon Mr. Edward A. Segebrecht of DeLand, Florida.

The Rev. Robert Macdonald, President of the N.S.A.C., made the presentation address and conferred upon the waiting candidate, the rite of Ordination, assisted by the Rev. Arthur Myers, pastor of the church, and by the Rev. John Pastor, its President.

Mrs. Lillian Segebrecht as soloist gave a beautiful rendition of the old hymn, entitled: "The Beautiful

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Seventy-3rd Annual Convention of the N.S.A.C.

OCTOBER 4TH THRU THE 8TH, 1965

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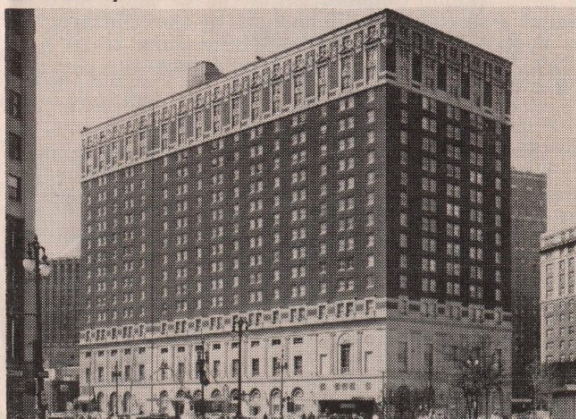
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Garden of Prayer." Accompanied by Mrs. E. E. White at the organ.

The Rev. Segebrecht comes to us from Chicago, Illinois, having been introduced to Spiritualism in the year 1926, and later served several Chicago Churches. He was more or less closely allied with the Rev. Ernst A. Schoenfeld, pastor of the Church of The Spirit, as well as with Mrs. Alice Buechel, former president of The Uptown Church of Chicago. Through the courtesy of those voting at the annual election of the Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Mr. Segebrecht was elected "Secretary" for the ensuing year.

Mr. Segebrecht is a dedicated man, who has the interest of the religion of Spiritualism at heart, and thus, another ardent worker for the cause has been added to our ranks.

CHRISTENINGS

Christenings Services were held on April 18 at The First Spiritual Temple, 114 Pingree, Royal Oak with Rev. Elsie Bessley officiating, for **Dale Glenn Gutt**, born Sept. 23, 1964, son of Marguerite and Stanley Gutt. Sponsors were, Edith and Stanley Thornback.

Karla Lynn Hardmeyer born Aug. 13, 1964, daughter of Albert and Hazel Hardmeyer. Sponsors were, Dennis Brandt, Patricia and Phillip Robertson.

Jean Marie Ash, born Mar. 5, 1963 daughter of Linda and Arthur Ash, Jr. Sponsors were Marie and Robin Brandt.

Sidney Arthur Ash, born Dec. 27, 1964—Son of Linda and Arthur Ash, Jr. Sponsors were Marie and Robin Hester.

Annette Louise Sayers, born July 15, 1964, daughter of Linda and James Sayers. Sponsors were, Patricia and Thomas Beesley.

Apr. 25th **Andrew Charles Beesley**, born Dec. 28, 1963, son of Patricia and Thomas Beesley, was also christened by his Great-Grandmother, Rev. Elsie Beesley. Sponsors were Joann and Gordon Sparks.

On Apr. 18, **Janice Linda Pfeiffer** born Jan. 26, 1965, daughter of Elena and Russell Pfeiffer was christened by Rev. Irene Ladd at our evening services. Sponsors were Margaret and Herbert Blackburn.

COMING EVENTS

The Semi-Annual Convocation of the Vermont State Spiritualist Association will be held in the Unitarian Church Vestry in Montpelier beginning June 25-26 & 27th. Rev. Edyth B. Meader has been engaged to serve at all five services.

OHIO

Ohio State Spiritualist Association will meet in Annual Convention in the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, June 17-18, 1965. There will be all day business sessions and evening religious services each day at 7:45 P.M. There will be a banquet and dance Wednesday, June 16th at 6:30 P. M. Rev. Robt. J. Macdonald, President, N.S.A.C. will be guest speaker and he will be assisted in clairvoyance by the certified mediums of the O.S.S.A.

STRANGER Continued

am most grateful for the service you have done me. It will be little enough that I can do in exchange for what you have done this morning for me. I will see that we get your car out of the mud immediately."

Soon on his way again, John felt that the past night, with his experience of the discarnate stranger, marked one of the most important events of his life.

LETTERS Continued

Such beautiful souls, the Sage states, had already begun their mission while still in the physical body, and it required the limitless infinite in order to bloom forth into full fruition. Earth things handicap the spiritual man, and yet without the lessons of earth, the perfection remains but a feather in the wind. All experience, no matter how trivial it may seem, is for a purpose. Though we may not see the why of it, it holds instruction, fulfills a definite need in our journey Godward, and it is up to us as individuals to be aware of the benefits such experiences give us. Until we are made aware, until we are made to SEE, are we going to undergo the same experiences, over and over again, until the vital and necessary lessons have been learned. GROWTH is a matter of awareness, of perception. So, as you may well conclude, we must not shun experience, but welcome it, derive from it the bitter or good fruit, and go on towards the higher, the nobler, the diviner experience. The ultimate is GOD-LIKE-NESS.

There are many things which I, myself, could have done while on earth, but through reluctance and timidity, I did not. It is useless to regret and to anchor oneself to the Past, but one can not help but wonder how much better the world would be if we had not avoided responsibility, if we had done what needed to be done at the MOMENT when the cry for help was heard. So, love, develop the gift of GIVING (as if you had not already) and your days shall be days of blessings.

Invite me in your dream. I promise you a white rose.

AWAKENING Continued

heavenly Father and love and worship truly, fearlessly; and you can live in the ever-present now, with the blessed privilege of manifesting Him at all times.

One of the greatest preachers of our time has said, "The only religious system that has had real proof that there is a continuity of life is the manifestation and phenomena of Modern Spiritualism." In London a great English preacher once said, "Unless you accept the phenomena of Spiritualism, the church is doomed," because Spiritualism has brought back to the world the miracles of Christ, and it comes to you with this final message: The grave is nothing more than a covered bridge leading through a brief darkness from light to light. The welcomes sound in the heavenly world ere the farewells are whispered in this.

Spiritualism places the two spheres of God's activity here and now, with no separateness. When lessons have been learned, we shall cast aside our physical body and step into the new dimension of God's eternity with those went on before.

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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. Ottilie S. Dryoff, 711 N. 52nd St., East St. Louis, Ill. 62203

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 St., Youth and Adult Lyceum Sun. 1:15 p.m. Services Sun. 2 p.m., Worship, Healing Messages. Potluck dinner 4 p.m. Entertainment or seance 5:30 p.m. Rev. Daryl N. Winters, ph. 962-2066. Secretary Myrtie Phillips, ph. 962-3293.

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

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

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

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

GARY—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., N.S.A.C. 2430 West 11th Ave. Services: Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Velma H. Dickson; Pres. T. F. McGinnes; Sec'y Reba S. Weaver, 288 Ellsworth St., Gary 3.

HAMMOND—1st Progressive Spiritualist Church (Y.W.C.A.) Youth Center 229 Ogden St., Hammond, Ind. Sunday Services at 7:30 P.M. Pastor Helen Schaller, 1518 173rd Place, Hammond, Ind.; Secretary,

Jean Fleener, 230 Hobart Street, Gary, Ind. Phone 949-1298.

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. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., Monday 7:00 p.m. Minister, Janice Rosalie Baynes, phone A.M. 6-5824. Anna W. Gaugh and H. S. Smiley, Assistant Ministers. Sec'y, Mrs. Lillian Greif, phone 243-2391.

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; Edward Ridyard, Pres.; Grace L. Struve, Secretary.

KANSAS

PITTSBURG—1st Spiritualist Church, 912½ N. Broadway. Services 7 p.m., Sunday. Rev. Eva Bezinque, pastor; Margaret May, Co-Pastor; Clara G. Lawson, Sec.; Mary Foster, President.

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, Mrs. George Salisbury, 1401 So. Santa Fe St.

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BANGOR—Bangor Spiritualist Church, GAR Memorial Home, 159 Union St. Sun., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. 7:30 p.m. Bernice Damon, Pastor, Brewer Maine; Raymond Keith, 13 N. High St., Bangor, Maine, Pres.; Arline Robinson, Secretary, RFD 2, Orrington, Maine.

DOVER-FOXCROFT—First Piscataquis Spiritualist Church. Sun. services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Legion Hall, North St. Mrs. Gladys Dickinson, Sangerville, Me., Pres.; Miss Myra Burgess, 41 Vaughn St., Dover Foxcroft, Sec'y-Treas.

ETNA—Harrison D. Barrett Memorial Church, Sunday Lyceum 1:30 p.m., Services, 2:30 p.m. May through October. Alice Thurlow, Etna, Maine, Pres.; Wilson C. Gilman, Etna, Maine, Sec'y-Treas.

PORTLAND—Portland Spiritualist Church, 574 Congress Street. Services, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Shaw, Pres., Mrs. Helen Carr, 70 Winter Street, Portland, Secy.

WATERVILLE—Waterville Spiritualist Church, Elmwood Hotel. Services Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Seance, 7:30 p.m. Lila Paddock, 37 High Street, Waterville, Maine, Pres.; Marjorie Tantish, Bigelow Hill, Skowhegan, Maine, Sec'y.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Sanctuary of Truth, Inc. Young Women's Christian Assoc. (Y.W.C.A.) Room 108 Franklin St., Cor. Park Ave. Services: Sun. 8 p.m.; Minister: Teresa A. Fecher; Marie Gorsuch, Pres.; Raymond A. Hamilton, Healer; Healing Service, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sec'y: Hannah A. Bright, 1541 Kingsway Road, Baltimore 21218.

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BOSTON—First Spiritualist Ladies Aid Society of Boston, 88 Exeter St., Boston. Services Sun., 7 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 Stevens, Licentiate Minister, 68 Perkins St., Brockton, Mass.

LAWRENCE—The Church of Spiritual Life (Spiritualist), 113 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, Mass. Services Sunday: 5 p.m. Lyceum, 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 Street. Services, Sunday, 3 P.M. Young Workers Night, First Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M., All-Message service, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30 P.M. Sunday, Lyceum and Nursery, 3 P.M. President, Paul Spencer, Clerk, Edna Kibbe.

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.

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DETROIT—First Spiritualist Temple, 14801 Fenkell, Detroit 27. Church Service, Sun., 10:45 a.m. Charles L. Youngs, Pres., Rev. Goldie Dodd, Sec'y, 89 Delaware, Detroit 48202.

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, 613 Rice Street, phone JU 9-2731.

MUSKEGON—First National Spiritualist Church, Port Room, Occidental Hotel, Sunday Services 7:30 p.m. (Healing 7:00) Rev. Wm. Aldred, Pastor, 187 E. Grand Ave., Muskegon; Mrs. Kathleen Bayak, 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, 1414 East 9th 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 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. Church Phone Wabash 1-3679; Louisa Tabor, Sec'y, 3647 Harrison, Phone WEport 1-5114.

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.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

PORTSMOUTH—First Spiritualist Science Church, 114 Maplewood Ave. Services, Sun. 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Wed., 7:30 p.m. Rev. Frank Daley, Pastor, phone Geneva 6-4270.

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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 service 10:00 a.m.; Sunday afternoon service 3:00 p.m.; no Sunday evening service; Wednesday afternoon service 1:00; Wednesday evening service 6:30; every second Wednesday of every month Progressive Circle 1:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Emily M. Hewitt.

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

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE—First Spiritualist Church of Light N.S.A.C., 131 Alcazar St., N.E., Albuquerque. Services: Sunday 10 a.m. Mr. Raymond Smith, President. Telephone 299-7190.

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BROOKLYN—Temple Of Divine Guidance, 332 East 54th St., Brooklyn 3. Services, Saturday, 7:30 P.M.; Wednesday, 2:30 P.M. Pastor, Rev. Bertha Fischer, D.D. Mail Answered.

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. Rev. 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, 11 Charles St., Cortland, N. Y.

ROCHESTER—Plymouth Spiritualist Church, 889 S. Plymouth Ave. Sunday Services, 330 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

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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. Helen Zang, Pres., phone 491-1591; 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. Rev. Ralph A. Whitney, Minister.

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 Wed., 7:30 p.m. Last Sunday in month from Sept. through May, 3:30 p.m. Public Healing all services; Lyceum Sun. 6:30 p.m. Children & Adults and 7:30 p.m. Services. Dinner, 5:00 p.m. Pres. John Rowe; pastor, Maudella Rowe, 5019 N. High St., Res. phone 267-0857; Church phone 263-1631.

DAYTON—Central Spiritualist Church, Haynes & Hulbert Sts., Sunday Service 7:30 P.M.; Study Circle Friday 7:30 P.M. Pastor Ralph Bradford, Licentiate Minister, 233-3347; Pres. William Cates, 253-5791.

EAST LIVERPOOL—1st Spiritualist Church, 245 W. 6th St. Services, Sun. and Mon., 7:30 p.m. Sara H. Bowersock, Pres.; Mary M. Martin, Sec'y, P. O. Box 501, East Liverpool, Ohio.

KENT—1st Spiritualist Church, 146 West Oak St. Services, Sunday 2:30 p.m. Clara A. Wilson, President, 1043 N. Davey Ave. Mary W. Schimmoeller, Secretary, 911 N. Mantau St., Kent, Ohio.

LIMA—Spiritualist Church of Truth, 1445 E. High St. Road. Services Sunday 3:00 p.m., President Howard W. Lee, 421 N. Jameson, Phone 229-4966; Secretary Doris Jenkins, 699½ N. West St., Phone 222-7301.

MASSILLON—First Spiritualist Church, cor. of North Ave. and Third St., N. E. Sunday evening service at 7:30. Public Message Circle 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Telephone at Church 832-9764.

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, 3838 Watson St. Services 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2:30 p.m. Mr. Erwin O. Fosgate, Pres., 209 Marie Place, Perrysburg; Orlyss Ballmer, Pastor, 2114 Allenby Road.

YOUNGSTOWN—First Spiritualist Church, 323 West LaCled. Sunday Service, 7:00 p.m., Study Class, Friday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Amy Pearce, Pastor, 544 West Glenaven, Youngstown. Phone 782-1090.

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

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

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

OREGON

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

PORTLAND—The First Spiritualist Church, N.S.A.C., Beaver Bldg., 1510 S. E. 9th and Hawthorne Blvd. Sun. 7:30 p.m., Service; 7:45 p.m., Healing. Rev. L. E. W. Conley, Pastor.

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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 Church of Spiritual Research and Healing (N.S.A.C.), 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; 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, Berkshire Hotel, Fifth and Washington Sts. Services Sun. 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clara Senior, pastor, Rd. No. 4, Lititz, Pa. Telephone 713-733-4547.

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

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CAMERON—First Spiritualist Church, South College. Sunday, Lyceum, 9:45 a.m. Devotional and Message Service, 11 a.m., H. Bryson Kelly, Pastor; Maude Pugh, Assistant 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 111 North Aeres Dr., Dallas 75217, AT 6-4962.

Second Spiritualist Church of Dallas, Hotel Dallas. Devotional and Message services each Sunday at 10:30 a.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.

HOUSTON—First Church of Divine Science, N.S.A.C., 3523 Beauchamp Street, Phone Underwood 4-0474. Rev. Willie B. Dearmin, Pastor, phone UN 4-3723. Sunday services, 10:45 a.m.; 7:15 p.m. with the exception of first Sunday in every month. First Sunday in every month Dinner 12:30 p.m., afternoon service 1:45 p.m. Wednesday service 8 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO—Louise Scholtz Memorial Chapel, 1627 Pan Am Express Way N., Services Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Garrett H. Scholtz, Pastor; Mrs. C. L. Jones, Secretary, Phone Ed 3-0958.

TAYLOR—American Spiritualist Church, W. 4th St. Sun. Services 7:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages. Mrs. Evelyn Cervin, Sec'y.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK—Christian Metaphysical Chapel, N.S.A.C., 307 W. 37th St. Devotional Services Sun., Wed. 7:30 p.m. Secretary, Miss Florence Siebert.

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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. 2001 C St., phone 734-5852. Marie Johansen, Sec'y., 1637 James St., phone 733-0479.

BREMERTON—Harmony Chapel, 837 4th St., Sunday, 7:30 p.m., Pres., C. E. Cottrell, 1306 Park Ave.; Sec'y Marguerite Bellinger.

PUYALLUP—First Spiritualist Church, 343 2nd St. S. E.; Service Sunday Friendly hour 6:30 p.m., evening service 7:30 p.m.; Ruth Circle 2 and 4th Wednesday 12 p.m.; Pres. Merton Boss, 1802 So. Adams, Tacoma; Sec'y Theresa Boss, 1802 So. Adams, Tacoma, SKG-7144.

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The Church of Spiritual Unity, Concert Hall, Fisher Studio Building, 1519 2nd Ave. Devotional services, Sunday 2 P.M.; Healing and Message circles, 3:30 P.M.; Rev. Genevieve Siedler, President.

Mary A. Tower Memorial Spiritualist Church, 2116 West Dravis St., Services Sun. 2 P.M. Frank Goodale Pres. Effie Goben, Secretary., 1702 Melrose Ave.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

WISCONSIN

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

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

Pilgrim Psychic Science Church N.S.A.C. 1239 South 15th Street, Milwaukee. Devotional Service Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Mrs. Viola Renz, Secretary, Telephone 873-8810.

WEST ALLIS—3rd Spiritual Science Church, Cor. So. 81st West Becher. Sunday, 3 p.m. Devotional Service. Rev. Harre C. Milesi, Pastor; Mrs. Gladys Scharner, Secretary.

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Destiny in the growth and future of the United States of America.

President, Lyndon B. Johnson said recently "our time is of change, of rapid change." All of us are conscious of change, it is everywhere about us, we must emphasize in our every action that the change is for the better. We must not be cast down in these days of instant disaster, we—if we have faith in our country and its Destiny—must stress the reality of instant victory which is just as likely to happen setting all our fears at rest. Take the long view of our life and history on this planet and realize that slow though the pace seems to be; good far outweighs evil. Man rises to greatness in spite of himself.

LESSONS (Continued)

wrong in bringing to the lonely heart of a mother the recognition of a beloved son or daughter passed from her material ken who might come back to say, "Mummy, I am not dead; do not weep. I am here with you to bring you happiness and not sorrow." Those who passed during the years of the agony of war-time; the husbands, the sons, aye and the daughters too, whose memory you honour in November month and for whom you wear the red poppy in your coats and thank God for that which they did for the love of humanity—is it wrong if we bring them back for recognition? Is it not right to cause a smile of joy on a mother's face as she greets the son who had passed beyond her ken through the misunderstanding of humanity? Can it be bad for the widow to suddenly find her beloved husband calling to her from Spirit? Is it an offense for the healer to place his hands on the crooked body and straighten out that backbone? Is it wrong for him, or her, to pass the hands across the eyes of perhaps a semi-blind one and give to that one sight for the glory of God? Are all these things wrong or are we, each one of us, practicing our religion to the fullness of its understanding according to the teachings of God?

You have passed through the great festival of Easter and in this Church your hymns of praise reached out to God as you thanked Him for the knowledge of Eternal Life. "There is no death, the sun goes down." How known those words are and how many within the course of a few hours forget that festival time and go on their way until it comes back again in another year. Let us remember these things. Let us accept from God those spiritual gifts that he has given to mankind to be used. Let us further help man by that which we can employ for his upliftment and, in doing so, thank God for that which he has given us from his Spiritual Self for all humanity.

May the Blessing of God rest and abide upon each one of you now and always.

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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

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HEALING THOUGHT FOR JUNE

This day, I would strike the chord of health
The yesterdays of inharmony are gone
Today the full music of health
Vibrates through my body, my soul
God is the conductor, we, His children
Have a part to play in the grand symphony
Of healthful understanding.