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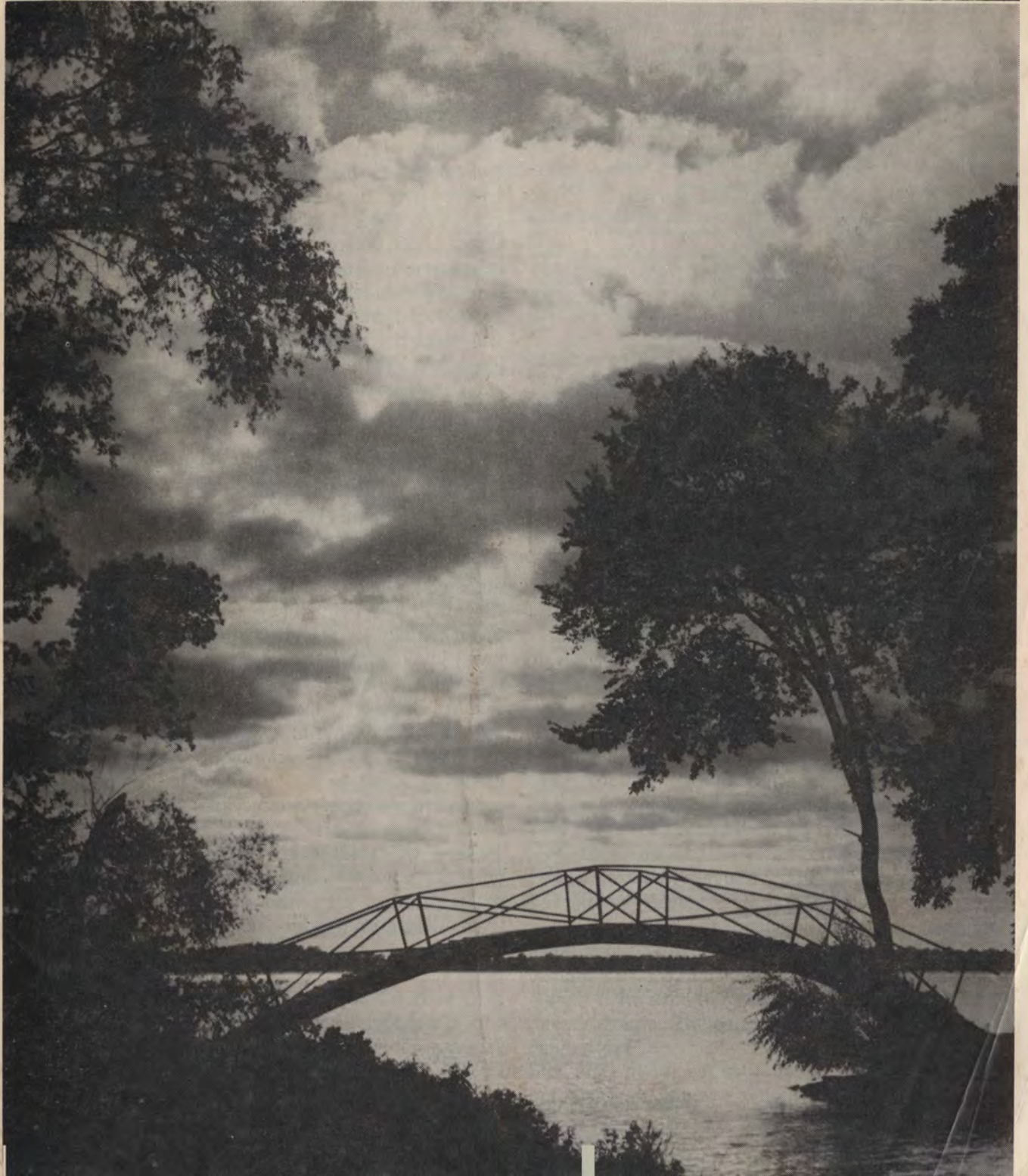
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EDITORIAL

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Throughout the centuries, since the dawn of civilization man has sought surcease from pain, freedom from want and somewhere along the long years he dreamed that at the close of his earthly life, he would enter a place where there would be no more hunger, no more cold, no more parching heat; above all he dreamed of a place where the gates would be barred against his earthly enemies.

Belief in God and the intoxicating loveliness of the longed for kingdom of heaven was almost easy for man to envision, he is born with imagination, the ability to picture with words music, song and sermon and the artistry of his hands; everything that his soul longed for in that land beyond the stars which he would inhabit some

blessed day. Man still seeks the kingdom, he never has realized it, but his soul is still longing and seeking, the driving urge for perfection is behind all earthly improvements he now enjoys. Likewise it is behind his potent and dreadful weapons of war; it is evidenced by the swelling cadences of the organ resounding through a softly lit cathedral as it is in the sweet almost unearthly music composed by the master musicians of the world. Who has listened to the heavenly beauty in the anthems of a well trained choir and has not dreamed of the glory of God in a land where hate, anger and war no longer held sway.

Our world is experiencing a series of protest meetings initiated by young students in universities in almost every land under the sun. The students rebel against the set patterns which have been the manner of life for many generations, the young people are not a starving rabble, they are educated and from good homes, in many respects they are idealistic and want the world to be changed to suit their ideas, the rebellion is not new, it was known in ancient Greece and Rome; it is the modern version of young people longing for the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The protests and the overall rebellion has no relation to religion, most of the young students would be horrified to think that they were expressing the same frustration that has been the lot of religious reformers since time immemorial, they want a heaven on earth where there will be no chicanery, no wars, no pressure groups etc. As I write this piece, the radio news is that some learned person, speaking of the student protests at the University of California, Berkeley, labels them communist inspired in part, this is a handy title for almost any type of new development, but the basic cause of it all is man's misunderstanding of man. Thomas Carlyle expresses the agony and the triumph much better than most modern writers when he said, "In this God's-world, with its wild whirling eddies and mad foam-oceans, where men and nations perish as if without law, and judgment for an unjust thing is sternly delayed, dost thou think that there is therefore no justice? It is what the fool hath said in his heart. It is what the wise, in all times, were wise because they denied, and knew forever not to be. I tell thee again, there is nothing else but justice. One strong thing I find here below; the just thing, the true thing."

AS EYE WITNESSES SAW D. D. HOME 1868-1870



W. D. Chesney, M.D.

In the later 1860's a great commotion stirred England, in fact all Europe over the subject of Spiritualism, especially regarding the apparent peerless mediumship of D. D. Home. Whole reams have been written about Home, but they were mainly 3rd, 4th and 5th personal statements from those that did not see him, or hear him, or know anybody that had.

Up to the arrival of Home in England the subject of Spiritualism had been batted about like a game of table tennis and finally a large group composed of reputable barristers, clergymen, literati, scientists, physicians, solicitors and merchants, decided to discover the truth about this controversial subject, and make their findings public property. To best accomplish this, they formed the

LONDON DIALECTICAL SOCIETY

The actual, witnessed and documented findings were published in a hard cover book form titled:

"REPORT
on
SPIRITUALISM
OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE
LONDON DIALECTICAL SOCIETY.
1873"

It was the writer's good fortune to become acquainted with a clergyman at Janesville, Winconsin. For obvious reasons his name may not be disclosed because his creed is very much opposed to Spiritualism. But he has a copy of this published report, and with it a number of newspapers and magazines containing the evidence of those that actually observed the manifestations and reported what they saw instantly afterward, thus obviating any suspicion of having a faulty memory. Some of the London papers were very receptive and friendly to the 1st edition, some neutral, some inimical although the latter could give no reason. The editor of the very influential TIMES bitterly attacked the Dialectical Society report as touching Home, and later went far beyond the report it had condemned.

The TIMES said: "Suffice to say that the table was made heavy or light at our wish, that it moved in every direction, that on Mr. Home holding the accordion under the table with his right hand, at the end completely away from the keys, it played a regular tune, Mr. Home's left hand being on the table and his feet off the

floor and completely visible. At the same time, and under the same conditions a hand-bell was rung in different parts under the table. The brightest lights were turned low and two spirit lamps lighted. The raps became louder, and directed us to take a leaf out of the table. The table then floated about eight inches from the floor. A lath floated in the air and the raps became more violent, and the table shook . . . Presently the hands of Mr. Home and Miss Fox's hand and feet were completely controlled and we felt the accordion pressed against our knees. We placed our hands under the table and the accordion played a tune, while the keys were downward, completely out of our reach. A flower was placed in our hands but, as we were holding the accordion and the bell, the flower dropped to the floor, but was immediately picked up and handed to us again. "This Miss Fox was Cathie (Kate) Fox of the Fox fame at Hydesville, N.Y. who had been sent to Europe by the great newspaper man, Horace Greeley.

The TIMES continued, "At Mr. Home's request we got under the table with the spirit lamps many times. Home insisted on our seeing his feet, and those of Miss Fox at all times. We searched Home and found nothing but the clothes he wore." Then the TIMES reviewer continued, "What we want more particularly to observe is that the attestation of **fifty respectable witnesses** is placed on the title page. Among them are a Dowager Duchess and other ladies of rank, a Captain in the Guards, a nobleman, a Baronet, A Member of Parliament, several officers of our scientific corps, a barrister and a doctor." An observer for The Daily Telegraph wrote, "The evidence to which many set their seals is certainly extraordinary. The fact, too, that men respectable in intellect and conversant with sciences, have testified their faith in the reality of the phenomena." That is, the phenomena that manifested through Home. All of these editorials were from London daily papers dated between 1868 and 1873. The only vicious dissenter was 'Sporting Times,' of all things, which editorialized, "Most of the Spiritualists with whom I am acquainted are vegetarians, teetotallers, anti-smokers, anti-vaccinators." Of course, these were dreadful people, but the sporting world of Britain at that epoch was engaged in such sports as bull-bating, bear-baiting in which the animals were made helpless and torn to pieces by man-trained bull dogs. Sir Oliver Lodge once remarked this fact and said, "I still think I'd take the Spiritualists."

The Hon. Mrs. . . . testified, "With Mr. Home present we were seated in a circle. We first heard raps and then saw a spirit at the

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window, and several other figures came trooping in after it. I recognized a deceased relative who came behind my chair, and touched my hair. It then approached Lord Lindsay, a Member of Parliament, and passed right through him and causing him to shiver with cold. Mr. Home said there were nineteen spirits in the room at one time. I could see their eyes—peculiarly brilliant ones—looking at us.” This phenomenon was noted by hundreds of sitters in the Kluski and Gusik seances and those of that celebrated investigator, Dr. Schrenk-Notzing, and Mme. Curie, the first to isolate radium and identify it, over fifty years after the time of Home’s seances before the committees of the London Dialectical Society, ca 1870.

The Hon. Mrs. stated further, “Mr. Home said to me, ‘Don’t be frightened, there is a spirit coming to you.’ The figure was that of a man. His clothing had a peculiar rustle as that of silk.’ I did not recognize him. He disappeared by dematerialization before our eyes.”

“Seance of Tuesday, 27th April, 1869
Chairman, Dr. Edmonds.

“Mr. Benjamin Coleman, gave evidence as follows:—“At this seance there were fourteen persons. Mr. Home was at one end of a long table, and I at the other end. Several messages were received by rapping around the room. A message came from a purported aunt of mine, who gave her name as Elizabeth. I had never heard of her. Another gave her name as Hannah. I had never heard of her either; but subsequently I wrote to my mother and asked her if she recognized them, and she told me what was quite new to me, that two sisters of my father by that name were Elizabeth and Hannah who had died before I was born. There was a newly purchased accordion lying on the table and Mr. Home asked if the spirits would play it. The reply was affirmative by raps. He took hold of the accordion at the end where

there were no keys with his right hand and held it under the table while his left rested in plain view on the table. The room was brightly lighted. I asked that the spirits play, ‘Home, Sweet Home,’ for me and it did.

“I asked if the spirits would play if I held the instrument as Mr. Home had held it. The answer was a loud ‘yes.’ Mr. Home asked that the accordion be taken from his hand and conveyed to me. Three distinct raps followed. Mr. Home now had both his hands on the table. The instrument traveled the full length of a long table and pushed at my knees. It rose above the table top and I took hold of it at the opposite end to the keys. On our request it played beautifully, ‘Angels Ever Bright and Fair.’ The bellows swelled and closed while it played. Some force was being applied to it and it was not Mr. Home or I.” At another seance, Mr. Home the medium, Mr. Coleman testified to the following: “The table rose until it touched the ceiling, quite out of reach of all excepting myself, the tallest, then slowly and noiselessly returned to the floor. A hand-bell was placed on the table and a lady’s hand reached from under the table and took the bell out of our sight. It rang under the table and then the lady’s hand came from underneath and replaced it on top of the table. Three or four of the sitters had rings on their fingers and they were removed by spirits and disappeared temporarily. Presently the lady’s hand came from underneath and dropped the rings on the table top.”

As with all humans, including reputable mediums, occasionally Mr. Home had spells of extreme nervousness and possibly pylorospasm with regurgitation of food. Miss Alice Jones reported such a condition. “I was at Stockton about 8 P.M. and Mr. Home was present with others. He seemed very ill. He said the spirits did not understand him and he was going to get rid of them. He walked out on the dark veranda and we saw a bright light, conical in shape extending upward from his head. All the time he was out the room, each sitter had a different perfume. Mr. Home was carried (apported) about a hundred feet to a rhododendron bed. When he returned there was not a rain drop on his clothing, although it had been raining, and his feet were not wet. He floated over the verandah, which was about ten feet from the lawn, in an upright position and his body seemed elongated.”

EXTREME ELONGATION PROVED

Any claims that Home ‘biologized’ (mesmerized or hypnotized) is disproved by the fact that he was caused to stand up against walls and his height registered by the observers making chalk marks over the crown of his head. Note: One March 31, 1869, the spirit forces

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seemed very powerful. At the bottom of page 110 of the Report of the Dialectical Society, I find the following note, "The 31st of March, 1869, was the 21st anniversary of the Rochester rappings, which first, in modern times, drew the attention to the subject of modern Spiritualism." According to the Spiritualist magazine of that period, the manifestations around Miss Fox were extremely significant. In fact, a noted American medium stated in regard to that exact date, "For the last twenty-one years spirits—disembodied men and women—have been endeavoring to communicate with their friends on earth."

"Tuesday 6th July, 1869
Chairman, Dr. Edmonds
Witness, Master of Lindsay (Member
Parliament)

"While we were eating dinner, the table began to vibrate strongly, and suddenly rose in the air . . . I should think it rose eleven inches, then slowly and gently lowered to the floor. During this whole time there were knocks in all parts of the room. The chamber was well lighted with candles which dimmed and brightened. I saw a pianoforte raised about four inches, without any noise; and subsequently notes were struck although it was locked and the key taken away. At another time I saw Mr. Home in trance, **elongated eleven inches**. I measure him standing against a wall. I can swear that he was not off the ground or standing on tiptoe, as I had a clear view of his feet, and moreover, a gentleman present had his feet placed over Home's insteps, one hand on his shoulders, and the other on his side where the false ribs come over the hipbone. That evening I missed the last train at the Crystal Palace, and got a shakedown in Mr. Home's room. I felt the pillow being slipped from my head. Then I saw a female figure standing **en profile** to me. I asked Home if he saw anything and he answered, 'A woman looking at me.' Our beds were about twelve feet apart. I saw the figure perfectly, and impressed the features on my memory. She seemed to be dressed in a long wrap, going down from the shoulders, and not gathered in at the waist. Then Home said, 'It is my wife; she often comes to me.'"

Lord Lindsay then detailed the matter of Home's handling burning, white-hot coals without harm. We remember how Jesus was able to confer His power on His disciples to heal diseases, pick up serpents, etc. without harm. Lord Lindsay said, "Once I wished to learn if these coals would burn me and I touched one with the middle finger of my right hand, and got a blister as large as a six pence; I then asked Home to hand me the very coal that had burned me. I held this coal in my hand, the very middle of it, for three or four minutes, without the least inconvenience. A few weeks

ago, I was at a dinner with eight others. Of these, six held a red-hot coal without pain, and two others could not bear to approach it because of the intense heat. That same evening, Home went to the piano and began playing on it. He called on us to surround him. I had one hand on his chair, and the other on an end of the piano; and while he played on it, both his chair and the piano rose about three inches from the floor and then gently returned."

At this same seance, Dr. King Chambers, personal physician to the Prince of Wales, was present and asked several pertinent questions about Home's elongation, "Were the clothes elongated as well as the body?" He seemed satisfied that the elongation was factual and that it came from elongation of the spinal column. Other reputable witnesses said that they had seen an accordion suspended in space while it was playing vigorously; others that they had seen a hand and forearm holding the instrument—a hand without a body; others that while it played, suspended from Mr. Home's hand, it was taken away, carried under the table and handed to another person. Mr. Wallace, of the committee asked, "was there plenty of light to see the accordion incident?" Mr. Rowcroft: "Plenty. Six gas burners were burning. I saw the hand for about a minute. There were nine others present and I was the only one to see the hand, but all those present saw the accordion floating in space, and playing."

Another witness, Mr. Jones, confirmed the phenomena described above. He was asked by the chairman, "if the instrument travelled around the table all must have seen it?" Witness: "Certainly." At this point as described in the 1873 edition of the Report of the London Dialectical Society, Mr. Jones brought up the name of the Davenport family of mediums stating, "I thought they were imposters and I did my best to discover the trick." (Author: Now get this. This was before the days of phosphorescent chemicals so much used nowadays to mark the movement of persons or object in the dark. But they used a solution of yellow elemental phosphorus in an organic oil. When exposed to the air, it glows brightly. Sir William Crookes used that method and describes it in his 'Researches in Modern Spiritualism.' published in the early 1870's.) Now to get ahead with Mr. Jones testimony. "I placed papers under Davenport's feet, and marked the position of his feet with a pencil. I poured phosphorized oil over the instruments. Everybody present held hands. The instruments flew into the air, brilliantly lighted with the phosphorized oil. There was enough light to identify every person in the room. I asked, mentally, to be touched by the musical instrument and received a sharp blow on the head.

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There was no possibility of imposture. On examination it was found that the medium's feet had not been moved by a hair's breadth."

Author's note: I distinctly remember that the first mention I ever heard at our home seances, in the 1880's, was the name and the phenomena that came through the Davenports. The principal feat mentioned was the passing of solid steel rings through arms in the presence of my father, a protege of Mr. Lincoln; and Major VanVorhees, Major Ritchey, and at one time, none other than Wyatt Earp. This was in father's office, 10th & Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, on the very day we saw a riot between laborers of the old steam dummy street car and those attempting to build and operate the new electric trolley cars.

Strange to say it but this Report contains on page 112, many references to Mr. Lincoln's interest in Spiritualism, and the seances which he attended with Mr. Conklin as medium. Same page, the experiences of Prof. Robert Hare, M.D., inventor of the electric furnace, the Calorimeter, and other devices used every day now almost one hundred years later. This Report was published in book form, as stated supra, 1873. Dr. Hare was emeritus professor of chemistry in Pennsylvania University, and so sure that Spiritualism was a fraud that he devised and built machines absolutely obviating the least possibility of trickery, and tested it particularly on Kate Fox, the same Kate Fox that was in Britain when Home was there. Dr. Hare later wrote, "The very machines I used to confute Spiritualism served to confute my former theory of legerdemain and trickery." And he wrote one of the best books on the subject, "SPIRITUALISM SCIENTIFICALLY PROVED."

A REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION

The wife of a prominent member of the House of Lords, whose name was withheld, and signed her name, "The Hon. Mrs. _____" reported sitting in a select group of men and women, with Mr. Home as medium. She stated in the presence of a committee of the London Dialectical Society: "Among the many remarkable instances of spiritual phenomena which I have witnessed, I will cite the following:—It was on the evening of the 17th of March, and there were five persons present. Mr. Home went to a large lamp burning brightly, removed the chimney and brought it to me. I declined to touch it knowing it was burning hot. Mr. Home said, 'Have you no faith? It is quite cool.' I then consented to hold it and found it barely

warm; another lady tried and made the same remark. Mr. Home went to a gentleman remarking, 'It is necessary to confirm the faith of others, that this should be made hot for you.' The gentleman lightly touched the object with the tip of a finger. The heat was so intense it raised a blister on his finger which remained for three days. Mr. Home then thrust the chimney into the white hot coals in the grate, and as soon as it was at red heat, Mr. Home thrust the chimney into his mouth and was not burned. He took a fresh flower and held it in flames and brought it back to me to observe, that it was not in the least changed.

"At Mr. Home's seances I have seen tables and chairs moved about the room without the help of human means. I heard four musical instruments played in unison by unseen hands, and in perfect harmony. "There was on a table a number of musical instruments, violin, flute, piccolo and concertina. The spirits had written on a piece of paper, lying on the table, that they would play these instruments. They did in a most masterly manner."

From all the records that this writer has researched, there seems to be no lack of history of direct apports when he was alone as sole medium. But from the printed literature during Home's most active years as a sensitive, it seems that his presence when other mediums were working, seemed to act as a sort of mediumistic catalyst. The Guppys, husband and wife, were both very closely connected with the researches of Sir William Crookes. Consequently the Guppys became acquainted with Home when he was in Europe, as they did with Kate Fox. When Mr. Home was in a group of sitters and Mrs. Guppy was the medium, her phenomena were accentuated. Mrs. Guppy's maiden name was Nicholl and on the 3rd of October, 1867, a seance was held at her home. There were eighteen (18) women present and Mr. Home, according to the original script of this 1873 published Report London Dialectical Society, was present. Some ladies asked for apports of various fruits, asking mentally. Most of their requests were instantly granted.

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"One lady asked, "why do you not wish for vegetables, an onion for instance?" An onion instantly dropped into her lap. Here is a list of the apports: a banana, two oranges, a bunch of ripe white grapes, a bunch of black grapes, a cluster of filbert nuts, three walnuts, about a dozen damson plums, a slice of candied pineapple, three figs, two apples, one onion, a peach, several almonds, four very large grapes, three dates, a potato, two large pears, a pomegranate, two crystallized greengage plums, a pile of dry currants, one lemon, a large bunch of beautiful raisins, which, as well as the figs and dates, were quite plump, as if they had never been packed flat, but been brought direct from the drying grounds." Regarding the personnel and scientific acumen of the London Dialectical Society, and its objects, no better proof is available than a letter written by M. Camille Flammarion, May 8, 1870. Flammarion Astronomer of Observatory of Paris, Professor of Astronomy, of the Polytechnic Association, Academic Officer of the University of France, Author of, "The Plurality of Inhabited Worlds," etc, etc. Please note that Flammarion as far back as 1870 taught that other worlds were inhabited by intelligent creatures, possibly more advanced than we that inhabit Earth. Professor Flammarion wrote his strong conviction of the general object and scientific character of the London Dialectical Society, ". . . I have seen with lively satisfaction the noble initiative which, through the formation of your Committee of Inquiry, has been taken by a body of men as justly eminent as the members of the Dialectical Society, in the investigation of these deeply interesting phenomena."

(Signed) "Camille Flammarion,"
 "10, Rue des Moineaux (Palais Royal) Paris
 May 8, 1870"

"L. Favre Clavarioz
 "Counsel General de France
 "1, Place Vintimille, Paris, 13 Juin, 1870"

I translate a portion from the original document in French: "I have studied at great length, minutely and conscientiously spirit phenomena. Not only am I convinced of their unquestionable reality, but I have the deep conviction that they are produced by the spirits of those that have left this world, and much more—that no one else could produce the phenomena . . . I have the most profound conviction of the existence of an invisible world corresponding to our world, that merits our most careful consideration. I believe that the habitants of that world are for the most part, former residents of the terrestrial world, and I believe that communications are possible and demonstrable between the two worlds."

COUNTESS DE POMAR Spanish Noblewoman

This lady wrote a long communication to the Dialectical Society relating most important spiritual facts in her own experience, and bringing forth some heretofore unknown to me, extremely valuable facts about the mediumship of D. D. Home. It is very long and only excerpts are now presented. "Death had come into our home and the body of our loved one had not yet been encoffined. While we sat mournfully in our sorrow, Mr. Home was announced; he had just come from a public meeting, and was not aware of our bereavement. Raps were immediately heard, on the tables, the chandeliers, and in various parts of the room. We adopted the usual form of using the alphabet and raps and the following was spelled out, "Joy, not sorrow," and "not gone away." And in apparent confirmation of the statement, the favorite chair of the departed, a large arm chair, which was standing in its usual place near the window at the farther end of the room, moved in a sweep toward the table at which we were sitting, and came around to my side. Then a sofa moved across the room in another direction; while this was occurring we three were sitting at the table from which Mr. Home had not moved since he first sat down. I got out a new accordion, handed it to Mr. Home and requested the spirits to play something suitable for the occasion, and in accordance with my feelings. A very beautiful and solemn air was played while Mr. Home held the instrument, under the table, horizontally, in the air, and high above his head. As they ceased playing, it came toward me, and Mr. Home told me to take it and I did, and it then played a favorite tune which I asked for. To multiply narratives of this kind is comparatively useless, were this not so, I could fill a large volume with reports of remarkable seances at which I have been present."

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

The Countess of Pomar then gave a very great spiritual fact. "Some people Suppose that when a spirit has left a body it is immediately enlightened and purified, so that it will know all it ever will know, and becomes perfect. Can it be believed that immediately after death, the soul of a shoe-black becomes all at once as enlightened as the soul of Shakespeare? That the soul of a Mrs. Manning can be changed instantly after death, so as to become as pure and holy as that of Mrs. Fry?

"On the contrary, we should expect that growth of knowledge and goodness will be in the future as gradual as it is in the present, and if this is so, we can at once account for the contradictory answers so frequently given

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SOME MARVELS OF "INFINITE INTELLIGENCE"



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

These are the times that make people think, the times of unusual occurrences, when surprises are often the rule. This often causes revisions in the philosophy of those that think. Many ask, "What and where is God when drastic catastrophes occur?" Maybe people need to rethink many of their ideas, affirmations, their so-called principles they have followed as facts. "In all thy getting get understanding,"

says the Bible. Also "Be still and know that I am God . . . and the eternal God is thy refuge."

Some people call God "Infinite Intelligence," a Mind without a heart or qualities or characteristics of personality possessed by His children—perhaps only an automatic Law devoid of all personality.

God's care for His children, show that He is more than an intellect; He feels, sympathizes, guides, protects us. Our great Spiritualist pioneers realized this as we will see by their own words presently. The term "Infinite Intelligence" is little understood by most people. It is an erudite term of Latin derivation, whereas the word "God" is simple and understandable by all groups of people and nations

—it is a good Anglo Saxon word belonging to our language. Many wonder if the term "Infinite Intelligence," as a largely meaningless term to multitudes is not the cause of certain groups forgetting, ignoring, or failing to mention, pray to or be conscious of the Supreme Being of the universe, the loving Father that is closer than hands and feet, and nearer than breathing. The writer has lived often several years at a time among so-called religious, spiritual groups and has never heard the name "God," "Christ," or "the Bible" mentioned except as the latter is used in the creed to support mediumship. People have been content with phenomena, and with personal messages from the discarnate, and have allowed other more important considerations to become lost or eliminated. Intellect can be good or evil—some of our greatest crimes are committed by those of excellent intellects, such crimes as forgeries, and worse misdemeanors. We are told in the Scriptures that "God looks upon the heart." When He takes the measure of a man, He places the tape around the heart, and not around the head. The Master Jesus the Christ came to demonstrate God as a God of Love, of the heart, not of intellect—and to establish the Kingdom of the Heart, of love, kindness, compassion. It is high time to revise many of our affirmations, declarations, creeds, formulas, so-called principles, even as we revise or cast aside our chemistry and other scientific books nearly every decade as useless because of new discoveries. The law of the universe is growth, change. But Religion always remains in the rear, in the ox-cart stage, while the rest of the world in airplanes flies ahead. This is a tragedy, since Religion is the most important thing in life, for it is our connection with God, and apart from Him we can do nothing. We have but to look at the present world to see where godlessness is leading with its downfall of morality, with crime, wars, and all other abominations.

But God, the All Person of the universe, containing all our hearts and all our minds and thoughts and deeds is very patient and long suffering; but the pay-off time seems near at hand. "As a man sows so shall he reap."

The young, many of them, in this New Age are more alert in their own way to things spiritual than others. This sometimes takes unique forms, as the writer discovered in her research work in a college in South Carolina, where an excellent student, whenever asked a question, paused and looked toward her left shoulder, as if the answer was there.

We have many illustrations of the intelligence and wisdom of animals—especially apart from humanity, in the desert, one observes much of this. They have great cooperation

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among themselves. They seem to some of us to be more conscious of God's love than we are. We read in the Aramaic Bible, the latest, 1957, "And not one sparrow will fall on the ground without Father's will," says the Master Jesus—indicating God's love and care for even the little things of earth.

We certainly need to get back to many of the inspirations and conceptions of God held by our great Spiritualist pioneers. Stainton Moses would have us understand that Religion, in its true sense of the word, "binding back to God," our relationship to God, is the most important consideration in life. He says, "We are by spiritual cords attached to God, not to individuals—to Spirit; otherwise, no life. This is fundamental—why forget the greater for the less?"

Judge Edmonds writes, "The object of spiritual communion is what man may learn from the higher spirits to purify and elevate the nature of man, and these revelations are to disabuse the mind of errors. God cannot be understood apart from His works." And along the same vein, we may add that Faith is an oasis in the heart never reached by thinking, for who could separate his actions from his occupations? What a one-sided God we would have if He were only intellect, without feeling or heart, or the characteristics or personality traits of His children! Where would be the God of Love? These Spiritualist pioneers do not seem to use the term "Infinite Intelligence. They speak of "Divine Personality," and on rare occasion of "Infinite Being.

Andrew Jackson Davis in his **Harmonial Philosophy** says, "God is the Supernal Ruler of the Universe—the father of spirits, pure, holy, everlasting, infinite. The belief in God of all tribes and nations of the earth is indigineous to the soul." He goes on to say that God is the greatest "Moving Reality in the universe, contrasted with Nature which is moved and is passive." He speaks of Nature as the body of God, which was also, before Davis, in the 17th century, the philosophy of Benedict Spinoza, the great Dutch Jewish philosopher, known as the "God intoxicated man. The idea of God as "Infinite Being" does not originate with Spiritualist pioneers, of course—it is a better term by far than "Infinite Intelligence." The great German philosopher Hegel of the 17th and 18th century taught that "Underlying all existence is God, the Infinite Being." Davis, furthermore, writes, "God is a Being of absolute necessity, vitalizing all things, by His individualizing His motion, life, sensation, and intelligence therein—He is the Unfolder, Sustainer, and Co-essential, the Great Father. Above all for Davis, as with the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, "He is a God of love, of Divine Personality." He has qualities and characteristics as do His children. This God

of love, of all Spirits, of all hearts and minds, "who clothes Himself with light as a garment," as the Psalmist says, is One many can feel they can fraternize with as a Great Understanding High Brother Spirit—but who could not ever feel close to a mere Force, Power, impersonal Law, or First Cause? Man often writes religious formulas, creeds, and the rest that are impossible for brother-man. Religion is the first thing that goes down in the break up of a civilization.

Before giving a few words in closing from the very great Spiritualist pioneer, Dr. James M. Peebles, world traveler, teacher, writer, let me mention how simple and easily satisfied are 99% of our Spiritualists, who pay no attention to the term "Infinite Intelligence" and probably could not define; so let's come down to earth with our religion if we wish to survive, if not in name, in its special contribution, when there becomes one Universal Religion—one Church. This is what most people need as shown in this following brief illustration of God's provision for our every urgent desire for peace and comfort. A woman we knew of had lost her son, and had tried to contact him. She felt she could become reconciled to his passing if she only knew he was happy. He was a little ten-year-old boy who played the piano. She used to sit near him as he played various pieces. But

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now her heart was heavy with longing for the boy. "Oh please Jim," she pleaded, "give me any indication that you are happy—just any evidence." Then immediately a chord sounded loudly on the piano," she tell us. Nobody but herself was around, and she sat away from the piano." With the chord came a great lifting of spirit that she had not known since Jim had left her," she says. "He has done what he could to comfort me," and she thanked God for the marvelous spirit demonstration.

Dr Peebles says in his matchless book **IM-MORTALITY**, "I require no subtle trains of logic to demonstrate, to know that God is, and that God governs this orderly universe by immutable law. Primal truths are axiomatic—self evident. It is a want of intuition and moral perception that necessitates so many processes of reasoning. Full of trust I consciously see God everywhere. The soul, an individualized portion of the Over-Soul, God, is the man. The Essential Spirit alone interpenetrates and constitutes the qualities of all things. Strength, for example, is not outside the Being that exercises it. So, love, goodness, truth are not abstract powers, but are attributes that inhere in the very constitution of every sentient being, man or angel."

He goes on to say, "It is the soul that constitutes the man, and finite man bears a similar relation to God, the Infinite Personality, that a crystal drop bears to a perpetual fountain." Peebles certainly believes "in God as the Father of Jesus the Christ and in Christianity as taught by the Christ." He feels that "genuine religious Spiritualism is in accord with Christianity as taught by Jesus the Christ . . . I can fervently exclaim, Behold the Way, the Truth, and the Life," he says. It is my prayer, my sole aim to live and walk in the spirit of the Christ, and since the seance in Jerusalem, at which time the Evangelists and others came of the New Testament, came with sweet and holy messages, my faith has been strengthened and confirmed in the divinity of Christianity. Let us remember the Christian graces, faith, hope, charity, and do the Divine Will . . . The cycle of myth and dogma is closing. The Second Coming is overshadowing us. Come, make ready to inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

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When I reached into my "Quiz-Corner" barrel last month for the subject most timely for our consideration I failed to realize the complexities I would meet in the treatments involved both separately and conjunctively by the terms Atheist—Agnostic—Infidel and Religionist. The last three, as pointed out, required such careful separation that the space allotted me by the Summit was full taken and the fourth consideration had to be carried over. While the first three are terms in general, this last one developed the many complexities both objective and comparative attached to the term Religionist and required an approach from many angles.

The first three terms are directly related to the consideration of Theology; the later term thus becomes related to the RELIGION accepted by the individual. To say that a person is a religionist is measured wholly by his own personal religious life. Just what is religion??, Webster tells us that it is the outward fact or form by which men indicate their recognition of the existence of God or super force having power over their destiny; to whom obedience, service and honor are due; the feeling or expression of human love fear or awe of some super-human, extraneous or over-ruling power. The attainment of such religious acceptance comes through many channels; the profession of faith, the observance of rites and ceremonies, the conduct of a personal life; a system of faith and worship finally the manifestation of piety. In this manner religion becomes both ethical and comparative, the belief in an invisible super-human power conceived of after the analogy of the human spirit brings man to a state where he regards himself dependent on such powers and thinks himself in some degree responsible to them, in this manner he becomes a religionist.

In this era of Christian orthodoxy when we speak of the religionist we are prone to look to him through the eyes of that form of orthodoxy. The public in general consider religion

from the standpoint of Christian creed and dogma and measures man accordingly, in general without due consideration, a religionist is spoken of as a loyal Christian, a follower of a persecuted and crucified Christ, such belief a guarantee to salvation. We seem to forget that this general attitude comprises only a small portion of this religious world of ours and that the religionist in other faith systems have just as certain requirements as does the Christian. This in no way belittles his stature as a religionist or as a man but on the contrary strengthens the moral measure of personality and individualism.

Let us consider for a moment the abject piety of the Moslems. They outnumber the religious systems of the world by infinite numbers of adherents, they operate in a concordance second to none. There are few if any heretics among them, their satisfaction separates them from other faiths, this universalism is established through piety and their Nirvana is reached through a regulated conformity. In no way could they accept the religious format of the Christian approach, nor can the latter understand the almost pagan attitude assumed by the Moslems, even with such divergent positions both of them are religionists in the particular field they represent. The whole process regulates itself to a personal area of thought and natural tendencies in a single arc of PERSONAL EXISTENCE. There is one central unit in this widely separated approach on each side, this nucleus is the acceptance of SPIRIT, that extraneous power that binds them together in the universal search. Spirit is the basis of religion however expressed, be it through belief, piety, ritual, form or dogma. Without SPIRIT there would be no explanation for any of these discussed terms, Atheist - Agnostic - Infidel - Religionist.

Time not space will allow consideration of the position assumed by many other approaches to religious acceptance; but through comparison the same basic approach is assumed in each one and not always through the same channel. Each channel leads to a certain moral responsibility felt by the individual religionist. In other words through conscience, through the force of LOVE or HATE, through the acceptance or refusal of extraneous POWER (God-Power in and round about us) we make and disclose our own religion in act and deed.

In our present erroneous acceptance of the word religionist, ethical or otherwise we must consider the comparative change in religious aspect in this moving world. Comparative religion is the systematic study of the genesis, evolution and inter-relations of the religions of the world. Although a classification of religions has frequently been attempted no satisfactory scheme has thus far been devised. Per-

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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.

OUR HERITAGE

I was rather interested the other day while riding along the highway, to hear a gentleman discussing his work. It seems that he was an undenominational Minister, serving whichever church he was called upon to minister to the Spiritual needs of the congregation. I was wondering if this would not be rather a hard thing to do. I think it would be for me, for I would have to speak the truth of my religious convictions, yet what are we all seeking, but a desire to understand a way of life that will truly help us to a peaceful existence. It was most interesting to know that this Minister was often called upon to discuss religious thinking with young college students, he remarked that it was obvious that many of these young men had very little faith in the religion of their parents, but perhaps we should say the way in which their parents conducted their everyday life, yet still professing a great religious faith in their particular Denomination of Christianity. They had little use for the Bible, stating what need have we of the old way of thought we are living in a different world, and we must think of the world of today.

When we think of these things we realize the great need for a better understanding of our own Spiritualism. We are constantly being reminded that we are living in a different age, we know we are, but does this mean that we must live in a world in which God is forgotten, not only that God may be forgotten, but also that many of the little courtesies that have made life good have been forgotten also.

Every generation has gone through changes, but perhaps have seen the great changes that we have seen in the past fifty years. It is called the Scientific Age, the Space age, and

we have watched with awe and wonder the flights in space, we know also that everyone of the Astronauts who have taken part in these flights, have been men of strong religious convictions, and have returned to earth with a greater understanding of the wonder and beauty of an Infinite God.

In the religion of Spiritualism we can look forward into the years in space and we shall understand Infinite Intelligence to a greater degree than many people, we look forward to the future as we can look backward in the past, knowing that as in the past we shall be guided by the Angel Forces still guiding and trying to protect us if we but give them a chance. The great teachers, which we know through the history of the Bible and other religious books, have made us fully aware of the guidance of spirit, but perhaps of the pressures of a world which has become very material and mechanical, we do not have the time to realize this great power which is ours just for the asking, perhaps we should think a little more about the fact that "GOD WILL WORK WITH US BUT NOT FOR US," we should realize that it is just as important for us to reach out a hand to the great Spirit power as it is for us to expect this Force to work with us only as we have perhaps a moment in our lives, when the need is great, that we all of a sudden realize this God is ready to work with us. Oftentimes we could say with Job. "O that I knew where I might find Him," do we not know that we do not have to look for God, for He is a very part of our being, nearer than breathing closer than hands and feet. So in teaching our children, we can give them knowledge, we can give them reading matter of all kinds to read, and we hope absorb, but unless we can awaken the great Spiritual understanding, the knowledge that life here upon the earth is very important to our future welfare, we are falling short of the great truths our forefathers of Spiritualism gave us. A great effort must be put forth to strengthen our faith, to know the indwelling of the Christ Spirit, the desire to know that our lives can be brighter and better if we have the courage to understand that we are responsible for our own individual life, that as we understand the religion of Spiritualism, our own part in being an example to others in the way we live, the presentation of our truths, that the children of today may grow in knowledge and so live their lives that they may know the independence of the God given power of mind, and that decisions to be made will come easier with a spiritual understanding of the Christ Spirit demonstrating in their everyday lives, both for this life and the life to come.

It takes two to speak truth
—one to speak and another to
hear.—Thoreau.



NOTES from the FIELD

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On Sunday evening, May 8th, Mother's Day, at the Sanctuary of Truth Spiritualist, Baltimore, Maryland, Rev. Raymond Hamilton officiated at the baptism of CYNTHIA FORSYTHE GILL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Gill of Chevy Chase, Maryland. The sponsors are Mr. John G. Fulcher and Mrs. Bernice H. Dellone and the baby is the granddaughter of our Vice-president, Mr. Leslie Fulcher of Baltimore, Md. It was also a privilege to receive into membership, Mr. Louis Einwachter who has been attending services for several months. This was the first baptism for the Church in its present location in the Central Y.W.C.A. building and the first baptism for Rev. Raymond Hamilton since ordination.

On this very happy occasion, Mrs. Eda Hill of Baltimore was guest message-bearer and managed to reach every person in the congregation with messages from the spirit world.

HAMMOND, INDIANA

First Progressive Spiritualist Church of Hammond, has had an excellent year with much work being done for the welfare of the people of the city and a growth in church membership. During this last year the church sponsored an effort for the welfare of the Mediums Relief Fund and it has proved to be most successful. The church people have had made and they have marketed a very beautiful sunflower pin, it is in green and gold enamel, with the Sunflower and with three leaves each representing one aspect of the religion of Spiritualism, the pin was an instant success and the board of the N.S.A.C. take this opportunity to thank the members of the Hammond Church for this splendid effort in a good cause.

May 29th, 1966 was the occasion for the installing of newly elected officers. Rev. Sadie Temme, Trustee, Indiana State Spiritualist Association acted as installing officer. She installed Pastor Helen Schaller, President, Norma Miles, Vice President, Inez Shideler, Secretary, Jean Fleener, Treasurer, Betty Hammach, one year Trustee, William Schaller, two year Trustee, Margaret Warden, three year Trustee, Frank Lovejoy.

There were all day services with the installation in the afternoon; a short lecture was delivered by Rev. Lucille Burke with a church dinner at 5 P.M. The evening services started at 7:30 P.M. with the lecture delivered by Rev. Gilbert Burke of Evansville, Indiana, guest mediums and mediums of the church delivered splendid spirit greetings to an attentive congregation.

STATE CONVENTION REPORT INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS

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The convention opened on Thursday evening with Rev. Virginia Leach Falls as the speaker. Followed with message service including Jean Cain Della Howe, wife of the First Vice President, and Rev. Geneva Carter, Second Vice President of the Association. The speaker of the evening took her subject from 1st Co-

rinthians 2nd chapter. Mr. Floyd Dryer had charge of the healing service.

Friday Morning the business sessions of the convention opened. After the roll call of officers, The President graciously welcomed the friends and delegates. The credential Committee reported with a goodly number of the delegates present. Thus starting the wheels of the convention rolling. The Committees were appointed and as soon as possible went to work. The President, secretary and treasurer's reports were read. The treasurer, Mrs. Glenna Clark, was unable to be at the convention on account of illness. Her office was taken over, just for the days of the convention by William Melick, one of the Trustees. The

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STOP! STOP, THE WORLD AND LET ME OFF!

It's almost time for the NSAC Lyceum Conference to convene in Lily Dale, N.Y. (July 14, 15, and 16.) I must attend this great meeting!

I can hardly wait for these red letter days on my calendar. The joy of meeting with our wonderful Lyceum Conductor, Rev. Ethel McLain, who is always so anxious to instruct us spiritually; to meet and mingle with our NSAC Lyceum Teachers so enthusiastically guided and inspired by Spirit Helpers; to meet with friends from most every Lyceum in the United States; and last, but not least, all of the blessed children coming to this retreat for further knowledge of our great work.

Doesn't this sound thrilling? Oh, so much fun being together at our Beach Picnic, our first Lyceum Parade, and the Contest of Physical Strength with our Dolls and Guys in the "Ball-game of the Year."

Come prepared to find a home for your "Orphans" with Foster Parents and to share your Talents with those less fortunate—whether it be in song, dance, or pantomime.

As Lyceumists, have you invited some boy or girl to enjoy these few days with you and learn of the great spiritual Truth taught in our Lyceums? I pray, that we shall find greater interest in this department than ever before. We can never fail those Teachers who so gladly donated the Andrew Jackson Davis Lyceum Building and Children's Park. Oh, yes! Did you know that we're going to rededicate the A.J. Davis Lyceum Building? It will be fun to see your face in the picture as we look back on that happy occasion years from now, knowing that you played an important part on that occasion.

We are planning, building, and working for the future—"as the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined." Without your help we can not get very far. We emphasize the importance of each child in its service; in its day to day planning; and especially, in its spiritual building activities.

This work in the Lyceum Department is one that gives us much pride. We hope each of you will not only join us in this pride, but will also help in keeping this beautiful work one where concern for the individual is prime. We can best do this by living our beliefs every day of our lives.

Don't Delay—Plan Today!

Sincerely,
Evelyn Muse

Delegate to the National Convention held in Detroit last October gave her report of the activities of said convention. Many comments were made on this report—One Officer said to the convention—Listening to Rev. Dickson's report was just like being there in person. There was little missing in her report." A rising vote of thanks was given her. The Lyceum Superintendent gave a report of the work being done through the State. The Ways and Means Committee did good work during the two days of the convention. The afternoon activities were closed with a benediction by William Schaller.

The Evening service opened with a Healing service conducted by Erwin Kennedy. Invocation was given by Rev. Harre C. Milesi followed by the Speaker of the evening, Mr. Joseph Merrill, National Secretary. He took for his subject "Spiritual Revolution." Spirit greetings were given by Mrs. Edith Wade, Mrs. Emma Paul and Rev. Harre Milesi. Closing with Benediction by Joseph Merrill.

Saturday Morning the Invocation was given by Mrs. Della Howe and the credential Committee gave its last supplementary report. The resolution Committee brought in some interesting resolutions and they were accepted. The Committee for new By-laws for the Association were dismissed with thanks. The visitors were introduced and communications were read. One interesting letter read was from a former Indiana medium, Paul Wilson of California. Dr. H. L. Skillman, the husband of a longtime Treasurer Rev. Mary Cecil Skillman of Richmond, Indiana, gave a few words of greeting. Rev. Milesi and Joseph Merrill each spoke a few words as well. Mr. Merrill spoke of the National Magazine—The Summit. He said in part "It was very important that churches ordering this magazine should try to sell them and not leave them lying around untouched. That each month there were articles of great interest about Spiritualism.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the election of officers was held. There were three officers to be either elected or re-elected. The Delgation re-elected the First Vice President to another three year term, Mr. Orval Howe. First Trustee, Mr. Geo. Hullinger was re-elected for three years as was William Melick re-elected for three years. Velma Dickson State Secretary was elected as delegate to the National Convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo. in October. Mrs. Glenna Clark as alternate.

The election was followed by remarks from a number of the delegates for the "Good of the Organization." And all unfinished business be taken care of by the incoming Board.

Saturday evening at 7 O'Clock the Banquet was held. 110 attended this gathering. The Officers and Guests were introduced by the President, Rev. Falls. Each responded. It was indeed a happy gathering. The food and decorations were all so very lovely. Dancing followed much to the delight of those who loved to dance.

Sunday Morning a number of the mediums gathered in the Sky Room where our business meetings were held this year, and gave short readings. This meeting has—down through the years—been well received. The afternoon was given over to the Lyceum work and followed by a short message service. This meeting was conducted by William Melick and the State Lyceum Superintendent Rev. Bernice Brock.

Sunday evening and the last service of the convention was opened by Healing service conducted by Rev. J. Keith Thomas. The Speaker was Mr. Joseph Merrill—His subject "An Adventure in Space"—(Most interesting). Message service by Rev. Velma Dickson and Rev. Harre Milesi. At each evening service the mediums who brought the Spirit Greetings were at their best and the work so very well received.

Rev. Sadie Temme had charge of the Open Forum during the noon day hour. This was well attended. She is the Pastor of the Union Spiritualist Church of Evansville.

Mrs. Ann Weber has served our convention for

many years as Organist. We were all glad to have her with us and her music is always appreciated. Mr. Joe Sands gave a beautiful Solo on Thursday evening, as did Mr. Slaughter, Rita Marie Robinson and Joseph Merrill during the evenings of the convention. Their song was beautiful and each in their own way seemed to bring the "Loved Ones from over There" a little neared.

On be-half of our State Board I wish to think Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Heck, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koehler for the beautiful table decoration for our Banquet and Mable Smith for the Sunflower seeds that were in little cups, one for each guest—These good folks were also responsible for the Flowers for Thursday Evening—Mrs. Clark was responsible for the Memory Flowers and for the lovely flowers that graced the Banquet table for the Officers. The above mentioned seem to have a knack of doing things that attract the eye of the public. The Little samples of Avon "Here's my Heart Powder Sachet and Avon Unforgettable Cream Sachet were placed on the tables and gifts from Mrs. Catherine Koehler. Thank you all so very much.

Time, during the convention was given to the editors of the "News Letter" which is published each month, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burke, 2525 Vista View, Evansville, Indiana. They would appreciate hearing from you.

Our State Convention will be held in Indianapolis at the Claypool Hotel, May 4-5-6-7, 1967. Start planning to be with us again. The Spiritualists in and near the State of Indiana cannot afford to miss these conventions. Looking forward with keen pleasure to seeing you all.

Velma Dickson
State Secretary

ILLINOIS STATE SPIRITUALIST CONVENTION

The I.S.S.A. 68th Annual Convention was held at the Church of the Spirit in Chicago, May 12th and 13th.

Business sessions were in the morning and afternoon. The President's report was encouraging for it revealed the activities thru out the State, the secretary's and treasurer's reports gave evidence of a solid financial foundation and growth. Many things were discussed by the delegates that were helpful to them and constructive for the Churches.

A Resolution was passed whereby each church will make an effort to form a study group, this group will be adults who will use the Lyceum back ground and endeavor to form an adult Lyceum with the hope of establishing classes later on for the children. This action was taken because most of the churches seem to think that they haven't the children to warrant having a Lyceum. In this manner of following the resolution the adult membership will learn a great deal that will be of help. Next annual convention the Churches will report to the convention of their progress.

Forty subscriptions were taken for the Summit. During the entire year ahead we shall try to promote our Official paper at all of our Churches.

Rev. E. A. Schoenfeld was again unanimously elected as president of the association. Alice M. Buechel was unanimously returned to the office of treasurer and Bernard Powell was unanimously elected to serve for for one year as Trustee, to fill the unexpired term of William Sloggett who had resigned because of ill health. Anna Gross, was unanimously re-elected Trustee for a period of three years.

The public evening services were well attended. Rev. Arthur Ford had been engaged to serve us as the guest worker but he was taken to the hospital a few days before the convention started. Rev. Ford had been in Chicago and is still in the hospital altho we are glad to be able to say he has improved a great deal.

This sudden upset in the plans for the evenings caused a little unrest, but Rev. Schoenfeld was the

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speaker on Thursday evening and Alice M. Buechel on Friday evening. Message Ministers were, Rev. Rose MacKay, Rev. Hazel O'Flaherty, Bernard Powell, Rev. Schoenfeld and Alice M. Buechel.

Plans are being made to have a large delegation attend the National Convention in St. Louis this October.

The Convention closed with a feeling of having accomplished a great deal and a united effort to go forward as a harmonious group of National Spiritualists and to do our part in teaching and following our Religion.

A special announcement which pleased the Delegates was that Rev. Ernst Schoenfeld was appointed Director of Spiritualist Benevolent Society, it is a very happy appointment.

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

State Convention Report

The 79th Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Spiritualist Association was held May 7th and 8th at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Hartford. The business session began at twelve noon and carried thru till the banquet was served in the evening. It was a joyful occasion for those who could attend.

Religious services began at 8:00 P.M. Saturday and were continued at 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, with Rev. William Graham Turner of Cassadaga, New York as guest speaker.

Members of the State board are being congratulated on their choice, in bringing Rev. Turner to Connecticut. His outstanding work will long be remembered with appreciation as the high light of the year, and just cause to invite his early return.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

State Convention Report

The 71st Annual Convention of the Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists was held in the Parker House, Boston, April 27-28-29, 1966. Convention activities started with a banquet in the Roof Garden, there were 289 guests in attendance, the churches represented included, Brockton, Lawrence, Middleboro, Salem, Springfield, Boston Ladies Aid Society and Onset. It was a pleasure to again have groups from Rev. Audra Crocker's Star Light House and from Miss Gertrude Conboy's Spiritual Guidance Church.

State President, Rev. Gladys Worsencroft introduced banquet chairman, Rev. Gladys Custance, who in turn thanked all church chairmen who for their devoted assistance in making the banquet such a splendid success. Mrs. Alice Beuchel Secretary-Treasurer, Illinois State Spiritualist Association was introduced and she offered a few remarks in her own stirring manner. Attorney John F. Cremons was called upon and he spoke briefly of his work with the State Association through the years. The State Board members were called upon and each offered their own remarks to add to the happiness of the evening. Miss Jane Standish and the "Singing Cahoons" completed the evening with several renditions including the ever popular "The Lord's Prayer."

Thursday morning saw all the delegates in their seats and the day was opened with an invocation by Ernest Coffin following which we all sang the National Anthem followed by the Salute To the Flag. President Worsencroft delivered a cordial welcoming address. After the forming of Committees a Lyceum Symposium was conducted, keen interest was evinced by all present for we are persuaded that all churches must have Lyceums if we are to survive as an entity. This was followed by a Missionaries Symposium, the various State missionaries spoke of their work during the past year.

Afternoon business session commenced on time and the president's report was read and received and the report was turned over to the proper committee, it was an excellent report offering much food for thought. The Secretary offered a detailed report of the convention of 1965 and also of the work of the intervening months. The Treasurer's report showed how well the

State is progressing financially, the auditors reported that all books and funds were in proper order. Mrs. Laurie Kirkpatrick, the Supt. of Lyceums, offered a fine report offering many good ideas for the success of the Lyceum and she included in her report a description of her trip to the Lyceum Conference in Lily Dale, N.Y., 1965. This was followed by a demonstration of spiritual healing with Mr. John Worsencroft, Mrs. Blanche Grant and Mrs. Gertrude Stevens taking part. A wonderful talk on Unidentified Flying Objects was given by Kenneth Stevens, it proved to be of great interest to the delegates.

Friday morning the invocation was offered by Rev. Edythe M. Meader, following which various reports were read, many subscriptions for the "Summit" were taken and pledges and donations were given to swell the Treasury of the State Association. In the afternoon a most impressive "Service of Remembrance" was conducted by Miss Meroe Morse and as the names were called each delegate came forward to place a flower in honor of some dear one who had moved on to the higher life. It was unanimously agreed on by the committee on the place of the next convention that it be held in the Parker House.

The next order of business was election of officers the terms of Secretary Muriel Karolides, Trustee John Worsencroft and Trustee Rev. Gladys Custance having expired, nominations were open. It was the unanimous vote of the convention that all three be returned to office for another term of three years. The Ways and Means Committee were well rewarded for their efforts, Chairman Edith Davies did an excellent work and she has done much to swell the money in the general fund. Miss Nellie Holden and Mrs. Louise Kelley did a fine work at the book table, selling many books to an eager group of students.

The evening public religious services were well attended and Alice M. Buechel and Robert J. Macdonald the guest speakers did a fine work for which they received a standing ovation, this was particularly true of the wonderful work done by Alice Buechel, the wonderful singing of Louise Kirkpatrick and Inez Vespers added much to the success of the convention. It was a wonderful convention and all the delegates were happy.

DALLAS, TEXAS

The First Spiritualist Church was host Sunday, April 24, 1966, for the Ordination of Elmer L. Actkinson. Rev. Evelyn Muse, President of the Texas State Spiritualist Conference and a Trustee for N.S.A.C., conferred the Ordination as a representative for the National Spiritualist Association of Churches. Rev. Muse was assisted by Rev. Maude Conner, Mr. James F. Bradley, Mr. A. Hanson, Mrs. A. Fris. At the conclusion of the service, William Russell McKeown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McKeown, was Christened. Rev. Elmer L. Actkinson, pastor of The First Spiritualist Church, officiated. After the service, refreshments were served by the ladies of the Church.

Rev. Actkinson is a Trustee of Texas State Spiritualist Conference.

HAMMOND, INDIANA

A long looked for occasion took place Sunday, May 1st as the First Spiritualist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

The Occasion was the Ordination of Joseph B. Williams of East Gary to the ministry. The official, conferring the ordination was the Secretary of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists, Rev. Velma Dickson.

The church, located at 469-471 State Street, was filled with members and friends of the church and of Mr. Williams.

A program of music was given by Mrs. Dorothy Eslinger and two solos by Mrs. Bea Summers. Mrs. Emma Paul President of the church, presided. Fol-

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lowing the congregational singing Rev. Dickson gave the invocation closing with the Lord's Prayer. She also gave the scripture reading.

Mr. John Paul escorted the candidate to the rostrum. Rev. Dickson read the Authorization after which she gave the address to the candidate and the conferring of the Ordination. Mrs. Emma Paul gave the charge to the Rev. Williams. After which Rev. Dickson delivered a Prayer of Ordination. Rev. Williams responded in a pleasing manner and with a ten minute talk relative to his great desire to become a minister and the long hours of study sandwiched in between his hours of work.

A delicious dinner was served in the dining hall. A cake given Rev. Williams by friends of Chicago, was cut by the new Minister and served with coffee.

The Speaker for the evening service was Rev. Velma Dickson. Her subject was "Religion Is Refreshing." The message bearers were Rev. Dickson, Mrs. Emma Paul and other guest workers.

It was a delightful day and every one left the church

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Co-Operative Spiritualist Church, 115 South Packwood Avenue, Tampa, Florida wishes to announce that the church building has been deeded to the National Spiritualist Association of Churches as of this date, May 13th, 1966.

This happy event concludes a series of meetings and conferences on the part of the church membership under the direction of church president, Mrs. Alice Leon Knight and the Secretary, Jessie Heimberger. The Founder of this fine church was Rev. Sarah Parker Thomson. It was her great pride and joy and we are sure that from her home in spirit she will send her blessings to the church members.

feeling it was good to have been there. Guests from the entire Calumet district were there to enjoy the day and wish the new Minister well.

TRANSITIONS

Fischer—William Fischer (63) Chicago, Illinois, April 21st, 1966. A native of Thuringia, Germany, Mr. Fischer was an associate of the Church of The Spirit, Chicago, for more than 35 years. Survived by wife Erna, Chicago and two sisters in Thuringia, brother and nephew an M.D. of West Germany; close friends Martha and William Olle family. Funeral services by his Brothers of the Masonic Lodge, Pastor Schoenfeld was engaged in Spring Board meeting of the N.S.A.C. in Florida. Upon his return, Pastor Schoenfeld, a close friend for many years conducted Memorial services in the Church Of The Spirit, interment in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago.

Towner—Rev. Alice Lamb Towner, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19, 1966. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Carl Siegrist, son Harold Lamb, six grandchildren and six great grand-children. Rev. Towner for over forty years was an officer of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association, serving as Trustee, Secretary, President and at the time of passing was Vice-President. Funeral services from the Bamber Funeral Home, Cincinnati, Ohio. The Rev. Amy Pearce, President, O. S. S. A. and Ralph D. Cutlip, Sr., Treasurer, N.S.A.C. officiating.

Pastor—Rev. John Pastor (77) Cassadaga, Florida, May 21, 1966. Survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, one sister, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rev. Pastor was president of First Spiritualist Church, Cassadaga, a member of Lake Helen-Cassadaga Chamber of Commerce and American Legion, he has had a long career in Spiritualism having served churches in Ohio and Alabama and many states between. Funeral services from Cassadaga Auditorium, Rev. Arthur A. Myers, senior Trustee, N.S.A.C., officiated.

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BELLEVILLE—Belleville Spiritualist Church, No. 10 Public Square, Belleville, Illinois. Worship Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Lyceum Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Pastor Rev. Hazel E. O'Flaherty, 11 Commodore Drive., Secretary Mrs. Ethel Fix, 122 S. Douglas Ave.

CHICAGO—Church of The Spirit, 2651 N. Central Park Ave. Chicago's oldest Spiritualist Church. Sundays, Family Worship Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Wed., All Message Services, 7:45 p.m. Rev. Ernst Schoenfeld, Pastor.

Spiritualist Church of Truth, 3349 W. North Ave. Services every Sun. at 7 p.m. Healing, Lecture, Messages. Rev. Theodore Siers, Pres.; Mrs. Mildred Berge, Secretary.

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

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

CICERO—1st Spiritualist Church, 5033 W. 25th Place. Church Service Sun., 2:30 p.m., Lecture, Messages and Healing. Mildred Lay, Sec.

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

EAST ST. LOUIS—United Spiritualist Church, 51st St. and Ohio Ave. Services Sunday and Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Ottilie S. Dryoff, 711 N. 52nd St., East St. Louis, Ill. 62203.

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

LEROY—J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church, 102 South Pearl Street, LeRoy, Illinois 61752. Healing, Message service, Sunday 2 P.M. Rev. Daryl N. Winters Pastor, 313 E. Center St., Ph. 962-2066. Secretary, Mrs. F. Marion Phillips, 501 W. Cedar St., Ph. 962-5751. Treasurer, Mr. Percy Phillips. Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Adelle Dunkin, Lyceum Leader, Rev. Daryl N. Winters.

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

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

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

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

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

HAMMOND—1st Progressive Spiritualist Church (K. P. Hall) 5454 Hohman Avenue. Healing Service every Sunday, 7:15 P.M. Services 7:30 P.M. Pastor Mrs. Helen Schaller 1518 173rd Place, Secretary, Mrs. Jean Fleener, 230 Hobart St., Gary, 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 seance if announced. Pastor, Victoria C. Varneu, 19 Pope St., Gardiner; Pres. Blanche M. Taylor 276 Northern Ave., Augusta; Cor. Sec'y, Dorothy E. Mason, 13 Florence St., 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, Paston, Brewer Maine; Pres. Sadie Harriman, Bangor, Maine Secy. Mary Ebberson.

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, Secy.

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 Custance, Co-Pastors.

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

SPRINGFIELD—First Spiritualist Church, Inc., 33-37 Bliss Street. Services Sunday, 3 P.M. President, Mrs. Ruth Aggerup, Secretary, Mrs. Marion Hitchcock.

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

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

LESLIE—Flower Memorial Spiritualist Church, West Bellvue St. Lyceum, 10:30 a.m.; Church service, 7:30 p.m. Rev. E. McLain, Pres.; Irene Smith, Sec'y, 613 Rice Street, phone JU 9-2731.

MUSKEGON—First National Spiritualist Church, Port Room, Occidental Hotel, Sunday Services 7:30 p.m. (Healing 7:00) Marvel Francisco, Pres.; Julia (Bobby) Kuehnl, Sec'y., 3754 Baker St., Muskegon Hts., Michigan 49444.

ROYAL OAK—First Spiritualist Temple, 114 Pingree, Sunday, Lyceum, 10 a.m. Church Service, 11:45 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., Ralph Cheney, President, Edith A. Thornback, Sec'y, 1865 Beech Lane, Troy, Mich.

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, 3674 Harrison, 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.

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.

EAST AURORA—First Spiritual Temple, 29 Temple Place. Services, 10:30 A.M. Easter Sunday until Labor Day, 2:30 P.M. rest of the year. Pastor, Rev. Raymond C. Cudney, 204 Baynes St., Buffalo, phone, T. T. 3-3968. Secretary, Mrs. Fred Block, 484 Main Street, West Seneca, 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.

LILY DALE—Lily Dale Spiritualist Church, Lily Dale N.Y. Services, Healing and devotional, 11 a.m. each Sunday, September through June. Corinne Hawes, President, Dorothy Maxwell Smith, Secretary.

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. 3:00 p.m. Rev. Ralph A. Whitney, Minister.

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. Otmar D. Garrett, President, 535 S. Water St. 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.

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

TOLEDO—National Spiritualist Church, 2114 Allenby Road. Services Wednesday Evenings, 8:00. Pastor, Orlyss Ballmer.

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.

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ENID—Spiritualist Healing Center Church, 506 West Iowa. Phone AD 7-0865. Sunday 10 A.M. Lyceum. Alice Marie Eppinette, Conductor. 11 A.M. Lecture and Class work followed by Spirit Greetings. Free Public Healing Demonstrations. Alice Marie Eppinette, Pastor and Healer. Mr. A. S. P. Fields, 409 North Independence, Phone AD 7-1138, Assistant Pastor and Healer.

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. Minister and President, Orpha V. Wible; Vice president, Mr. I. J. Bowman; Secretary-Treasurer, Frances G. Jenkins.

Tulsa Spiritual Light Church, 123 South Xanthus, Services, Monday and Friday evenings at 8 p.m. Margaret C. May, Minister.

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, Pastor.

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.

PITTSBURGH—First Spiritualist Church, 256 Boquet St. Service Sunday and Thursday, 8 p.m. MU 2-3878.

READING—First Spiritualist Church of Reading, 421 Bengaman St. Services Sunday 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clara Senior, pastor, Rd. No. 4, Lititz, Pa., 17543. Telephone 717-773-4547.

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. Rev. Elmer L. Actkinson, Pastor, TE 8-8248, Ft. Worth, Mr. James F. Bradley, Pres., DA 7-3625, Dallas. Mailing Address, Sec'y 111 North Aeres Dr., Dallas 75217, AT6-4962.

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, 9 Chelsea Place, Houston 77006. 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.

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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, 341 2nd St. S.E.; Sunday service, Friendly Hour 6:30 p.m., Evening service 7:30 p.m.; Ruth Circle 2nd and 4th Wednesday 12 p.m.; Pres. Rachel Baars, P. O. Box 395, Sumner, Washington; Sec'y. Theresa G. Boss, 1802 S. Adams, Tacoma, (98405) SK. 9-7144.

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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 a.m. Rev. Charles Alldredge, Pastor.

WISCONSIN

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

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

Pilgrim Psychic Science Church N.S.A.C. 1239 South 15th Street, Milwaukee. Devotional Service Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Mrs. Jennie Scholz, 1621 So. 84th St., West Allis, Secretary.

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by spirits . . . so that if a soul passes away while steeped in sin and falsehood, it cannot all at once become pure and true; such a spirit, if called on to answer a question is liable to answer as ignorantly and falsely as it would have done in the flesh."

As Sir Conan Doyle said when I last saw him in Omaha, "Silly questions, asked by silly people, of ignorant spirits, will get silly and unbelievable answers."

QUIZ CORNER (Continued)

haps the broadest classifications come from many nineteenth century philosophers who divided religion into two parts—Nature Religion and Ethical Religion—such classification is the bases of the school of Auguste Comte, that of animism, the belief that all objects have indwelling souls or are endowed with individual life. Again we see this reflected in the presence of Spirit the very foundation of religion however expressed.

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Illumine my life.