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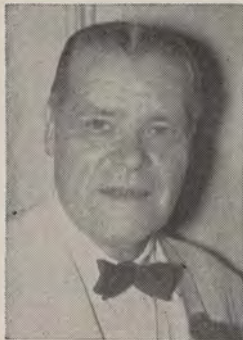
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EDITORIAL



* * * "Quiz Corner"

SEND your questions on Spiritualist philosophy, The Bible, The History of Religions, history of mediums.

No personal questions, please.

— WRITE TO —
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Question:

Do Spiritualists accept the Christmas celebration as a part of their worship services?
—L.A.C., Phoenix, Arizona.

Answer:

It is nearly a year since I received from a young friend this query concerning the Christmas season and just why we Spiritualists consider the celebration in our order of worship.

THIS MONTH'S FRONT COVER

A visit to Israel brings the traveler in contact with sites associated with the early days of Christianity. In the Front Cover photos are scenes of some. Seen in the lower left is the Pope kneeling in the Room of the Last Supper located on Mount Zion, upper left photo, in Jerusalem. Mount Zion is also where the tomb of King David is located. The other photos illustrate, the well in Nazareth from which Mary drew water; Nazareth, where Jesus spent his youth; the Cenacle, reported to be the Room of the Last Supper; the shores of the Sea of Galilee Church of the Multiplication, near the Mount of Beatitudes, where the Sermon on the Mount was proclaimed, and Mount Tabor, which Jesus ascended with his disciples, Peter, James and John and was "trans-gured before them."

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I am fully aware that the subtle reference he was making was the fact that as religionists we do not accept the theory of Immaculate Conception; the accepted reason for the Christmas celebration in all orthodox Christian churches as the birth of the Christ Child. The conditions attendant upon that birth, the overcoming of adverse conditions, the guiding light of the star, the angelic voices from out the heavens, the gifts of the Magi and the happiness of the shepherds and the people was then and is now the spirit of the Natal season. It is caught up like the dry leaves in the gusty winds of autumn and becomes a universalism. In the far reaches of the world the Christmas season is felt and celebrated, not always for the same reason, but IT IS universal. Its compelling force cannot be denied.

The true origin of the Christmas season is not definitely known, scholars believe that it is derived in part from the pre-Christian rites of the Germanic and Celtic tribesmen held in the celebration of the winter Solstice. Such festivals generally observed by Christians since the fourth century include a number of heathen customs established long before the birth of The Christ. The use of the colors green and red is a reflection from the pines and the red berries predominant in the early Solstice demonstrations of the Germanic peoples.

A similar celebration was held among the early Druids out of which came the seasonal emblems of the holly and the mistletoe. At these celebrations logs were burned and were known as logs, while great bowls of mead became the traditional wassail bowls found especially in all English Christmas celebrations.

With the spread of the Roman Empire to the North and the rapid acceptance of the Christian faith, many of these traditions were

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CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS COMPILED BY THE EDITOR

The 73rd annual convention, Detroit Michigan, October 4 through 8, 1965, was one of the most successful and constructive conventions of recent years. Michiganders are noted for their hospitality and the Michigan Spiritualists are among the best and kindest people anywhere. The banquet and entertainment was exceedingly well planned, the flower decorations lavish and beautiful, the food excellent. M.S.S.A.C. president Arthur Beesley was a witty and entertaining toastmaster, as an after dinner speaker he set a lively and happy note for the whole convention, the entertainment by the young people of a local dancing school was cleverly and beautifully presented, the young dancers and singers were a joy to behold and hear. On the first morning of the convention proper and after the business of the morning was cared for we enjoyed an excellent Symposium-presented by the N.S.T. Club. This year, I was finally able to get copies of much of the material presented at the various Symposiums.

"THE TEACHER'S CLUB"

By Sadie L. Temme

Spiritualism does not subscribe to creed or dogma but has as the foundation of its belief, A Declaration of Principles:

I have principle No. 3—We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion. A correct understanding of the laws of nature, on the physical, mental and spiritual planes of life, and living in accordance therewith will unfold the highest aspirations and attributes of the soul, which is the correct function of true religion as a true religion, it inspires during life the holy endeavor. Its genius is: Be true to God, true to others, and thus necessarily be true to yourself.

To purify our affections, overcome the world, thus living in precious memories on earth.

Man is his own savior, thus, looking forward to further progress and greater unfoldment in this universal progress of evolution, it does not seem to be in—harmony with universal—law that man should ever be in the position of looking backward, expecting and hoping to go forward, when we know that the law of life is forward, ever forward. When man has learned to understand the laws of life and live in accordance with their requirement then the results be "peace," "joy," and "happiness," for such are the "fruits" of the life of man when "correctly lived."

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in holy love!

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WE BELIEVE IN INFINITE INTELLIGENCE

By Ethel McLain

As I was thinking about what to write, these words came to me:

Who is this God, can you or I with our small minds

Comprehend the vastness of the Universe
Or search below the depth of oceans wild,
Can we, on this small earth look in the heart
of a rose

And see God, or at the height of a tree in all
its strength and beauty.

Shall we see the beauty of the birds and listen
to their happy song

Or see the grandeur of God's creatures in the
wild,

Each knowing what must be done to fill its life,
and raise its young,

We see the tiny things about our feet, filled
with life,

And in our hearts and minds these things give
us God.

And we the greatest miracle of all, with minds
to think and reason with

Reach forth, and some there are whose minds
can gather

From the sky, the sea, the earth, the wonders
of the million years

Preceding us, and give us truth, and in this
truth

We find the spirit of the Universe, the Infinite,
This then is our God.

* * * *

And so we in Spiritualism search through the ages for the answer to the greatest question of all ages. Perhaps the perfect answer will never be found for our finite minds cannot comprehend the Infinite. We read in the Bible that "God created man in His own image" yet as we follow through the generations of man we realize that Man has created God according to the beliefs in which he has grown up and to which Era of Time he belonged. We, who are still looking for the answer follow the Scientific Authorities of the world and our own Scientific and Spirit teachers. Science is always uncovering the growth and unfoldment of a world millions of years old. From the research

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done in Anthropology, or the study of man in all parts of the world, primitive people believed in and were guided by invisible beings or spirits, and because of the unexplainable Phenomena and their own simplicity of thought these beings were called Gods. They believed in many Gods, Those which brought them happiness and comfort and pleasures such as the sun which gave them warmth and light, the moon also lightened the darkness of the night, the growth of the crops were helped because of the rain, the Gods of the trees which gave them fruit and many other good Gods, indeed it is thought the word God came from the word GOOD.

Then there were the Gods of evil which were held responsible for earthquakes, tornadoes and disastrous storms, the droughts and the famines, these were Gods of evil or the Devil.

Traces of Sun worship are found from the earliest times in all regions of the world.

Ancestral spirits also became Gods, and the chiefs of tribes also guided, it was natural to turn to these chiefs or Gods for advice. Apart from the beliefs of these many Gods, primitive man, because of his living so close to nature, had many spirit manifestations, psychic faculties was apparently unfolded at an early stage in the evolution of man, both Clairvoyance and Clairaudience. From these early beliefs and manifestations came the knowledge of life after death, according to the Old Testament of the Bible, the Hebrew Prophets were gifted sensitives as were also the Greek scholars Pythagoras, Socrates, Empedocles, the spirits appearing to them were often referred to as Lords or Gods, or messengers of God. From these beliefs there developed the beliefs of the many Gods, with the advance of culture there arose the conception of one superior God, who created and sustained the Universe.

The introduction of God to most of us came through our early religious training in the church of our parents and through the Bible. Since coming into the religion of Spiritualism

I have learned that the Old Testament is really the history of the Jewish people, perhaps Moses, who has been considered the Christ of his time, and a great medium, brought the idea of one God more forcibly to the minds of the Hebrew people, Jaweh, or the Spirit of the mountain, was the guiding force of Moses, and this particular spirit was often referred to as God, we realize at this point that Infinite Intelligence is with spirit forces as well as with mortal man. The Ten Commandments were given through the mediumship of Moses, and these Laws are still used in the world today.

Christianity has two conceptions of God. 1—God is transcendent above and beyond relationship with man. 2—That God is present throughout the Universe, and indwelling and sustaining spirit, "For in Him we move and have our being" and is personal, taking an active part in all forms of life.

These two views contradict each other. The orthodox Christian conception of God is far too narrow when we look at it in the light of the Modern knowledge of the Universe. We in Spiritualism are trying desperately to put God back into the Universe and into the lives of the individual, not as a God of fear, but a God of love. The Laws of Nature, which are the Laws of God confirm the fact that there must be a planner behind these Laws, the distance of the sun from the earth, allowing organisms to live without fear of scorching, the moon is just far enough from the earth to prevent huge tidal waves, in fact all of Nature shows us God. To sum up, I would like to quote from Alfred Kitson, the great English Lyceum Leader who says: "GOD, THE SOUL," as the human body is governed, guided and controlled by the human soul, or the divine spark; and as the head, the trunk—with its marvelous vital organs, the arms and hands, legs and feet, are but a part of

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the body; so is Nature—which comprises the earth and all its millions of forms of life; the moon, the planets, the sun, and the sparkling stars—which are suns at a very great distance from us, all these are but the parts of the great stupendous whole, or body, of which God is the soul, and who guides and controls the various parts to definite purposes, as we control and guide our bodies to accomplish certain things.”

As the poet says: **ALL ARE BUT PARTS OF ONE STUPENDOUS WHOLE, WHOSE BODY NATURE IS AND GOD THE SOUL.”**

So God is indwelling in us in all Nature, for we are just as much a part of Nature as everything else that has life.

SPIRITUALISM'S SECOND PRINCIPLE

By Ronald L. Hirst, N.S.T.

“We Believe That The Phenomena Of Nature, Both Physical And Spiritual, Are the Expression Of Infinite Intelligence.”

We believe this, because we believe that All is Spirit. Every manifestation in the Universe is an expression of Spirit.

Through the endowment of mind, we have the ability to think, comprehend, differentiate, and thereby acquire intelligence. The extent of our intelligence is only limited by our physical ability and desire. We are surrounded by the phenomena of nature both physical and spiritual, a limitless field of exploration for those who desire to know more than the marvelous, but limited phenomena encountered in our daily living.

All that surrounds us is spirit, manifesting in form—the rocks, the soil, the vegetation—all these parts of nature, plus the insects, animals and birds, in their myriad species. This is Infinite Intelligence expressing in physical form. Out beyond our tiny speck of earth, are billions of forms that we have named stars and planets. Some of these are millions of times larger than our earth, according to the findings of men who chose to use the marvelous endowment of mind, and think and reason and invent instruments, whereby they could study, analyze and discover these great manifestations. They have found this vast space contains billions of mighty masses of matter, and all are in an orderly pattern traversing courses of non-conflict, thereby preserving orderliness instead of explosive conflict. How could such vast bodies in such stupendous numbers continue to orbit in set paths, if not under the direction of intelligence? They are the result of intelligent creation that ordained their manifestation under orderliness, otherwise there would be explosive, chaotic confusion, in place of peace and harmony.

Is there anyone amongst us that prefers chaos to harmony? Fundamentally, mankind

prefers peace and harmony, even the so-called savage. Only those who desire to dominate their fellow man resort to chaos as a means to have peace and harmony under their domination. This is ignorance using a modicum of intelligence, that has become blind to natural law—because, natural law is orderliness intelligently directed. This is the ignorance that results from a study of only the physical expression of life.

The Spiritualist realizes and learns, that the physical and spiritual are inter-related, and must function together to create harmony, and thereby peace. The body is but a temporary vehicle in which the spiritual part of man functions in the physical. Composed of atoms as is all the rest of the physical body—seems to stand between the physical and spiritual, because it is animated by spirit, and directed by mind in a greater degree than anything else around it.

The ability to acquire intelligence through the use of mind, has enabled mankind to discover more and more of the nature around him. Many mysteries have been discovered and found to work according to natural law. Gravity, the power of the wind, electricity—to name but a few, all of which have been put to use by understanding, and working with them harmoniously.

Beyond all the physical, is the great power of thought. Through mind, man thinks and reasons, thus acquiring intelligence, and through this intelligent reasoning, a discovery of self has occurred. This discovery of self proved to be more than a discovery of physical self. The discovery of a spiritual self brought forth the spiritual side of nature.

The American Indian, called a savage by the invading white man, believed the universe was spirit. Living close to nature, and exercising the God given gift of mind, they reasoned the ruling force of the universe was the great spirit. This conclusion was reached hundreds of years before the white man set foot upon this hemisphere. Their interest in nature beyond the physical, brought about the discovery of the psychic faculties—the exercise of which brought a realization of the spiritual side of nature. They discovered the physical also had a spiritual counterpart. When mankind has used the psychic faculties and sought beyond them, he has invariably found the spiritual forces. This truth has been notated down through the ages.

Therefore, we find the spiritually minded receiving and giving forth these great truths of life. The physical is temporal, the spiritual is infinite. The dedicated and responsible groups of the Spiritualist movement realized the importance of the spiritual discoveries obtained by the psychic abilities of its members.

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The result has been a serious scientific study on their part, producing great truths, and a path upon which to pursue increasing knowledge to further the growth and refinement of spiritual mankind, during their life in the physical environment.

It is reasonable to assume that mankind is the link between the physical and spiritual realms, and is the most capable of making the most use of their interactions, when intelligence is used in its constructive, good—or shall we say—"god-like" form. The interaction and orderliness of nature was demonstrated by our great scientific pioneer philosopher—Andrew Jackson Davis. The possibilities and potentialities of such action are already being demonstrated by present day scientists. The orderliness of nature has enabled them to trace and discover many of the seen and unseen species, and to find ways of putting to work formerly unused materials and powers. The range of discovery into the phenomena of nature seems more and more to be found limitless, and this applies to both the seen and unseen. As mankind use their intelligence and mind in their search into the phenomena of nature, seen and unseen, a greater realization and understanding will become evident why Spiritualists say: "We believe that the phenomena of nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of infinite intelligence."

Tuesday evening religious services were enjoyed by a huge congregation—extra chairs were brought in to fill every available space. Keynote speaker Raymond E. Burns of Stamford, Conn., delivered a forceful, compelling address—his words were like brush strokes on a wide canvas painting a picture of the religions of mankind and how from the earliest times men destroyed all that was beautiful and progressive in religion through his selfishness and greed for petty power. One of the focal points of the address was the last total destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and how the destruction could have been prevented if only the embattled inhabitants of the City could have agreed on a concerted plan of unified resistance. Mr. Burns spoke of pre-vision and pre-cognition, how strange and wonderful it was from the time of Jacobs dream of the ladder to Heaven up to the present day of scientific investigation of this definite faculty in man, he described a recent dream vision he had concerning a member of his own family and how positively it had happened even as he had seen it more than a month before. The speaker brought us the vivid picture of Saul the proud and educated Roman citizen who was blinded and brought to his knees on the road to Damascus, of the voice of the disembodied Jesus speaking

to him saying: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me," and how after this experience he ceased to be a vengeful tyrant and became the Apostle Paul who founded the Christian church and of his conversion through his experience with Spirit. The overall theme of the address brought to the listeners a forceful view of the light and dark colors of religion on the canvas of history, how little man has changed in thousands of years and how he must change if the message of religion is to be one of peace and not war. Positive and evidential clairvoyance was delivered by Amelia H. Hullinger, Grace Stine and Harre C. Milesi; soloist for the evening was Clyde A. Dibble.

Wednesday was a busy day—in the morning we enjoyed a fine symposium by the Missionaries Club and in the afternoon another excellent symposium by the Ministerial Association. Speaker for the evening religious services was Vice President H. Gordon Burroughs, his address was built around the impersonal power of God, how God spoke to man through all avenues of nature, how in the stillness of the wide open spaces of the Western Plains or in the heart of a busy city man could sense the presence of God and be comforted and strengthened by the contact. Mr. Burroughs spoke strongly of the positive powers of good and evil in all aspects of Nature, he described the constructive power of electricity and how the same power could be used for destruction, how this was true of atomic energy and how man is now trying to curb his use of destructive power so that our green and beautiful world could go on to greater progress, the speaker pointed out that the gentle zephyr and the horrendous hurricane came from the same source, all were part of God. Using an old phrase, "there was nothing new under the sun," he assured his audience that when man reached the day of discovery God opened to him secrets locked in the vast storehouses of the Universe, he said that the vehicles for flight to the farthest star were always in the consciousness of Divine Mind awaiting the time of man's realization of his greater potential. Mr. Burroughs has no peer in his sphere of oratory, he carries his listeners along with him as on a great moving sea of words. The splendid clairvoyants of the evening were Emma Ordorp, Mollie Beck and Elizabeth Giberson; soloist was Ruth Hirst.

Thursday morning we had a splendid symposium by the Healers League and the following are two of the papers presented:

AFFIRMATION METHOD OF HEALING

By Paul D. Wilson

This method is the most commonly used as it is suitable for one or more people. It is being

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used by many churches of different denominations.

By repeating an affirmation the person or persons begin to share in the healing and to think of the meaning of the words as it applies to them. This method tends to induce a calmness of mind, a relaxation of the nerves and is preparatory to receiving the full force of the healing. A non Healer can get results by this method. In church services and other groups all present are joined in a degree of unity of purpose and healing forces greater than as that of one person.

The various forces then unite and supplement that of each individual. All of this stimulates the amount of healing furnished and the results are strengthened by what each person furnishes. It tends to assemble more of the unseen persons and their qualities and degrees of the healing force. It avoids the problems that necessarily arise when laying on of hands.

After the affirmation and other words given at this time the forces continue to work. Absent treatment is a part of this method.

Prayer like an affirmation is a method of preparation and its advantage is that it is universally accepted and understood. It is more effective than affirmations especially if all present pray together.

Faith and understanding always adds to results.

Spirit Healing—

Under this classification can be grouped all healing by Spirit people who do not use a physical healer to administer the healing. This is best called direct healing. The spirit will use the physical persons present to add to what he supplies. It is often done without any conscious effort of the patient or anyone else present. Conditions must be unusually favorable for this type of healing. So called "instant healing" is usually spirit alone at work. No one physical person acts as a healer.

Most Healing is done in this way. Much healing is done to those antagonistic to those who do not like to believe in spirit or spirit return.

Spiritual Healing—

This is a term used to designate a high quality of treatment when healing is given. So often we hear it said: "I have been spiritually healed," also, "I have just had a spiritual treatment" and other modes of expression.

It is most likely to be spiritual when given by the agency of spirit healing.

"METHODS USED BY HEALERS"

By Alice Eppinette, Oklahoma

The time devoted to healing is a very important part of our worship hour. In our service it follows the Lyceum lesson and is conducted as follows:

We stand, take Position—right foot slightly in front of left, hands outstretched, palms upward in this position, deep breathing is done to the count of fifteen. In five hold five out five. During this time the record "How Great Thou Art" is playing and the "Healing Force" is increasing in the room. All are seated. From St. Matthew, Chapter 7, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

I ask the Great Unseen Healing Force to remove all obstructions from my mind and body and to restore me to perfect health and I will do my part.

We give our attention to ourselves, feeling the Great Healing Force flowing through our bodies and clearing our minds. While we are doing this the words of the beautiful song, "Take Time To Be Holy" are being sung.

I ask this Great Unseen Healing Force to help both present and absent ones who are in need of help and to restore them to perfect health. I put my trust in the love and power of God. Song, "Sweet Peace the Gift of God's Love"; St. Matthew, Chapter 6, Verse 48: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." At this point we ask Spirit Healers and Helpers to direct the Healing Force for specific conditions for both present and absent ones.

Songs used during this time as we are receiving and sending forth are "Whispering Hope"; "Nearer My God to Thee"; "Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere." Time devoted to Healing twenty minutes.

My blessings to all assembled here, because of the great opportunity you have in spreading the glory and wisdom of the Great Infinite Intelligence to those about you. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL HEALING

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Nothing in this code shall prevent citizens of this state from the free choice of any practitioner of the healing arts who is licensed to practice his profession in the state of Oklahoma.

Nor from the free choice of a duly accredited

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To wish all members and friends the
Merriest Christmas and a
Most Joyous New Year.

Joseph H. Merrill

religious practitioner of any nationally recognized church or denomination who practices healing by prayer or spiritual means alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of such church or denomination, nor shall this code be construed to permit one legalized profession of the healing arts to discriminate in any manner against any other profession of the healing arts so licensed to practice its profession by the state of Oklahoma.

Laws 1963 C. 325, Art 1, Section 109.

Robert G. Howell was the speaker for Thursday evening religious services, his address was centered on the scientific discoveries in the material and spiritual fields. Mr. Howell spoke forcefully of the Pioneers of Spiritualism and how much they had contributed to a fuller understanding of the great powers in the mind and psyche of man, leading finally to the enlarged studies in parapsychology through the psychological research societies. He spoke particularly of Maggie Fox (the date of his lecture coincided with her birthday), of Sir William Crookes, Alfred Russel Wallace, Charles Darwin and how the work of those gifted men opened up man's mind to Evolution. He spoke feelingly of D.D. Home the great seer of early Modern Spiritualism. One of the main points of Mr. Howell's remarks illustrated how all things and all events were part of the great mosaic of human life on this planet and how each piece in every generation fell into place as part of the Divine Plan. Another part of the speaker's address was devoted to the work of the magician, Harry Houdini and how it would seem that with all of his scoffing he retained some hope of life after death so that he and his wife Beatrice devised a written pact the words of which were known only to them, the main theme of the pact being centered on the word BELIEVE. It is history, how Arthur Ford the great medium of the present day brought positive proof of the words of the pact to Mrs. Houdini after the death of her husband. It was apparent to Mr. Howell that man must first BELIEVE in the active participation of the God in all the discoveries of man and that scientific discoveries in the spiritual and material fields of human endeavour will open up great new fields in the wonders of God's Universe. The speaker's pinpointing scientific and spiritual leaders was designed to make plain that in each and all ages there are mental and spiritual giants, that we must not look backward to that which was, but ever forward to new and greater understandings.

Clairvoyants were Walter Holder, Mitzie Monroe and Gladys Worsencroft, their work was very evidential and it was delivered with a calm sure conviction. Soloist for the evening was N.S.A.C. secretary who accompanied him-

self at the piano. Friday morning we again had a splendid symposium presented by the Licentiates and Mediums Society, two of the papers read, follow:

By Marie Porman

It is my pleasure today to speak a few words on the subject: "What Would the Spiritualist Church Be Without a Medium?"

Permit me please to cite two things of recent occurrence in my life that seem to parallel several items I had the pleasure of hearing at the religious services this week.

The first item concerned a spiritual message that I received last month from a certified medium, Mrs. Margaret Dennis, trustee at the church I have membership in now, the First Spiritualist Temple of Detroit. Many may remember it as the First Spiritualist Temple of Earnest Workers. Rev. Elsie Bunts told me she was once a member of this church.

In essence, Mrs. Dennis told me that I would eventually be asked to speak before a large crowd of people in a large room, that I would be surprised at being asked, but I was to go ahead, that everything would be all right.

This seems to parallel Rev. Raymond Burns' statement about his dream last month of something that was to come about and did, just recently.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE EDITOR AND STAFF

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The second item concerns my feelings being similar to those of the Rev. Arthur Myers about coming to this national convention, with the prospect of not having to do very much work but perhaps to lend my presence and moral support to the proceedings.

Rev. Myers was very surprised to find when he reached here that he was expected to give the pre-convention address.

I was just as surprised on Tuesday when I joined the Licentiate and Certified Mediums Society of the N.S.A.C. to find that I was to participate in the Symposium here today on behalf of this group.

After the clairvoyance so ably demonstrated by Mrs. Dennis coming into fruition so soon, need I say again, what would the Spiritualist Church be without a medium? But I'd like to amend that and say why not include the healers, licentiates, ministers, missionaries, lyceum teachers and so forth?

For we are all part of the divine plan and each one is dependent on the other, and the church too is dependent on these dedicated souls, and we in turn are dependent on the church.

But I hearken back sometime ago to the message imparted by the Rev. Bob Macdonald, when in essence he said that mediums are the foundation on which the Spiritualist movement was built so many years ago, and that we should always remember this in our plans for the future and further ministry.

For mediums are ambassadors of good will both for the church, the state and the national expressions of Spiritualism.

Many times certified mediums have had to conduct services, and to do a myriad of other things in order to keep the church doors swinging wide.

Certified mediums are considered message ministers. Therefore, they have a proper place in every well organized Spiritualist church.

I wonder what the Spiritualist church would have done today without the evidence given to the world at large by our sister mediums of yesterday, the Fox sisters.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

It has been a great privilege to serve as N.S.A.C. Treasurer these past 17 years and N.S.A.C. Lyceum Supt. for 17½ years. I have always felt that the strength of our Association rests on the individual church so my decision to resign was motivated by my desire to build a strong church that I could give my undivided attention. All of you will continue to be in my prayers and thoughts, may the incoming year be filled with blessings for all our members.

Clyde A. Dibble

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D. HARDY DREWREY

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And, I leave you all with this thought: what would a certified medium be without a Spiritualist church to work in?

By Harold E. Ballard

The portion of this symposium that I am to speak on is, "How to Prepare for a Church Service as a Licentiate Minister."

I cannot speak for anyone other than myself. This preparation to me is basically the same, no matter what title one might have, be it an Ordained Minister, a Licentiate Minister, a Medium, or a Healer.

The important thing that should be foremost in our manifestation as a Spiritualist is the Principle of Responsibility. When we first entered a Spiritualist Church and accepted a message we opened the door to the Spirit World. From that day forth we became responsible. Responsible to whom? To ourselves and our home, to God and to our spirit loved ones, to our Association, and to our country. As each step of our progression is completed we assume added responsibility and trust through our dedication to serve God according to God's plan and not our own.

As a layman we begin our responsibility by inviting our loved ones, those who are best able to manifest, from the world of spirit to be with us and we stop demanding a footprint of the manifesting entity and dictating who will manifest. As a Healer, which should be our first step of development, we learn to be a channel for the manifestation of this mediumship and continue to aspire to accept and expect other phases. As a Licentiate Minister we accept a sacred trust through our promise to Infinite Intelligence that we will serve.

To serve as an emissary for God, I would never even try unless I had done my spiritual

work in prayerfull meditation and concentration and made myself worthy to receive from the spirit world those who could influence me. This food for the soul is as important as food is for the body.

As Licentiate Ministers we must learn to use our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and keep silent to listen for the spirit influx. We have accepted this trust—otherwise how could we be of value as a minister in any capacity.

Knowing that we who are here present are sincerely interested in Spiritualism, may we remind ourselves that we are living examples of what we teach and preach. Thank you.

We enjoyed a splendid Lyceum program under the direction of our newly appointed National Superintendent of Lyceums, Rev. Ethel McLain. It took place on Friday morning and it was a most encouraging expression of the work of the Lyceum children. Rev. Elsie Butler Bunts, Editor of the Spotlight, assisted in the program. The group of children are under the personal training of Maxine Minor (she is a married lady but her Mrs. name escapes me), a most dedicated teacher. Friday afternoon concluded our business sessions with the election of officers: Robert J. Macdonald was re-elected president for a three-year term as was H. Gordon Burroughs, vice president; Jeanette J. Kneprath was re-elected trustee for a three-year term; Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., was elected N.S.A.C. treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Clyde A. Dibble, our treasurer for the past 17 years. Walter Holder, of Phoenix, Arizona was elected trustee to fill the unexpired term of former trustee Ralph D. Cutlip who resigned this office upon being elected treasurer. The committee on the selection of place

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of next convention could not agree upon a city and left the selection to the N.S.A.C. board. We have decided to go to St. Louis, Missouri, to the Statler-Hilton Hotel in that famous city, the dates are October 3 through 7, 1966.

The speaker for Friday evening was President Macdonald who centered his remarks upon three words obtained from the splendid address of the three previous speakers, the words being: AGREE, THINK, BELIEVE. Clairvoyance was delivered by Alice M. Buechel, Velma H. Dickson and Edythe B. Meader. All did wonderful work in such a distinctive fashion it was a joy to hear. The pre-convention address on Sunday evening was delivered by Arthur A. Myers; he is much beloved as a man by all Spiritualists, but his many years of experience as a teacher and speaker made him the ideal choice as a pace-setter for the incoming week. Following his address, clairvoyance was delivered by Trustees, Evelyn Muse and Ernst A. Schoenfeld. There are many things that come to mind regarding the success of our 1965 convention, all the committees did excellent work, the important rules committee, the credential committee, the vote tellers, so many more. The wonderful work done by Janice Baynes all during the past year receiving and donating all of many beautiful and useful gifts that we had such fun drawing for and such fun kidding the good delegates who won. The Ways and Means committee, under the capable direction of chairman Mollie Beck did a phenomenal work of raising funds (we thank you Mollie—keep up the good work); the book table under the care of Harre C. Miles who sold so many fine books and this was also true of the Lyceum book table under the direction of Ethel McLain and Elsie Butler Bunts. We had a fresh supply of books and pamphlets from Stow Memorial Foundation, all printed by Emil C. Reichel and Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr. This is the Fund responsible for the good Public Relations work for the N.S.A.C. We enjoyed convention pianist Dorothy Beesley and the good work of the sergeant at arms Ralph Cheney; last but far from least we take this public way to thank Penny (Mrs. Malcolm) Nichols, for using her personal mailing list of hundreds of people and for bearing the expense for this good work, telling her students and members of the convention and urging their attendance. The convention hall was crowded each night and this fact was especially pleasing and evident on the last evening when so many delegates had gone home, and we again had a full house. We hope that interested people in future convention cities will be inspired by the work of Mrs. Nichols. It is always wonderful to see our own delegates in the chairs, but such a very great joy to be able to speak for and work for strangers and thus feel that we are reaching out to a greater day.

CONVENTION REPORTS

To the Official Board of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches and the Delegates Assembled in the 73rd Annual Convention.

Greetings:

We, the Committee feel that it is particularly appropriate that the President should begin his Annual Message by pointing out the fact that Spiritualism has changed the thinking of the world on religious matters and that the impact of Spiritualism on Christianity has been tremendous. It has promoted and developed a natural growth in man's thinking.

The Committee calls your attention to the President's statement that (quote) "the message of intelligent life after death has broken through the crust of superstition and fear; the great potential of man can only be fully realized when he is no longer hampered by the taboos of ancient superstition. We Spiritualists, in our own way, have put religion on new wheels in keeping with all other new developments." (Unquote). We are proud of the fact that Spiritualism remains secure and fast in its teachings of the Truth while Christianity is in the process of changing and now is beginning to accept and practice our methods of teaching continuous living, using study groups instead of our seances and public demonstrations of healing in their churches in place of our own Spiritualist healing methods.

Much is said of extra-sensory perception and parapsychology. These are but terms that our Christian brethren seem to use in answering the questions of a psychic. Spiritualist mediumship so very different that your Committee agrees with the President in his earnest desire to keep our National Spiritualism on a high spiritual level.

Your Committee recommends that you perhaps formulate within your own consciousness a promise to do the things that will promote our religion and obey the command (quote): "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" (unquote). We look forward to a better understanding and spiritual growth for all of us as we go through this life in the process of evolution; and we shall try to obey the commandment (quote): "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (unquote).

The Committee agrees with the President that the National Spiritualist Association of Churches will not collapse. The errors of the past are gone; a firm foundation has been established. Although we shall be separated by distance, we shall be united in purpose, and as one great stupendous whole we shall prosper spiritually and remain healthy.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. King,
Chairman

Alice M. Buchel
Charles L. Youngs
Arnold Trantow
Sophie Busch

To the President, Trustees and Assembled Delegates to the Seventy-third Annual Convention of the N.S.A.C. in Detroit, Mich., October, 1965.

Fellow Members:

It is with deep appreciation of efforts and sincerity in behalf of our Organization, that we receive the Annual Report of our National Secretary, Mr. Joseph H. Merrill.

1. We have noted with keen interest the judicial statement regarding the settlement of the Michigan State Association property and assets problem and the differentiation made between a Congregational form of Government and a Presbyterian type. It is hoped that careful examination and official findings will be guiding

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and beneficial to all affiliate members who are governed by the N.S.A.C. Constitution and By-Laws.

2. The evidence of lack of responsibility recognition to the National Body by Member Organizations, that is, lack of attendance at conventions, and lack of moral and financial support saddens this Committee. We prayfully hope, along with our Secretary, that there will be a greater acceptance of responsibility, both moral and financial, and a greater unity of purpose. May we use the observation of Jesus: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

3. The recognition and acceptance of the fact of Spiritual healing by orthodox churches we believe to be a direct indication and acknowledgement that the Spiritualistic Movement has long been following the admonition of Jesus to heal the sick. We should feel complimented that our orthodox brethren are finally and formally giving recognition to that which we have advocated and practiced for years.

4. It has been noted that the National Board has reprinted Hudson Tuttle's "Mediumship and Its Laws," and also that there is available "give-away" material for distribution. Along with our Secretary, it is our sincere hope that Member Organizations will do everything possible to promote the distribution of literature and to increase subscriptions to our official publication—The National Spiritualist Summit.

5. It is a most commendable idea that Auxiliaries submit a list of membership along with their Annual Reports and we concur completely with the Secretary in the Advisability of this proposed practice.

6. The use by other organizations of the National Spiritualist's "Declaration of Principles" further indicates the leadership of the National Organization and we glory in the fact that our Principles are recognized as commendable standards.

7. We rejoice in the increase of churches in our Milwaukee area and do hope that this increase might prove an incentive and inspiration to those Churches and Auxiliaries struggling with local problems.

Once more, our sincere appreciation of the devotion of Joseph Merrill to our Organization and for his dedication to the office which he holds.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond A. Hamilton,

Chairman

Hannah A. Bright
Robert G. Hewell
L. Eldred Kress
Edythe B. Meader

To the Delegates and Officers of the Seventy-third Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches:

Greetings:

We the Committee on the National Lyceum Superintendent's Report are happy to note the Lyceum Conference at Lily Dale was well attended and according to the reports from the various states, new enthusiasm has been engendered to organize new Lyceums and a great deal of knowledge was imparted through the leaders.

We are happy to note the history of the past years' Lyceum Conferences along with the records containing notes and pictures which were accumulated by Reverend Norma Whiting and will be available each succeeding year.

We agree that Rev. Evelyn Muse should be given our grateful thanks for all of her work in planning and preparing for the benefits both educationally and socially of everyone present. It has brought us all a great deal of joy to realize the benefits that the children received both spiritually and socially.

The arts and crafts were thoroughly enjoyed. The viewpoints brought out by the young people's groups were educational to both the young people and the

teachers. The young college students brought up in the religion of Spiritualism are showing the way to many students of different faiths that we have a religion, if understood, can bring the correct thinking of Infinite Intelligence.

Pressure should be put on the Conductors of Lyceums to send in the reports. Your National Superintendent would be better able to know the conditions existing in the Lyceum movement if the reports were sent in.

Mention has been made of both Bible studies and the British and American Manuals. We feel that the Conductors and Teachers can use these to great advantage and that the quarterlies compiled by Rev. Elsie Butler Bunts and Audra Cutlip are of educational value beyond compare. Some of these quarterlies are for adult education and even if there are no Lyceums in the Churches, these could be used for study groups as many young adults are inquiring about the religion, philosophy and science of Spiritualism.

We must not forget that the Spotlight, the only National publication for Lyceumists, is printed for the purpose of the education of all who read it and we urge all churches to subscribe to it.

We appreciate the work of our National Superintendent in the interest of the children of our movement and know that his efforts are sincere and we ask that he be given a rising vote of thanks for the children are the Spiritualists of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Ethel McLain,

Chairman

Rev. Elsie B. Bunts
Rev. Elsie Beesley
Rev. Gladys Worsencroft
Mary Ellen Thornton

To the Officers and Delegates of the 73rd Annual Convention of National Spiritualist Association of Churches assembled.

Greetings:

We, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws wish to make the following report:

We have had two (2) amendments to the By-Laws submitted to us:

1. Article 1, Section 7, Page 20 of the By-Laws that the wording in regards to the time of election be changed from 2 o'clock of the afternoon of the fourth day to 10 a.m. of the forenoon of the fourth day.

2. Under Article 3, Section 2, Page 22 of the By-Laws, the following wording be changed: instead of 1.00 per capita tax to \$1.25 and the sum of \$1.25 be changed to \$1.50 after the words N.S.A.O.C.—on line 8 after the word standing—add 25 cents of the per capita tax to be used to help finance the annual N.S.A.C. conventions.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph D. Cutlip, Chairman
Elizabeth Giberson
Si Barnes, Jr.
Dorothy Buss
Clara Senor

To the Officers and Members of the N.S.A.C. Convention, Assembled in Detroit, October, 1965.

Greetings:

1. Resolve that we renew our pledge of loyalty and support to the government of the United States as an organization and as individuals.

2. Resolve that we pledge our untiring effort in the support of the N.S.A.C.

3. Resolve that all Missionaries, Churches, Camp Associations and Church leaders endeavor to raise

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money for the Lyceum, Missionary Fund and Medium Relief Funds.

4. Resolve that every church try to have a Lyceum.

5. Resolved that all healing done in a church must comply with both civil and ecclesiastical laws.

6. Resolved that only literature approved by the N.S.A.C. be sold in our churches.

7. Resolve that greater support be given to promoting the sale of the National Spiritualist Magazine.

8. Resolved that the N.S.A.C. Secretary write letters of thanks to the Statler Hilton Hotel; to the M.S.S. Assoc.; to Mr. Huhn, M.S.S. Assoc. Attorney; Mr. Gallagher, Banquet Speaker, and to the Wadsworth School of Dancing.

Paul D. Wilson
Joseph Sax
Louis W. Arbogast
Virtus H. Struve
Rose M. Sendker



NOTES from the FIELD

MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of Burkett Spiritualist Church, of St. Louis, Missouri, was celebrated September 26th, 1965, at a luncheon in the church hall. Joining with our congregation were members of neighboring National Spiritualist Association churches—Belleville Spiritualist, Belleville, Illinois, Fifth Spiritualist, St. Louis, Missouri and United Spiritualist, East St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Carl H. Boschen, President, gave a brief resume of events since the founding. Rev. Otilie Dryoff, Rev. Hazel O'Flaherty, and Rev. Emma Ordop addressed the diners marking the occasion a combination of good food and happy reminiscence. Rev. Dorothy Buss, Pastor, thanked all participants and contributors, and congratulated all who had furthered our achievement.

CICERO, ILLINOIS

The First Spiritualist Church of Cicero, Sunday, October 24, 1965, was honored to have the Rev. William Aldred of Muskegon, Michigan, serve as the guest speaker at the 31st Anniversary Services.

Rev. Aldred delivered a wonderful lesson to the congregation, stressing the need for spiritual example and living in accordance with God's laws.

A billet service followed the sermon, with Rev. Aldred in great power and tune with the Infinite Intelligence.

An added flavor to the day was the presence of the Rev. Ernst Schoenfeld, President of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, trustee of the National Board.

Guests from various churches included, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jones, Christabelle Spiritualist Church, Aurora, Illinois.

Rev. Theodore Siers of Chicago also Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powell, Church of Divinity, Chicago, and many others.

A delicious buffet-supper was served by the Ladies Aid Auxiliary of the church, under the supervision of Mrs. Sophie Jordan.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

Edward Schaffer and Helen I. Clark were united in marriage, September 25th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. D. Mona Berry, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Miss Paula Vogt, church organist, accompanied Irene Boss who sang The Lord's Prayer, by Malotte. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer are active church members and upon their return from a honeymoon in Canada they resumed their good work at the church. Mr. Schaffer

is a healer and Mrs. Schaffer is a medium. They both are students of the M.P.I. Advanced Course.



DETROIT, MICH.

Mr. William and Rev. Alma Bell, both of Toronto, Canada, were united in marriage by Rev. William R. Aldred of Muskegon, Michigan, Tuesday, October 5th, 1965, in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Mich. All of the wedding party was attending the Convention of the N.S.A.C. Estelle and Rony Campbell were bridesmaid and groomsman; Linda and John Aldred were attendants. The couple will reside in Toronto where the bride has been very active as a Spiritualist Minister for a number of years. She is a graduate Student of Rev. Aldred.

BUFFALO, N. Y.

On Sunday, October 10, the Center of Psychic Science was privileged to have the Reverend Louise Orr, of Buffalo, as their medium. Mrs. Orr did splendid work as usual, while she filled the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, W. G. Turner, who was making an extended tour of the New England Section.

58TH ANNIVERSARY

The Spiritual Church of Truth, 3349 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the direction of Rev. Theodore Siers, celebrated its 58th Anniversary on October 17, 1965. Afternoon and evening services were held with capacity attendance.

Rev. Siers lectured in the afternoon and his words were most enlightening. Rev. William Aldred of
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Muskegon, Michigan, was the guest speaker of the evening. He too brought words of truth to carry us thru these troubled times. At both services, Rev. Aldred read billets and the response and acceptance from the congregation and those he reached, was most gratifying. Message bearers who worked at both services are as follows:

Mrs. Kathryn Duha
Mrs. Anne Kerch
Mrs. Ellen Pfursich
Mrs. Regina Koch
Rev. Marie Sessa
Mr. Edward Trestler

At most celebrations there is the traditional "social hour." Between services, delicious refreshments were served at tables decorated with autumn flowers, candles and favors. Members and guests enjoyed the warmth and friendliness which prevails in the Church of Truth, which can only be attributed to the love for all, which is shown by Rev. and Mrs. Siers. Thru their kindness, our Church has been the recipient of beautiful white mums in abundance at many of our "special occasions." The friends who have been so generous are Henry Mueller and Elsa Skwarek.

Our Anniversary was a huge success, with one exception—the absence of one of our members, Mrs. Alice Buechel, Secretary of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, who was unable to be with us due to circumstances beyond her control.



CHRISTMAS MEDITATIONS

(William Graham Turner)

Amid the chaos and the strife
Abroad and in our land,
The carefree joys of yesterday
Have vanished; but God's hand
Is Ever guiding those who steer
Our Ship of State to-day;
For in command is one who knows
That he must humbly pray
And ask for guidance from above,
If he would know the way;
Nor fear the rabble's foul attacks
From this or other lands.

Who, for their own mad selfish gains
Would stain with blood his hands,
And shackle free America
With Communistic chains.
So let us, on this Christmas Day,
Christ's birthday, honor Him
By clearing out our selfish thoughts,
Keep Faith from growing dim,
Faith in God's boundless blessings
That we receive each day,
Faith in the Power of Prayer
To guide us all the way.

"Less of greed and more of Service
Less of hate and more of Love"
Is the simple creed Christ taught us,
And still teaches from above.
So amid the jangling chaos
Of commercial discord's din,
May we catch the Angel chorus—
"Peace on earth, Good-Will to Men."
Then send forth our earnest prayer
For love of Harmony and Peace
To unite all nations on the earth,
That all dread wars may cease.

Lyceum Department

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Lyceum Leaders are invited to send news of their Lyceum to Rev. McLain. She will use this news as part of her regular Column. Questions on Lyceum work are invited: answers will be printed here.

To the Officers and Delegates of the 73rd Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

Greetings:

I am happy and I think you, too, will be, that this will not be a long report. For possibly too many years I have exhorted you with the importance of more Lyceums to the future of our movement. Many of you have probably known this fact long before I became Superintendent, which was 17½ years ago.

A year ago, I stated I was submitting probably my last report. The great success of our 11th Annual Lyceum Conference at Lily Dale, July 16, 17 and 18, 1965, almost caused me to change my mind.

The account of this wonderful conference is printed in detail in the October and November issues of The Summit. For this we are deeply grateful to our Lyceum Historian, Rev. Norma Whiting of Michigan. Also, I cannot find words adequate to express my gratitude to the Lyceum Conference Chairman, Rev. Evelyn Muse. As with all of my assistants through the years, she labors not to hear words of praise, but for greater success of our Lyceum movement.

It is only human to grow discouraged at times, and I well remember before our first conference in 1955 how few people on this earth plane went along with my idea for such conferences, saying there was just not enough interest and they just could not be successful.

If you had been at Lily Dale last July and seen for yourself 85 children and 53 adults busy through all sessions of the 3-day conference, you would possibly know why I am grateful to Spirit for keeping on with the idea of conferences.

You owe it to yourself to try to come there next July 14, 15 and 16 for the 12th Annual Lyceum Conference.

Of course, we realize that a 3-day conference cannot accomplish all we need in the Lyceum movement. It can and certainly is cultivating a new and great interest in Lyceums. But it is too short a time to do more than scratch the surface of real Lyceum methods and material.

What we need are teachers who can conduct nature studies right out in the beautiful groves at Lily Dale as well as geographical counterparts at their home Lyceums.

We would like to see the 3-day conference now established at Lily Dale expand into a summer long Spiritualist Youth Camp. Even as it is now a 3-day conference is a wonderful place for both Lyceum students and teachers to pool and exchange ideas and experiences to take home for use in their Lyceums all year long.

If there be a stagnant condition in the Lyceums, it is in the minds of confused Lyceumists who forget there is a unique difference in the kind and way principles of true spiritual education are unfolded by com-

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TRANSITIONS

Fleming—Rev. Helen Fleming (78) Freeville, N. Y., October 2nd, 1965. She was a member of Spiritualist Association of Central N. Y. and Cassadaga Florida. She was also a member of the Ladies, Loyal Order of Moose. Funeral and committal services from Strong Funeral Chapel, Dryden, N. Y. Mildred Stevenson, Pastor of Harmony Center, Freeville, N. Y., officiated.

Brown—Frank D. Brown (64) Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Sept. 6th, 1965, survived by wife, Anne Marie Pelletier. Mr. Brown was a member of the Spiritualist Church. A frequent visitor to Lily Dale, N. Y., he was well known for the many recorded tapes he took of the better speakers at the Assembly. Funeral services from Rosedale Chapel, Montreal. Interment, Montreal Memorial Park.

Manning—William Wyley Manning (78) Oakland, California, September 18th, 1965. Mr. Manning was a member of Brotherhood Spiritualist Church, Alameda. Survived by two daughters, four sisters, eight grandchildren. Funeral services from Grant Miller Mortuary, Oakland. Interment in Chapel of the Chimes. Rev. Clyde A. Dibble, pastor, Redwood City Spiritualist Church, officiated.

Lorenzen—Ethel Lorenzen (75) Portland, Maine. Mrs. Lorenzen was a member of Portland Spiritualist Church and also a member of the board of the State Association. Survived by husband, three daughters, six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren. Funeral services from 749 Congress St., Portland. Following cremation the ashes were interred in Songo Cemetery, Albany, Maine. Rev. Chester H. Lucas, officiated.

Whiting—Albertina F. Whiting (67) October 28th, 1965. She leaves three sons, Clarence, Elmer and Raymond; two daughters, Mrs. Duane (Myrna) Sundstrom and Rev. Norma Whiting; one brother, Clarence W. Lucas, and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held from Spiller-Spitzer Funeral Home, Royal Oak, conducted by Rev. Ethel McLain. Burial, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Culp—Rev. Faye B. Culp (69) Granite City, Illinois, Sept. 30th, 1965. Rev. Culp was an ordained minister, and Secretary of the Belleville Spiritualist Church. She was a retired registered nurse and a member of the Granite City Order of Eastern Star 650; Gabriel Shrine of Jerusalem and the E. St. Louis Chapter of the Daughters of the Niles. The Rev. Hazel E. O'Flaherty of Belleville conducted services at the Davis Funeral Home. Private services were at the Valhalla Crematory in St. Louis, Missouri.

Schulz—August Schulz (85) Ashtabula, Ohio, October 17, 1965. Survived by three sons, William, Chris and Earl, one brother, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was a member of The First Spiritualist Temple, Ashtabula for forty-five years. Funeral services from Potti Memorial Chapel. Interment, Glenwood Cemetery, Conneaut. Ralph D. Cutlip, President, First Spiritualist Temple, officiated.

Thomas—Margaret Thomas, Philadelphia, October 25th, 1965. Margaret was a staunch Spiritualist and a member of the Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church since 1937 and served on the Official Board for 12 years. One nephew and one niece survives. Service was conducted by Rev. Mahlon Simon. Interment in Arlington Cemetery, Pennsauken, New Jersey.

Cox—Charles L. Cox, Hollis, Long Island, N. Y., October, 18th, 1965, in Veterans Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. Survived by wife Rev. Henrietta L. Cox, four children, one sister, several grandchildren. Mr. Cox was president of the Chapel Of Spiritual Truth, Hollis, since its founding. Interment, National Cemetery, Pine Lawn, N. Y. Rev. Melvin O. Smith, V.P. International Congress of Spiritualists, officiated.

Macdonald—Laura Macdonald, Cassadaga, Florida, October 29, 1965, in Niagara Falls, N. Y. Survived by two sisters, one brother, two nieces, two nephews, one great niece, one great nephew. Miss Macdonald was a member of the Executive Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

Member, Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Past President Ladies Auxiliary, Clan MacKenzie 217, Niagara Falls; a life member Order of Eastern Star. Funeral services from Cornell and Daggett, Funeral Home, Niagara Falls, followed by cremation, Oakwood Crematorium. The ashes were interred in the family Mausoleum, Woodlawn, Orlando, Florida. Funeral services in Niagara Falls were conducted by Rev. D. Mona Berry, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Nuenke—Katherine Nuenke (77), mother of Mrs. Katherine Lamping, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Also survived by two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one sister in Hungary; two nieces. October 31st, 1965. Officiating minister, the Reverend Harre C. Miles.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stonebrook, 706 Cherry Street, Hammond, Ind., long time members of the First Spiritualist Church, Gary, Ind., married fifty years ago, Sept. 15th, 1915, in Detroit, Mich.

Open House on Saturday evening, Sept. 18th, was held at the church. They repeated their vows before an altar banked with yellow flowers. Mrs. Mamie Fors of Chicago sang "I Love You Truly," followed by the wedding march. The couple was met at the Altar by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. Velma Dickson.

During the evening one hundred friends came to congratulate the couple and wish them many more happy years together. The couple have two sons, one daughter and 6 grandchildren.

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Fellow Lyceumists:

We are approaching the blessed Christmas season, a wonderful time of the year for work and play. A very good time to show our appreciation for the Lyceum which has taught us the true meaning of "Giving and Receiving." May you have a Blessed Yuletide with those who gather from the Summerland to assist, strengthen, and encourage you in all our spiritual desires.

Your hearts will be happy and gay, but give time to send Prayers for those less fortunate than yourself. Give of your time and efforts to assist your Lyceum Conductor in the Program of sharing with others the Christmas message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."

I am most happy to be appointed General Chairman of the 1966 Lyceum Conference. The stage is now being set for our big event in Lily Dale next July. I'm sure our Program will meet with your approval and delight. Begin to plan your family vacations now.

We do need the help of the King and Queen of the 1965 Conference and all the little Hoboes who gave a helping hand last year. Will you earnestly do your part to make this the BIGGEST and BEST Conference? Will you encourage someone from your Church or Lyceum to attend this important Conference?

I do believe a chain of prayer throughout the U. S. A. in each Lyceum and in every Church will bring results in a tremendous attendance for Conference and future meetings for our Youth Programs.

We promise you lots of fun and play together with our hours of Spiritual preparation. You are needed to help us carry out our Program. Watch The Spotlight and The Summit for further instructions concerning the plans for the NSAC Lyceum Conference, July 14, 15 and 16.

GO—GO—GO—Lily Dale, New York.

Evelyn Muse,
General Chairman

During the evening they received many beautiful gifts. One from the members of the church was a sizable gift of money. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stonebrook are members of the Official Board of the Church and Mr. Stonebrook has been the Organist for the church for a number of years. After the congratulations and time of visiting a lovely supper was served. It was a delightful evening for everyone. Mrs. Stonebrook was dressed in a beautiful navy dress and wore a corsage of yellow roses.

ONCE AGAIN IT'S CHRISTMAS

Once again it's Christmas
The Herald Angels will sing,
List! To their Merry voices
Glad Tidings they will bring.
Their voices will pierce the
clouds of grief
And bring Joy to the World
below
And Christ will come on
Christmas Day
And make His Blessings flow.
So cast out Thy sins and Let
Him in
And Love Thy Fellowmen
And the Angel Voices will
proclaim
Peace on Earth, Good Will
to Men!

—Marie Jirak—

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LYCEUM (Continued)

parison with the methods of orthodox Sunday Schools.

There is a tendency to substitute more teachings without true Spiritualist interpretations for the teachings of our Lyceum Manual, the Officers Manual and the A. J. Davis Manual. In our view these 3 books can never be surpassed.

There will always be a place and need for various forms of entertainment, creative skills and crafts for our Lyceum children, and sufficient instruction for them to be aware and knowledgeable of other religions.

But it should be borne clearly in mind that the pure essence of spiritual principles taught in Lyceums are not for the masses who are not spiritually aware. These teachings are primarily for quality, and not quantity. Far better for our Lyceums to remain true to teachings which will one day revolutionize and repair this world spiritually, than to succumb to the pressure of infiltrating orthodox religious teachings, which, however sincere may be the teachers, are failing to awaken within their students an appreciation of personal responsibility and a recognition of God as Infinite Intelligence and like Dr. Albert Schweitzer to reverence life.

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brought back to Rome. Prominent among them was the Christmas tree as we know it today, a green tree symbol of life. While tradition predated all other Christian religious rites it was probably introduced to Roman people around the fourth century. Since the tree was emblematic of life and production, on its branches grew much of the seasonal gifts which have become such a part of our present day Christmas season, since light and heat is needed to stimulate growth, candles and colored decorations were substituted for the red berries. All this early celebration for the winter solstice became easily linked with the birth of the Christ child and out of that association has grown the Christmas season now celebrated throughout the world.

No matter what our association religiously may be, the Christmas season has become "Spirit". In spite of the conflicting human events into which the world is plunged, during this season like no other, "Merry Christmas" and "Peace On Earth" is expressed involuntarily because of the impact of this Spirit. There is an urge to recognize the brotherhood of man because of that certain universalism which comes with the season only to depart unfortunately, with the material problems of a coming New Year. The intuitive spark of man's true relationship to man reaches its peak at this season so that Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Spiritualist alike share in the spirit of the Christmas season.

In the welter of cards and gifts, huge family reunions, the renewing of friendships and with social engagements, the original meaning of Christmas is comparatively forgotten except perhaps through visits to a church service or the Natal story relived over the radio or television. But at the same time the spirit of the day becomes one of expectancy, eagerness, happiness and appreciation like at no other time of the year. The reverence expressed in the tribal celebrations of the north country and the solemnity of the Christian festival as instituted in the Roman church combines to make in this modern age, not a celebration of piety and dedication but rather an expression of good will among men; an exhibition of brotherhood irrespective of whatever approach there is made toward the Yuletide Season. No single avenue of worship may be stipulated as the reason for Christmas celebration, again I say it becomes universal.

It is unfortunate that this universal spirit of Christmas is not more fully recognized by certain modernistic groups. The trend of thought in the newer approaches of religious concept deny the Deity of Jesus (as do we Spiritualists) and somehow refuse to recognize the Spirit of the day in their church worship.

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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. Sophia McNabb, Grayce Diller Lecturers, Speakers, invited. Pastor, Rev. Marie Brew, 614 E. Pine.

MAINE

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AUGUSTA—The Augusta Spiritualist Church, Court and Perham Sts., Sunday Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday seances when announced. Pres. Blanche M. Taylor, 276 Northern Ave., Augusta; Sec'y, Dorothy E. Mason, 13 Florence Street, Augusta.

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 Dickison, 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, Sec'y.

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: 3 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 Culance, 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.

MICHIGAN

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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 & Lynedale 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, 3711 Charlotte, Phone Westport 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. 3:00 p.m. and Fri. 7:00 p.m. Medium, Miss Nora Nitsche.

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.

NEW YORK

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

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

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, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dinner served every Sunday, 5 p.m. Circles, 6 p.m. Healing at all services. Rev. Eleanor Gutzmer, Pastor, Dorothy Callahan, Secretary.

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

OHIO

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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 LaCede. Sunday Service, 7:00 p.m., Study Class, Friday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Amy Pearce, Pastor, 544 West Glenaven, Youngstown. Phone 782-1090.

OKLAHOMA

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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

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 Salvodar, 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. 3 and 8 p.m., Fri. 8 p.m. 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.

St. Paul's Spiritualist Church, 4202 Roseland. Pastor, Rev. Leonard Parsons; Assistant Pastor, Mrs. Cecil Worcester. Phone MI 9-0716; President, Jerry Hurta, Phone OV 2-9419. Services: Sunday—Lyceum 10 a.m.; Devotional, 10:30. Third Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Clairvoyance.

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.

WASHINGTON

State Spiritualist Association of Washington—

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.

SEATTLE—Universal Spiritualist Library, 323 Jones Building, 1331 3rd Ave. Seattle Library open daily, Books for rent, Periodicals for sale. Mediums in daily attendance. Ada B. Johnson, Pres., Sunset 3-0449; Librarian, Emma English, CH 3-7329. Rev. Genevieve Siedler, ME 2-9095, Sec'y of Board.

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 Street, Services, Sunday 2 P.M. Ray M. Champie, President; Irene Hodgkinson, Secretary.

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, Plankington 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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QUIZ CORNER (Continued)

Prominent in this denial are the Christian Scientists to whom the day means nothing from a sacred viewpoint. However, it is difficult to find a Scientist who does not accept the SPIRIT of Christmas Day and who does not carry out the social rituals the day demands. Personally they FEEL THE DAY AND ITS PORTENT, thus becoming a part of the routine celebration in spite of the lack of recognition by their church body. This same attitude is adopted, felt and experienced by Spiritualists unlike the Scientists, however, the Spirit of Christmas is usually a part of the worship service and the ethical teachings of the Way-Shower in the seasonal message, "Peace On Earth, Goodwill To Men" is expressed by word and song. The implication as to what the Season means we thus express without accepting the miraculous birth of Jesus, nor the Immaculate Conception.

Not all the nations of the earth celebrate Christmas the same day, these days however, are linked within a season, more and more the celebration has grown into a time for eagerly awaited reunions, a time for the thankfulness that God is Good, a time to express that goodness through gifts one to another. It matters not whether these gifts are found in a tiny stocking or in a wooden shoe, on a window ledge or beneath a greenwood tree there is established at Christmas time a unity of thought and relationship like at no other time in the year. The hearts and minds of men meet on a level that is universal in spirit, universal in recognition. No matter how we try the spirit of the day cannot be denied; it is a part of our very heart; it BECOMES universal.

Do we Spiritualists accept Christmas as a part of our worship? Of course we do; we accept it as easily as we do a belief in Santa Claus or the Christmas eve visit of the reindeer out of the North. They are not concrete in form but they are there as surely as life itself. Christmas has assumed a magnitude far greater than just the celebration of the symbolized magic birth of the infant Jesus or the reverence established through the observance of the Winter Solstice hundreds of years before. Human emotions are not static, the enthusiasm developed during every Christmas season fades slowly with the stress of on-coming events and we gradually lose the appreciation of our human relationships which we feel so keenly at this season of the year. Susan Cooledge in her poem entitled "Christmas" so strongly emphasizes this point when she wrote.

"We ring the bells and we raise the strain,
We hang the garlands everywhere
And we bid the tapers twinkle fair;
We drink and frolic, and feast—and then
Back to the same old lives again."

Merry Christmas to everyone and many thanks.—Arthur A. Myers.

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 DECEMBER

The Day was long, the burden I had borne
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,
Then it lifted—but I did not know
Some one had knelt in prayer.
We cannot tell how often as we pray
Of some bewildered one—hurt and distressed
The answers come—many time those hearts
Find sudden peace and rest
Some had prayed and faiths reaching hand
Took hold of God—and brought Him that day
So many, many hearts have need of prayer.
Let us pray. —Clara Senior