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EDITORIAL

THAT WILL BE GLORY

My home, as a child was filled with singing notably hymn singing, we were not a particularly religious family, so far as formal religion was concerned but my parents came from deeply religious backgrounds and my father loved to hear his children sing, especially hymns. His favorite was the old fashioned "ninety and nine," one of mine was the equally old "oh that will be glory for me." Maybe the melody appealed to me, or maybe even then the bright world of my childhood was darkening with the clouds of war, "Der Tag" was a phrase that meant trouble even if I did not understand what it meant.

When I was young I read all the newspapers that I could lay hand to, I saw pictures of the soldiers (1914-1918 War) coming home from France covered with trench mud, poor

pitiable young men, tired unto death met by their weeping relatives each trying to comfort the other, the sameness of those depressing scenes was etched deeply on my young mind. From that day, war and the agony it inflicted on ignorant, innocent people, has affected me deeply.

Man has warred with man since the dim dawn of history and the rise and fall of nations is the sorry record of our achievements. There is no answer that can explain, even in a small degree, what can or should be done to stop the carnage. Every important and influential segment of every nation has the impelling—the demanding mission to stop war. We are and should be proud to fight for our nation, its honor, its growth and its ever growing importance in the world; the smaller and lesser nations of the world look to the U.S. for assistance and guidance but we **here** must know just what we are fighting for.

We have seen—and we have applauded—the passage of Civil Rights legislation in the U.S. We have approved all that has been done and is being done, to end Negro ghettos in our large cities and we have; Negro and white alike, have been appalled at the carnage resulting from the demand for more "black power" which no one seems to know consists of what. For the moment we have lost the battle for integration, if that is the proper word for the continuing strife, time alone will show what is really wanted.

For many months the public print has been filled with encouraging news of the settlement of religious differences between major Christian Denominations and all truly unbiased people have been encouraged. Just recently one of the major T.V. networks devoted a major portion of two evening news programs with news of an alleged strife between Protestants and Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland. A deal of film was devoted to a parade of members of the Orange Lodge, some time being given to the words of a Protestant minister fulminating against the Roman Catholic church. The T.V. announcer concluded with the words (more or less) that it would be a long time before Northern Ireland caught up with the twentieth century. Since Northern Ireland is a highly industrialized country, his words had no meaning at all except to stir up old and best forgotten hatreds. Religious differences will never be solved by T.V. announcers.

The recent vicious religious strife in Viet Nam is quieted for now. We can be sure that the feeling of harmony was not reached because of the many T.V. programs shown over the networks here, it would seem that just as soon as there is comparative religious peace in one troubled country, the roving reporters

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WHY AREN'T SPIRITUALISTS CHRISTIANS?



Wilbur F. Hull,
N. S. T.

This is one of the most pointed questions put to any Spiritualist. It often arouses antagonism, argument and bitter dissension. Despite the use of Biblical quotations, nothing ever gets settled.

To switch the question around and ask, "Are Christians Spiritualists," there ensues much less difficulty, as a unanimous "No!" would fill the air.

Because no simple answer can be put forth to the original question, however, means that seldom do two individuals enter into the knowledge, study or acceptance of Spiritualism in the same way. Some have ascended the ladder of understanding a rung at a time, possibly through other "new thought" religions and find this one to be the most rational, soul-satisfying and helpful. Many with a scientific turn of mind have utilized the evidence of phenomena both physical and mental to satisfy their wonder as to whether the dead live.

Even when their questions are answered, not all of these seekers are willing to abandon their earlier orthodox training. For this, among other reasons, the Spiritualist movement has been split—or fractured—by the demands of its followers to graft on outworn ideas of the past.

Much could be settled by searching and researching religious history, its writings, and its true sources. Too often a form of understanding is believed to have occurred, even though without true study or application of knowledge that is available. It is much simpler for the majority of so-called "seekers" to accept at face value everything which has passed as spiritual "currency" for centuries. They seek no enlightenment and thus their limited opinion decides the issue, which results in little progress.

Considering the birth of Modern Spiritualism, we find it easy to realize that there must have been a cause and a purpose. Those helping to create it are not known. We can believe that there was a multitude from the Unseen working in concerted effort to attract the attention of this world. How well the effort succeeded in a day before radio, television or other news media were available, has been proven—it was phenomenal! It has spread still further, although the need has never seemed so urgent for the truth as now. Perhaps what modern day man is searching for is not truth, but a "gimmick."

In studying the biography of the Fox sisters, we learn that Benjamin Franklin appeared at a sitting given by Katie and Margaret Fox for Horace Greeley. The strict test conditions in this sitting lead us to believe that Franklin's actual spirit presence had a purpose, to convince Greeley that this new movement had replaced past faith-systems which had proven unsuitable.

Andrew Jackson Davis knew of the coming Spiritualism. He had been told of it. He had earlier prepared himself for this new age. When 18 he had gone into the Catskill Mountains where he met and conversed with the spirits of Swedenborg and a man later identified as Galen, the famous Greek physician. It was through them that he was inspired, but history has buried him in the activities of the past hundred years and has given him little notice. If the Fox sisters were the Unwilling Martyrs, Davis was the enthusiastic genius and willing philosopher behind the Spiritualist Cause.

Modern Spiritualism of the 19th Century, with its rappings and physical phenomena, aroused the world. Its simple truth and simplicity awakened a materialistic public. But the underlying principle was as old as the recorded history of men. Mediumship had had its beginnings as a physical phase from the first reappearance of a departed soul. In 1848 its purpose was not to rearouse an interest in Christianity, but to change man's attitude, to recognize the divinity within each individual, to begin a fresh concept of the knowledge that had been neglected for over 2000 years. Spirit communion would furnish this source of information and give answer, as well, to the never-ending question, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

The knowledge of an after-life replaced at once the faith which had been necessary through the centuries. Superstition and the mythological Saviour-God was dispersed as a fog before a gentle breeze. This hazy hearsay, so long accepted, was no longer necessary. The religion that had worshipped the nebulous past was replaceable by one which dealt entirely with the provable present.

The Church did not respond kindly to this spiritual infant. Denouncement came from every pulpit. Spiritualism, as understood by some of its followers, claimed Christianity as its mother, but the Church denied the parent-hood.

The reasons for this denial were many. Spiritualism needed no authoritative book. It depended upon no priest or minister to exer-

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cise control. It went to the Source to seek its answers, answers which the Church denied were true. Side-stepping the authority of the ruling hand free from the pulpit, new knowledge was found—the basic truth that God is *all present*, manifested through *all Life*.

Gone was the Trinity. Gone was the Saviour-God idea. Gone a thousand chains which had limited man's reach for twice that many years. Away with bell, book and candles, the calendar of Saints, the sombre long-faced atmosphere, the bread and the wine, the smell of sulphur, the threat of hellfire, the need for redemption and, most of all, the physical resurrection.

Spiritualism through its principles emphasizes the spirit-revealed knowledge regarding Infinite Intelligence. The God-within had found the God-Without, a God so vast, so all-encompassing, that orthodoxy denied Its Existence even on a clear night when the entire Universe testified to the Reality.

Spiritualism made its stand upon true religion, stating it to be a correct understanding of the expressions of this Manifesting Mind, and living in harmony with it. The Spiritualist attitude replaced pious worship, prayer-books, penances and psalm-singing. Religion became an attunement through self-realization, rather than a plea for forgiveness of in-born sin.

In considering all of this departure from past ignorance, is it not amazing that we still relapse into a desire to perpetuate a man-constructed system; that we lend even feeble support, by emulating that which has no part of our Spirit Inspired Truth?

Despite repeatedly giving lip-service to our Principles, many Spiritualists fail to understand our denial of a literal Hell, the affirmation that a new day can be begun here or hereafter. In this one principle serious issue is taken with every declared Christian, yet daily it is said, "We are Christian."

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It is routine to hear a Spiritualist say that we accept all Bibles and acknowledge all spiritual leaders of the past. But do we really? Much controversy has come about within our ranks. The superstition of the past regarding this "Word of God" still dogs our footsteps, still casts its threatening shadow across our pathway to progress. Custom dies hard and the "transfusion of tradition" keeps alive the belief that the "Sacred Word" lends dignity and needed respectability to public services.

Little effort is made to seek the Source of this religious authority. Most Christians believe that God-inspired holy men wrote His ideas and put down the Commands for daily living.

Bishop Faustus, an eminent Christian writer of the fourth century, declares that:

"It is certain the New Testament was not written by Christ Himself, nor by His apostles, but a long while after them, by some unknown persons who, lest they should not be credited when they wrote of the affairs they were little acquainted with, affixed to their works the names of apostles, or of such as was supposed to be their companions, asserting that what they had written themselves was written according to those persons to whom they had ascribed it."

Let us consider what Andrew Jackson Davis had to say on the subject:

"We are told by honorable gentlemen who keep the pulpits, that the Bible is the inspired word; the word of God. Now it would be entirely just to ask: how is it possible for them to make this assertion intelligently unless they have received and comprehended a superior revelation? Plenty of persons believe the Bible to be "The Word of God." Why do they believe? . . . in consequence of their fathers and forefathers. . . . of those about them who occupy high places from the earliest youth and were taught to reverence as the true teachers of this Book and its truths. To affirm that the Bible is truly and totally the communication of God. . . . is an authority based on opinion, which more simple-mindedness would banish from the intellectual faculties."

If we were to add one more principle to affirm our position more clearly, we might state: "We affirm education to be the greatest tool for man's salvation from war, poverty, disease and the abolition of religious controversy."

Surely, we cannot truly say that Christianity has made great inroads in 2,000 years as to solving any of the foregoing. In fact, we could more truly say that it has abated some of it. And still we are moved to say, "We are Christians."

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Often we obtain clues about trends by studying young people and their responses. Students seeking knowledge of Spiritualism frequently ask: "Do you believe in a Hell?" They are quite astonished when we declare that we do not accept a literal Hell, that we believe Heaven and Hell to be conditions, not locations. These indoctrinated young people consequently suspect that we are not moral, that without a designated "place" to receive punishment or reward we cannot possibly control the morality of our followers. The idea is equivalent to the traditional razor-strop, which long hung behind the door as a threat to youthful miscreants. Spiritual philosophy accepts "being good" for the sake of goodness, itself, not from fear.

This preachment of a hellish doctrine is one of the darkest spots of Christian theology. We hear less about it since it has become a lesser part of the Sunday church sermon. These superstitions will eventually vanish altogether, as an enlightened public is made to realize that law and order have always prevailed in the Universe, that science, in all humility, has found more answers than the church has with all its arrogance and pomposity.

It is rather redundant to refer to early church history when honest information on the subject is all about us. Perhaps we ignore it? Perhaps we do not really want to face the facts? Is it possible that we believe one cannot arrive at any exact knowledge?

We find upon analysis that Christianity is actually a combination of five religions: Judaic, Egyptian, Babylonian, Greek and Mithraic. All of these religious beliefs centered at Alexandria in Egypt, in the fourth century. Christianity became an official state religion at Nicea under the ruler Constantine, in 325 A.D. Five great names therefore associated with the changing thought of the times: Krishna, Buddha, Confucius, Socrates and Jesus. The writing of none of these men remain. Later generations had the responsibility of recording their thoughts as best they could. No original document remains which relates to the Life of Jesus. Nor does any dependable copy of an original exist. The closest source of information comes from Paul. He knew Peter, James and John, but not Jesus. He mentions Jesus as being the seed of David and thus having had a human father.

Paul's vision on the road to Damascus aroused his determination to crusade. He felt that he had been singled out to proclaim Jesus as the new Messiah. This brought about the crucified Saviour belief which has deviated the entire course of history and altered the lives and destinies of a large segment of the human race. We can thus realize that without

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Paul there would have been no record of Christianity.

Paul could not alter his idea as to why Jesus had died. He was adamant in his belief that the death of Jesus was the prime importance, which is why little mention is made in his letters of Jesus' life on earth.

The Church, in the past, has been the natural enemy of all mediums. It thinks no more kindly of them now, which is understandable. Mediumship is the source of new spiritual information. The very foundations of church authority can be jeopardized by the truth which flows from Spirit. Its only defense is to declare that this Source is evil, of the devil and lying forces, or to deny it in one sweep by declaring it to be an hallucination.

There is no possible connection between Spiritualism and Christianity. Christianity is established upon creeds, creeds which Spiritualists do not accept, creeds which Christianity will never disavow. Not as long as its organized churches remain.

This Church, of which we have no part, stands for the Holy Trinity—salvation by faith, baptism, the miraculous Life of Jesus. It declares that the Holy Bible is accurate and historically factual in its story of Adam and Eve and creation, right up to the death and reappearance of Jesus. Remove any of these segments and there is no Christianity. And still we insist, "We are Christians."

We are frequently asked, why cannot Spiritualism augment Christianity? I believe Christians would rather feed on the roots and acorns beneath the Tree of Life and call it a banquet, than to reach up into the branches for the fruit of True Communion, believing it to be poisonous.

Andrew Jackson Davis is quite lucid on this point:

Skeptical minds will get their questions answered outside the churches. Then the churches will come to you! Be careful, my friend, lest you forget and go to the churches; do not be absorbed by them. There is danger in becoming too popular. Beware when the Churches begin to consider it profitable to invite you to take a seat in in their beautiful compartments. Accept this and you are on the road to annihilation. . . . there is no advantage to accrue from Christianizing Spiritualism. . . . does the Spiritualist need the past to endorse him? Far from it. The worst disadvantage would result from the adoption of Spiritualism by the churches. . . . In fifty short years our Spiritualism would have a sectarian encasement. Forbid it, O Genius of Progression!

"Spiritualists! Stand positive; do not go backwards. Go up into the resplendent

Temple of Father God and Mother Nature; stand ye firmly there; and into yourselves welcome the spiritual testimony."

There is at present a great unrest within the general public. Buried deep in all men there is the urge to satisfy the longing of the soul for truth; the hunger for knowledge concerning a purpose of life; a reason for solving the daily problems of ordinary living. Many are not satisfied with the answers that have been given in the past. The assurance that the faithful shall be raised up makes no sense to those who have an inquiring mind. The hazy heaven of the Christian no longer comforts the thinking mind, nor does the answer: "One World At A Time."

Spiritualism is still in its infancy. It is a strong and healthy infant born of a plan, for a purpose, destined to become a great religious adult. Its present nine principles are its greatest reasons for existence. Not one of them is weak or unnecessary. Each one bears witness to the other and supports those which follow. And even though there is not one statement contained within these principles that needs Christian verification or substantiation, still we cry out: "Respect me, for I, too, am a Christian!"

If prediction is in order, then we can truly say: "The day will come when every Spiritualist Principle will justify itself."

Some day these affirmations will at last receive wide and whole-hearted acceptance. Though the name of Spiritualism may be lost and buried in the dust of man's neglect and ignorance, its universal appeal will live on through the ages in the demonstration of mediumship.

We owe a debt of gratitude to both sides of life—to those from the Great Unseen who found the time and place to demonstrate our humble beginnings, and to those in the Great Known, who were our pioneers and forbears in this great Science.

We can best repay this obligation by facing the future fearlessly, and never looking back into the doubts and frustrations of the past. We can best serve Spirit by saying:

"Guide me to become a useful channel in expressing my expanding consciousness. Use me to dispense New Truth when occasion demands. May the World of Spirit lead me to the highest pinnacle, where I may face the blinding light of endless knowledge, where I may no longer be tempted to look back into the valley of a decadent and worn-out past. Give me the courage to express my own, unique personality. Let me not be fearful of uttering sentiment which may be a few days ahead of its time. Above all, do not allow me to express the attitude of being an authority.

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THE PRAYERS GOD ANSWERS



Rev. Enid S. Smith, Ph.D.

The poet Coleridge tells us, "He prayeth best who loveth best, all things both great and small"; and Tennyson reminds us, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Prayer is the most powerful gift of all God's gifts to us, for when we pray, as the great physician Alexis Carrel tells us, we link ourselves with the power that binds the universe. How helpless man would

be if he could not pray to God.

One of the most remarkable illustrations of answers to prayer is that of a woman who had gone through four operations for the removal of a cancerous brain tumor and the insertion of a plastic plate wired to the skull to take the place of bone that had been removed. Though the operations were termed "successful," fluid build up and stitches would not heal, and there were agonizing headaches. The attending physician had hoped the stitches would have started to heal, and the fluid would have lessened. He suggested the possibility of another operation. This seemed impossible for the patient to endure. She and her husband in the hospital prayed that God would heal her head. When he went home, he gathered their three little girls in his arms and prayed with them for "Mother's healing." Then the husband phoned several friends who in turn called up their friends requesting prayers for healing of their friend. This went on in geometrical progression until afterward they found out that many hundreds of people prayed that night for the healing. One, we are told, called Hawaii, and another had called Haifa. And doubtless other places at a distance were contacted.

The next day the physician called to see what was occurring in the patient. He said, "I don't believe it!" Then to the patient, he said, "The fluid has gone, you skin is firm and the stitches have healed! Of course, this does not happen over night. If I did not behold it with my own eyes, I would not believe it." The prayers of the former evening were mentioned, as the woman began to thank the physician. He replied, "Don't thank me, but your praying friends. Nothing have I ever seen like this before." Since the healing was complete, the doctor took out the stitches, and discharged the patient. The husband took his happy wife home, praising and thanking God.

Prayer is the key to the spirit world, but

it is faith that unlocks the door. The power of prayer that brings the answer is FAITH. "Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe ye receive them, and ye shall have them," says the Master of Galilee. The word here, "believe," means to have faith. Faith and Prayer must work together if we are to obtain worthwhile results. Faith is a faculty of mind and soul and can be used on the mental and spiritual plane.

By prayer we tap the Divine River of Life. Jesus was a man of prayer. He is the shining example of the power of supplication. It was largely through this means that His lofty aims reached fulfilment. He prayed for all conditions of mankind, for His own undertakings, even to praying all night long before choosing his disciples. Jesus did not get the answer, or the affirmative answer to His prayer regarding the crucifixion. He always prayed to the Father, desiring His will be done. He was given strength to bear the cross, and through death secured the very object of His earthly mission when understood. It is so true, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said in his first sermon, "Everybody prays, everybody get answers to their prayers; be careful how you pray. The answers we get are often yes and no. But they are answers and from the ALL WISE ONE."

Science has proved that vibrations in the form of thoughts or words released into Cosmic Consciousness with adequate force behind them are propelled into the field of spiritual attraction intended. Prayer is a form of force. It is governed by God's and Nature's exact and unfailing Law, just as other forces and elements are.

Prayer can be seen to effect everything; for example, in Nature, even to plants trees, winds and waves. Jesus spoke to the fig tree that was not doing its duty, and it withered. He spoke to the winds and the waves, and they obeyed.

The affect of prayer on plants has also been proved by many scientific experiments. Prayer speeds up growth, shortens the time of germination of seeds, and improves generally plant life. The writer is familiar with Glenn Clark's work and his conducted prayer plant experiments with excellent results. Some of these experiments were conducted by Dr. Paul Vasse and his wife who took pictures showing the favorable results obtained. Dr. Franklin Loehr, in his early experimentation, tells of prayer-circle members, each carrying on an experiment of his own and praying in his own way. The results on corn and wheat were most impressive. The prayer-corn outgrew the non-

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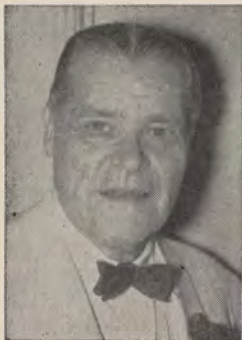
prayer corn by 26.14%, and the prayer-wheat outgrew the non-prayer wheat by 26.99%.

Max Freedom Long tells of his experiments with certain trees of which he took pictures showing the power of love and attention. There were two peach trees, planted in the same conditions of light, soil, moisture, the only variant was love. One of the two trees was given personal attention, talked to, loved, praised, and given much commendation, while the other was ignored. The one that was loved was much taller and more thrifty, and bent over slightly toward where Mr. Long came to give it his attention and love. The other tree was stunted, depleted looking.

Prayer will effect everything in Nature; diseases are cured. Emaciated bodies are made strong; people are lifted from poverty to wealth and power. Through prayer we may throw a wall of unfailing protection around us, our work, our entire lives, and even around about those at a distance from us. History, church, world evolutionary development have proven the power of prayer and its importance. There are no limits as to what prayer can do. So, what a privilege to be able to pray, to thank God, and His ministering angels!

In passing it might be mentioned that the present writer lived two years in a faith school, a Bible school, in Massachusetts, when she was preparing when very young for missionary work. We had a farm and all of us worked very hard. We fasted and prayed all one day every week. Everything was supplied that we needed.

The tested, scientific, and approved methods employed in the prayers God answers are in the following statements. Go into a closet or room where you are undisturbed, sit or lie down comfortably. Relax, close eyes, and turn your attention down into your body, after making certain each part of the body is relaxed and free from tension. Close eyes and get the sense of the Presence of God surrounding and filling you. Now you are ready to use a prayer, since you have removed all negatives, are relaxed and your attention is on God. Your prayer at first, at least, is not a petition but a reverie, as "Father, I abide in Thy glorious Presence." All is well. You make known your requests unto God, believing you have already received them. Jesus said, "When you pray, believe you have received and ye shall receive." Your prayer is a brief, scientific prayer that brings in the Power. To bring this Power into your life you use consciousness, awareness. To bring electricity into a house you use a copper wire. Hold this mood of receptive attention, letting the Power to flow in, until you have the perfect assurance your prayer is answered and will in time manifest. This Power may be manifest in many ways—healing of material bodies, also as comfort, enlightenment, assurance, and the relieving of troubled thoughts. After you have turned on the Power and it flows through you, do what comes to you to do, your part, in the fulfilment of your requests. "As thy faith, so shall it be established unto thee, and the light shall shine upon thy ways." You have asked and you shall receive.



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Question—Why does the Christian Orthodox religion claim to be Monotheistic when truly it is dualistic since they believe in two ruling forces, God and Satan—whom they regard as the devil? B.C.M., New York.

Answer—The Monotheistic consideration is centered around a great primal creative force which man has called God. In conjunction with an earth personage who he is reputed to have called his only begotten son; born of an earth mother and incarnated with His spirit, God as a PERSONAGE became the object ruler of the Christian world. Since this condition was never claimed by Jesus in His teaching, that development came about through the formulated creedal and dogmatic declarations of apostles and converts many years after the cruel crucifixion on the cross—thus was born the Monotheistic supremacy as propounded by all Christian orthodox churches. It became the interpretation of mortal mind as befitted the mental caliber of that particular age. Such interpretations have been modified and added to through many centuries and as a result we find the many sects which make up the body of Christendom.

One fact become evident, God is eternal. As taught in Spiritualism, Infinite Intelligence, is the ruling force behind cause and effect and

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remains constant—unchangeable. We learn to adapt the routine of life according to the demands of our nature and the times. In this way we never become subservient to past events or the personal sacrifices of any other human being. The universal law teaches that we grow as we build, this it seems is the fundamental basis of progress. It is interesting to note that the Roman Catholic church claims that God and Jesus are one and the same person, thus there is established for them a personal God, whose power is absolute and whose judgement will formulate future life for the individual. This in turn is guaranteed by certain rites, rituals and denials in each personal approach with dire results if in any way violated. There is nothing of this sort found in the teaching of Jesus but it would seem to be rather the reflection of certain customs of many earlier religious philosophies.

The vital difference between Roman Catholic and Protestant belief is that the latter system claims that Jesus is the Son Of God, again this established the theory of a personal God—that He is a creative vital power—that He reigns in a nebulous somewhere and will pass personal judgement on every individual after the change called death. Again we find separation in interpretation, since some Christian churches teach that we shall sleep until the judgment day and be resurrected in a mass body to be accepted or refused an entrance into God's Kingdom. There is nothing in the teaching of Jesus to substantiate this belief. Jesus himself proved that it is not necessary to wait a stipulated period of time for resurrection into a new expression of life, nor must we sleep three days in the tomb before experiencing the resurrection morn. Since spirit is indestructible, Natural Law makes those periods of sleep impossible. Jesus Himself claimed that he was the son of man, he felt that his purpose in life was to teach not to save. He was a rebel in the eyes of the Hebraic church because He could not accept the demanded precepts of that church. He fully admitted the presence of a Power which he called his Father. He demonstrated certain mental and spiritual qualities which he claimed were natural gifts, but being totally misunderstood, his many spiritual talents were called supernatural. In those year that which the populace could experience but could not fully comprehend was considered a direct manifestation of God. Some Christian churches today teach that his mission in life was the shedding of his blood that the souls of men might be redeemed, the apostolic teaching was not so much in this direction but rather that Jesus came to teach, set an example for exemplary living, give advice and spiritual counsel and

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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.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR SPIRITUALISM IN 1966, WHO IS DOING IT, CAN WE DO MORE.

I think we have come to the turn of the road when we of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, and particularly among our Lyceum Leaders must do a lot of serious thinking about the future of our Religion, although I believe this task must be the combined effort of every thinking Spiritualist for the growth and unfoldment of the truths we present as a Religion, a Science and a Philosophy.

Today as never before the World needs the truth which we can give, yet even in our own groups we find resentment, jealousy and certainly a lack of understanding and brotherly love, and this we most certainly do not want the world to accept. We could say that our Religion teaches the continuity of Life and the return of Spirit, but is this enough? In the July issue of The Summit, we read the very excellent report of the Committee of Dialectical Society of 1873, which proved to many sceptics the continuity of life and also the absolute power of Spirit to do the seemingly impossible things that were accomplished, yet many, who not knowing of these accomplishment, would still scoff.

It has been said by people who say they are interested, the proof you give was in another age, but what of the teachings of Jesus, His teachings are not scoffed at, but because many do not understand Him as being a Medium, they are called miracles, we as Spiritualists accept His teachings as Mediumistic and in accordance with Natural Law.

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This is true also of so many incidents in the Old Testament, so this is old, but the demonstrations of today are just as real and true. What of the teachings of our Pioneers, Andrew Jackson Davis, 1826, Hudson Tuttle 1836, The Fox sisters 1848, Dr. Peebles 1822, Emma Harding Britton 1823, Alfred Kitson 1855, The Bangs sisters of that Era, The Campbell brothers, J. J. Morse, Sir William Crooks, Cora B. Richmond, Mattie and Moses Hull, Thomas Grimshaw, and many more. So much material which we can use together with the thinking of the great Spiritualist teachers of today.

Physically, and Materially, and Scientifically the world has progressed, Religion has stood still. A great many people are interested in Extra Sensory Perception, and those who once were our deepest critics are beginning to feel the impact that Spiritualism is making in the World. It is up to us now to prove ourselves in making our Churches a center of education, we must make others realize our religion makes us a happier individual, and points us to a new way of Life. Man is a Spiritual being now, and it is only by making man realize his spiritual advancement now is important to a life in a future existence, then let our Lyceums be useful to all, and that our children may be taught true Spiritualism in their early years, and that members coming to use from other Churches may be urged to understand what Spiritualism means before being admitted into the Fellowship of Membership.

Let us then as teachers get an idea of the lessons presented, a rough idea can be given: Pre School Spiritual readings, songs, drills etc.

- 5-7 Learning of God through Nature, Declaration of Principles, Simple Bible stories with Spiritualistic interpretation.
- 7-9 Continuing Bible studies, Character Training, enlarging upon the meaning of Declaration of principles, Healing Prayers, Nature studies.
- 9-10 Scientific Stories of the Beginning of the World, according to Science.
- 10-11 Deeper insight in the above through Science and God.
- 11-12 Other Religions, Christianity—the main difference between our thinking and Orthodoxy.
- 12-13 Natural Law and what it means: Primitive man and animals.
- 13-14 Continuing the above, and taking the student through the Eras of Time.
- 15-16 Learning our Religion through the Science of today.
- 16 Studying the God idea and the study of Man.
- 17 Spiritualism and Christianity.
- 18 Philosophy's of yesterday understanding the laws of Mediumship.
- 19 Spirit and the Spirit World. Phases of mediumship and unfoldment,

These are only suggestions and in a group Conference we can discuss lessons and age groups at greater levels of understanding, my idea is this, that we have a textbook which will cover our thinking in religion as differentiating from other religions, Why our religion can be a complete way of life if lived according to our teachings, the Philosophy of Spiritualism with a Scientific understanding, A better knowledge of the different phases of Mediumship through Natural Law explaining unfoldment, the WHYS and WHEREFORS of receiving communication. This is not going to be an easy task, and the wisest of our educators should be called upon to help with this undertaking, we are thinking not only of today, but the years to come, we are not only thinking of the children, but of the young men and women who are growing up in a Science minded World, and who could as easily be turned by the old teachings of God as they could be turned to a new approach and better knowledge of God by Spiritualism presented in intelligent thought, to teach in an Orthodox manner would be to defeat our own purpose. There are those who will say we do not need this, they are satisfied to go on without thoughtful study; Another very true remark is that "You can get lessons ready but you can't make the churches use them." WHY? We are on Organization of the highest quality, our requirements for Ordination are the highest in the land—surely, in some way our Association can ask that material prepared by the best teachers in our midst, who know Spiritualism with its highest truths, and these should be used in our Churches and Lyceums. I would like to add some of remarks given upon the questionnaires sent to the Churches.

"To teach young people (and adults) how to determine a valid Extra Sensory Perception Spiritual Psychical, or Spiritualistic experience, too much is taken for granted." "They should be told the truth especially in Physical Phenomena."

From many churches comes the cry for HELP, HELP, HELP.

From others "We do not need lessons as we are guided by the inspiration of our leader."

"We use the Bible as there is no material available for adults."

"Anything to make it easier for the children to learn."

We would like to organize a Lyceum but don't know where to start."

These remarks make us realize the need at hand, I have had several letters from Canada and from other Spiritualist organization of Spiritualists in America, Can and should we try to help others outside of our own organization, some say no—others yes. I am reminded at the moment when after the death of Jesus,

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His disciples felt that the new thinking was for the Jews alone, so we learn of one of the most beautiful Demonstrations of Spiritual Phenomena, the Conversion of a once hated enemy of Jesus, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus that he should be the one delegated to teach the truth to the Gentiles, which of course was the beginning of Christianity.

I give you a remark by a Roman Catholic Priest recently on the greatly publicized statement "God is Dead": "Theologians are not trying to inject the thought that God is dead, but that our old ideas of God are dead, this is not to deny the facts of revelation but that our interpretations of these facts are undergoing change, God is not a man made concept, but our concept of God is man made."

A Jewish Rabbi speaking on Television with other noted religionists, in his closing remarks said, "There will not be peace in the world until man, in his faith works hand in hand with Science, you cannot expect young men and women in college to believe that the earth was created in 6 days, when Science proves its age to be hundreds of thousands of years old."

SO . . . we need a text book, a large one that will fit the needs of the youngest child through the years of young manhood and womanhood, to the oldest of our Members, and to those who are seeking and searching, plain unadulterated truth which Spiritualism has, we have the MINDS IN OUR RANKS TO DO IT SO LET US GO AHEAD AND GET IT DONE IN 1966.

TRANSITIONS

Timm—Frank F. Timm (74), West Allis, Wisconsin, July 7, 1966. Survived by wife Ruth C, son Orville, 5 grandchildren, 5 brothers, 2 sisters, and other relatives. The funeral was held at the West Allis Borgwardth Funeral Home; Reverend Otto Schuh, Milwaukee, officiated.

Goatcher—Mrs. Beatrice Goatcher (80) Riverside, California, June 22, 1966. She was a member and a Certified Worker of the Spiritual Science Church of San Bernardino, California. Funeral services were held at Preston-Rasmussen Colonial Chapel on Saturday, June 25, 1966 at 10 A.M. Rev. Ann M. Cannara, Pastor of the Spiritual Science Church, officiated. The Remains were cremated.

Recob—Rev. Rose May Recob (84) Kansas City, Mo., June 20, 1966. Rev. Recob was Pastor of the Ninth Spiritualist Church, Kansas City, Mo. and held the Degree of National Spiritualist Teacher, and devoted her life in service to her church. She is survived by a step-son, Victor Recob, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. Services were held at Newcomer's Chapel, June 22nd with Rev. Molly Foreman, Officiant. Interment at Mount Washington Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo. A Memorial Service was held at the Ninth Spiritualist Church, Sunday, June 26th.

CHRISTENING

Timothy Allen Perine, son of Jean and Robert Perine, was christened in the First Spiritualist Church, 142 Carroll Street, Paterson, N. J., Sunday, May 8, 1966. Sponsors were Miss Bonnie Richards and Mr. Thomas Clark.

SPARE THE ROD AND SPOIL THE CHILD

(Makes for A Weak Character)

BY CHESTER MAHAFFIE

The Idea behind that age old saying is of great importance. Discipline is of great importance when the child is young and many do not learn discipline at all and suffer all thru life as a result. We must learn to discipline our thought and deeds young in life for the older we get the harder it is to get that desired trait of character. Will-power is the result of discipline. Many want to do right but lack the will-power to discipline their thoughts and deed. Our modern psychology has been to spare the rod and the result is a generation of youth's that have very little will-power and practically no discipline at all. They obey their emotions instead of conscience. We came to the earth plane to build character. And the ability to WILL discipline is so important to character building. We must curb our fleshly desires by will-power and support our spiritual desires by character. Spiritual desires fulfilled, build character and as we make them habitual, by constant fulfillment, we become a character builder by habit. We are all creatures of habit and I fear most of us are creatures of bad habits. Without discipline thru will-power, the pleasures of the senses are so strong, that without a strong will-power, discipline of the pleasures of the senses (flesh) is almost impossible. We love the feeling of the senses of the flesh, but we should love the spiritual sense of the presence of God in our life. GOD IS FEELING and we feel the presence of God in our life as well as the presence of our Loved Ones. This feeling is very desirable. We need will-power to curb EGO and we need the same will-power to continually strive to sense the presence of God which is always with us. Habitual sensing of Spirit presence enables us to discipline our fleshly desires and build a strong character. Balance is needed in all life both spiritual and fleshly. We can become a religious fanatic, out of spiritual balance and we can become too sensual and be out of balance. Enjoy ALL life has to give, to the utmost, but keep it in balance and you will be building a strong character. None of us are perfect if we were we would not be here. We came to the earth plane because we needed character building thru the trials and tests of earth life. There is another saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," that brings balance. We get knocked down by our mistakes but if we try, try again and learn a lesson from our experience, that is the balance of Life needed in character building.

Psychology and Metaphysics have taught, "spare the rod" for so long the people like the easy way, but the results you can see all about you. People like the Vicarious Atonement also

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because it is the easy way. Personal Responsibility is the hard way and discipline is the hard way and neither are very popular with the masses today. Easy living has killed most of the pioneer spirit our forefathers had. They had character and knew discipline and will-power. Psychology has killed integrity, will-power and discipline and the people are looking for the easy way over the right way. I guess we shouldn't be too hard on the youth of today for we adults are setting a bad example for them to follow. Example is the best of teacher's but it is the hardest way for we are prone to take the easy way. How easy it is to place our mistakes at Jesus's feet, and relieve our conscience. If you had been disciplined when you were young and had developed will-power and character you might have been able to forego your mistakes a little, at least have made fewer of them. But if you learned a lesson from them you are progressing. Don't go out looking for trouble but welcome it when it comes for in every trial is a lesson to be learned. Don't be afraid to put your Idea's into being for that is how we learn. Life is a process of trial and error until we learn by discipline and character to censor our deeds and thoughts by the discipline of MIND. Then we do not have so many trials and do not make so many errors. Rejoice in your trials overcome, for they are character building. Habitual striving for spirituality will bring its share of trials but they are a blessing in disguise as you will see as you progress spiritually.

Let us accept our personal responsibility God loves a doer, even if in the doing mistakes are made, for if a lesson is learned by the error, Character is being built. We can try our best, though, and that is all God expects of man. The clergy have tried to make religion such a mystery, when it really is so simple. THE GOLDEN RULE obeyed, will make you a veritable Jesus on earth. Yes, the Golden Rule is the Key to spirituality. And is character building. The lack of spirituality goes hand in hand with the lack of character. A man of good character must be spiritual, for you can't have the one without the other. They are like God and the Lord, (law), you can't know God unless you know the Lord (law) for they go together. People say, Oh! I love God, then ask what you mean by law (Lord). How can you really love what you don't know? I am afraid a person asking such a question is worshipping a personal God. And his Man is the Adam man the clergy have exploited over the Image man of God's making. Man (soul) made the Adam man out of the elements of earth, God made the soul man out of spiritual substance. What is spiritual substance you ask? It is your thoughts and deeds manifest in character. A man of good character overflows with spirituality. And

he knows God for he could never have built his good character without knowing God.

To join a church, go regularly and supporting the church does not guarantee spirituality. They are good and they are necessary duties but the only way to guarantee spirituality is to OBEY the Golden Rule, that builds character, which IS spirituality. Many churches are more of a problem in the community than a power. They are large in size but small in purpose. I once heard a man say, "Oh, give me a minute of your time, tell me all you know." I am afraid most of us could tell all we know of the Lord (law) in a minute. In the Psalm we read, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." But I am afraid we will get very little comfort out of the ROD until we build character, discipline and will-power. Then the Rod becomes a guide and the Staff a power to lean upon (a Truth proven by demonstration).

Religion should not be a series of don'ts, that causes a negative attitude of mind. Religion should be a series of do's, that is a positive cause and the effect that must come is good because good action must bring good results. The Do religion is found in the First and Second Commandments and in the Golden Rule. They tell you what to DO. Don't worry about the thou shalt not's, they will die from non-use. Habitual use gives being to any cause and habitual use of Thou shalt will make you progressive spiritually. And you will not be conscious of the thou shalt not's. Today's clergy have exploited the thou shalt not's way out of balance, and the result is a negative approach to life. Thank God Spiritualism is a religion of "Thou Shalt's," an action religion. Deeds, not ritualistic prayers spoken by rote. Oh', we pray but most of our prayers are deeds done, witnessing to God and the Lord (law). By living Godlike here and now, for the eternal now is all there is to Life.

Behold, what manner of Life (love) the Father has bestowed upon us that we should be called the son's of God. And it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know when he shall appear we will be like him, for we shall see him as he is; and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure. I John: Do you believe this? Are you the son of God? Will you see him as he is? Will you be like him? Those are the questions only you can answer, for only you know. Salvation is individual, your responsibility. Resurrection is individual there is no mass resurrection. God is not ONE individual, he is ALL individuals.

Spare the rod and spoil the child means spare God and spoil the people. Man was Whole, then he became a part (soul) for the various experiences he must pass thru here on earth. As soul, man can never become absolutely free

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NOTES from the FIELD

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

The Church Of Eternal Brotherhood, Buffalo closed a very successful year with a church picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox, it was well attended and made a pleasant ending to a fine day. The Alpha Club, which is in charge of all social activities for the membership had a busy and crowded year, it closed the Season with election of Officers after which all the members had dinner at the Syracuse Restaurant followed by a card party at the home of Pastor Rev. D. Mona Berry and Mr. Roy Berry.

One of the final happy occasions of the church year was the receiving of a class of new members into church fellowship and on the same day a mass Christening service. Christened in the name of Spirit and under the banner of N.S.A.C. Spiritualism was Mrs. Arlayne Juliette Thomas, her two children, Mary Ida Thomas (7) and Gordon Morris Thomas (4) Also, William Craig Holland (12), Wayne Edward Holland (8) Richard Allen Holland (6) and Tina Marie Holland (1). Accepted into church membership were, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas and Mrs. William (Rose) Holland. Rev. D. Mona Berry feels that the church has had a most successful year and that it has been a spiritually rewarding year for her in this the twenty-eighth year of her pastorate.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Report of The California State Spiritualist Association 71st Annual Convention, June 21 to 25 Inclusive, Biltmore Hotel.

The 71st Annual Convention of the California State Spiritualist Association was held in the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles June 21 to 25 inclusive.

Convention opened with a banquet Tuesday night. After the banquet we had a community sing with Mr. and Mrs. David Burr of the Golden Gate Church of San Francisco in charge. It was a great pleasure listening to delegates and friends singing the old tunes and new.

Before the singing started our president was introduced after which he introduced the other board members, their wives and husbands.

At the close of the evening President Rev. William C. Donovan selected the credential committee for the business meetings.

The regular business sessions started Wednesday morning at 9 A.M. with the singing of our National Anthem and the invocation and the salute to the flag.

During the morning we had a period with five minute talks for the good of the association, many helpful ideas were brought to light. After this we had the supplementary seating of delegates. The President chose the delegates to serve on other committees.

The Rules Committee made their report and the minutes of last convention were deferred during the convention to be read at the delegates convenience.

Wednesday evening Rev. William Meier, Vice President delivered a spiritual and scientific lecture. After the lecture spirit greetings were given by four mediums including blindfold billet readings by National Missionary Rev. Florence Becker of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco.

Thursday continued the regular order of business. President Rev. Donovan presided at all business meet-

ings during the convention. We had excellent reports from all officers on this day, also the final seating of delegates, then a report of the Committee on Resolutions.

An appreciation service was held at 1:30 P.M. conducted by Rev. Carrie Kelly. A list of the members who had passed to Spirit from all of the churches during the year was read. Many flowers sent for this service in memory of these loved ones made this service more impressive. After a short address spirit greetings were given.

At the Thursday evening service President Rev. Donovan gave a wonderful lecture on Spiritualism and it was appreciated by all in attendance.

We had a large attendance at all of our public meetings and we are sure a greater knowledge of our science, philosophy and religion was obtained by all present at these meetings. After Thursday's enlightening lecture, spirit greetings were given by a number of mediums. Rev. Mae Taylor, who got out of a sick bed to serve us with messages proved the continuity of life by her inspiring work.

Friday was a busy one for all. The reports of the Auditing Committee with final reports from all committees and the selection of our next convention, also time was given for the good of the cause. We received much good from these talks as it helps us to keep up with any of the problems each church faces. The place chosen for our 1967 Convention was to be in this Southern California area.

Friday afternoon we had the election of officers for the ensuing year. President Rev. William C. Donovan, Vice President Rev. William F. Meier, 2nd Vice President Mr. C. A. Cannara, Secretary Irene Faust and Treasurer Mrs. Vivian Meier were all unanimously elected to their respective offices. Mr. David Burr and Mr. Edmund Foard were re-elected and two new directors namely Rev. Clyde Dibble and Mr. Charles Bingman.

The delegates elected to represent the C.S.S.A. at the National Convention were Rev. William F. Meier and as alternate Rev. Paul Wilson. The N.S.C.A. Convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri.

At our last evening meeting Rev. Clyde Dibble delivered a lecture that was so outstanding that all present will remember it always. Again after messages by mediums, Rev. Florence Becker demonstrated blind fold billet readings again. We had a large attendance at all meetings.

Healing service was held at each meeting.

All were happy to have taken part in this successful convention and are looking forward to 1967.

Irene Faust
C.S.S.A. Secretary

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

On Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25, 1966, the Way Memorial Temple, of Wheeling, West Virginia, will celebrate with Special Services, the 65th Anniversary of the granting of their Charter from the National Spiritualist Association of Churches.

The Charter was granted to the Temple, September 28, 1901, upon a petition from the Board, composed of: Henry Brunhaus, President; Samuel Hartman, Vice President; Mrs. Lucy S. Carroll, Secretary; E. S. Dillon, Treasurer; W. H. Selvey, J. P. Barger, Mrs. Ella Farnsworth, Trustees; and Rev. George W. Way, Medium. The Charter was signed by Harrison D.

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Barrett, President, and Mary T. Longley, Secretary, of the National organization.

The Temple has held continuous services since the granting of the Charter. Rev. Charles and Rev. Helena Alldredge are the present pastors.

Rev. Lester L. Miller, of Madison, Wisconsin, a former Pastor of the Temple will be Guest Speaker for the occasion.

A reservation Dinner will be held Saturday evening at the Temple.

MONTREAL, CANADA

An impressive ceremony took place in the First Spiritual Church of Montreal on the afternoon of Sunday, July 17th, when Mrs. Doris Dick, formerly assistant pastor of the church, was ordained into the ministry of the Spiritualist Church. The officiating clergyman was the pastor of the church, the Rev. James C. Snook, and over sixty members and friends were present. The president of the Spiritualists' National Union of Canada, Mr. Hugh N. Robinson, and Mrs. Robinson came from Toronto for the occasion. Mrs. Dick was presented with the ordination certificate of the S.N.U. of Canada, and also with a beautiful white stole bearing the sunflower motif from colleagues and friends in the church. At the evening service the address was given by the Rev. Doris Dick, and Spirit Communion at both services was brought by Mrs. Robinson, who is the secretary of the S.N.U. of Canada. Altogether a wonderful day to remember.



FRANKFORT, INDIANA

This picture of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Howe was taken on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary, July 11th, 1966. Mr. Howe is President of First Spiritualist Church, Frankfort and his wife and constant helper Della is Church Pastor as she has been and he has been for many successful years. They are two of the nicest people your editor has ever had the pleasure to know and he joins with many, many other people in sending kindest good wishes to the Howes.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

The First Spiritualist Church of Phoenix, Arizona was greatly aided by the Rev. Wm. Aldred of Muskegon, Michigan, on a recent visit. His lecture and his billet reading were outstanding.

On his return visit, on making his way home, he again stopped off and on Wednesday night, a mid-week service, he repeated his work and it was greatly ap-

preciated. He had large attendance each time even though it was a mid-week. We hope he will return soon again.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The State of Missouri welcomes the 74th annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association of Churches to the City of St. Louis, the Gateway to the West. The two N.S.C.A. churches in the city has asked the officers of the N.S.A.C. to serve their churches at the morning services on Sunday, October 2, 1966. The Delegates and all visitors are also invited to attend, all are welcome.

Burkett Spiritualist Church Inc., 2653 Natural Bridge: Devotional Services, 10:30 A.M. If travelling by automobile go west on Washington Ave., turn right into 12th street, continue North on 12th street to Flarissont Ave. This route winds into Natural Bridge.

First Spiritual Church Inc., 6026 South Kingshighway: Devotional services, 10:30 A.M.; Lyceum, 9:30 A.M. and Symposium, 2 P.M. Traveling by automobile go West over any street direct to Kingshighway, turn left in to Church. Bus service on Washington Ave.—Cherokee Bus, to Kingshighway, transfer to Kingshighway Bus to Church.

The members of both churches look forward to your attendance.

REDEDICATION

The J. T. and E. J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church and Library

The 39th Annual Crumbaugh Day and Rededication of the newly remodeled J. T. and E. J. Crumbaugh Memorial Spiritualist Church was held June 12 at 2:00 P.M. The Rev. Robert Macdonald was the speaker. His words provided a memorable tribute to the love and generosity of the Crumbaughs. Other speakers and message ministers included the Rev. E. A. Schoenfeld, Alice Buechel, Bernard Powell and Church Designer, R. O. Ives. The Rev. Daryl Winters, pastor, and Mr. Ancel Reynolds, assistant, conducted the Service. A potluck banquet followed the Service. Special added feature was a public art exhibition held in the Crumbaugh Library. Mr. Harry Breen, of Champaign, Ill., was the artist.



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The Ninth Spiritualist Church in Kansas City, Mo., held its annual picnic, Sunday, June 19th, at the beautiful suburban home of our President, Mr. H. B. Tucker and his lovely wife. A beautiful sunshiny day brought out a large attendance for an outdoor barbecue and covered dish affair. In this beautiful setting of Nature, a closer fellowship is woven. Our annual

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picnic marks the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new year, and in this harmonious atmosphere our Church gathers new strength to forge ahead in the coming year.

ONSET (CAPE COD), MASSACHUSETTS

The Anniversary Week-End Celebration of the First Spiritualist Church of Onset was held on June 24-25-26. The activities began with a catered banquet at the Onset School Dining Room. One hundred fifty guests were seated to a splendid dinner with a choice of roast beef or fresh lobster salad as the main course. Fourteen guests were seated at the head table including the Massachusetts State Board members and their wives, also the guest speakers. Following the dinner the guests adjourned to the auditorium where a pre-professional entertainment was presented that proved most enjoyable.

Saturday morning a power launch was chartered for a cruise through Onset Bay and the Cape Cod Canal. The spirit of good fellowship was manifest with the entire group. Saturday afternoon in the school Auditorium the guest workers were presented, Mrs. Nilla Norton, Conn. State Assn. President for the address and Mr. Robert Howell of Binghamton, N. Y. for the message service. Following the service Punch and Cookies were served from an attractive tea table with Mrs. Gladys Samson and Mrs. Gladys Barstow as hostesses.

Saturday at 5:30 a Smorgasbord Supper was served by the Ways and Means Committee, Mrs. Ruth Cook, chairman. One hundred people were served a delightful meal of many varied home prepared dishes. Saturday evening the Younger Workers presented an excellent service with Miss Meroy M. Morse, vice president, presiding. The address was given by Dr. Duncan Whitehill, "A Layman's Appreciation of Spiritualism." Eight young certified mediums gave Spirit Greetings.

Sunday morning a devotional service was held in the Church with address by Rev. Kenneth D. Custance, co-pastor and Healing Service by Rev. Gladys Custance, co-pastor. The audience left with a deep sense of spiritual upliftment.

Sunday afternoon in the School Auditorium the guest speakers reversed positions and Robert Howell gave the address and Nilla Norton the Spirit Greetings. Soloists for the week-end were Mrs. Lempi Rimpala, soprano of New Long, Conn., Miss Jean Cassidy, contralto of Boston, Mass. and Miss Nellie Zimmer, noted concert harpist.

The final meeting was held on Sunday evening and took the form of a Mass Meeting conducted by the Mass. State Assn. President—Rev. Gladys Worsen-croft. Members of the State Board spoke and the State Missionaries for the coming year received their traveling cards from the State Secretary, Mrs. Muriel Karolides. They proceeded to demonstrate their mediumship with Spirit Greetings.

Guests were assembled from all New England States, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The consensus of opinion was that all had been fed spiritually and a feeling of friendliness abounded.

Wedding

HALL - DEMETROFF

On June 18, 1966 Felix W. Hall of San Francisco, and Anna B. Demetroff of San Rafael, California were married at Harmony Grove, Escondido, California at a Noon ceremony. Officiating was the Reverend Corrinne Pleasant of Riverside, California. The wedding Party from San Francisco included Mrs. Dorothy M. Crovat,

matron of Honor, and Mr. C. E. Mahoney, best man. The vocalist Mr. L. G. Boregs was accompanied by the Reverend Florence Wheeler of San Diego. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will be at home in San Francisco after an extended European trip.

INTERPRETATION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

By Emma Pollock

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. How precious it is to know that if only we trust in God as our supply we will never want for any good thing. Our Lord will fill our needs for He loves and cares for us always.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His names sake.

How inexpressibly soothing are these lovely promises of peace and healing. No where in the Bible are there thoughts more restful and calming to the troubled heart or more conducive to deep, refreshing sleep. No matter what problem or cares infest our day, what trials or annoyances distress our spirits, we need only "walk with Him beside the still Waters" to find our minds and hearts responding to His restoring power.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

How Heart-warming to feel that He is always with us, leading, guiding and directing us whatever may befall us. We can trust all things to God's care. When our hearts know deepest sorrow and pain. His rod and His staff are there to comfort us, to lift the burden, to set us free.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my Life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

How uplifting to be assured that if we do our part, if we unload our hates and cast them out, if we refuse to hold resentment against those we feel have wronged us, He will annoint us with the oil of His Peace and Love, His wisdom and understanding.

Yes, the twenty-third psalm is a magical psalm for everyone. It is a simple psalm as intimate and homey as food and drink, as refreshing and restoring as air and sunshine. It favors no special creed, it needs no particular church, only a little shrine in a human heart like yours and mine.

Rising like a fragrant incense day and night, how can it help but give us sweet solace what'ere betide and make us better men and women besides.

GARDEN OF EDEN

By Hilda Groce

We are each a Universe unto ourselves. The Garden of Eden is the mind. Here we dwell in peace and harmony so long as we do the Father's will.

But when we allow the serpent of doubt to enter in and alter our thoughts of love to those of hate, our faith to distrust, we are indeed tasting the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Once we are ejected from our Garden of Eden by our own doing (wrong thinking), we must wander through the wilderness, scratched and torn by the brambles of adversity, bruising our heel on the stones of strife, and subsisting on the bitterness of frustration and the ashes of despair.

Suddenly we realize what we have lost. Then we strive mightily to retrace our steps. When the strength of our desire overcomes our wilfulness, another prodigal hastens toward his Father's house. The Bible tells us that while we are yet afar off, the Father will hasten forth to welcome His errant child back into the fold.

Now we are quite willing to relinquish our wrong and foolish thinking. Now we are happy to become the husbandmen of our Garden of Eden we were created for.

Once we plow out the rank weeds and thistles that have infested our garden, plant right thoughts and deeds of loving-kindness in the light of God's love and wisdom, nurture and water it with faith and hope, we will harvest a bountiful crop of health, happiness and joy. Yes, our Garden of Eden bears the fruit of our heart's desire.

Have you lost your Garden of Eden? It's just beyond the thicket of your negative thinking, through the valley of discontent and across the barren field of resentment.

Start your journey home today. It is not far and each step brings you nearer your goal.

INTELLIGENCE

How moves the tiller of the soil
To smooth rows evenly;
How moves his hands to lay the seeds
In earth, so hopefully,
That sun and rain and gentle wind
Will favor him with grain!
A recompense for toil and sweat,
On a teeming wind swept plain.
How moves Intelligence in outer space,
To place planets in line;
Magnetic fields to hold them there,
All interspaced and fine.
How moves the heart that dares to LIVE
To thwart its sins; And Thine!

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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.

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BANGOR—Bangor Spiritualist Church, GAR Memorial Home, 159 Union St. Sun., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon. 7:30 p.m. Bernice Damon, 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.

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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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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) Kuehn, 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; Mrs. Patricia Lemire, Secretary, 2306 Dupont Ave. 55411.

MISSOURI

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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. 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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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. Clara A. Wilson, President, 1043 N. Davey Ave, Kent. Mary W. Schimmoeller, Secretary, 911 N. Mantau St., Kent, Ohio.

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

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

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

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

YOUNGSTOWN—First Spiritualist Church, 323 West LaClede. 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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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 Salvador, President.

PHILADELPHIA—Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, Rising Sun and Park Aves., Phila. 40. Services, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Healing—Sermon—Messages. Services, Wed., 8 p.m. Healing and Messages. Social, 2nd Sat. in each month. President, Rev. Mahlon Simon, Pastor, Rev. Reba E. Fasnacht.

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

The Fourth Spiritualist Church, 165 E. Albanus St., Philadelphia 20. Services Sun. 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.

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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.

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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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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

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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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sped over lands and oceans to interfere in the the religious affairs of a country that has been a loyal ally of this country through two major wars in this century. The melody and the praphrased words of the old hymn come hauntingly to my mind, "When man stops war which he *says* he abhors, that will be glory for all."

HULL (Continued)

Rather may I become worthy of becoming a Guidepost in the Affairs of Time. Truly may I be proud at all times to simply say 'I Am A Spiritualist!'"

THE END.

QUIZ CORNER (Continued)

demonstrate that force which we today term psychic. Many sects do not recognize these mediumistic qualities and still cling to the supernatural. Their creeds and dogmas seek to define this psychic law. Careful application shows that Jesus and His apostles claimed it to be indefinable. The accepted Christian religion is truly Monotheistic, it deals with a central figure which in any interpretation is Spirit, to some that Spirit is a personal God, to others an all prevading creative force which is Natural Law and which Spiritualism calls Infinite Intelligence.

We cannot accept the theory of a dualism with Satan or the Devil, such an imagination is totally the creation of the objective mind and is developed through inharmony and maladjustments in the PERSONAL nature of man. In the study of the Old Testament the inspired Pentateuch given to us by Moses, there is no mention of Satan, the Devil nor the evil one. In these first five books of the Bible, there is constant reference to God, Infinite Power and most of all, Spirit. God, Infinite Intelligence is constantly round and about us. Since Satan is a creature of man's own mind and of itself powerless it follows that the Christian world in Monotheistic. There is no other God before us. This Spirit is Universal.

MAHAFFIE (Continued)

because soul is always limited by some form of limitation (body). Absolute freedom is found only in soul-less-ness, a return to the God-head, the Whole. That is life's purpose for then we will have no use for limited soul.

God is a feeling and it is this God feeling that is important rather than the understanding that can be verbalized. It depends on Intuition rather on intellectualization.

Speak according to you conscience, but do it in terms of good nature, modesty and sincerity. No where does man retire with more quiet and freedom than into his own soul.

Declaration of Principles

National Spiritualist Association of Churches

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

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HEALING THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER

The light of God's living Presence
Illumines my soul
The Power of Infinite Mind
Touches my finite understanding
The darkness flees
Where there was pain, there is no pain
The lambent flame
Of growing knowledge
Uncovers the growing glory
Of God in me.