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How Shall We Bring Sight To The Blind?

By CLARKSON DYE

The millions of those bereaved through the war are craving for positive knowledge that their loved ones are not "dead." Orthodox religion only offers them faith as a solace to their wistful hopes. Why not certain knowledge when this is available?

This writer feels that if some new approach could be devised, to cause a wide-spread revelation of our spiritual natures, that humanity would be awakened. Here is a forthright challenge to those groups and individuals who are making earnest, constructive efforts to disseminate the importance of spiritual truths to the world. Some of us, it is true, have understanding hearts and minds—but why not all?

Shacked Truth Entreats Us for Deliverance.

Mildewed minds. This term would seem an apt designation of those who can visualize the terrible spectacle of millions being slain in the war, without questioning their spiritual destinies. This might also apply to the apathy of so-called religious groups which evade all concern on this matter by the simple expedient of saying, "They have gone to heaven, we will meet again in the hereafter," and contentedly let it go at that. This was humanity's attitude before science came into the picture. Cruel hardships, disease and pestilence, these were regarded as quite unavoidable, their sources not to be questioned, to be accepted with resignation.

Courageous Explorers

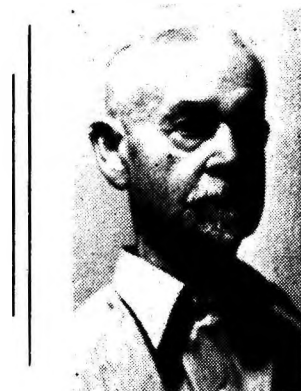
But it would seem that there have always been in the world's history a few stubborn agnostics and perspicacious fellows around to ask the why and wherefore of things; to analyze, dissect, and inquire; to look under stones, and seek for causes, rather than study effects. This band of courageous explorers, men like Columbus, Galileo, Pasteur, Crookes and Lodge, blazed enduring trails in the wilderness, and brought light where there was darkness before.

Why do we lack them today? Why has no Moses appeared holding his brazen serpent aloft, to take his children into a promised land? Blind prejudice might be the answer the unyielding determination of supposedly-thinking men to tolerate no violation of the sanctity of their temple of precedence, of conventional scientific beliefs.

Most Important Study

When asked to accord the same laboratory scrutiny to psychic phenomena and the spirit world that they do to things in the material world, they refuse. They contend, even without trying, that it is unworthy of investigation. This, in contrast to Gladstone's oft-repeated dictum that this is, by far, the most important subject for study in which mankind could possibly engage.

The attitude of such scientists is comparable to that of members of the French Academy, when Edison's phonograph was first demonstrated to them. *Flammarion*



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CLARKSON DYE, 298 South 15th St., San Jose, California; executive secretary of The Psychic Fellowship, a group whose activities have been confined almost exclusively to the scientists. Says Mr. Dye: "Our late survey of the supposedly best minds in America was amazing, they are so indifferent."

described the scene vividly, and tells how an eminent French scientist denounced the invention, saying it was scientifically impossible that "mere vile metal" could perform the functions of human speech. This scientist then seized the demonstrator of the phonograph by the collar, saying, "We are not here to be made dupes of by a ventriloquist!"

Scientists Have Failed

It is not an exaggeration to claim that our modern scientists are in this same category regarding psychic phenomena. Not, however, but that there is some justification for it. As Dr. Milliken, discoverer of the cosmic ray, wrote to me, "This subject has had far more time and energy spent upon it than any other field of investigation, but with negligible results."

This comment is not quite correct, although there have been several investigations attempted under scientific auspices. All have failed to be definitely conclusive, either pro or con. Some data has emerged, it is true, from these hearings; much of the evidence obtained was baffling, obscure, particularly to a scientific committee endeavoring to make decisions on a subject of which they knew little or nothing. Such an investigation was equivalent to that of a group of bacteriologists debating on astronomy, or a French scholar trying to read an Egyptian inscription.

How could a just decision be expected under such circumstances! We learn that such committee members make no preliminary

study of the subject upon which they expect to make a decision; each one may be an authority on his branch of science, but here they are using strange tools, and are usually prejudiced before they are seated. We can't test the purity of gold unless the appropriate acids, and other tests, are used.

Thousands of Records

Thousands upon thousands of psychic phenomena have taken place, with innumerable laboratory tests to determine their authenticity. A large library records them, in many languages. Sir William Barrett studied the psychic forces for forty years; *Flammarion*, the astronomer, devoted sixty years to psychic research, using the most rigid scientific tests he could devise. We could name dozens of other men of science who spent twenty, thirty, forty years in rigid laboratory experiments before accepting the existence of psychic forces and the hypothesis of survival and communication to their entire satisfaction.

But all this accumulation of favorable evidence has left the mass of humanity indifferent to its importance. "What a different world this would be," a member of the British Parliament once exclaimed after talking to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "if humanity could only realize how the other world impregnates our own!"

Gross Materialism

Why, then, has humanity failed to discover and accept, generally, this basic fact? At this point many of our orthodox religious friends will solemnly remind us of Luke 16-31: "And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." But notwithstanding this pronouncement, Christ rose from the dead, persuaded millions, brought a new era into being, gave us comprehensive proof of immortality.

Decadent humanity has forgotten, all too easily, the lessons of the past; has obscured the higher values by gross materialism. Can we doubt that a revealing sense of our true responsibilities would be awakened if our spiritual natures were recognized?

Our Philosophy Lacks

"Peace on earth, good will towards men"—what a cruel travesty these words are to the armed forces seeking to kill and maim each other today; to the starving, persecuted nations in the occupied countries! The irony of it would seem well-expressed in the current verse:

"This is a funny world,
Its wonders never cease;
All 'civilized' people are at war,
All savages at peace."

Surely this indicates that there is something lacking in our philosophy of life; that the need for new concepts is too obvious to be longer disregarded, as peace and good will are ruthlessly supplanted by cruelty, suffering and greed—with sorrow and despair widespread.

Since the appeal of Christianity has been in vain to stem this flood

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Spiritualism ...from a Legal Standpoint

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Thoughtful and intelligent men and women of high standing believe in personal conscious survival.

By GEORGE GORDON BATTLE

In its broadest meaning *Spiritualism* includes all phases of belief that human activity is not entirely physical or material. All those who believe that there is a force in our universe which cannot be explained solely in terms of the earthly and the material may be said to be advocates of Spiritualism.

The predominant motive of those who have worked and studied in this field has been to determine the issue of personal immortality—whether our life continues after its short span on this earth is ended. There can be no subject of thought

Rochester Decision

And so every one of us has the right to inquire into the doctrines of Spiritualism, to discuss them orally and by writing, and to follow such beliefs and convictions as each of us may have in that subject. This is the unquestioned and fundamental right and practice of humanity.

One of our leading jurists made a notable decision on this subject in the City of Rochester. The question at issue there was whether a belief in Spiritualism affected the right of a man to dispose of his property by his Will.

In a well reasoned and eloquent opinion the Court held "Spiritualism is simply a form of religious belief and what a person's religious views may be should not be inquired into in a judicial proceeding. * * *

Our Rights in Court

In this country where a man has the unquestioned right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, whether he believes in one kind of religious teaching or another or does not believe in any such teaching at all, is not a matter of importance when it comes to consider his rights in a Court of Law"

Consequently, it was held in that case that the belief of the testator in Spiritualism had nothing whatever to do with the validity of his Will. Here in New York a statute known as the *Religious Corporations Law* authorizes the incorporation of Spiritualistic churches in connection with the *General Assembly of Spiritualists*.

Spiritualism Recognized

The law provides that: "The word 'church' as used herein shall mean any charge or society organized for the purpose of worshiping as Spiritualists as a religion."

It is further enacted that these churches shall have the right to elect and remove ministers and clerical attendants, to fix their

compensation and their duties, providing they have been regularly commissioned so to act by the *General Assembly of Spiritualists*.

There are similar statutes in many states and substantially the same practice prevails in all the states. From the legal standpoint, therefore, *Spiritualism is recognized as a religion* and those who serve in that church are duly accredited and authorized ministers of religion.

Law Against Malpractice

However, of course, the best humane activities can be distorted by dishonest and evil men and women so as to become criminal. From the earliest time it has been true that men could don the livery of the law to serve the devil. And so there have been efforts to use the principles and the practice of Spiritualism by improper methods for evil objects. There have been frauds and other misconduct practiced in the name of Spiritualism.

It is against such malpractice that the law has imposed penalties: and never against the legitimate Spiritualist activities.

For example, there was an ordinance passed in the City of Chicago providing, in effect, that any one who obtained money from another by fraudulent devices and practices in the name of or by the means of Spirit mediumship or anyone who held or gave any public or private meeting in the name of Spiritualism and therein practiced fraud or deception of any kind, was guilty of a criminal offense.

What The Judge Said

The charge was made that a medium, *James Payne*, claimed to hold communication with spirits of deceased friends and relatives of persons present at a meeting, and it was charged that thereby he violated this ordinance.

The *Illinois Appellate Court* quashed the charge and dismissed the defendant. The Presiding Justice said, "For the purpose of this case, Spiritualism may be defined

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Why Do We Aspire?

It is never too late to begin improving our thoughts. Never forget we are making our own lives with our own responsibilities. To aspire is the most reasonable and advantageous thing to do . . . now and forever.

To aspire is a scientific necessity. It brings harmony and equilibrium.

By

REV. BERNARD RODIN, D.S.S.

Indulgent critics and cynical materialists often assert that Spiritualists try to become "good" so that the after life (if there is one!) will give them a soft and cosy time. We are accused of forcing ourselves to be kindly natured in order to reach heaven and that it is purely through fear that we strive to rise above delinquency and disorder. Therefore, we are told, we deserve no credit and that we tend to lead unnatural lives.

Of course, this criticism could be applied to all professing religion and, quite likely, the ultra kindly Christian may be told that he is seeking favor at the heavenly gates and is just scared to commit sin. Orthodoxy must speak for itself. As Spiritualists, we have our reply which is logical and scientific.

Personal Responsibility

We endeavor to aspire because common sense reasons it is of practical value to the individual and to the universe at one and the same time. To enhance the vibratory forces of our being is to add nobility and glory to creation. Individually, we gain in wisdom, health and poise. Universally, there is added light and inspiration for all. No single effort in advancement can be lost any more than any slight backstep can fail to react somewhere.

Personal responsibility we know all too well, is an integral and vital factor in each of our lives. No theories or guesswork can argue us away from this blazing reality. The choice for aspiration or stagnation is universal and abundantly fair. In the perfect "judgment" upon our souls every item of life bears its own merit in ratio to our ability. Ignorance can hardly be accepted as excusable as usually, there is no excuse for ignorance. Anyway, we know that, so exacting is the operation of the law that no errors are made and that all garner what is deserved.

Indestructible Self

Negligence of the human frame, demands a penalty sooner or later and intelligent folk are quick to recognize this even though they may often abuse themselves. It is to many, a kind of a gamble, a game of chance and, sportingly enough, they are usually ready to render the cost. Most people would respect one who considered



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REV. BERNARD RODIN, Canadian Trance Medium, will spend the entire season, July and August, at Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y., where he is to conduct his public and private spiritual work.

Rev. Rodin is trance intermediary for his principle spirit collaborator "SUN GOD".

his body and dealt with it carefully.

Humanity as a whole, has yet to cognize the fact that the soul or indestructible self has the need for infinitely more care than the physical body since it is the vibrant self and can never be destroyed. During earthly life its opportunity for cultivation is of paramount importance because of the many tests and trials to be found.

Must Make An Effort

Nature has set man a profound lesson in this life of flesh and the very essence of natural law commands that each exponent of material life shall build a little more each day for higher attainment in the mastery of expression. More love, more peace and more service.

The constant inpouring of communications from the spirit world are full always, of admonitions and advice to live lives of aspiration, refinement and loving service. We are never expected, suddenly or quickly, to become superhuman or angelic but merely to make positive efforts to expound the better part of our beings a little more each day.

The thing is, we realize, to make an effort.

Yes, we can expect to fail at times and perhaps to lose patience quite a bit but, if there is that real desire set within us, we shall find that there will come ways and means of extending the altruism within our lives.

We work not alone; guardian spirits and helpers from the greater land are ever ready to inspire

and influence for good and profit and accept every opportunity to come and assist. The marvels of spiritual guidance when men have been in high estate of soul can never be realized by our purely earthly estimations. All genius has been fired through amalgamation (whether realized or not) with the bright souls of higher dominions.

Slave of Matter

Tragically true it is that the grim, hard and sneering materialist helps so very seriously to hold up the progress of the world. Bound by iron-like greed and conceit he throws granite walls around his consciousness through which only foul-grade entities may enter from this world or from the invisible. Laugh would they, at the idealist who finds love and delight in selfless service! And, as for Spiritualists, "insanity" would be the strenuous accusation hurled at them for daring to consider a "dead" man can live again.

From the truly beastial of man, right up to the "good fellow" materialist (and there are plenty worthy worshippers of the visible) illimitable shadow and danger is reflected into the world. All too often it is merely because the slave to matter considers it weak or unsophisticated to make his life primarily spiritual in demonstration.

Responsible For Chaos

"When I'm dead, I'm dead," is often the cry of these members of the community. They may laconically add that, if there is a life to come they will just take the consequences be they what they may. A far too stupid and unscientific not to say perilous philosophy. Spiritualists know only too well the trap that many such careless people prepare for themselves in the life to come.

But just as serious in a way, is the fearful neglect they are showing here and now and the heart-breaking results. The present war should be enough to make many ponder on whether or not, knowledge of the soul and its future is not a long needed exposition. Ironically enough, many fine people are partially responsible for the world's grief simply because they would scoff at Spiritualism or psychic facts.

It might be true to say that all wrong thinking people are indirectly responsible for our chaos. Yes, and some of these might well be professing Spiritualists who ought to know better.

A Profitable Thing

It may well sound trite to say it, but only when this world gets on its spiritual feet will plunder be expunged. And the panacea for our trouble is aspiration, constantly and determinedly applied.

Speaking for Spiritualists, we can say we aspire because it is the profitable thing to do, not merely the good thing to do. It is a scientific necessity just as is cleanliness of our physical bodies. Such aspiration is required to bring equilibrium and harmony to all people and all nations. Doing a "wrong" thing may well seem clever or smart but in reality it is poisonous and weakening. Unfortunately, the responses to our

Ministers Say 'No' To Spiritualists

British Home Secretary Will Not Exempt Mediums From Vagrancy Law.

Pleas of the British Spiritualists National Union that the Vagrancy Act should be amended, as soon as conditions allow, so as to exclude mediums from its purview, have been rejected by Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary.

He was replying to a deputation introduced by Dr. S. J. Peters, M. P., and including no less a personage than Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, which asked that a committee should be set up consisting of representatives of the Home Office and of Spiritualist and psychical research organizations to inquire into the working of the Vagrancy Act in so far as it affected Spiritualist mediums, and the advice should be given to the police and magistracy about proceedings being taken under the common law instead of under the Vagrancy Act, which would insure trial by jury.

Not Appropriate Method

Mr. Morrison's answer was: "I have come to the conclusion that the appointment of such a committee would not be an appropriate method of dealing with the problem. I understand that it is the practice in some police forces in cases of this kind to institute proceedings only against persons whose activities have been the subject of complaint by members of

actions are nearly always hidden from our immediate earthly vision and that is no reason why so many erratic and ignominious things are performed—often albeit in the name of peace and goodwill.

Purpose of Aspiration

The parting of the curtain which appears to hide the world of spirit from this globe helps us to know more clearly the law of cause and effect and the wondrous philosophy of nature's laws. It cannot be wrong to peer into a world of revelation which provides us with more wisdom and keenness of comprehension. No, those of us who "dare" to "seek and find" and doing a very useful and badly needed part in showing the world the meaning of aspiration.

And it may be well to add, that those who "aspire" just "in order to have a cosy nook beyond" have really done but little to go forward. For real aspiration is born within a selflessness which does not deliberately scheme to get a good reward but does right for right's sake and allows nature to take its course.

Having A Good Time?

In God-consciousness, we tend to do Godly things because we feel Divine Love trickling through our beings. In that we trust and seek not specified grants but merely more universal love which, in its own way, supplies all we need. We aspire to live in beauteous harmony with evolution which of its very nature demands that spiritual progression is essential. Not through fear or failure in living to "have a good time." Good times are really found in the higher aspects of life such as music and art so brutally neglected in the "super age" of mechanism and graft.

Aspiration means ever closer proximity with the God who made us. It is never too late to begin improving our thoughts. Let us never forget, we are making our own lives with our own responsibilities and that to aspire is the most reasonable and advantageous thing to do. For now and forever.



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HERBERT MORRISON

the public, and where there is evidence that the person is an impostor and taking money or other valuable consideration.

Bona Fide Mediums O.K.

"Although I have no power to issue any directions to the police as to the manner in which they should enforce the law, I have asked chief constables to consider the adoption of this practice in their forces. Further than this I cannot go, but if the practice I have described is generally adopted persons bona fide engaged in the ministrations of the Spiritualist churches and in psychical research should not find themselves hampered by the provisions of the law."

Union Protests Ruling

In its comment on this dictum the union remarked:

"To say that you can go no further than that to remedy our grievances seems to us to savor almost of insult."

There are more than 1,000,000 Spiritualists in Britain, according to Frank Haugen, secretary of the Marylebone (London) Spiritualist Association, which claims to be the largest society of its kind in the country. He told a News Chronicle reporter that many of the new members were suffering from war bereavements.

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A SERGEANT WRITES TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mrs. Pressing:

Am writing this letter, maybe it won't interest you in the least but there is one question in my mind at this time. If anyone can answer it it would be you. You seem to be very learned on this subject so you would make me very happy if you read this letter all the way through.

I am just a soldier and still don't know too much about the work of mediumship. I have been interested about two years and find it very good, in fact it helps you wherever you go.

My job is to get this war over and return to my loved ones and the peace that (we hope) follows. I like many others delved into this subject of survival to prove that it was the bunk. I guess this was due to lack of knowledge. Instead, I began to hear voices and to see people I did not even know. Then came the word that is causing me to write this letter the word *wonder*.

Experience With Mediums

This is the one word I have heard spoken of constantly, but in this work I suppose you hear people say plenty "I wonder if I saw this person?" or "I wonder if I heard that voice right?" I am no different than anyone else, I used to say it quite a bit but now I just listen.

Since I have obtained a little knowledge on the subject, the word *wonder* does not hold so much fear for me.

About a year and one-half ago, I went to a little church in Indianapolis, Ind., which was my home. There I was amused the way mediums gave messages from dead people.

To me, that was unheard of. I was a Baptist and they taught me that when you are dead you are dead. So I couldn't figure out how they could come back and talk to mediums.

For some reason or other, the next Sunday night found me at that Spiritualist meeting in the very front row. The lady who was giving messages said, "I would like to bring a sister to you." Well, of course, I said "I haven't any sister, she's dead." "Well," she smiled, "Your sister wants to tell you that some day you'll understand more." After that, I kept going to church Sunday after Sunday.

Money Not the Answer

One Sunday night, a man who since has become a very good friend of mine, gave me a message. I was told that the spirit wanted me to start sitting for development.

I asked about the developing class and was told it was a group who sat to see if they could develop latent psychic powers. I was also told that every one could to a certain degree.

I thought there might be some trick to it . . . just another way to get money out of the public, but I begged the medium to start a class and allow me to be one of the students.

It started on a Monday night. I was there bright and early to look for wires and strings or anything I could find. However, I found none there but figured she didn't have time to put them up

and that I would catch her later anyhow.

After the lights were turned out, we said "The Lord's Prayer." Some of the sitters began to see persons here and there.

What was I thinking? Just this: "Well the little money they are going to get out of me won't be very much." "What fools they are—sitting here imagining they see this and that when I did not see anything but a room that was dark." Finally the lights were turned on and the circle was over.

Then I was asked: "Well, how did you like it?" My answer was that I could sit at home in a dark room and still not have to pay for it.

I See A Light!

The following week, I was not going to attend, but something made me go, and that night, as soon as the lights went out, I saw a big red rose bud in front of me. I shut my eyes and opened them again and it was still there. Do you think I would say anything about it? No, not me. I just sat there and looked at the light three or four times.

After this meeting came to a close, I was asked if I saw anything but I said "No!" The medium told me I should have seen something for there was a beautiful red rose in front of me the whole evening.

Well, I wondered, when she put that light in front of me because I was sitting across the room from her and did not hear her leave her seat, and besides how did she know there was a light there?

At the next meeting, we were told: "If anyone sees anything, give it out."

Was I the Fool?

I thought I could be as smart as anyone else, so as soon as the light went out, I expected to see that red rose again. But there was no red rose that night.

After the circle, I asked the medium: "How come the red rose wasn't present tonight, when I saw one last week?"

She replied: "I did not know you saw one last week. Why did you not say so?" This went on for several weeks but I did not see anything. Finally the bug began to get me and I found out that maybe I was the fool.

At the very next meeting, that beautiful light again appeared in front of me and I also saw a lady standing there. I spoke right out and was asked to describe the lady. I did and it was someone's mother, someone there in the circle.

And then, up came the old story.

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I wondered how I got it so I began to read books on the subject. After a few weeks, I was told that I had a Dr. Cooke for a control.

I knew about as much about a control as I did a farm but was informed that this man would help me to unfold my mediumship—whatever that was. I spoke right out: "O.K., let him come."

I was expecting to see Dr. Cooke walk out from somewhere and say "Hello." But he didn't. It went on like this for several months all the while I kept on getting more messages in this little circle.

Some time later, I went to church and the minister said, "Well, we have a new medium who is developing in our little class and I am going to see if he will give us a few messages."

We Won't Fail You

I looked around to see who it could be. Then she called my name. I wondered what I could do with all of those good mediums up there but went on the rostrum. Then, I heard a voice saying, "We won't fail you."

They kept their word and, from that day to this, they have always been at my side when needed.

If people would just listen to spirit more, they would be a whole lot better off. I have seen mediums give people messages and when these messages go unheeded I wonder why spirits go to so much trouble to help people.

I have heard some beautiful messages given through trumpet work but I do not possess that gift. Just recently I was impressed to get a few fellows together and sit with our hands on the table. I was told that things would happen.

Seances Arranged

Well, you know what I was up against in the Army. Everyone has a different opinion. However, I was able to get two fellows. We sat in our hut one night.

Nothing happened for about half an hour but just as we were about to give up, the table started to move, not very much, but it moved.

When it was over, I saw in those two boys, myself of about a year or so ago. They were wondering what caused this and what caused that. Ever since, we have held meetings. If you are in earnest about anything you can always find a place.

I am a cook in the Army the same as I was outside, and I hold these little meetings in the Mess Hall and always find some one interested enough to sit once or twice with me.

Mediums Will Be Needed

I give them the *Psychic Observer* and let them see what is going on. Some of the boys are seeing and hearing spirit voices very good.

I wonder again if I am doing the right thing by passing this truth on. Sometimes I wonder why Spirit fooled with me at all. I am hoping some day to bring voices from the spirit to this material world and carry on this great truth as far as I can.

It is not the spirits that are crazy, its the people, for they lack knowledge which some day I hope can be brought to the front. People should find out more about it because we are going to need mediums after this war.

Hoping to meet you and Mr. Pressing instead of reading about you all the time. You are both doing a beautiful job. Keep up the good work.

Yours truly,
Sgt. Rondle Wells.
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Vexed Question of Names

GOOD MEDIUMSHIP IS A COOPERATIVE PROCESS

Many correspondents write to me asking the question "Why do our clairvoyants not offer us the names and addresses of the spirits they describe, when they systematically offer long messages which are supposedly received from the spirits described?"

Such a question is bound to arise in the minds of those who listen to many of the demonstrators who appear before the public. My usual reply to this question is "They do!"

It does not seem to be sufficiently recognized that some mediums frequently give such details, though the majority do not. It is probable that at no time in the history of *Modern Spiritualism* did we have so many mediums capable of giving such intimate and evidential particulars, and the tendency is towards betterment.

Would-be Investigators

I think it is quite possible to exaggerate the importance of such data as evidence of the identity of any spirit. I do not forget that in days gone by many mediums who systematically offered such evidence came under the suspicion of having perused the obituary columns of the newspapers, or of having haunted the cemetery in order to obtain data from tombstones, whilst our old friend telepathy can be invoked to show that someone in the audience other than the medium, has read such details and the psychic is merely mind reading.

There are always with us those who like to be considered investigators who imagine that the medium is the prisoner in the dock and that their role is that of prosecutor, who has little to do but criticize.

Thought Projected

Real scientific investigation should be a mutual effort. I recently listened to a clairvoyant who prefaced his demonstration with the words: "I'm here to describe what I see, and spirits often show me pictures of their past life. It is not my place to provide you with memory. You must bring your own."

All this, however, is rather away from the point. The problem is why do some mediums receive exact details, whilst others are confined to generalities. The first consideration is the difference between seeing and hearing. Some mediums only see—whilst others hear: and often see a little. Most mediums appear to work by a mental process in which thoughts, ideas and impulses are received subjectively and they endeavor to interpret them in words of their own choosing.

A few experiments in hypnosis would make the matter clear. It is

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"Psychic Observer"

CHARLES SWAN, Huntington, West Virginia, recently appointed as a member of the staff of mediums at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. He is associated and conducts seances with Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Pastor of The People's Spiritualist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. Swan possesses many phases of mediumship. Direct-Voice, Etherization, Independent Voice, Telekinesis, Clairvoyance and Clairaudience. Mr. Swan and his cousin Rev. Bias will occupy a cottage at Chesterfield during July and August where they will serve the camp on the official program and hold voice seances, with their combined phases of mediumship, every evening, except Thursday, during the entire summer season.

Mr. Swan's mental mediumship was demonstrated to the Editors of *Psychic Observer* several months ago. His Spirit Collaborator "SOVY" is quite capable and proved that he could handle ballot reading as well as demonstrate clear hearing and seeing on the part of his medium.

Mr. Swan is one of America's youngest mediums. He is in his early twenties and has received an honorable discharge from war service after a serious operation.

always easier to express concrete ideas rather than abstract ones. It is easier telepathically to carry the idea of a bird than the actual word "canary" or "bullfinch."

In fact I have found in telepathic experiments that it is not difficult to convey the idea of a canary by building a thought form of a yellow bird in a cage, which would prompt the recipient to interpret my idea. So it might be easier to convey the name Smith by featuring a picture of "the village blacksmith" at work.

Many spirits have adopted methods of their own in conveying their ideas. Some have written the message in ectoplasmic light in order that the clairvoyant may see it, though such ideographs are not easy to create or receive.

Question Underrated

It must not be supposed that the vast majority of spirits described have any knowledge of the methods used. Generally speaking it is the guides of the medium who direct the process and the measure of attunement between the medium and his guides is an important factor.

This is the kernel of the process of development. To suppose that the expansion of the faculty of the medium is the only, or even chief, object of a course of development is to under-rate the question. To establish a foundation of mutual trust and understanding between the psychic and some definite person or persons in spirit life, and to attune the mediumistic nature to the peculiarities of these individuals is often the secret of success. Organization and orderliness is necessary from both sides of the veil, and good mediumship is a co-operative process.

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THE SPIRITUAL BODY

What Is It?

ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS SAYS . . .

Oliver Lodge Describes the Spirit World.

By DR. J. C. F. GRUMBINE
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Paul mentions a *natural* and a *spiritual* body. Our physical body composed of the usual chemicals of earth is *natural* and this is the body through which we function when on earth. It made Shakespeare say in the play of *Hamlet*: "What a piece of work is man; how noble in reason; how infinite in faculties; in form and movement, how express and admirable; in action how like an angel; in apprehension, how like a god. The beauty of the world, the paragon of animals."

And yet, we are assured that the *spiritual* body (or *etheric double*) is superior to it, although the replica of it. The body of Jesus which Paul saw, when on the way to persecute the Christians, was the *spiritual* body, which he used as expeditiously as his natural body, and with which he carried the impress of his personality.

Paul Never Doubted

Again, on the *Mount of Transfiguration*, when the three disciples saw the august body of Moses, the great Jewish prophet, it was the *spiritual* body and it shone above the brightness of the sun. One can readily see that all *spiritual* bodies do not shine, because the spirits who occupy them are not highly developed nor on a luminous plane. But when the character of a spirit is unfolded and the ego shines with its inner light of spirituality, then a radiance glows all around and the spirit emits a glorious light. Such souls seem transfigured. Paul never doubted the reality of the *spiritual* body.

This *spiritual* body is involved in our natural body and it is the one the spirit occupies the moment death destroys the union of the ego to the natural body. Clairvoyants as a rule see this body when describing the spirit people they see around us, because the natural and *spiritual* body differ mostly in the quality of the substance which makes up the organism.

Lodge Says . . .

There are those who at death, as Andrew Jackson Davis, can see the actual dissolution of the natural body, slipping as a glove from the *spiritual* body. This is not a common experience, by the bedside, but it could be made more common if all persons cultivated their finer, clairvoyant vision.

As Sir Oliver Lodge maintains, the *Spirit World* is the *etherial* world and in the *spiritual* world, grades of color depend upon the character of the spirits. As one advances and becomes more *spiritual* in nature and service, the *etherial* body becomes more luminous and finer and it becomes more endowed with a subtleness of action than when beclouded with a coarse aura.

The *etherial* body is the basis of coarser and finer materializations. It carries the image of the identity and that identity is never lost. The Bible as all such books, prove that the individual spirit continues

along its earthly lines until its destiny is accomplished.

The *Spirit World* is made up of numberless groups of spirits in various states of spiritual advancement. It would have been a great help to humanity, if the seers of Israel, or even Jesus had given us accurate descriptions of the *Spirit World* and described the *spiritual* body in its various modes of expression and unfoldment. Then future revelators could have checked up their visions according to these descriptions and we could have had a very clear understanding of the transitions from the earth world and the natural body to the *Spirit World*, and the *spiritual* body.

Spirit Manifestations

Of course, Jesus never wrote anything except a few markings in the sand; but he taught and said a great deal which could have been put in writing either by the Evangelists or Paul. As it is, we must depend for our descriptions and revelations upon those who are especially favored with their clairvoyance and who attract to them, the higher influences.

In a world supposed to be Christian and very religious, the manifestations of the spirit at death are more common than we think. Perhaps, every vision is not recorded and there are hundreds of experiences of the visitations of deceased loved ones who come to help the departing spirits into the *Spirit World*. At that moment, the spirit body is seen in its perfection and if the records could be broadcast, a wonderful revelation of these *spiritual* visitors would be given, their forms described and a clearer understanding of the relation that existed between the natural and the *spiritual* body.

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of evil, does it not indicate that a new approach to the problem is obviously needed? With both religion and science proven to be impotent to avert the crisis which now sweeps the world, it is not reasonable that we should ponder on these words in Job: "But there is a spirit in man; and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

How much longer, then, shall we disclaim this "understanding," deny that "there is a spirit in man"? Can it be that this world war is being used to cleanse, to awaken humanity's eyes to spiritual values?

Edison Sensed Power

Before electricity was discovered, its potency was apparent in many forms. Then Galvani and Faraday opened the doors, and light flooded the world. No profound student of the Bible, nor of history, can fail to perceive the influence of all-pervading spiritual forces down the centuries. Even in physics, psychology and biology it asserts itself, too convincingly to be questioned.

Edison, toward the end of his life, once cogitated that now and then during his experiments he sensed the influence of an indefinable power not alluded to in books on physics or chemistry. Who knows what amazing splendors he might have revealed, had he searched for this mysterious power!

But others are active in this search. Earnest workers in a dozen organizations, here and in England, are at present trying to find a solution to this problem, even in the midst of war's horrors, as their loved ones are torn from their arms, and the lamentations of the

bereaved fill the land. We are therefore naturally concerned as to the methods of those who are busy in psychic research — will their findings console the bereaved, convince the general public?

The Stained Glass Window

The original psychic research societies, inept, self-complacent, are too much like museums where specimens are collected. We cannot but compare them to hoarders of a vast accumulation of gold ore from the mines, the precious contents of which they are unwilling to extract and use. We read of astonishing, fully-verified psychic phenomena among reputable groups, here and abroad: our very intimate friends present irrefutable proofs of spirit influence within the family circle; thousands of messages flash back and forth across the border, while . . .

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Flammarion's message from the spirit world runs thus:

Flammarion Understood

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"Even by bringing into play the utmost power of my being, I can only succeed in giving you the very faintest description of the psychic sensations I underwent on leaving earth—I can only characterize it as the most marvelous and stupendous tribute to God, infinitely wiser than the wisest on this earth.

"I am surrounded by a spiritual light and I am able at last to satisfy a desire I have so often expressed both in my lectures and in my writings. At last I see at close quarters these mysterious planets that so fascinated me; Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and all the others that I have so often studied not only through powerful telescopes but also with penetrative power of my perception.

"I am able to assure you that, notwithstanding your great progress, you have absolutely no conception of the immensity of this, our Greater Life. Keep on striving and, later on, you will be rewarded by a fleeting glimpse of this celestial existence.

"I, CAMILLE FLAMMARION, will ask these Great Spirits, who are beyond our ken, and who, from the Far Beyond, are watching poor suffering Humanity to lighten the burden of my brethren on earth."

He Was Convinced!

Flammarion dedicated all his efforts throughout his life to the study of science and of psychic phenomena. His books on astronomy in popular form are well enough known. His writings on Spiritualism are just as widely read. In the latter he had collected all facts which appeared interesting to him and worth explaining.

He was convinced that psychic phenomena were manifestations through which the souls of those gone on beyond assert their presence. While they live a life of which we can have no adequate conception, they keep in constant touch with us because they remember the happenings of their own earth lives and have a lively recollection of the love, the hates, and other emotions which bring such variety into the experience of us poor mortals.

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The purpose of life is to seek to know and express the real and complete man.

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"Now we see through a glass darkly — but then face to face!" ... PAUL.

Do Clothes Survive As Well As Human Beings?

By ERNEST OATEN

One of my readers sends the following interesting question: "If the personality survives death, which personality is maintained, since growth is our common experience? Is it the infant, the adolescent, the adult, or the aged, who may have deteriorated through long illness or decay?"

"Persona"—A Mask

The answer to the question depends on our definition of the term personality, and dictionaries give various interpretations. It is generally agreed that the word is derived from the Latin "persona"—a mask. In ancient Greece and other countries the actor wore a mask to indicate the character he was acting. Shakespeare embodied the idea in his "Midsummer Night's Dream" in which Bottom wears a mask of an ass to indicate the part he was playing. The "persona" (personality) therefore

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is the appearance one presents to his fellows.

It is never the real self, but that part of one's self which is seen by others, and it is of course true that this personality is never constant but is continually changing. The real self of a man is never seen or known by his neighbors. They judge him by his acts, his words, and his conduct.

Death Does Not Change It

In fact a man does not know his own real self. The injunction "Man — know thyself" has never been attained. Personality is therefore the habitual external manifestation of the real self which emerges and expresses itself.

The problem is important in Spiritualistic investigation. Since the only part of a man which we know is his personality—his habit of manifestation—it is the one thing we have to look for. We recognize a deceased person by his personality and infer that because the manifestation is true to individual type, the same entity is operative behind it.

Now personality is continually changing. I know men who have changed amazingly in the years I have known them, some for the better—some for the worse—but I could recognize them in any of the guises in which I have known them. Death makes no break in this tendency to change; but all changes are gradual rather than sudden. The man who was, has slowly emerged into the man who is.

Memory and Affection

Habits especially change but slowly. The personality of a man is exactly the same five minutes after death as five minutes before death. It is probable that changes are more rapid in the after death state because dwellers in the larger life are better able to penetrate the mask of personality than are we. There is therefore less need for

suppression and greater facility towards fuller expression. The real man becomes a little more obvious.

The psychical researcher judges evidence of survival largely by personality, because it is the chief factor, though not the only one, by which recognition is possible. The personality (appearance) is not however the only thing which survives. Memory and affection—the contents of the mind—are associated with the person.

Our Ability To Remember

The ability to recognize individual friends by incidents, desires, terms, and phrases are fruitful means of recognition. The spirit communicator who can recall past events in which we have been mutually associated brings home the conviction that he is the same individual that we knew.

He convinces us that behind the personality the same entity is operative, for personality is the expression of life—not death. The individual life is maintained throughout all changes as by a chain, of which memory constitutes the links.

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By ALEXANDER JONES

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Upon inquiry, the originator and developer of this technique, Cecil Stokes, English scientist, explained that the word AURATONE is coined from the word

life, but upon his ability to remember and reproduce his personality as it was at the time we knew him. This means the reproduction of the past by "memory pictures," and this in turn answers the question often asked, "do clothes survive as well as human beings?"

The Divine Spark

It is possible that the real self can never be known. I regard it as the infinite and eternal dynamic center out of which all individual manifestation comes: the divine spark; the I, as I exists in the mind of God.

Its manifestation is variable and evolutionary; as the germ decomposes the seed in order to produce root, shoot, leaf, branch and flower. The object of life is to seek to know and express the real and complete man—the child of the infinite—but that may well be an eternal task.

As Paul well says: "Now we see through a glass darkly—but then face to face!"

"The Two Worlds"

Aurora, of *Aurora-Borealis*. *Aurora*, indicating a wave-like color formation, and *Tone*, meaning a musical tone — thus, AURATONE, or "Music in Color."

The purpose of the demonstration which was attended by well-known physicians, neuro-psychiatrists, and army nurses, was to show the various effects of different kinds of music and songs, as well as the many reactions to various voices, on patients suffering from hyper-tension, schizophrenia, and paranoia complications and plain every-day home-sickness.

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The first composition in color lasted approximately five minutes, and during the latter part of the selection, a few patients were seen to sit back in their chairs, as though they were feeling the relaxing effects of the experiment.

Several other orchestra selections were shown with their accompanying color patterns executing their strange convolutions on the screen in front of us. Some compositions brought all patients to the edges of their chairs, and we noticed that whenever this happened, all had a very tense expression on their faces.

A Strange Thing Happened

Then followed two vocal numbers by two different singers, and the reactions of the patients were mostly negative—and now comes the most interesting part of the experiment, and gives my reason for the opening reference to Bing Crosby.

At this point Mr. Stokes showed the Auratone films "The Lone Star Trail" and "Home on the Range," both sung by Crosby, and now a strange thing happened. After about thirty seconds of the first song in color, one by one, the patients began to settle back in their chairs, some slouched way down

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Are they thinking about politics? Or, who we ought to elect President? Or about the softness and helplessness of religions and creeds that never worked?

I can tell you that men in danger do not think about politics or the lace cap that religion wears; they think about Faith as a fighting force; they think about God.

"With everything else that is happening in this world, there is a stir of light in men's minds," assures Margaret Lee Runbeck in her book "The Great Answer."

Their Heart of Hearts

For something new and wonderful is beginning to glow across our times, she is certain.

Those men who are lashed by war are sick and tired of pallid or febrile goodness — the kind that spends itself in talk. They see signs that are coming over the horizon about the man of tomorrow. Like the Red Sea, life has rolled back for them out of war. In their

heart-of-hearts now they know. They know that life goes on forever and that it is not found in prayer-books but in the prayer that comes into the heart when men fight and die.

"The Great Answer" is not spewed up by any creed or doctrine or denomination and it surely is not written about people who go to church, come out of the Sunday School and punctually keep the commandments. The book is about men who grumble and swear and pin up pictures of girls—it is about men who pray and get close to God as they fight and die on front lines while we who are sheltered get farther away from danger and from God.

Pacifism vs. Villany

The book is not sentimental or maudlin about prayer or religion or anything else—not even about the boys who make a vital religion for tomorrow.

"They've had quite enough of the unfortified goodness and pacifism which makes itself a prey to villainy," observes Margaret.

They know all about what is happening back home—and they know it for what it is — softness and politics and lazy thinking.

She doubts that they would argue the question of prayer or faith. If you do not understand they will let it go at that; for faith, she observes, is something like love—the only people who know much about it are those who have fallen into it, head over heels.

"I have read dozens of letters and scores of statements from officers and chaplains and from boys themselves" about that fighting Faith they possess, "and the evidence is unmistakable," she concludes.

"Miracles" of Dunkirk

Perhaps we ought not to say it, but thinking about those bonnie brave lads, I must confess that I personally like men who sing and pray and get close to God—and fight and swear and hide their religion from prying eyes!

Away with those who carry their religion around in a prayer-book and on their sleeves!

Men on the battle lines are stripped of the non-essentials in life and religion and the accessories of civilization. They go out to meet life and God in the raw. In their great peril they are naked before God. And as that woman remarks, if they stay in danger long enough, that new understanding of God is going to be their permanent address.

"The Great Answer" tells of tremendous things that happened and are happening each day on battlefields—"miracles" that come down from heaven like ministering angels.

There were the "miracles" of Dunkirk when the British Empire had but ten days to live!

30,000 Only, They Were Told

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"Miracles" happened and continue to happen day by day in the lives of fighting men.

"Ghastly as everything was," the man who saw it all at Dunkirk told Margaret Lee Runbeck—"Ghastly as everything was, there was a strange, unearthly feeling that something wonderful was happening. As if they were safer than they had any right to feel."

Remember those terrible days

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War Time Therapy

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and rested their heads on the backs of their chairs and seemed completely relaxed and absorbed in Bing's voice and the color patterns, which were unlike any seen before.

Imagine, if you can, molten living color flowing into strange unearthly forms. Fantastic butterflies and flaming orchids melted

to admit that God comes into their lives. Men who go to danger on land or sail the skies or go down to the sea in ships do not carry a word called "God" like a medal. When there is a "miracle" they call it a "curious coincidence" like Eric Barcova, "a Latin-Swede from Toledo," who had a Spanish twinkle in his Swedish eyes.

"When a man tells things to other men that involve God, they use some of God's other names," quietly observes Margaret Lee Runbeck with something like stars in her own eyes. "It just happened," say men who pray. And when they talk of God they reverently hide the face of God from you, but some of God's Other Names are certain to bob up.

His Guardian Angel

And that is the way it ought to be!

Do you doubt for a moment that men and nations are alone in their prayers when all this panorama of miracles is unfolded? There is The Invisible and it is warp and woof of men's prayers. We can always do the superhuman things in the cockpits of both war and peace The Unseen stand by and they pray. All of us have invisible friends who are friends of God. Turn to the story of the padre, who, lying on the ground, was machine-gunned and bombed for hours. Then, untouched, he stood erect. He looked around; there was a shadow of himself standing by.

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away to be replaced by vaguely outlined beings of another world. Swinging bells and a green-veiled Madonna-like shape floated upward through the music of "Holy Night." Then came great gaping chasms and ruins of a by-gone civilization which welled up subtly and then melted away.

As Bing sang "Home on the Range" one of the boys told me afterwards that he saw what looked like a giant steaming caldron and rows upon rows of marching spirit-like figures, while towards the end, an Indian chief gazed out from a rock upon a blazing desert.

What a Dream!

Some patients were seen to look wistful as though memories of long ago were now being invoked: others smiled for the first time in weeks. I was told, but to a man, there was an expression of repose and quiet, whereas these men had been brought in, highly nervous and unable to sit still in their seats.

Without a question, Cecil Stokes is pioneering a timely and most welcome technique and will doubtless earn the gratitude of hundreds of thousands of soldiers and sailors whose minds and bodies have been tragically affected by this world-wide conflict. What a story—what a dream—what heart-warming news—music and color being used as aid to the rehabilitation of the wrecked minds of men.

Bing Serves Mankind

From the amazing demonstration I witnessed, it seemed logical to me, and all present agreed, that in spite of the likes or dislikes of this or that person; regardless of the remarks of biased and uninformed individuals as well as the insinuations which currently appear in the press from time to time, that Bing Crosby's crown is now worn by another and a younger man, it was quite successfully demonstrated to this reporter that Bing's voice is destined for greater popularity, success and service.

Yes, especially service, for I believe that Bing's gift is about to be used to render the highest form of service one man could render to his fellow men—that of soothing and restoring the nerves and minds of those who offered their lives in order that we in the remaining civilized portions of the globe, may live as happy, free and contented men, women and children.

I came away from that experience with a keener appreciation for the lasting values of life, and with a great respect and admiration for Bing Crosby, singer—and Cecil Stokes, scientist and developer of the AURORATONE process of "MUSIC IN COLOR."

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Was Dickens A Medium?

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Dickens' Firm Belief Supports the Truth of Personal Conscious Survival.

Of recent years, due partly to films based on Dickensian stories, centenary notices of his books, and the publication of many newly-discovered letters, there has been a revival of interest in the life and works of Charles Dickens; and probably many readers besides myself were impressed by a statement in a very informative article in a recent number, entitled: "Inspired by Dreams."

Sees Real People

The writer, H. Harvey-Day, declared that "it is not common knowledge that a great deal of Dickens' output was a direct result of clairvoyance. He would sit for hours at a stretch, gazing into space, and those who spoke to him during these periods received no answer. He appeared asleep and it was at these times that his characters would cluster around him like real people, whispering words and sentences into his ears and acting in just the manner depicted in his stories."

A striking illustration of this is to be found in the "Reminiscences of Charles Dickens the Younger," in which he describes how, on June 3rd, 1870, he bade farewell to his famous father, less than a week before the latter's death.

Dickens' Intense Meditation

"As I came toward him I saw that he was writing very earnestly. After a moment I said: 'If you don't want anything more, sir, I shall be off now,' but he continued his writing with the same intensity as before, and gave no sign of being aware of my presence."

"Again I spoke — louder, perhaps, this time — and he raised his head and looked at me long and fixedly. But I soon found that, although his eyes were bent upon me and he seemed to be looking at me earnestly, he did not see me, and that he was, in fact, unconscious for the moment of my very existence. He was in *Dreamland*, with *Edwin Drood*, and I left him — for the last time."

Leanings Toward Occult

It is indeed true that few readers realize how far Dickens was inspired: still fewer realize that throughout his life he was attracted by Occult subjects. We know of course, that he frequently introduced spirits into his works — particularly into "Christmas Stories" and "Christmas Books" — but too often these apparitions "dwindled down into a bed-post" or were born of a too-hearty supper!

The fact is, that though Dickens



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CHARLES DICKENS

had decided leanings to the Occult world, he never gave it any profound study, probably because his interests and occupations were already overwhelming, even for his super-abundant energy. Nevertheless, he openly declared his belief in the truth of life after death, the force of destiny, hypnotism and its use as a healing power, and the fascination of astrology.

Spirit Communion

At the dawn of his fame, in 1836, he had been intensely saddened by the death of his beloved sister-in-law, Mary Hogarth, but ever after, he asserted, she returned to him, "returning from the world of shadows to comfort, encourage and lead him, pointing upwards"; and so he immortalized her as *Agnes Wickfield*, the "good angels" of the young writer, *David Copperfield*.

In *Stave One* of "A Christmas Carol" and again in one of Jack Bamber's stories in Chapter XXI of "*Pickwick Papers*" Dickens expressed the belief that after death the disembodied spirit is free to wander through the world, visiting any scene it wishes, and this he affirmed in a letter dated April 26th, 1842.

Writing from America to his friend (and later biographer) John Forster, he described the beauty and grandeur of Niagara Falls, and added:

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along with us—but she has been here many times, I doubt not, since her sweet face faded from my earthly sight."

To Dickens, with his extraordinary insight into human life, one of the most remarkable things in the world was the force of Destiny manifested in the power of attraction—a force which at times appears even stronger than man's freewill. Forster, his biographer, wrote that "this was Dickens' favorite theory — how things and persons apparently the most unlikely to meet were continually knocking up against each other." An instance of this is the meeting of Dickens with Hans Christian Andersen in 1817.

Stretches Coincidence

To students of literature and biography there is an immense difference between the "Inimitable Boz" and the (self-styled) "Ugly Duckling" of Denmark: and different races, speaking different tongues, differing in ideals, interests and literary technique, it might have seemed to anyone who cared to think about it that there were no other two European writers whose paths were less likely to cross.

Yet they were destined to meet suddenly and to become close friends: and when critics complained that "Dickens stretched the long arm of coincidence too

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far," he simply bade them look into their own lives and discover from personal observation that "truth is stranger than fiction."

Probably no other English writer has better expressed this particular aspect of Destiny than Dickens when, in Chapter II of "*Little Dorrit*," he put into the mouth of Miss Wade the significant dictum:

"In our course through life, we shall meet the people who are coming to meet us, from many strange places and by many strange roads. And what it is set to us to do to them, and what it is set to them to do to us, will all be done."

Still Another Supporter

Probably no man ever lived who had a greater love of truth and a greater detestation of deception than Dickens. Personally writing as a specialist in the study of Dickens and his works, I am convinced that he would have warmly advocated the study of *psychic Science*. He was a firm believer in the statement: "If there be truth there, let its champions disclose it. If there be chicanery, let it be unmasked."

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BATTLE'S ARTICLE ON Spiritualism

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as a belief in the power of some departed spirits to communicate with the living by means of mediums. Such belief is maintained by a very large number of persons in this and other countries."

Mediums Have Rights

The Court held that this ordinance did not declare this belief to be unfounded and did not make the act of a medium in claiming to hold intercourse with departed spirits for reward to be any criminal offense. The Presiding Justice in his opinion said that the ordinance was aimed only at frauds in connection with pretended communications. He mentioned the fact that these frauds had been frequently exposed by Spiritualists themselves.

In conclusion, it was decided unanimously by all the Judges of the Court that the medium had the right to hold meetings at which an admission fee was charged, and at which he would, according to his contention, carry on communications with departed spirits; that such conduct on the part of the medium was entirely legal and proper. The medium was vindicated and the proceedings were dismissed.

Without Personal Fee

Here in New York we have a statute providing that persons pretending to tell fortunes or where lost or stolen goods may be found are disorderly persons and can be punished. The law goes on to say, "But this subdivision shall not be construed to interfere with the belief, practices or usages of an incorporated ecclesiastical governing body or the duly licensed teachers or ministers thereof acting in good faith and without personal fee."

A case arose in which the defendant claiming to act as a minister of a Spiritualist Church, speaking to a woman who consulted him, prophesied that her husband would die during the coming month of July, and that she would obtain a good position later on, with other like statements. It was shown that these prophecies were absolutely false and that there was no basis whatever for them. It was also shown that the defendant was not, in fact, a member of or associated with any Spiritualist Church and that he was a pretender and a fraud.

Law Includes Rights

The Court held that he violated the ordinance against fortune telling and affirmed the Lower Court which had convicted him. In its opinion, however, the Judge dis-

tinctly approved the proper practice of Spiritualism.

In conclusion, therefore, and by way of recapitulation, I can say that Spiritualism from the standpoint of the law includes the principle and the practice of those who believe that there is a means of communication between the present and the next world; and that there are mediums who have the peculiar gift and faculty which enables them to carry on such communication.

True Consolation

There is a very large and increasing body of thoughtful and intelligent men and women of the highest character who conscientiously hold this belief. And certainly never in the whole history of the world has there been a time when it was more appropriate that humanity should approach this subject in a wise and tolerant attitude of mind.

There are already throughout this land many households mourning the loss of young men and young women who have given up their lives in the service of the country. It is a tragic thought, but it is nevertheless true that there will be very many more.

It will be a very great comfort and a true consolation to those who are left behind if they can be convinced that the others have not ceased blankly to exist, but have merely passed into another life, and that there is hope and ground for belief that in the world to come we may be united with those we have known and loved in this present life.

Consider Carefully

Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir Conan Doyle both lost sons in the First World War. It was through such loss that their thoughts were turned towards Spiritualism. They became convinced of its truth and found relief and surcease from sorrow in that new belief.

I think it is highly appropriate that we should all make up our minds to give careful and honest consideration to these great questions, in the hope that we may each of us learn the truth — that truth which makes us free.

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Brockton . . . Occult Science Church, G. A. R. Hall, East Elm St., Violet E. Copeland.

Cambridge . . . First Spiritualist Church, 621 Massachusetts Ave., Marion F. Upham, Pres.

Fitchburg . . . First Spiritual Alliance Church, 21 Union St., Howard W. Blinn.

Lynn . . . Lynn Spiritualist Church, 61 Exchange St., Sharon Hall, Maude Torrey.

Quincy . . . First Spiritualist Church, 4 Maple Street, Everett Kerr, President.

Springfield . . . First Spiritualist Church, 33-37 Bliss St., Pres. Robert L. Little.

West Springfield . . . White Cross Center; Altar to pray for men in service. Special services for war "dead" every Thurs. night, Irene Remillard, 254 Westfield St.

Worcester . . . First Spiritual Alliance Church, 274 Main St., Rev. A. Thurlow.

MICHIGAN

Adrian, Mich.
Christian Spiritualist Church, 412 East Maple St., President, Mrs. Earl Beach, R.F.D. No. 1, Palmyra, Michigan.

Battle Creek, Mich.
Church of Spiritual Truth, 28 W. Fountain St., John A. Armistead.

Cadillac . . . Spiritualist Church of Truth, N. Mitchell St., Lena A. Cass, Pres.

Coldwater . . . Spiritualist Temple, Fortnightly Hall, Pearl Burns.

Detroit, Mich.
Allen Memorial Center, 13759 Hamilton Edith Green.

Christian Spiritual Church, 5757 Cass at Colburn, George Hoyer, Gracey Runge Hoyer, 841 Livernois.

Dr. Robert Jensen Memorial Church, 2024 Vinewood, Dr. Clara E. Barnett, Pastor.

Evangelistic Spiritual Church, 9266 Riviera Ave., Rev. C. E. Reading; Ass't, Rev. Pauline Eaton, Sun. 7:30 P. M.

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SPIRITUALIST CHURCHES

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River Rouge . . . The Spiritual Church of Guidance, Masonic Temple, Burke & Oak Sts., Sec'y, Mabel Hughes.

Roseville . . . Church of Harmony, 17359 Roseville Blvd., near Maple. Rev. J. A. Christian, 22403 Liberty, St. Clair Shores.

Saginaw . . . Church of Spiritual Truth, Brewster and Webster Streets. Rev. Alma J. Eastman.

Wixom . . . Branch of The Advanced Spiritualist Association, Potter and Whippoorwill Roads, Rev. Lulu R. Karpp, Minister, Wall Lake, Michigan.

MINNESOTA

Duluth . . . First Spiritualist Temple, 601 East 5th St. Bessie Magnuson.

Minneapolis, Minn.
Progressive Spiritualist Church, Rev. A. M. Drake, 3232 Grand Ave.

Third Spiritualist Church, 931 13th Ave. South, Services Sunday, 7:30 P. M., Dr. Max Zoeller, Pastor.

St. Paul, Minn.
First Spiritualist Church, Hague and St. Albans, Services Sun, 7:30 P. M. Rev. William Hubbard, Pastor.

Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, 372 St. Peter St. Services Sunday, 7:45 P. M. C. A. Peterson, Pres.

MISSOURI

St. Joseph . . . First Spiritualist Church, Felix and 21st St. Sunday, 11 A. M.; Wed., 8 P. M. Rev. Charles Ball, Dr. Maurice Russell.

Kansas City, Mo.
Church of Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, 808 East Armour Blvd. Nettie Garner Barker.
Eighth Spiritualist Church, 3745 Chestnut Ave., Sun, 7:45 P. M., Tues 8 P. M. Pastor, Ethyle Mallock.

Spiritualist Episcopal Church, "The Little Chapel on Broadway," 3841 Broadway; Sun, and Wed., 8 P. M., Dr. M. D. Russell, Pastor; Rev. Chas. M. Ball, Associate.

Ninth Spiritual Church . . . Science of Progressive Life, 3101 Indiana Ave. Rev. Frances Maud Tucker.
Star of Hope Temple, 921 West 17th St. Rev. Gene Prescott, Pastor.

The First Church Science of Progressive Life, 211 E. 31st St. Mary L. Feltes.
Third Spiritualist Church, 2301 Van Brunt Blvd. John Dennis President.

St. Louis Mo.
Advanced Soul National Psychic Science Association, 440 N. 19th St. Ser. Sun. and Tues., 2-8. Rev. Josephine Erhart.
Bright Star Spiritualist Church, 3660 Castleman; Wed. 1 and 8 P. M.; Sun, 8 P. M.; Pastor, Rev. Mollie Bauer; Asst., Anna Shapiro.

St. Ann's Spiritualist Episcopal Church, 5622 Delmar Ave. Wed., 2 P. M.; Sun., 8 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Bernice Bennett.

The Church of Spiritual Science, 3547 Arsenal St., Pastor, Eugene R. Foskett; Asst's, Rosemary Reisinger; Rev. Matthe Miller—School of Spiritual Science and Philosophy; Dean, Elizabeth Swanks; Asst., Virginia Rawlings.

Memorial Spiritualist Science Church, Melbourne Hotel, Rev. Mary Rogers.

Psychic Center, 3813 Washington Blvd., Thurs. and Sun., 8 P. M. Rev. Ida F. Eggers.

Third Spiritual Church, 3609 Potomac St. Sun., 8 P. M. Anna Bothmann.

Webb City . . . Temple of Christian Philosophy, 115 E. Daugherty St. Sun. and Wed., 8 P. M. Rev. Lawrence A. Vinson; Sec'y, Rev. Ruth N. Vinson.

NEBRASKA

Lincoln . . . Haven of Rest Spiritual Church 333 S. 27th St. Rev. Luella Baughman; Rev. Lionel P. Everman.

NEW JERSEY

Camden N. J.
Fourth Spiritualist Church, 28 North 26th St. Eliza Whitcraft.

St. Marks Christian Spiritualist, Hadden Ave. at Washington St. Services Sun., Wed., 8 P. M.; Thurs., 2 P. M. Mary L. McCard.

Second Spiritualist Church, 728 Federal St. Catherine Broome.

East Keansbury . . . First Community Church of the Holy Spirit Thompson Ave. Rev. D. J. Angelo, Pastor-founder.

Clifton . . . Church of Spiritual Advice, 17 Yreance Ave. Martha Heimann.

East Orange . . . Church of Spiritualist Harmony, Hollywood Ave. Rev. Connie Clark.

Hackensack, N. J.
Spiritual Church of Inspiration, 26 Passaic St. Hazel W. La Blotier.

Spiritual Alliance Church, 221 Main St. Edw. D. Berger.

Irvington . . . Spiritualist Temple of Light, 22 Union Ave., Wed. and Thurs. 2 P. M.; Sun., Tues. and Thurs., 8 P. M. Henry Diehl, Lender.

Jersey City, N. J.
Grace Divine Spiritual Church, 191 Griffith St. (near Summit), Sun., Tues., and Sat., 8 P. M. Ethel Arrigo.

First Spiritualist Church of Hudson City, 189 A Manhattan Ave. Services Sun., Tues. and Thurs., 8 P. M.; Wed., 2 P. M. Rev. J. M. McWilliams.

Sterling Spiritualist Society, 101 Magnolia Ave. Thurs., 7:45 P. M.; Fri., 7 P. M. Alma Lenz.

Long Beach . . . Trinity Church of Spiritual Science, 111 Washington St. Rev. Mary Reva Wood.

Newark . . . Church of Spiritual Promotion and Harmony, 532 Springfield Ave. Mrs. K. Hazlewood.

Paterson, N. J.
West Broadway (Second) Spiritualist Church, 176 West Broadway. Elizabeth Spittler.

First Spiritualist Church, 142 Carroll St. Emily Freestone.

Saddle River . . . THE GLEN Spiritualist Camp, near Huhokus or Ridgewood, N. J., 1944 season July and August. William McCartney, President; Rev. Mary Olson, Sec'y.

Union City, N. J.
Divine Psychic Mission of Consolation, 119 38th St. Rev. Anna Duernier.

Spiritual Church of Divine Guidance, 517 37th St. Rev. S. E. Busch, 199 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City.

The First Spiritual Church of the Resurrection, 510 48th St. Rev. M. Shifka.

NEW YORK

Albany, N. Y.
The Progressive Spiritualist Temple, Room 6, 91 N. Pearl St. Rev. Margaret Lewis; Asst. Pastor, Maud Jacobsen; Sun. and Wed., 8 P. M.

Batavia . . . Church of Spiritual Truth, 9 Jackson St. Stuart F. Meyers.

Brooklyn, N. Y.
Christ Church, 987 Halsey, near Broadway. Services, Tues. and Thurs., 2 and 8 P. M. Rev. James Hedenberg.

Child of Grace Spiritualist Church, 598 Pacific St. between 4th and Flatbush Ave. Rev. Grace Rapisarda. Services Sun. and Tues., 8 P. M.; also Fri., 2 P. M.

Cosmopolitan Spiritualist Church, 335 State St. (near Hoyt) Mary E. Murphy.

(Ridgewood, L. I.) Mizpah Spiritualist Church, 60-96 69th Ave. Rev. Charles Walters.

(Ridgewood, L. I.) St. Peter's Spiritualist Church, 60-96 69th Ave. Elizabeth Kuhne, Pastor.

The Divine Spiritualist Church, 295 Schermerhorn St. (near Nevins St.) Services Sun., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 7 P. M.; Mon. and Wed., 1 P. M. Beatrice De Hunt.

Buffalo, N. Y.
Brooking Memorial Spiritualist Church, Summer St. at Richmond. (Mediums Day, 2nd Sunday each month). P. W. Mitchell, phone GARfield 2133.

Cold Springs Spiritualist Church, 1445 Jefferson Ave. (Medium's Day, 3rd Sun.) Robert Baham, Pres.

Harmony Center of Free Psychics, 126 Harriet St. Sun., 7:45 P. M. Rev. Joseph G. Wind.

International Spiritualist Church, 267 Sycamore St. Services Sunday, 7:45 P. M. Message services Tues., Wed. and Thurs. Medium's Day, every third Sunday at 3:30 P. M. Rev. Ida Murchell.

Sunflower Spiritualist Church, 39 Manhattan St. (Medium's Day, first Sun.) Ida Hanson.

Unity Spiritualist Church, 796 Elliott St. (Medium's Day, first Sun.) Isabel Reed.

First Spiritualist Church, 463 E. Church St. I. O. O. F. Temple. Eva Bostwick.

Universal Spiritualist Church, 225½ Franklin St. Rev. Christine Eddy.

Fredonia . . . International Spiritualist Shrine, 225 East Main St. Rev. Minnie Cooke O'Hara, Pastor; Rev. Viola Miller, Asst. Pastor.

Freeville . . . Central New York Spiritualist Camp Ass'n, 1944 Season, July 23rd to August 27th. Sec'y, Marietta D. Wickham, Bardette, N. Y.

Hornell . . . First Spiritualist Church, Main St. Annabelle Martin.

Jamestown . . . Free Psychic Temple, 9 West 10th St. Wed. and Sun., 8 P. M.; Rev. Grace A. Motley.

Queens (Jamaica, L. I.) . . . Church of Eternal Light, 9050 — 170th St. (between Jamaica Ave. and 90th Ave.) Mon., Tues., Wed. and Thurs., 1:30 and 7:30 P. M. Rev. William Skidmore.

Lily Dale . . . Lily Dale Assembly, Chautauque County, 1944 season July 1st to Aug. 31st. May Stickley, Sec'y.

Lockport . . . The Lock City Spiritualist Temple, 25 W. Main St. (Medium's Day, 3rd Sunday). Rev. Clara E. Fajer.

New York City
Beacon Light Spiritualist Church, 169 West 98th St., Apt. 8. Tues. and Thurs., 2:30 and 8 P. M.; Sunday 8 P. M. Rev. Hermine Loxer.

Church of Revelation, 27 W. 130th St. Rev. Samuel S. Heyliger.

Church of Believers in God, Green Room, Hotel McAlpin, Broadway at 34th St.; Sun., 10:30 A. M.

Church of Science and Philosophy, 221 West 105th St., Apt. 1 W. Tues. 2 P. M.; Wed., Fri., Sun., 8 P. M. Pastor, Anna C. Gaze.

Christian Psychic Center, Room 605, Stuyvesant Hall, 113 West 57th St. Rev. Mary Olson, Minister.

Little Cedar Spiritualist Church, 100 W. 72nd St. Room 308. Mon. and Wed., 2 P. M.; Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun., 8 P. M. Beulah H. Brown.

Psychists Inc., 313 West 57th St. Open to the public daily, 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. John Myers.

Spiritual and Ethical Society, Hotel Astor, 44th and E'way. Sun., 3 P. M. (Oct. to May) Office 608 W. 140th St. (Apt. 15.) Fred Schneider.

W. T. Stead Memorial Church, 41 West 88th St. Mrs. N. S. Themelis (Mrs. Cecil M. Coe).



Rev. John J. (Jack) Barry, recently ordained minister for The Spiritualist Episcopal Church, 733 South Saginaw Ave., Flint, Michigan. He is a lecturer and mental medium.

Universal Center of Psychic Science, Brotherhood House, 244 W. 75th St. Sun., 7:30 P. M.; Mon., 8:15 P. M.; Wed., 2:15 P. M. Carolyn D. Dale in charge during absence of Harry Villiers.

United Spiritualist Church, 257 Columbus Ave., at 72nd St. Rev. Edward Lester Thorne, Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., 7 P. M.; Thurs. and Sat., 1 P. M. Sun., 11 A. M. (No Messages Sunday morning.)

Queen's Village, N. Y.
Church of Magdalena, 212-76 Whitehall Terrace, Services, Tues. and Fri., 8 P. M.; Spiritual Unfoldment Class, Wed., 8 P. M. Rev. J. Ivor Dillford.

The Spiritual Church of Magdalena, 212 76 Whitehall Terrace (Corner of 211th St., one short block north of Hillside Ave.) Sun., 8 P. M.; Mon., 2 P. M.; Wed., 2 and 8 P. M.; Thurs., 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. Rev. Marion Miller.

Rochester, N. Y.
Centre Temple, "Universal Psychic Building," 67 Edinburg Street, Sun. and Wed., 8 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Helene Gerling; Asst. Pastor, Rev. Ella Thomas.

Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Troupe and Plymouth. Robert MacDonald.

Open Door Spiritualist Church, Hotel Seneca, Green Room, Rev. Leota Maxwell; Asst., Dorothy Maxwell.

Spiritualist Church of Divine Inspiration, 27 Appleton St. Rev. Frances Adam.

Spiritualist Church of True Brotherhood, 372 Flint St. Rev. Rosaline K. Glasser; Asst., Dorothy M. Daggs.

The Golden Rule Spiritual Church, 145 Comfort St. Sun. and Wed., 8 P. M. Rev. Marie P. Hall.

Universal Spiritualist Church, 42 Gardner Park. Rev. Louis C. Brown; Lillian Stauber.

Schenectady, N. Y.
Progressive Spiritualist Church, 6 Mynderse St. Sun., 7:45 P. M. Pastor, Raymond Oudekirk; Pres., Sophia Schlansker; Sec'y, Lillian Weir See.

South Ozone Park (L. I.) . . . Helen Memorial Spiritualist Church, 143-16 Sutter Ave. Services Sun., 8:15 P. M.; Tues., 1:45 and 8 P. M. Rev. G. E. Wagner.

Syracuse, N. Y.
First Spiritualist Church, 535 Oakwood Ave. Sun. and Wed., 7:45 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Jennie De Lonz, 207 James St., Apt. 50; Asst., Luania Caley.

First Spiritualist Church of Grace, Parlor D, Hotel Syracuse; Rev. Grace Kilmer, Pastor.

Spiritual Science Church, Onondaga Hotel, Pres., Iva H. Moore.

Utica . . . The First Spiritualist Church of Grace, Gold Room, Hotel Hamilton. Rev. G. R. Cepni.

White Plains . . . Spiritualist Church of Guiding Light, 150 Main St. Sun., Tues., Fri., 7:30 P. M. Helen A. Thury.

NEVADA

Reno . . . The Church of Revelation, 136 Mill St. Rev. Myrtle Eichleberg.

OHIO

Akron, O.
Christian Spiritualist Temple, 100 S. Broadway. Lydia Hostler, Della Saxton.

St. Paul's Spiritualist Church, 370 South Main St. (near Exchange). William Edward Hart, 571 Upson St.

Ashley . . . Ashley Spiritualist Ass'n. Woolley Park, Season July 3rd to August 31st. Wilson Armitage.

Brady Lake . . . Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp Association; 1944 season July 2nd to August 27th. William Kingsbury, Sec'y.

Bridgeport . . . Inter-national Constitution Church, 209 Howard St. Sun., 7:30 P. M. Rev. A. L. Boerngen, D.D.; assisted by EyaJean Boerngen, Child Message Bearer.

Canton, O.
Psychic Science Spiritualist Temple, 218 Market St., North Rhea Swale Moore.

Cincinnati, O.
First Christian Missionary, Spiritualist Temple of America, 1420 Elm St. Nellie Covey.

Temple of Truth, 1211 Taft Drive, Pastor, Rev. Joan Williams.

Cleveland, O.
Cleveland Spiritualist Center, Inc., 41618 Euclid Ave. William H. Kost.

Divine Spiritualist Church, 5105 Euclid Ave. Sun., 8 P. M. Rev. John M. Williams.

Elizabeth Crookall Memorial Church, 5511 Euclid Ave. Rev. James Bloomfield.

The Inspired Spiritual Church of God, 1899 West 25th St. Services Fri. and Sun., 8 P. M. Rev. G. M. Hayes.

Spiritual Science Church, 10427 St. Clair St., Glenville Center Hall. Rene Hunt.

Columbus, O.
First Spiritualist Temple Society, Inc., I.O.O.F. Hall, 24 West Goodale St. Sunday, 7:45 P. M. Treas., Ruth H. Sills, 2508 Parkwood Ave.

First Spiritualist Temple, State and 6th St. Lula Taber.

Cloverdale Church, 158 Hawks Ave. Tues., 7:45 P. M. Pastor, Rev. Claris Francis; Sec'y, Clara B. Ostermeyer.

Ohio Avenue Spiritualist Church, 86 S. Ohio Ave. Services Sun., Tues., Thurs., 8 P. M. Ralph A. Whitney, Pastor, 1298 Bryden Rd. Melvin O. Smith Associate Pastor.

Linden Spiritualist Church, 2682 Cleveland Ave. Francis Craft.

Dayton, O.
Central Spiritualist Church . . . Haynes and Hubert. Rev. Laura E. J. Holloway, Pastor.

Fraternal Spiritual Church, Circles Thursday evening at 8 P. M., 341 W. Monument Ave. Maude Phelps.

East Liverpool . . . First Spiritualist Church, Moose Hall, 4th and Wash. Sts. Frances Gillespie.

Delaware . . . Spiritualist Science Church, 20½ N. Sandusky St. Pastor, "Mother Francis."

Greenville . . . Christian Spiritualist Church, 529½ Broadway. Rev. Clara F. Heller, Pastor.

Massillon . . . First Spiritualist Church, 224 North Ave. (Corner 3rd). Sun., 7:45 P. M. Rev. A. E. Boerngen and Laura Boerngen, 512 State St., N. E.

Marion . . . Memorial Spiritualist Church, Hotel Harding, Sun., 7:45 P. M.; Wed., 7:30 P. M.; Christmas Bldg., 657 N. State St. Pastor, Rev. Melvin O. Smith; Sec'y, Helen Ruff, 456 E. George St.

Sandusky . . . Spiritual Temple, 222 McDonough St. Tues., 2 and 8 P. M. Rev. Nora A. Hook.

Springfield . . . First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, I. O. O. F. Temple, 13 S. Fountain Ave. Sun., 8 P. M. Rev. Bertha R. Marx.

TOLEDO, O.

First Church of Sacred Science, Colonial Room, Secor Hotel. Sunday, 8 P. M. Rev. M. L. Teems, Pastor.

First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Academy of Medicine Bldg., Monroe at 15th St. Rebecca Morgan.

Good Will Spiritualist Church, Brotherhood Hall, 310 Monroe St. D. E. Cridder.

The Christian Spiritualist Church, 1222 Erie St. Rev. Cecil Engle.

Trinity Spiritualist Science Church, 129-131 Ontario St. Rev. G. A. Kurtz.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Ingersoll Memorial Spiritualist Church, 339 West Federal St., Room 9, Thurs., 2:30 and 7:45 P. M.; Sun., 7:45 P. M. Rev. Rosa Hoyle.

Sacred Heart International Constitutional Church, 644 High St. Tues., 7:30 P. M. Rev. Anna Centrie; Asst., Edna A. Batteiger.

Middletown . . . Middletown Mission of Universal Spiritualist Church, 1833 Wayne Ave. Louise Mitchell.

Warren . . . Christ Universal Spiritual Church, Room 4, McKinley Club, Pres., George R. Watson; vice pres., Herman M. Case.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, Okla.
Central Spiritualist Church, 1005 N. Harvey. Rev. E. Groszkowsky.

Dark Room Home Circle, 424 S. W. 26th St. Rev. Sallie Mae Stone.

Spiritual Science Church of America, 329 N. W. 13th St. Mae Derr McQuestion.

Tulsa . . . Spiritual Science Auxiliary, 1217 South Boston. Rev. Orpha White Amburn.

OREGON

Oregon City . . . The First Spiritual Religious Ass'n of New Era, Canby; 1st and 3rd Sun., 2 P. M. Pres. Rev. Dora Hollis; Sec'y, Margaret Christensen, 1103 Washington St.

Portland, Oregon
Progressive Psychic and Divine Healing Center, Inc. Sun., 8 P. M., 210 "A" Studio Bldg. Rev. Lula W. Mittlesteadt, 1334 S. W. Clay St.

The Spiritual and Psychic Research Temple, Norse Hall, 1111 N. E. 11th Ave. Sun., 7:30 P. M. Rev. Luella M. LaValley.

Medford . . . Psychic Center, 5 East 3rd St. Rev. Anna E. Rath.

Salem . . . First Spiritualist Church, 248 N. Commercial St. Sun., 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. Pres. Sam J. Harms.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bethlehem, Pa.
Bethlehem Spiritual Alliance Church, 131 E. Broad St. Rev. Clara A. Arthur.

Christian Spiritual Church, 18 West Garrison St. Mary Ann Reph.

Bradford . . . The Golden Rule Circle, 30 Hudson Place. Mrs. Elizabeth Echneder, Pres.

Charleroi . . . Diaz Spiritualist Temple, 933 McKean Ave. C. P. Diaz.

Ephrata . . . Camp Silver Belle, Mountain Springs Hotel, 1944 season, June 24-September 5th. Ethel Post-Parrish Sec'y.

East Pittsburgh . . . First Church of Spiritualists, "Rollington Center," 667 Linden Ave. Gesine O. Rapp, Director; Jenn Riling, Sec'y.

McKeesport . . . First Spiritualist Church, 809 Locust St. Winifred D. McAndrew, Treas., 219 Tenth Ave.

New Castle, Pa.
Goodwill Spiritualist Church of Christ, 102 S. Jefferson and South Sts. Rev. J. H. Anderson.

Spiritualist Church of Truth, McGown Hall, East Wash. St. Sun., Wed. and Fri., 8 P. M. Rev. Agnes E. Guthrie, Rev. Annie Crocker, Lena Stevens, Celeste Atkinson and Ida Siggelew.

Parkland . . . Parkland Heights Spiritualist Home and Camp Meeting Association; 1944 season June 18th and September 3rd; President, Charles Wigland; Secretary, A. Bessie Ossman, 57 North State Road, Upper Darby, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

First Church of Silent Demand, Roper Bldg., 5th and Tabor Road (Olney). Rev. Mabel Exley, 5962 Colgate.

New China Mystical Temple, 2652 Emerald St., Gospel Service, Sun. 8 P. M.; Message Service, Mon. and Tues., 7:30 P. M.; Wed., 2:30 P. M.; Developing Class, Wed., 8:30 P. M.

"All advancements made in his world have been accomplished by departures from the beaten paths."

The Reality of Perfected Men & Women

THE WORLD IS AWAKENING TO THIS STARTLING REVELATION

By FLOWER A. NEWHOUSE

Humanity has always been influenced by individuals who were constantly channeled by Supreme Direction.

In times like these it may seem strange to concentrate upon a reality which appears remote from our external world. The sun lies a great distance from us. Yet, if it should cease sending the earth its radiations, a greater catastrophe would be upon us than the evils of a thousand wars. Frequently we realize that the factors which exert the strongest effects are not things we can taste or touch, but which, nevertheless, like sunlight and gravitation, govern our lives to a considerable degree.

Good Achieves Slowly

Imagine, for a moment, what our world would be like were goodness, love, and truth to suddenly cease. No loss, or difficulty could equal the cessation of constructive qualities in the human kingdom. Without them existence would become a nightmare. Civilization is still crude, impetuous, and quarrelsome, but there are sufficient benevolent powers guiding men and events to exert a brake on disruptive and undisciplined energies. *Slowly but inevitably the Good is achieving more deliberate momentum.* Mankind may still harbor wars, while at the same time it senses the birth pangs of conscience and universal compassion.

Lincoln Says . . .

We are devotees of perfection even though we still express imperfection. One strong example of goodness, integrity, and dedication does more to really uplift others than all the subtle persuasions of oratory or cunning bribery.

Abraham Lincoln was not a perfect man, but that he towered above other men was evident to all who came to know him. The secret of his helpfulness to his countrymen was revealed one day to his Secretary of War. At a time when everyone around him was restless and tense with anxiety and fretfulness, Lincoln stood calm and untroubled. Mr. Stanton could not help but wonder how his chief maintained such control and he therefore ventured to say, "Mr. Lincoln, you always seem to be calm and unworried. How do you manage it?" The president answered, "Well, Stanton, when a man feels that he is only a pipe for Omnipotence to sound through, he doesn't worry much."

Channels of Direction

Those who ponder upon the records of history notice that hu-

manity has always been influenced and instructed by individuals who were consciously or unknowingly channeled by Supreme Direction. Such persons were not always understood or appreciated, for ignorance is distrustful of wisdom.

Some of these who stirred men into taking progressive steps were martyrs for their cause; Socrates, Hypatia, Jacques de Molay, Bruno, Savonarola, Galileo, Jakob, Boehme and Roger Bacon.

Today the Truth, Freedom, and Goodness that these forerunners represented continue to shape our thoughts and lives

Former Leaders of Men

Ofttimes the earnest wonder what has become of souls who in the past were leaders, seers, prophets, and Saviours. There is no cessation of life, even when there is a change of form. Avatars like Hermes Thrice Greatest, Zoroaster, Orpheus, Gautama Buddha, Quetzalcoatl and Jesus the Christ, continue to serve the earth, but from a freer vantage point.

The force of evolution is most evident in the pages of history. With the advance of knowledge, multitudes have been gradually changed from savages to Truth-loving men. It is obvious that the summit of life is conscious channelship for God and inner completeness of being. Since the early dawn of human existence upon this globe, a few have attained the prize towards which all mankind labors—perfection.

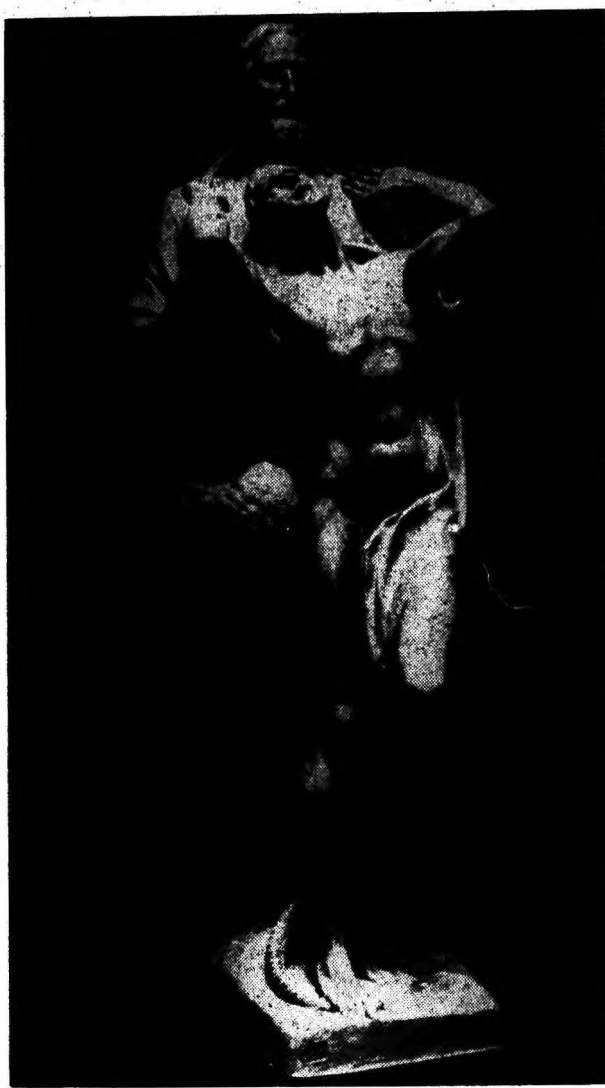
Those who have won their race in life are called our Advanced Brothers and Sisters. Adepts, Masters or Lords. Although the majority of us are pledged to one-pointed following of the Christ, we realize without bias and prejudice that perfection has been gained by more than one individual. The race is opened to all and sooner or later we must enter the marathon in which we do not compete with others, but only with our own unmastered selves.

He Who is our Jesus, the Christ, symbolizes Archetypal Man—the mastership of self every man must win. Our allegiance shall always be to Christ throughout all the cons of experience that confronts us—but we shall frankly and respectfully revere the Good found in an Advanced Brother or Sister who has clarified the Path of Growth for us.

Their Tasks

When Those who have conquered themselves pass into Life beyond our dimension of perception. They choose one of several ways for the continuing of Their unfoldment. Mastery is not the end of effort, but only the begin-

Christward Statuette



Psychic Observer

The road by which we travel from Ourselves As We Are to the Realization of Christhood is called "THE WAY OF OVERCOMING." This statuette, "CHRISTWARD," by Otto Schweizer, is a symbolic work of art that has deep significance.

The inspiring figure of the Christ lifting man to his highest stature symbolizes the transforming power of the Christ Spirit to uplift mankind. The Christ's words come to us, "And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men unto me."

Man is in the process of transmuting his lower instincts into sublime aspirations toward victorious living. It is the Christ Spirit that sustains and empowers him in his overcoming. The sculptor has placed man's foot upon the head of the serpent to denote his conscious effort to stamp out the lower instincts of the personality self. The eagle symbolizes the wings and strength that victory over self gives.

Here man lifts his head to behold heavenly things. His face and whole being is lifted toward the Light. He becomes sublimely beautiful through the awakening of the Christ Light within him.—J.D.

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This is one of J. Otto Schweizer's portrayals of the Lord Jesus. It envisions the Perfected Man who in three wondrous years changed the course of civilization. No one else has ever had such an effect upon humanity and its affairs as has this Lord of Life. It is good to look upon this picture of Jesus with profound gratitude for His being our greatest Benefactor and Friend. Take Jesus out of our lives and there would be nothing left. Put the Christ into the heartbeat of our days and we have purpose, confidence, serenity, and the gradual perfection of endeavor.

—Flower A. Newhouse.

ning of conscious Divinity!

Some will choose to become Sentinels of the Supreme Spirit in the world of men. Others will choose to become Servers of the Logos, or They may instead decide to complete Their unfoldment through the Deva line of evolution. Always will a few select the Work of being the Unseen Counselors of mankind.

The First and Latter Groups of the Inner Government affect our lives the most directly. All of the Perfected Men and Women endeavor to raise the consciousness of human beings according to the Pattern given by the Highest Representative—the Christ.

Help Must Be Merited

It is because we are still blinded by our imperfections that we do not realize the directive influence of our Advanced Wayshowers. When men, through their selfishness or merits, attract wars, the Masters do not extinguish them. If we do not learn by enlightenment to live beyond wars, then sorrow may awaken us as a whole to united need for peace and world brotherhood.

They can but inspire constructive policies, urge reforms, and lead us into ever-improving standards. But as great as is the radiation of the sun upon the earth, so potent is the influence of the Per-

ing. Robert Norwood, beloved minister, was unexpectedly approached by the Christ he revered. A business executive in the mountains of Utah met his Elder Brother and was a better man because of that momentous encounter.

Unusual Happening

Once in a long while we hear of incidents which recall to mind the ever-present watchfulness of the Invisible Government of the world. A friend of ours recounted an unusual happening which occurred during the last world war.

In a hospital where he was recuperating from an injury of battle, he became friendly with one of the night nurses. Because she was a seeker of spiritual Truth, she shared a peculiar experience with the soldier whose interests were similar to her own. This is what she told him:

During a Heavy Battle

During a very heavy battle so many men were hurt that the injured's needs were greater than was the supply of medication to meet such an overwhelming demand. The nurse who was telling the account was herself an anxious observer of that tragic emergency. She had charge, at night time, of a large ward.

This particular night she and her assistants were beside themselves for want of dressings and drugs to relieve the distress of the wounded. Unable to control herself, this nurse went outside onto a large porch that faced the front of the hospital. She met one of the doctors there, pacing up and down with restless helplessness.

Long trained to the mercy of prayer, the young woman sent out a silent invocation for God's immediate help for the suffering. At the close of her prayer the doctor engaged her in a brief discussion of their mutual challenge.

Knowledge Strengthens

While they spoke, a strange officer approached them. He nodded to the two on the porch and went alone into the hospital. In a very short while He returned, glanced at the nurse and doctor, and went on His way. The nurse returned to her ward to find that a "miracle" had happened.

Every moan was silenced. Every wound had stopped bleeding. A great peace had descended upon the entire hospital and had brought relief to the sufferers.

The medical staff were amazed by this unparalleled event in their experience. The nurse told her listener she sincerely believed that a Selfless Brother had heard the call for help and had come to speak the Word of Healing for the wounded.

Knowledge of Perfected Men and Women blesses and strengthens our entire incarnation. Although They are far beyond us in development, They are near in interest and compassion. The most definite impression They make upon us who believe in Them, or know Them, is to fill us with the desire to continue unfolding, that in time we, too, may selflessly reflect God's majesty and goodness as purely and as wisely.

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