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EDITOR OF THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN ADMITS SEANCE BAFFLES HIM

J. Malcolm Bird Came Away from Europe Convinced That He Had Observed Phenomena

Elusive psychic phenomena seen They kept crowding, or trying to by J. Malcolm Bird, associate editor, crowd, one another out and usurp of the *Scientific American*, on his one another's turns. At times he recent visits to European mediums, spoke harshly to them about it, have been described by him in the After some time the voices began to May number of the magazine. The come from the trumpet. This had article covers two of the seances, been stood up in the center of the and Mr. Bird came away convinced circle. Whether it was picked up that he had observed phenomena the production of voices, I cannot which hardly could be explained by say.

"Presently the trumpet gave forth

His trip to Europe was at the in- a perfectly distinct sentence. I asked vitation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, at this point whether both hands of He wished to acquaint himself with the medium had been held at the moment when the trumpet had spoken seances, which are taken much more as a matter of fact than in this country, before conducting tests here. He spoke up and invited me to change

He tried to ascertain, so far as his

eyes and ears and sense of touch right. This was done and my hand was grasped firmly and held, with slight interruptions throughout the next stage of the seance.

There was no substitution practiced on me here; what I had here was emphatically the large, some what hard and altogether rough hand of the medium.

"The seance now entered a phase which seems to me to prove without question that telepathy or some other force with intelligence behind it was at work. The trumpet began to talk loudly and distinctly and coherently, in a voice that had not yet been heard. I would insist upon two things here; the voice came from the trumpet in the center of the circle, and I had one of the medium's hands.

"I take it that, theoretically, the trumpet might have been manipulated by his knees and brought to speaking position next his mouth. We should be able to test this position, even in absolute darkness, were the sittings held before our judges and under our test conditions.

"In any event, it was not ordinary ventriloquism at work, because the ventriloquist cannot work in the dark. He doesn't deceive your ears, but rather your eyes, by directing your attention to the point whence he wishes you to infer that the sound came. The voice really came from the center of the circle."

"He was an altogether common-place person in every detail of appearance, and, so far as I could judge, would fairly low in education and general intelligence," Mr. Bird said. "I make these uncomplimentary remarks for what they may be worth in connection with the performance followed."

"My best judgment would be that both in direction and subject matter, much of the 'communicated' material of the seance would be quite beyond the normal ability of the medium."

There were twelve sitters, including Mr. Bird, who was introduced from the medium, and the others as a distance from New York. The friend of Sir Arthur's "from the States." No cabinet was used by the medium, who sat as one of a circle in a chair opposite that first occupied by Mr. Bird. Later Mr. Bird moved next to the medium and held one of his hands during a large part of the seance.

As an apparent coincidence, he said that the next day he felt rather tired, a condition complained of by the person who sat on the other side of the medium, and which was explained by the drains upon their systems in support of the medium, who was always much exhausted after the right one.

Cornelius also told Mr. Bird that he had engaged passage on two ships, which was true, one of them being finally canceled. Nobody outside the offices of the *Scientific American* knew this fact.

"I do not know what this message proves," Mr. Bird said. "But it certainly proves something. If it be telepathy, it proves telepathy can be subconscious on the part of the mind that supplies the information, for at that moment I had been thinking of nothing connected with my passage, but rather of my diary, which would settle the other question."

Later Cornelius informed Mr. Bird that he was a writing man, which did not seem a hard thing to guess, and the light from the fire-place.

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she phenomena observed by Mr. Bird were seen. These were the luminous patches of light.

"Phosphorescent lights began to appear here, there, somewhere else," he said. "In each case such a light appeared in the immediate vicinity of the person to whom the message under way at the moment was addressed. At first I was puzzled by the fact that usually they were seen by some of the sitters and not by others. Shortly, however, I learned that the reason for this was the obvious one that the medium is opaque.

"Most of the lights were approximately round, though perhaps a bit longer one way than the other. They gave definitely the impression of phosphorescence rather than of flame or filament. One of these lights stood out above all the rest. It came when the medium was almost to my certain knowledge holding the hands of the lady opposite me while delivering a message to her. It was a long, snaky affair."

Mr. Bird also observed that the trumpet from which the voices came did a good deal of traveling about, in and out of the circle, faster that he believed it could have been moved by hands. It then moved about the circle, touching each sitter on the face or head. On one occasion the trumpet also led in songs called for by the medium to help put him in a trance.—Chicago Tribune.

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CONAN DOYLE'S LECTURES SUCCESSFUL EVERYWHERE

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whose investigations of life after death have aroused world-wide interest, is revisiting this country for a lecture tour, which will take him from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. He has arranged to speak in most of the larger cities, when he will discuss "Death and the Hereafter," and "The New Revelation."

All who have heard this brilliant English author and scientist have been profoundly impressed by his attractive personality. Few men, in fact, have had a more remarkable career. Before achieving fame by producing his wonderful Sherlock Holmes stories, Sir Conan had entered the field of science, having made a name in the medical profession and gained the degree of LL.D. from Edinburgh University. He was a favorite student of the late Professor Joseph Bell, a well known professor of clinical surgery, whose penetrating observational and deductive methods suggested the character of Sherlock Holmes, the detector of bewildering crimes.

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After the household had retired, he searched the house carefully, and with his usual thoroughness, sprinkled flour on the floors to catch footprints, tied fine black threads across the stairs, looked up communicating doors, and then posted his two companions in convenient places for observation. He himself sat in a kitchen doorway and looked out into the hall. About five minutes after midnight the whole house shook with a gigantic crash. Sir Conan says it was as if someone had dropped a cement barrel from the roof into the central hall. In an instant the watchers darted off to find—nothing. It remained an inexplicable mystery.

Since that time Sir Conan has had many such experiences, his investigations having taken him to all quarters of the globe. He has traveled from the Arctic to the Equator, through South Africa, America and Australia. From the beginning he has been an earnest inquirer along scientific lines.

During his present lecture tour Sir Conan is discussing all the important phases of spirit phenomena, and is presenting a remarkable series of photographs which show the results of recent investigations. Among these are pictures of the much discussed ectoplasm, emitted by certain mediums, which occasionally takes human form. Automatic writing, crystal gazing, spirit photography,

and a number of other topics serve to make these lectures wonderfully fascinating, added to which, Sir Conan's gifts as a public speaker enable him to hold the interest of every audience.

EVOLUTION

By Wm. J. Bryan, M.D.

FROM (SPIRIT) THOMAS CARLYLE

In the beginning when the earth was void of all animal life, there appeared on the earth in the form of mankind, a people that resembled the order of Mammals, and yet took not the form of any.

But later mankind proper inhabited the globe, and from that time it can be said that Spiritualism had its inception.

But this antiquity is directly traceable to God as the Creator, and so civilization commenced and has continued ever since in its slow, progressive way. Much can be learned from antiquity, and much can be learned from the present condition of mankind.

But, while antiquity dates back to unknown periods, the present occupies our attention, because visibly present, and so the wisdom of the ages commingles with the present state of humanity.

We have no argument for the question of the so-called evolution of species, because there is nothing besides conjecture to found any belief or knowledge concerning so-called evolution. However, be that as it may, we rest on the simple assertion that humanity is progressive, and once created, never dies. Change of so-called death occurs to every person, but this is transition and not extinction, as scientific demonstrations of spirit return fully-attested.

We realize the importance of the knowledge of Spiritualism, and of all great revelations it is the greatest, the most natural and the most convincing to reasonable minds.

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"We are male and female, yet not male and female. Two in one and one in two. Spirit ego is dual nature. The sex of nature makes us reborn in one reincarnation as female and in another as male, to become as perfect spirits of God."

The people of India, who gave us our Bible, believed, but were not quite sure, in one God. They called that a divine conception. A long time afterwards the trinity of three gods came into vogue. Oriental Script, Calcutta, give a golden rule for all time:

"There is one theomistic god. Our mortal conception is a pantheon of many gods. Bring your mind of this and the spirit world, and help your neighbor to work out his destiny by inculating love in his heart, that he may be able to converse with angels."

There is nothing higher or more sacred to God than Hindu philosophy. Its precepts are the Bible of civilization. It is the cradle of civilization. The Sama Veda, Singapore, gives a text for an excellent sermon:

"Do not another your sacred impulses. They are emanations of the gods. To sin in their sight, by your selfish, miserly ways, is contemptible, unworthy of your life. Lift this leaden weight of sin from you. The sacred feeling of your prayer will then be felt in heaven where dwelt your affectionate ministering spirits."

"William H. Watson.

SPIRITUALISM: CHRISTIANITY OR A THEORY?

The Great Cause of Spiritualism is Growing Fast Into the Hearts and Minds of the Human Family, Bringing Them in Touch With the Unseen World

Trance Lecture Given by Mrs. Grandquist

O, divine spirit of truth, once more we are gathered together for the purpose of coming closer in touch with Thee; we realize that we need Thee every hour; we need Thee to give to each of us tonight this divine truth, that we must come closer into Thy divine law. And we realize and understand that Thou art in our midst, knowing all our needs and wants, and giving us strength to bear our burdens along life's road: We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for the good Thou hast bestowed upon us. We must come in touch with Thee to be able to taste of the great truths of life. We ask of it all in the name of divine truth, Amen!

Friends, once more I come into your presence, and as I come this evening I come with those divine blessings; and I hope that I will be able to give you something to live on the way. My subject is, "Is Spiritualism a Christianity or a Theory?"

Man has not been able to survive upon the old dogmas of the past. He has not been able to survive upon such food, because it was of materialistic conscience and not the food from the great divine Master, which is God.

And so today, when Spiritualists seek ever higher into the divine truth and live it according to its word, you will realize and understand that even in this twentieth century Spiritualism is persecuted. Nevertheless, it shall bear fruit and shall stand forever.

Men of science have proven that spirits do return; and the barbarous races will realize and understand that the world would come to a standstill were there no communication with the spirit world.

Today you are living in an age in which it has been prophesied and foretold by the prophets of the past that the world would come to a standstill were there no communication with the spirit world.

These great divine truths are found upon God's law; and the time is coming when the world will recognize that Spiritualism is a religion, because they cannot set it aside.

The Christ love is born in you and the Spiritualists have brought to the world the Christ love, and when man comes to that age and stage of unfoldment, when he loves his neighbor, he is living up to the commandments of God. I do not say the commandments of the prophets of the past but God's commandments.

If you will consider the word that is termed God, you will find that it means all things that are good, and all good is God. How are you going to get by with it when you say that Spiritualism is only an illusion? It is the true religion which God taught.

Those great prophets of the past were influenced and controlled just as I am using this instrument. You will find the great prophet, Jesus Christ, said that he and the Father were one.

This great physical plane of yours is advancing in what way? In the great movement of spiritual awakening. These great theories which are coming up among humanity may be termed one branch of the great tree of knowledge, but there is another springing out and bringing forth movement along the so-called teachings of man. I do not call it a religion because it is not founded upon the principles of Christ. It is founded upon the physical and the mental conditions of man. It does not reach out into God's realms. This movement is termed applied psychology.

We find that psychology is not detrimental, because it only broadens out the mind; it teaches man how to take care of his physical temple.

You have heard it said that some Spiritualists denounce this movement. The true Spiritualist does not denounce anything which is for the betterment of man and woman. They have their work, they have their voices, they have their harvest; and when the harvest is over, there is something else for man. But you will find no change in the great cause of Spiritualism.

In the beginning of Adam and Eve to the present day Spiritualism has been founded upon the same principles. After you have passed from this plane you will still find that same cause; that divine truth which is called Spiritualism will be standing upon the solid foundation, because it is the truth which God gave to man.

Never before or since has a prophet dared to go up and say that he was equal with God. Christ is part of God. Jesus was the man in whom Christ demonstrated those wonderful

seeds of the great divine truth came and were sown among you and these gifts and gave to the world these

Communion

By OLLAH TOPH

Angels and archangels, and a shining throne somewhere, And a host of bright Immortals in the robes the ransomed wear; Yes! but not the glory of heaven, were it mine, could compensate For the Lost Road, and you on it, waiting desolate.

You! that have walked beside me, lead to my heart and dear; You! that the Lord-God gave me—that I held when death drew near

And folded his mantle about you, and drew you on into night For the little sleep and forgetting, after folded hands—the light?

For if all the angels in heaven should shine me a path to Him, And constellations choir me and seraphs and cherubim, I should say: Little shadows, come, show me the road to the earth again,

For they have not need of me here as they have in the world of men.

Here, somewhere, is perfection, but there is sorrow and sin. Friendly shadows, help me . . . somehow . . . to enter in,

To leave but a thread of the glory that broiders my garment's hem;

Little shadows, help me! to go back to comfort them.

No work of the Lord is higher, no Word more precious than this:

I come from the Land of Immortals, through the gate of eternal bliss,

To say that I live, I love you! I love you, though apart,

And I jewel you forever on my remembering heart.

No work of the Lord is higher, no Word more needed than this, For the earth is blinded with crying, for touch of loved hands,

Jove's kiss,

And music of feet returning to the door at end of the day,

And laughter, and dance, and singing, and none of the household away.

So, angels and archangels, and a shining throne somewhere Are naught beside the beauty of the road, 'twixt here and there—

The little Lost Road and narrow, the strange, dim road, where tread

Arised hosts returning to say they are not dead.

And You, dear You! among them. I will set a little light In my window that you may find me, shut the door on night, And here in my soul's remembrance hold you for a joyous breath, In communion that has conquered the silences of death!

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Man Retains His Personality and Individuality After the Change Called Death

Address Delivered by Harry Egin, Entranced, at the Second Spiritualist Church, Dayton, Ohio

Madame President, Ladies and Gentlemen of Progress: It is with pleasure that I greet you and through these laws and conditions. It is also a pleasure to come into the vibrations of minds who are aspiring and reaching for the light along the spiritual lines.

I shall quote you passages and speak to you for a few minutes on man retaining his personality and individuality after the change called death. So many people have asked the question why Spiritualists do not use the Bible more frequently in their teachings. I shall quote you some passages of scriptures in my discourse tonight. When you go home, read them and you may readily be convinced that man retained his personality and individuality during Biblical times. On down through the ages, the human children have been seeking through the avenues for spiritual things.

But there is only one law by which one may receive the knowledge from the world eternal, and that is through the law of mediumship. I am using this medium as my instrument tonight to express my thoughts and sentiments. I had passed into the spiritual realm in 1782. I am not dead. I am here tonight and still retain my personality and individuality after the change called death. As St. Paul said, "Death hath no sting, and the grave gains no victory." And Jesus had taken Peter, James and John up on the Mount of Transfiguration, and Jesus was under the influence of spirit entities and was transfigured before them at this time.

Now I shall quote you a passage of Scripture, which is found in the 9th Chapter of St. Luke: And two men appeared unto Jesus and the three apostles, and they talked to Jesus. The apostles were conscious of their presence there. Now Peter was speaking in an entranced state, and said, "It is good to be here. Let us build three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moses, one for Elias," not knowing what he said. Peter was under the influence of a disembodied spirit, for he was a medium. St. Paul said, "Man has a spiritual body as well as a natural one."

So then you are conscious that man has a natural body as well as a spiritual body. This same life ebbs and flows through and the mortal body enters into a spiritual form, composed of a much finer substance, as we would call an ethereal substance or matter. Elias had passed into spirit life many years ago, and when he was able to manifest through Peter he proved to those two men the continuity of life, as we in spirit life live forever throughout eternity.

But, dear friends, you have many loved ones over there, your dear mother, father, sister or brother, and many who were dear to you in earth life. Your dear angel mother is standing by your side tonight. She is your dear old mother, for she still retains her personality and individuality, although she has been transplanted from her mortal encasement into the beautiful spiritual form. Isn't it a beautiful thought to know you shall possess a beautiful perfect body when you pass beyond this material life? And you shall retain your personality, you shall know as you are known. God, the great universal builder of all things, has given to us this spiritual body composed of an ethereal substance.

If you should pass into the realm of spirit tonight and not retain your personality and individuality, how would you know your dear father, mother, sister or brother? You would not know your loved ones. My dear friends, you shall know them as they know you now. They see you here, and are pleased to see you present. When the entire human race has had this great question proven to them, of the continuity of life, and man retaining his personality and individuality after the change called death, there shall be a different feeling, as man has that realization that he never shall die, but just to be transplanted from mortal encasement to the immortal garden of life. He need not wait until the last moments of his life here to prepare to meet his God, but he will live a better and purer life from day to day.

God's laws never change, but the laws of this material world have been changed time and time again. Dear friends of earth, when you enter the realm of spirit life, you may have the opportunity of giving these beautiful demonstrations of materialization, trumpet speaking, in many beautiful ways to prove the spirit returns, to your loved ones on the earth plane. You are a spirit tonight, in your physical form, and I am a spirit that is passed beyond. Your purpose in life is to be a medium, to be a teacher to spread the truth of spiritual science broadcast, that those who are

in darkness may see the light that shines forever.

Jesus was the greatest medium that ever existed. He has passed into the realm of spirit centuries ago. He is still interested in you and the human race. Did he not, while on the earth plane, go out and teach the truth, heal the sick? Don't think for a moment he is not doing his work today. For he is the same Jesus today that he was while on this earth plane, the material plane of life. He still retains his personality and his individuality, although he has lost his earthly encasement to progress to a higher plane of life.

After the crucifixion of Jesus, the apostles sat at meat. He appeared unto them. He upbraided them at first of their hardness of heart, as they were somewhat skeptical of spirit return." Jesus was interested in the same line of work as he was in this mundane sphere of life, as he said to the apostles, "Go out into the world and preach the gospel, heal the sick, and the sign shall be with those who believe." He retained his personality.

So many people are skeptical of the teachings of Spiritualism, as they do not understand the teachings; and to know that spirits can return to the earth plane again, I am giving you a demonstration tonight to prove the continuity of life through my medium. As he stammers, he cannot hold a conversation with anyone, without stammering. But he is not stammering now, seeing is believing, dear friends. What a joy and pleasure a medium has in this material life to know he or she can be an instrument in the hands of the great spirits. We need you as teachers on this plane of life.

I shall quote a passage of Scripture found in the 28th Chapter of Samuel: And King Saul went to a woman of Endor, and the anointed child, Samuel, appeared unto King Saul, and in his conversation was able to prophecy and said to King Saul, "On the morrow he and his son would be in the realm of spirit with Samuel." Samuel was able to manifest through the woman of Endor, for she was a medium. Samuel had passed into the spirit life, and all jested of his going. When he was able to manifest through the woman of Endor, he wrote, "I am Samuel." Samuel retained his personality and individuality.

So it is, dear friends, when you pass beyond and wish to come and demonstrate the continuity of life, you will come through the same laws and conditions as Samuel or myself, for I understand the laws in spirit life. When one understands the development and retention of the sensitive on the plate used in the process of photography governs in the process of materialization. So far it has been found almost impossible to fix and hold the sensitive film on the plate in clear white light. Experiment has demonstrated that white light that is pure, full, broad light destroys such film immediately upon the exposure of the film to such light. Experiment also has shown that this photo process may be successfully accomplished in red or ruby light, and very recent experiments have shown that green light also may be used successfully in photography.

"By experiment, you know and any scientist may know, that white light instantly destroys the visibility of a materialization, and that visible materialization may be produced in a soft, mellow light of yellow, or ruby, or any soft light; but only on very rare occasions in full white light.

"A spirit in ethereal form is subject to clairvoyant vision. Ethereal vibrations are subject to detection by clairaudience.

"The person who has his or her eyesight quickened so as to be sensitive to ethereal vibrations is clairvoyant and able to see the ethereal form that radiates such vibrations, which is an etherealization proper.

"And if a person's spiritual hearing be so quickened as to sense voice waves of spirits, clothed upon only with spirit ether, such a one is clairaudient. Often clairvoyance is so realistic to the clairvoyant as to be mistaken for materialization, and clairaudience for vocalization.

"But clairvoyance and clairaudience are not affected by broad light, for this light does not destroy or in any way affect the ethereal form. Hence clairvoyance and clairaudience are as practical in broad light as in any degree of darkness and need no cabinet.

"I am glad it is possible that spirits can and do stand in visible form and be recognized by mortals; and while in such condition of visibility to write and talk to people of earth of future life for man, and of the various conditions that people find themselves in, when in spirit life accordingly as the individual is prepared.

"As I have said before, when the entire human race has proven this great question of the continuity of life, and that man retains his personality and individuality after the change called death, mere will not do the things they are doing today, but they will love one another. As time goes on, they will understand more clearly as the minds of men and women are weighing the evidence which is coming forth through the mediator to receive the knowledge from the world eternal. The one great law that leads to happiness is, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." When the entire human race obeys that one law, and from

shall be peace and harmony everywhere.

I shall quote you another passage of Scripture to prove to you that man retains his personality and individuality during Biblical times, found in the 22nd Chapter of Acts. "And the apostles gathered together in the upper chamber and sitting there for ten days and ten nights, became of one mind and of one accord. In other words they had created harmony. The Holy Ghost came down upon them, or in other words the spiritual power came upon them and they were able to speak in tongues that were foreign, and prophecy as the spirit gave them utterance.

The people standing by were mystified to hear them (the apostles) speaking in their own tongues as the spirit gave them utterance, as they could not understand how the apostles could do these things, which were marvelous. They were under the influence of a disembodied spirit. There are millions of people who have seen demonstrations given through a medium, but they do not understand how it is done. It is done through the great divine power and the loved ones who have passed beyond.

I trust I have given to you food for thought, and may you see the truth and know you shall retain your personality and individuality after the change called death. God bless you, and good-night.

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QUOTATIONS FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD

By Geo. B. Kline, M.D.

The following was copied from the three books, given wholly by spirits while materialized—the Star band as they called themselves, and contain thirteen affidavits as to their authenticity:

June 17, 1900. Spirit Thomas Payne: "Friends, it has often been said that it is possible for spirits to materialize in the broad daylight.

"I would say to you that it is possible for spirits to materialize to the degree of common visibility in broad or full white light, only on very rare occasions.

"Something of the law governing

the development and retention of the sensitive on the plate used in the process of photography governs in the process of materialization. So far it has been found almost impossible to fix and hold the sensitive film on the plate in clear white light. Experiment has demonstrated that white light that is pure, full, broad light destroys such film immediately upon the exposure of the film to such light. Experiment also has shown that this photo process may be successfully accomplished in red or ruby light, and very recent experiments have shown that green light also may be used successfully in photography.

"In solving problems of the human race, the scientists have no right to ignore phenomena—none to form conclusions respecting them which violate the principles of nature.

"It is a benefit to humanity seeking information through this channel.

"It opens the door to a comprehension of the fact of immortality.

"It demonstrates this truth: That individuality is not altered by translation.

"It gives to the mind dwelling on the earth sphere the true secret of progress.

"All of the ideas pertaining to immortal being would be in harmony if the means exist to prove their reality.

"Yes, dear friends, how plainly the mind is drawn, so you may see that your place in rank is well known by us."

(Signed) PROF. HARE,
JOHN PIERPONT."

STAR DUST

When the stardust falls
Through the still of the night,
In sheets of shimmering dew;
Tis then lovely rose, Dame Nature
gives

New life, and fragrance to you.
The butterflies come for the honey
sweet.

And after the morning sun
The mist rises up and to heaven re-
turns

To stardust again to become.

Our souls, as beautiful as the rose,
And as sweet as the honey, too,
Are as bright as the dust and twink-
ling stars.

And as light as the falling dew.

We all will arise, to our home in the
skies.

As mist to the earth, we can come,
To spread the great message: We
live again,

In our eternal home.

JEAN E. SCOVILLE.

LEARN THIS PRAYER

Give us the united thoughts, of
health, strength and happiness.

Oh angel guides, teach us the way,
and that man retains his per-
sonality and individuality after the

change called death, mere will not

do the things they are doing today,

but they will love one another.

As time goes on, they will understand

more clearly as the minds of men and

women are weighing the evidence

which is coming forth through

the mediator to receive the knowl-

edge from the world eternal.

Thus we are sending our prayer

upon high, and we ask for Thy

strength from above.

And Thine and mine to the glory

—Amen!—Rev. Nina D. Challen.

one to the other as you ascend the ethereal spheres.

"It has been said both spoken and written by certain self-styled scien-

tific people that a visible materialization under any conditions is a simple scientific absurdity, and contrary to every known natural law.

"Here, friends, I wish to say as loudly as I can, so as to be heard all round your earth, that what is called spirit materialization is in exact accord with every known law of spirit and physics.

"Every physical form in all of

nature's wide domain is a materialized form, builted by some external

spirit power, or by a spirit life innate

to the form. Therefore every one of

those anti-materialization carpers is himself a temporary spirit material-

ization. Do these self-lauded scien-

tists not know that one law, the law

of spirit, to manifest itself through

matter to other spirit in matter,

is the law that governs, rules, controls all spirit communion of all

phases and ages?" The same law that

materializes gardens of roses, and

the fauna and flora of your whole

world, and all other material worlds

for that matter—materializes man,

the world, reading and writing in

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SPIRITUALISTS ARE NOT
FORTUNE-TELLERS

The claim that is made by those who are ignorant of the fact that Spiritualist ministers and exponents of this philosophy and phenomena are fortune-tellers has no foundation in fact.

There are many statutes in several states of the Union which are much misinterpreted in this direction. These statutes were enacted for the purpose of punishing those who pretend to lure or gain by means of charms, necromancy, cards, tokens and signs, to tell fortunes.

Spiritualism and its exponents have nothing whatever to do with this. Spiritualism teaches a belief in Infinite Intelligence; that death is but birth to a higher life; that the door of reformation is never closed to any human soul; and endless progression.

The bill before the Pennsylvania Legislature at the present session has for its object, in its amendment, the discrimination between Spiritualists and fortune-tellers. The following is a clear presentation of the difference between the Spiritualists who are asking relief from prosecution unjustly meted out to them under this Act, and fortune-tellers who are still amenable to be punished for violation of the criminal laws:

IN RE HOUSE BILL NO. 756—FILE

FOIL 4179:

This Bill is an amendment of Section Two of the Act of April 8, 1861. In order that there may be no misunderstanding whatever, let it be distinctly understood that this Bill makes it a crime for any one to "pretend to lure or gain to tell fortunes."

The Act of 1861 prohibited predicting future events by cards, tokens or inspection of heads or hands; by one's age or by consulting the movements of the heavenly bodies or pretend to effect any purpose of spells, charms, necromancy or incantation. This still remains upon the statute books as a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

The Bill before the House provides an amendment which permits those who believe in Spiritualism, a religious denomination recognized under the law and which has been chartered in this State approximately seventy-five years ago, to worship God according to the dictates

of their conscience. In order that their ministers or teachers may not be subjected to false arrests or malicious prosecution when preaching the tenets of their faith, it is provided that such ministers or teachers must be certified or licensed by an association, or congregation, or denomination (duly incorporated under the laws of this State) which believes in God, the Universal Brotherhood of Man, that death is but birth to a higher life, and that man's conscious spirit lives after death in a progressive state. Such preacher or teacher is prohibited from fortune-telling or violating in any way by Fraud, Falsehood, or Deceit, the provisions of the law of 1861.

A Spiritualist is a religious believer; a Spiritualist is one who for gain, or lucre, tells fortunes or the future by incantation, necromancy, crystal ball gazing, reading heads, hands or age of those who seek information, or by cards, tokens, fetishes or similar humbugs.

In order to clear up the distinction between these two classes and not confound the worshiper with a faker, the amendment has been added to the Bill.

In resume, the purpose of the amendment is to permit the teaching of beliefs by preachers, teachers, and missionaries licensed by a religious denomination, incorporated under the laws of our Commonwealth, opposed to fortune-telling, and who preach and teach without fraud, falsehood or deceit, and with all due conscientious toward God and their fellow man.

In the Session of 1921, an Act in many ways similar to this was introduced and known as "House Bill 1075." This Bill passed the House and Senate by very large majorities. It was vetoed by the Governor in these words:

"I think the Bill was intended for the very purpose of protecting those who in good faith adhere to certain beliefs, but it seems apparent that the method is not an appropriate one. The result would be that any such minister or missionary of any kind of 'denomination' would have the right to practice all the things prohibited by the Act of 1861. I am sure the Legislature would not want to produce such a result."

House Bill No. 756 not only improves House Bill 1075 in the Session of 1921 by making no amendment to the first section of the Act of 1861, but going further, as indicated in the veto mentioned, requires the denomination to be incorporated in Pennsylvania, to be opposed to fortune-telling, and teaching belief in God, the Universal Brotherhood of Man; that death is but birth to a higher life, and that man's conscious spirit lives progressively after death, and that the teachers, missionaries, ministers or preachers of such denomination must be regularly certified or licensed as such by the denomination.

We believe the above is a clear presentation and will appeal to every lover of religious liberty.

THE HYDESVILLE MEMORIAL

The Hydesville Memorial is attracting the attention of the Spiritualists slowly but surely. There are thousands of temples erected to commemorate the birth of Christianity; song and story has portrayed it. The message of Christianity has been perpetuated in thousands of ways.

Spiritualists who have had the wonderful message that comes from the knowledge that our loved ones live and can communicate, owe a debt of gratitude to the mediums who first made the message of direct communication clear.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in inaugurating a movement to have a monument erected to commemorate the birth of Modern Spiritualism, has called our attention to a permanent memorial. He started his subscription with \$250 and has now doubled that amount. Three others, including the writer, have pledged \$250 each, and there are a number of smaller contributions.

Sir Arthur is now on an extended tour through the United States and we trust that every Spiritualist and every medium will help towards securing this fund so that a memorial can be erected on the site in Washington, owned by the National Spiritualist Association. Among the designs submitted is one by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, which portrays the opening of the gates of death, and an angel on guard. Many designs will probably be submitted, and though the growth of this fund may be slow, it will surely come, and then there will be a great celebration in Washington when the monument is displayed. If every Spiritualist in the United States would donate but one dollar to this laudable object the erection of the monument would speedily come.

Express your gratitude for the blessings Spiritualism has brought to you by sending in your subscription, small or large, to M. E. Cadwallader, chairman, 106 Loomis St., Chicago.

FIFTY-FIFTY

The Charter of the City of New York has arranged for an even distribution of religion to the foundations of that city. They distribute them evenly between the Catholic and Protestant institutions. The only exception is the Jewish faith, as the Jewish institutions will not take a foundation without indisputable proof that it is of Jewish parentage. This

is certainly tacking on religion to an infant, who has no choice in the matter. In the future life of the child it may prove to be that the parent's religion will have nothing in common with the one forced on the child.

THE TOMB OF PHARAOH

Much discussion is going on concerning the transition of Lord Carnarvon. There is a division of opinion as to whether conditions surrounding King Tut's tomb and the curse that was supposed to be laid on anyone who disturbed it, had any effect on him.

Those who believe that thoughts are things, take the ground in many instances that a thought sent out into the ether can never be recalled. It would be strange if this could not be recalled through the prayer of the one who sent forth the command. Good must always overcome evil.

Archaeologists are finding that there is nothing new under the sun, and explorers into the myths of the past as well as its history, are finding that the primitive people were far ahead of us in their ideas of luxury. They seemed to have had an idea that to cater to the material sense was the highest object in life. A great number of them understood occult mysteries as we find records of phenomena in the sacred books of the East that are not different from those of today. Would that someone would glean from the pages of the past these records. Albert J. Edmunds connected with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania has made an extensive study into ancient religions and claims that the four great Pali legends are founded on the same legends. He is the author of Buddist and Christian Gospels, as well as a Catechism of the World's Religions.

That spiritual phenomena, understood by the Egyptians, is shown by the book of the Egyptian dead, where Ani after having been granted the book of immortal life goes to the door of his wife's chamber and knocks upon it. This is fully portrayed in the decorations taken from the Egyptian "Book of the Dead" on the walls of the British Museum. Yet today, those who do not or will not think, deny the possibility of the phenomena of Spiritualism, though the Bible of the Christian churches is filled with records of the same phenomena.

The time will come when to be ignorant of the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism will be a stigma in the eyes of thinking people.

ITINERARY OF SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE

Chicago, Ill., Saturday afternoon, April 28, at Orchestra Hall.

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When you have read this issue of The Progressive Thinker pass it on to one of your friends.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE WANDERINGS OF A SPIRITUALIST

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

During his recent trip Sir Arthur has visited and talked before organized bodies of Spiritualists all over the world and in his account of his travels he is able to sum up the spiritual experience of all mankind together. The threads of thought that are growing is following and to unite into one movement the whole world. His tour has brought to light much material and his story is full of interesting experiences, meetings and discussions with famous people and accounts of Spiritualistic wonders gathered up from every quarter.

It was the war that to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, as to so many others, revealed a "breaking of the bonds" of the world between two worlds, a direct and undeniable message from beyond, a call of hope and of guidance to the human race at the time of its greatest affliction.

The reader will follow this book with hot interest. He has within its covers the most mysterious component of human existence discussed by a writer of world-wide reputation, by a physician of high education and broad scientific knowledge, by a man of noble aims and generous soul who is as fair with apostate Alzheimers and who seeks to clarify to humanity what he believes to be the truth."

New York Times.

HISTORICAL SPIRITUALISM

By M. E. Cadwallader

The series of articles that have been running through The Progressive Thinker dealing with the early history of Spiritualism in Philadelphia, and the 70 years of achievement of the First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, have been published in a booklet form. It is well printed, is illustrated with pictures of the Temple and interior as well as the Lyceum planting a tree in Independence Square.

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M. E. CADWALLADER
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THE WORLD-WIDE SPIRITUALIST MOVEMENT

Never in the history of civilization has the world stood so in need of a continued effort such as The World-Wide Spiritualist Movement.

Never was humanity so depressed and so lost in disbelief as it is at the present moment.

Orthodoxy has hidden from man the Truth of Immortality and in so doing has deadened the finer feelings of man, so that today, when the world needs Truth to help and encourage it in its days of unrest and strife, there are but few of us to hold out to it the Message of Comfort that it needs.

It is to take care of this need that we inaugurated The World-Wide Spiritualist Movement.

We saw that we had to combine our work and put it upon the basis of efficient co-operation.

Through united effort more can be accomplished at a much smaller cost than without it.

Co-operation means that WE will work together.

You and I will bend all of our efforts toward a definite purpose and in our case the purpose is to teach the world our knowledge of Life Everlasting.

When you and I are convinced of the NECESSITY of doing this work and we are determined to devote some of our time and effort for this good, MUCH will be accomplished.

In union there IS strength.

We are strongest when we unite and work together.

So I feel urge to make the strongest appeals that I can to you that you will help Work of Light as the Great Saving Power of the human race.

I must reach your heart, for this is a heart call to all who are moved by the heart aches of humanity, caused by the belief in death and darkness.

Will YOU heed this call?

You KNOW the strength of united effort. Now can you see the need to spread our Truth and help save the world from suffering through unbelief in the continuity of life such as the Gospel of Spiritualism teaches?

Will you lend us your help?

Will you give your financial support to this Cause?

Right NOW we need you.

Sign the coupon below and let me know that you stand WITH our effort in its Work of Freedom from the belief of death.

JOIN your efforts with ours, that The World-Wide Spiritualist Movement may be a Mighty Organization to teach the Truth of Immortality to those in sorrow.

M. E. CADWALLADER,

Editor of The Progressive Thinker.

106 S. Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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GUARDING OUR DEPOSITS

God Expects Us to Employ the Talents He Has Given Us So as to Make a Better and Happier World

Rev. H. W. B. Myrick

"O, Timothy, guard the deposit which is committed unto thee." (Tim. 6:20)

In this passage of Scripture we have a very striking analogy in which our talents and endowments are likened to a deposit. As you might take money and deposit it in a bank, so the idea is that God has deposited with you a wealth of talent and ability which you are to employ and use in His service and that, of your fellow-man. And as the bank is expected to pay a rate of interest to you for the amount of your deposit, so you are expected to make a suitable return on God's investment in you.

In some of our states there is a law that guarantees all the deposits that customers place in the banks, so that the persons having money in the banks do not need to worry about the safety of their funds. If the bank fails the depositors are sure of their money, anyway; but if we fail in our use of the talents which God has deposited with us, then both God and humanity are the losers because of our negligence or misuse of the talents which He has entrusted to our care.

Sometimes a cashier or banker will abscond after having embezzled the money of the bank to spend in speculation, or for his own private use; and it is also a sad fact that men, to whom God has committed talents and opportunity, will sometimes squander the deposit of God in sinful dissipations.

The idea I am trying to fix in your minds is that you are God's bankers; He has made an investment in you; He has committed certain powers and talents into your care and expects you to employ them to His gain and glory.

In the material way of business we expect our earthly bankers to take our money and combine it with other peoples' money in establishing profitable undertakings in financing factories, promoting railroads, or in doing any legitimate line of business that will serve the people and keep the wheels of prosperity rolling. In this way our money, while it will return us a small amount of interest, will in addition be building up the business of the country and contributing to the general welfare of all the people.

Precisely so; God expects us to employ the talents He has given us so as to make a better and happier world and to enable Him to say that He has made a good investment in us. Perhaps you think you belong to no one but yourself; but, if that you are mistaken; you belong to God and to your fellow-men.

Paul well said: "No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." You are not counted as an individual merely, but you are counted as a part of the whole community in which you live. If you disgrace yourself, you disgrace the whole community; and if you honor yourself, you honor the whole community. You cannot become a better man just for yourself, because you make the community better when you make yourself better.

If a farmer has ten large animals for sale and then puts in one scrub to go with the bunch, that scrub will lower the average of the whole lot. While each of the fine animals is just as good as before the scrub was added to the list, yet the average is lowered by the presence of the scrub. Individually the fine steer or hog is worth perhaps a certain amount of money, or will weigh so many pounds, but because the average is taken it does not count as high as it should.

It is the same with the church or society as a whole—a scrub will lower our average and reduce our respect in the mind of the public. Let us each one think whether we are raising or lowering the average of our community or church.

I was telling a gentleman once of how many additions I had secured to the church at a certain place, and he said to me: "Are you sure they were real additions?" This is a question that ought to give all of us serious thought: "Am I really an addition to this church?"

Sometimes a church would be just about as well off if a few of the additions were subtracted as soon as they were added. But now for a little while let us consider some of the things that God has deposited with us and on which He expects us to make a profit, not only for Himself, but for ourselves and the world about us.

And first of all I would mention those wonderful endowments which we call the mind. The crown of glory of man is his mind. It lifts him above the level of the animal, and gives him the mastery over nature. Mind is creative and has marvelous inventions of our modern civilization. Man's body is a man with its various organs, their various uses, their thought-provoking books: "God is

it would be as helpless and worthless as the slimy body of an eel."

I saw an idiot a few days ago and observed that his hands were as simple and capable as my own, but because there was no mind to control and direct them they were of no more use to the world than the hairs on a caterpillar's back."

The most perfect organ of matter we can conceive of would be of no more practical use than a pile of pebbles, were it not that a directing mind can use it for benevolent purposes. Matter is a useful servant, and man's progress is God's progress. God is using us, and we are using God.

We are partners in the greatest enterprise on earth today; that of making men and women better and bringing peace and happiness to the world. And Paul was right when he said: "We are workers together with Him"; this is God. We are God's bankers, and He has made His deposits with us, and it should be our pride to return Him as large profits upon His investment as possible.

I preached for a church once in Daviess County, Mo., and one of the elders was named Powell, and everybody called him familiarly, "Uncle Jimmy." Always as he talked to me, or to any one, he would use the plural pronoun, and say "we." He scarcely ever said, "I did this or that," but he did; and one day I said to him, "Uncle Jimmy, why do you always say 'we'?" He looked confused for a moment and then said: "Brother Myrick, when I say 'we' I mean to include God, for without His help I could not have accomplished what I have done."

Mr. Brugler looks and talks very much as Elmer Coue does. He is about the same size and age, has the same short pointed beard and brisk, business-like manner. It is difficult to get him to talk details, however, for the plan is that he is looking over your head all the time at the ultimate result, and can't stop to tell you how he is going to do it.

Our reporter, wondering how a religious laboratory might compare with the physical and chemical and electrical laboratories he met in college called at Mr. Brugler's home one morning just as the minister was leaving for Brooklyn, and accompanied him in the subway to Borough Hall. On the way to the station, Mr. Brugler gave utterance to the belief that all life exists in three parallel and equally important phases, physical, intellectual and spiritual. "Take any plant, for instance; it breathes and eats and thinks just as—"

"You really mean thinks?" interrupted the reporter, and Mr. Brugler not only said "yes" but described an experiment, as follows:

We shall do so much in the years to come; But what have we done today? We shall give our gold in a princely sum; But what have we given today?

We shall live the heart and dry the tear; We shall plant a hope instead of fear; We shall speak the words of loving cheer;

But what have we done today? We shall be kind in the aftermath; But what have we been today? We shall bring each lonely life a smile;

But what have we brought to day? We shall give to truth a grander birth; And to steadfast faith a deeper worth;

We shall feed the hungering souls of earth;

But what have we done today? We shall reap such joys in the by and by;

But what have we sown today? We shall build us mansions in the sky;

But what have we built today? I will not close this lecture without giving each one of you my personal pledge to do as much good as I can, to be kind to every soul I meet, to try to do some specially good thing that will make happy when I come to close my eyes in sleep at night.

Malthy M. Babcock, the great Baptist preacher, said he asked his soul each night as he lay down to rest: "Have I done anything today that no one but a Christian would do?" And that would not be a bad way for a Spiritualist to review his day when the shades of night are coming down upon us. Whoever wakes up from such a day as that in eternity will surely find himself in the paradise of God.

Jesus said: "I and my Father are one"; and each one of us should come to realize the same essential unity of our lives with the life of God.

In the first chapter of Genesis, after everything had been made, it is said: "And God looked upon everything He had made; and behold, it was very good"; just good, notice, not a thing about it being absolutely perfect. The first reaper that was made was good, and there have been better ones made since then, but the perfect machine has not yet been invented.

The human eye is a marvelous piece of constructive work, but it is not perfect by any means. An eagle has a better eye than any man; and a telescope or a microscope enables us to see better than this eye that God made. A dog has a much keener sense than any man.

I heard a preacher once pray during a revival, and say: "O, God, we know you are doing your very best"; and that is exactly all we can say or believe. God in nature and in human experience, is doing the best He can, working from age to age toward better things. Spiritualists have no trouble in explaining the horrible conditions in the world today.

Listen to a preacher, Dr. George Burman Foster, of the Chicago University, who said in one of his thought-provoking books: "God is

not complete yet; God is in the process of making." Certainly, and we cannot explain an imperfect universe with a perfect God; but if we think of Him as limited, not yet complete, but trying experiments in the universe, then we can account for the mistakes and hideous blunders everywhere.

But I want to give you one more quotation from a preacher, this time from William Kelley Wright, Doctor of Philosophy, in Dartmouth College. His book has not long been published, and is entitled, "A Student's Philosophy of Religion." Mr. Kelley says on page 389: "They seem to indicate that the universe is gradually growing better under the guidance of a power that is working for righteousness through the activity of the newest things in religion, a laboratory of religious research, recently established by Rev. Charles E. Brugler, ten-

perature rising the pupil and doing research work at Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights.

Just as man is progressing, more perfect machines and inventions today than he did yesterday, so God is growing toward better things, because God is working through man and man's progress is God's progress. God is using us, and we are using God.

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social, religious, political and business conditions.

He says most of the miracle stories about which theologians are wasting so much fruitless controversy are parables originating in the minds of the Oriental story tellers, whose collected lore formed the basis of the Bible. He explained a number of them during the interview.

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Cosmic questions like "Where do we go from here?" "Do plants think?" theological questions such as "Was Eve really made of Adam's rib?" and "How did seventy Israelites immigrants in Canaan get a million and a half great-grandchildren in four short centuries?" and modern problems like "How to settle a plumber's strike" will all be subject to the investigating processes of the newest things in religion, a laboratory of religious research, recently established by Rev. Charles E. Brugler, ten-

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"LET US WORK TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN"

LYCEUM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Hold at the Lily of the West Temple, Chicago, April 14

Conducted by Mrs. E. E. Joseph, Lather State Superintendent of Lyceums.

The following Lyceums took part: West Side Spiritualist Church Lyceum, Rev. W. J. Howes, conductor; Central Spiritualist Lyceum, Rev. Frank Joseph, conductor; Central Spiritualist Lyceum—Mrs. M. L. Becker, conductor; Spiritual Endeavor Lyceum—Mr. Anton Helebrant, conductor.

Lyceum Marching Song: Heart Echoes, No. 4.

Song: "Open the door for the Children, Heart Echoes, No. 1.

"Salute to Flag," Heart Echoes, No. 22.

"Guard the Flag," Heart Echoes, No. 22.

Invocation: "Angels waiting at life's gate, We would turn from sin and hate; Living on earth, we strive to live; We will learn at wisdom's shrine. Live in goodness on this shore, Till we join you evermore."

Responsive Reading: "The Declaration of Principles."

Song: "The Angel's Song, Heart Echoes, No. 2.

Roll Call of the Lyceums

Each Lyceum to respond with a motto.

Song: "Over the Border," Heart Echoes, No. 6.

Musical Reading: "Hand in Hand with Angels," Heart Echoes, No. 11.

Lesson: "The Origin of Modern Spiritualism," "Mediumship," "The Teachings of Spiritualism," "The Foundation of Spiritualism."

Song: "Clap Your Hands for Joy," Heart Echoes, No. 14.

Calisthenics

Song: "Lyceum Temperance Song," Heart Echoes, No. 21.

Band of Mercy Pledge:

"I will be kind to every living creature and will protect them from cruel usage."

Song: "Never Give up the Right Way," Heart Echoes, No. 16.

Remarks

Benediction

Closing Song: "Our Lyceum Band," Heart Echoes, No. 28.

"The Sunshine Army," Heart Echoes, No. 7.

LYCEUM MARCHING SONG

Heart Echoes, No. 4.

We are marching on with badge and banner bright.

We will sing with glee in chorus for the right.

We will radiate our spiritual light, while we work for truth and right.

Chorus

Then awake! then awake! happy song, happy song, shout for joy, shout for joy, as we gladly march along.

We are marching on and singing as we go,

To the sun-land where crystal waters flow,

Come and join our groups as pilgrims here below,

Come and work for truth and right.

In the Lyceum our army we prepare, as we rally round our noble standard.

And the torch of truth we early learn to bear,

While we work for truth and right.

We are marching on, the angels ever near,

Will protect us still, their gentle voice we hear,

Let the foe advance, we'll never, never fear,

While we work for truth and right.

OPEN THE DOOR FOR THE CHILDREN

Heart Echoes, No. 1

Open the door for the children, Tenderly gather them in, In from the highways and hedges, In from the places of sin.

Some are so young and so helpless,

Some are so hungry and cold;

Open the door for the children, Gather them into the fold.

Chorus

Open the door for the children, So they are coming in throngs; Bid them sit down to the banquet, Teach them your beautiful songs.

Pray you the father to bless them,

Pray that grace may be given;

Open the door for the children, Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Open the door for the children, Take the dead hands in the hands; Lead them to bright spirit-land; Some are so young and so helpless, Some are so hungry and cold; Open the door for the children, Gather them into the fold.

MAGIC STAFF
"Under all circumstances keep an even mind."

GUARD THE FLAG
Heart Echoes, No. 22
Guard the flag; guard the flag of our native land; Guard the flag of liberty; Guard well the flag with heart and hand; Give save the banner of the free! Sons of the nation, hold it aloft, Bravely its colors fly; Guard the flag, the flag of the world; Ever shall we high!

CHORUS
Guard the flag; guard the flag of our native land; Guard the flag of liberty; Guard well the flag with heart and hand; Give save the banner of the free!

ALLYN FLAG SALUTE
Hail! Star Spangled banner, the sign of the free! Our hearts and our hands pledge allegiance to thee, And echo, and echo from shore to shore, One country united; one flag evermore; —C. Fannie Allyn.

THE ANGEL'S SONG
Heart Echoes, No. 2
From spirit land not far away, We hear sweet voices as we say: "We come, we come, a spirit hand, Extending helping heart and hand."

CHORUS
Dear angel guides, we will be true, We'll join with you the work to do; So let your song still reach our heart And help us ever do our part.

A song of angels calls the true To rise in might their work to do: "We come, we come," the angels sing, "To make the earth with music ring."

BAND OF MERCY PLEDGE
I will be kind to all harmless living creatures, and will protect them from cruel usage.

KINDNESS
"There is nothing so kingly as kindness, And nothing so royal as truth."

The Lyceum demonstration held at the Lily of the West Temple, April 14, was a great success. It was held under the auspices of the Convention of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association. Four Lyceums were united in one of the finest demonstrations of Lyceum work that has ever been held in Chicago. Mrs. E. E. Joseph, Lather State Superintendent of Lyceums, was in the work in which she is engaged, and under her leadership we can look forward to great strides in the advancement of Lyceum work.

THE LYCEUM OF THE WEST SIDE Spiritual Church, Rev. H. J. Howes, conductor; the Lyceum of the Church of the Spirit, Rev. Frank Joseph, conductor; Central Spiritualist Lyceum, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch, and Miss Smith (Leader); and the Lyceum of the First Church of Spirit Healing, Rev. M. L. Becker, conductor; and Spiritual Endeavor Lyceum, Rev. Anton Helebrant, conductor; all made a fine showing. The singing was excellent and the program was effective. President Warne was in his glory. He is enthusiastic for the success of the Lyceum work, and President Warne said it was one of the best demonstrations he had ever witnessed in Chicago.

OPEN THE DOOR FOR THE CHILDREN
Heart Echoes, No. 1
Be a Progressive Thinker Booster

Outline Lessons for the Children's Lyceum

By C. FANNIE ALLYN

These outlines for lessons were not designed for the use of the Lyceum, but were them (as needed) for the Lyceum Camp Lyceum, and the children there. They are not to be used in the Lyceum.

They are to be used to take the place of any other Lyceum work that may be in the future. I have aimed to call the blessed children to the kindliness of the spirit, and to teach them the beauty. To me, it is necessary that character should build spiritual character, whereas the pedagogues in your mind, preconceived prejudices and superstitions—already made and scattered down before the two worlds can be included in the book, is a symposium of opinions upon its value from the stand point of Dr. Oliver Lodge, Dr. E. L. T. Dill, Rev. G. Vale Owen, Drs. E. L. Powell, LL.B., D.Sc., and others.

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