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The Fighting Faith of Our Service Men

How the Knowledge of Spiritualism Helps Them

Some have learned the truth of spirit communication; some have personally experienced demonstrations of psychic phenomena. All went out to meet death but became acquainted with the realities of life . . . AND MET GOD!

AN EVEN GREATER FAITH

Pallid half-truths no longer satisfy the boys who have had vivid proof of life after death.

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

As the War of Titans went by many of us asked, What are they thinking about the men in the foxholes or those who zoom the heavens in their warplanes, or the sailors of the seven seas aboard our battleships? What are they thinking about, we asked, and what will the harvest be?

"I have read dozens of letters and scores of statements from officers and chaplains and from boys themselves" about their Fighting Faith "and the evidence is unmistakable" that the world enters a new phase of Truth, observes Margaret Lee Runbeck in her book "The Great Answer."

Read some of the letters that come to Juliette Ewing Pressing, editor of the *Psychic Observer*, from soldiers, sailors and marines and boys who fight in the skies and you will be more greatly assured regarding their Fighting Faith. We know what many of them have been thinking about; we have an inkling of the form of the Fighting Faith that is coming up.

Overseas Distribution

It is unmistakable that they have learned that life lasts forever. Like St. Paul, they know what they worship. Those lads, I would have you know, have been reading the *Psychic Observer*. All through the titans' war Mr. and Mrs. Pressing sent them out. In the early part of the war a naval officer arranged for their distribution among boys who go down to the sea in ships. Other arrangements were made for distribution to the fighting land and air fronts of Europe and Italy and elsewhere.

The *Psychic Observer* has gone to every theater of war and every zone and sector. It has helped to build up that New Fighting Faith centered in an understanding of the continuity of life. They have read the books that have been published by the hundreds on this subject. The harvest that is coming out of the war is a greater faith.

It has been my privilege to read a few of the many letters received by the *Psychic Observer* from all the theaters of war operation.

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SGT. WINFRED T. VANDEVENTER, U.S.A., Outpost Unit, I.P.O., 729 care of Postmaster, Seattle, Washington, receives the *Psychic Observer* regularly and says it is comfort to hear from all fellow Spiritualists.

The picture above shows that he is serving his country in the arctic regions and in a three-page letter, the sergeant describes various psychic experiences shared with his buddies as well as demonstrations of his own clairvoyance.

none among the number being more interesting than that received from Private First Class Martin E. Breithaupt, who writes from The Netherlands East Indies Molucca Group. Pfc. Breithaupt describes how he receives inspiration for very beautiful art work. He dreams out his sketches and brings pictures to waking consciousness. He tells of help from The Unseen when he does his drawing.

Underlying Principles

So much enlightenment has reached me as a result of my studies in Spiritualism, he says in substance in a letter to Mrs. Pressing. He adds, "I am a one hundred per cent protagonist for your work."

"I have advanced enough to understand the underlying principle you have to know in order to carry on your splendid spiritual education program," he concludes.

One has to look at his art to understand what great inspiration he has received from unseen powers, without which inspiration he could not have accomplished so much in that far-away land adjacent to the Orient.

Among other interesting letters I find one from Private Lois Wilson who is ministering to the ailing at the Air Force Convalescent Hospital at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, and who tells of psychical obsessions.

"Many of these patients," she thinks, "may be obsessed in the 'Wickland sense'."

Those who are familiar with the



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PRIVATE FRANK S. PINKOS, U.S.A., 36159270, Sec. 22 B, I.D. No. 1, I.P.O., No. 365, Postmaster, New York City, was privileged to learn a great deal about the unfoldment of psychic gifts before he joined the service.

For many years, he sat in seances with CHARLES SWANN, one of America's youngest direct-voice mediums. He was a splendid mechanic and exchanged services on Swann's car for the privilege of sitting in his seances. In this way he developed up to a point where, according to a recent letter, he is actually beginning to hear voices through his own mediumship.

"The first time it happened," he says "was four months ago. I was sure I heard a spirit voice. I felt tummy at first for my vocal cords were controlled. Since then I have had plenty experiences and the voice always seems to come from my chest and then at night I can see myself lying on the bed and I take trips to many beautiful places."

vast work with mental patients undertaken by Dr. Carl Wickland in California will understand her meaning. The author of "Thirty Years Among the Dead" and the "Gateway of Understanding" and his late wife gave their lives to this form of research and to ministering to those afflicted. They were pioneers in the work of helping those in mental darkness by psychical healing work which some day will be carried on around the world.

Keeping The Morale

Another interesting letter comes from Frank Pinkos, a protégé of Charlie Swann a Chesterfield Camp direct-voice medium of most extraordinary physical powers. Pinkos, now in England, whose own psychic powers were developed under the tutelage of Mr. Swann, tells of his researches and experiences.

"The only thing that keeps my morale high," observes Frank in his letter to his friend and tutor, "are those ever watching guides over me. When I get in a sour mood they brush it away from me and the first thing I know I am singing to myself."

Frank in his migrations in London, talked with Hannen Snaffier,

Ernest Oaten of the "Two Worlds" and others who lead beyond seas in the work in which he is so greatly interested.

Sgt. Winfred T. Vandeventer, with the A. T. Outpost Unit at Seattle, Wash., writes another interesting letter to the editors of the *Psychic Observer*. The psychic vision is definitely opening in his case.

"Spirit faces appear to me out of seeming nothingness," he observes. Unusual phenomena apparently may be developed in his case in the years to come.

They Met God!

These letters—and many more tell us that a new day is dawning for their fighting faith in The Unseen. There is a great stir in their minds as they look upon this coming world born of a great faith. They have been lashed by war and are sick and tired of pallid half-truths.

Letters of those boys show what is coming over the horizon for men and women of *The Tomorrow*. There is, indeed, going to be a great harvest of love and truth and faith from the Titans' War. Like the Red Sea, life is being rolled back for them by this newer understanding of survival. They went out to meet death and they met life in the raw, and they met God!

SERVICE MAN SUBMITS
THIS UNUSUAL DRAWING



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Here is a reproduction of a drawing by PFC MARTIN E. BREITHAUPT, 29203068, 905th Engineer A.F. Headquarters Company, A.P.O. No. 719, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

His stationery shows that he is serving in Mianca Group, Netherlands East Indies. A full account of his psychic experiences is told in DORTCH CAMPBELL'S article on this page.

The original of this drawing is exquisite coloring is framed and will be on display at The PSYCHIC OBSERVER office, Lily Dale, N. Y., during the summer months.

Noted Spiritual Healer Passes Away at Chicago

CHARLES ALBERT BURGESS (88), known in the field of Spiritualism as "Doc," passed away May 30th from bronchial pneumonia at his home, 3337 South Paulina St., Chicago, Illinois.

He was known as "DEAN OF SPIRITUAL HEALERS"; President of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association (N.S.A.) for the past 33 years; a member of its board for 39 years; was President of The Chicago Spiritualist League and the Illinois Association of Mental and Spiritual Healers.

According to Herbert Van Valen, Secretary of The I.S.S.A., funeral services were held in Chicago, June 2nd, at 1750 West 35th St.

He was born in Millville, Pa., May 12th 1857, of Quaker parentage (English and Scotch); moved to Genoa, Nebraska in 1872; his father, an agent under Grant's administration, had charge of Indian affairs; his Mother, working side by side, taught an Indian Manual Labor School.

He was one of seven children, spent 10 years in Nebraska among the Pawnee Indians; he was brought up to know the real meaning of the word "Medicine Man"; later he moved to Oklahoma where close association with Indian life continued eight more years; he had charge of the Indians' cattle in that section and became an expert horseman.

At 24, he went to California, started an Indian medicine business which, it is said, netted him \$40,000 in nine years. At 25, he was married. All through his business career, he was interested in Spiritualism.

Regularly for the past 35 years, he visited Lily Dale Assembly in New York State, where during the summer months, he conducted healing classes at his residence No. 1 Cottage Row and at The Assembly Hall.

During an interview with the Editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER several years ago, he

remarked: "I owe much of what some people call success to the years spent among the Indians . . . they were really Spiritualists. I have seen their medicine men actually demonstrate marvelous healing power. I also was able, during those days of my early experiences with the Indians, to acquire a vast knowledge of herbs and also how to administer them."

At 33, he accepted a position with Buffalo Bill and for several years he traveled extensively with that famous western character.

At 37, he moved to Chicago; continued his medicine business several more years—specializing in plastic dressings.

In relating one of his own psychic experiences, he said: "I well remember the time when I was called in to a family 'HOME CIRCLE' (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4-5)



C. A. BURGESS

What Converted Me To Spiritualism

Theories may read well and hold together in print, but under the light of experience, especially in the light of psychic phenomena, they fall to pieces and leave us with positive proof of personal conscious survival.

High sounding words and phrases about mental extension of consciousness are theoretical.

By
MINNIE MINERVA SOULE

Looking back over my childhood, and especially through the days of my early girlhood, I can see that between me and the knowledge of spirit influence there was but a step, and it only needed some strong experience to awaken me from a half-dreaming consciousness into the fullest realization.

My mother passed into the other life when I was four, and while I have only one or two distinct recollections of her while in the body, she has always been a living mother to me.

Like many children, and I believe like most children, I had an intuitive feeling she was near me, and when I had been reproached, corrected, or troubled, I would run away to my own room and stand before her picture, talk to her and tell her just how I felt. I would always feel comforted and strong after my one-sided interview.

How It Started

Of Spiritualism as a philosophy, or of spirit communion as a fact, I knew nothing, for all my early associations in home, school and social life were of a strict, orthodox nature.

At the time of my marriage, I had seen three mediums—one in Bangor, Maine, to whom I went with friends as a matter of curiosity; one in my father's home, a lady who visited with an old friend of the family, and who took me aside and gave me a talk under the influence of her guide.

The third was a child, twelve or thirteen years old, whose father invited me, a dear friend of mine, Polly, and Mr. Soule to come and see his little daughter. The little spirit controlling the child wrote three letters in the dark—one for each of us—from our respective mothers, and at this sitting I learned that Mr. Soule knew something of the subject of Spiritualism.

Soon after this, I was married and went to New Jersey. Polly, accompanied me but we were hardly settled when she grew ill, a victim of consumption.

I Was Troubled

Through the months of her illness, we frequently talked of the little medium in Somerville and of the possibility of spirit communion. I finally got a reluctant promise from her that if it were possible for her to return she would do so.

She passed away when my baby was three weeks old, and a night or two after her death I saw her spirit mother, standing in the doorway of her room, and looking so earnestly at me that I was rather troubled. I spoke to her, saying, "Oh, what is the matter? What have I done? Don't you think I did all I could to save Polly?" She smiled and walked away.

This occurrence troubled me so much that we moved as soon as I

might help us through our grief.

About this time the father of my little friend gave me a planchette, and I tried it on various occasions, but could get nothing, and so put it away. About two years later my brother was married and brought his wife to live with us.

One day I came across my planchette, and told my brother's wife what it was used for. She wanted to try it, and, to my amazement, she no sooner touched it than it began to write. But as she was fond of playing pranks I doubted the genuineness of the manifestation.

"It Wants To Write"

I put my hand on it and it kept on writing. That was a day long to be remembered, for we wrote with the little planchette until two o'clock in the morning, receiving remarkable messages from my friend Polly, and from my mother.

On Sunday morning following the first writings with the planchette, we were all at the breakfast table, when I passed the spoons to my sister-in-law. She took one and her hand shook and trembled. She had no control over it.

We all exclaimed in one voice, "It wants to write!" and, when we put a pencil in her hand, she wrote a long letter from my mother, with tests and assurances of her presence with us. The writing was almost identical with that of my mother's when she was in earth life.

I took a pencil and got some writing, too; and then followed some months of experiments with automatic writing for both of us.

And Then I Knew

For a year these automatic writings were put aside because of complications and trials in connection with a near and dear relative to whom, and for whom it was my pleasure to devote my time and energy.

At the end of that year, a much loved aunt, who lived in New Hampshire, passed away after most intense suffering. I went to the funeral, and while the body was still in the house had a conversation with her husband, in which he told me of her effort to write something after she was unable to speak.

The matter troubled him exceedingly, and leaving him I went alone to the room where her body lay, and became conscious of her presence.

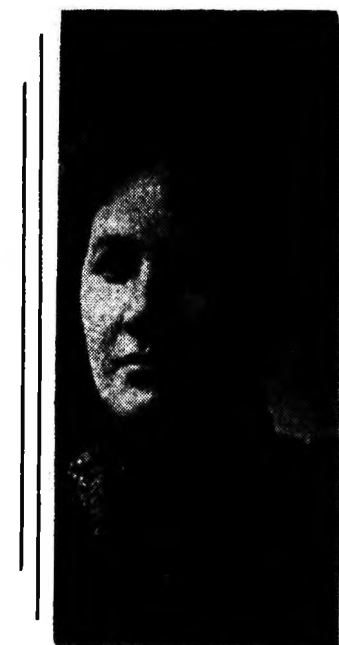
In that hour I knew that I would hear from her, and would at some time be able to give the message she tried so hard to write. I stayed ten days in New Hampshire, and on the first evening of my return, my cousin, a young man, Mr. Soule and I decided to see if we could get some communication from the spirit.

Table Tilting

Accordingly we sat down to a little sewing stable. The table tipped about in a very lively fashion, and after a few minutes the hinges were loosened and I feared it would come apart, so I suggested that we give them a stronger and heavier table.

We then went into another room and sat around a heavy mahogany

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was able. Not long after Mr. Soule was taken very ill, and we were obliged to move to Boston.

When my baby was six months old, we began to have some startling experiences and manifestations in our home. As soon as Mr. Soule left the house, the clock would stop and the fire would go out; nor could I keep the clock running or the fire burning unless he were there.

One day he had just left the house, and a neighbor who had been calling walked over to the stove, and, lifting the cover, laughingly said, "I guess you will be able to keep your fire today, for it looks as if it would keep until Mr. Soule comes home."

As she said this she walked out of the room, and before the sound of her retreating footsteps died away the kettle stopped boiling. I rushed to the stove, lifted the cover and found no sign of fire, but everything as black as if it had been out for some time.

Began With A Planchette

I was much frightened and called my neighbor back. When she looked into the stove, she gasped, "Take your baby and come into my house as quick as you can, for this house is bewitched."

I needed no urging but took the baby and stayed with my neighbor until Mr. Soule came home. This was Saturday and the baby passed away the following Wednesday.

As soon as I was able, Mr. Soule and I went to see the little Somerville medium who was so good to us, but who never in any way referred to what was coming into my life.

She did tell me, however, that my friend Polly had made the manifestations in our home, hoping that we would make an effort to communicate with her so she

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Truths of Spiritualism As Taught in the Field of Psychic Science Appeal To Learned Author and Lecturer

SCHOLAR TESTIFIES TO SLATE-WRITING PHENOMENA

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Lawyer, Theosophist and Editor witness unusual results of THORNE'S Mediumship.

By ALVIN B. KUHN, Ph.D.
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It was my privilege to be a guest in attendance at a recent weekly class for beginners in psychic development conducted by Edward Lester Thorne, at 11 W. 73rd St., New York City. The hour and a half was devoted mainly to the reports given by the class members as to what they saw in the way of lights and figures of deceased persons, one of whom was identified as the spirit of the late Ernie Pyle, war correspondent.

Before the seance began, the medium consented, as a special test, to arrange for a possible slate-writing message. I was asked to participate in it to the extent of having to wash the slate, both sides, clean with rag and water. I placed the slate behind my back, between my body and the davenport on which I was sitting, where it remained throughout the entire seance.

The slate was wrapped by Mr. Thorne in several sheets of an ordinary newspaper, and tied with heavy cord by R. G. Pressing, all in full light and on the sight of the forty-three persons present. Mr. Thorne had broken off a piece of chalk and placed it in the folded paper against the slate.

Medium's Lawyer Attends

At the conclusion of the class work, when the lights had been turned on, Mr. Pressing untied the cord and removed the newspaper wrapping. On one side was found this writing, in print letters: "READ JOHN 20:29." A Bible was procured and the verse read as follows: "Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

I do not know that I needed to be reminded that those are blessed who, even if they have not had ocular demonstrations, can well believe in the realities of spiritual existence. I have always had an abundance of evidence, both objective and subjective, as to such things, some of which has been published and more of which later come to print. It is a pleasure to testify to the demonstration in the present instance.

Meaning of Phenomena

Perhaps what the world needs more than anything else today is the assurance of the continuity of the existence of the divine soul in man. Only with that assurance can the human sense of moral and spiritual values be so fortified as to enforce upon the minds of nations as well as their component individuals a wholesome respect for the principles of truth and justice, the flagrant disregard of which permits designing forces of ignorance and evil to work their sad havoc in the outward sphere of action.

Only when it is the general conviction that all souls live on and must reap the fruitage of their acts for good or ill, will the councils of statesmen and governments be guided by regard for spiritual truth.



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Above is a reproduction of an "automatic painting," received during a series of seances with EDWARD LESTER THORNE of New York City. It stands as evidence of the various phases of mediumship possessed by Thorne when he meets once a week with his class members who form the necessary "battery" for this type of phenomena.

This oil painting was seen recently by GRETA GARBO when she attended a service at Thorne's Universal Spiritualist Church, 257 Columbus Ave. Miss Garbo admired it and asked that a photograph be made and sent to her Hollywood home.

Thorne describes the above picture by saying "It was really done through 'automatic painting' for, like automatic writing, the paint brush was 'guided' across the canvas and throughout the entire work I never knew what color would be selected or what the next brush-stroke would be. It is a picture of a monk before a statue of Christ."

Another phase of Thorne's mediumship, slate-writing, is described by Alvin Boyd KUHN (See article this page).

Still another phase of mediumship, Independent Writing, was demonstrated by Thorne several years ago before a committee of the "Scientific American." This demonstration was concluded and rated as most successful and NEVER to this day has it been duplicated by any magician UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS.

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Spiritualism and Modern Thought

Vast hosts of so-called "Dead" are seeking means of communication. When the bridge is built, the triumph of human spirit, encased in flesh, will be complete.

The War Has Given a New Poignancy to the Human Soul.

By MISS LIND-ALF-HAGEBY
Distinguished English Lecturer
and Authoress

The general breakdown of conventional religion is apparent to the most casual observer. Orthodoxy is losing its hold on all but the most superficial thinkers. It is not because men are growing less religious; it is because they seek reality and life in matters of supreme spiritual importance. The war has given a new poignancy to question about the human soul, about moral responsibility, about life after death. It is the great human prerogative to ask questions. Science, religion, art, civilization are the answers, tentative and imperfect, yet well worth the travail of the mind.

Spiritualism conceived as an attitude of serious inquiry into problems that affect the present and future of the soul, into the nature of man and things, into the object of existence, is fraught with dynamic power of changing belief and conduct. Hence the hostility of the ecclesiastically fossilized mind. Hence the silly warnings about Satan as the director of every spiritualistic seance, about lunatic asylums as the ultimate place of reception for those who dally with spirits.

Professor William James

Ecclesiastical hostility to Spiritualism will some day be accounted one of the most remarkable features in the great history of human stupidity which is being written in the new alphabet of spiritual liberation. The doctrine of the immortality of the human spirit is the pivot round which churches, creeds and sects revolve. Threats of hell and promises of Heaven, purgation and punishment, hope and consolation, are all central in this belief. It is a matter of paramount interest to millions of human beings, for there are very few who, like the late Professor William James, declare themselves indifferent on the subject.

Whilst the doors and windows of the Church are tightly closed and volumes of sermons and speculations on immortality are poured out before more or less somnolent congregations, there is a loud knock at the door. Spiritualism wants to enter, calls out: "This belief, this hope of yours can be tested, proved: the so-called dead are ready and willing to speak to you; they are alive with greater knowledge. Prepare yourselves for communion and entry into the light of a fuller understanding."

But the churches will not listen. Will not suffer the people to listen. Muttering something about necromancy or demons or lifting the veil, he rushes forward and bolts and bars the door. And the sermons go on and the light is withheld.

Saints, Seers, Prophets, Were Mediums

But the congregation dwindles. Too many heard the call and realized that food for the soul may be found without the Church, and the gathering round the torch-bearers grows day by day, to the confusion and reproach of theological negation. For the red-blooded Christians who left the pews of submission made a vital

discovery: that Christianity is primarily spiritualistic, founded, maintained and revived by the very messages, phenomena, supernatural occurrences, and psychic receptivity which are the essence of Modern Spiritualism.

They found that the sacred life of Christ was an epitome of all the



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MISS LIND-ALF-HAGEBY

spiritual powers for which man is bidden to strive, that saint and seers and prophets were the mediums through which the store-house of wisdom of the spirit world was poured into human minds.

Spiritualism is not only an antidote to the disease of religious stagnation. It breaks down the barrier, raised by ignorance and fear, between faith and knowledge, religion and science. Men have been taught to fear the encroachment of reason in the domain of belief.

Overwhelming Evidence

Spiritualism bids us use our judgment, test, verify, criticize. It shows that there is no hard and fast line of demarcation between scientific facts and religious verities. Trance, clairvoyance, psychometry, telepathy, materialization of spirit-forms are amenable to test by scientific methods and instruments.

The study of the higher faculties of the human mind and of the finer forces of nature may be approached from the religious or the scientific points of view. There is no intrinsic antagonism between them. It is merely a matter of classification.

There is overwhelming evidence in support of the conviction that we are entering on an epoch of rapprochement between "the dead" and "the living." Phenomena, once isolated and highly peculiar, will become general and accessible to observation and the test of com-

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What Converted Me

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dining table, and waited patiently for results. We all became conscious of an unusual power, and soon both my cousin and Mr. Soule were fast asleep.

We still kept hold of hands and suddenly I became entranced. The idea of control never entered my mind, strange as it may seem, for I had never seen anyone act in any different manner under influence than an ordinary one, and had never associated any influence with myself except my mother and Polly and my dearest friends.

I Must Be A Medium

The next day, I decided to try the sitting again and see what the result would be, and was rewarded by a much milder exhibition and a more coherent communication. It was at this sitting that we learned that it was a little Indian who was trying to talk through me, and that her name was "Sunbeam."

Immediately after the second attempt to control, Mr. Soule went out and bought a *Banner of Light* and found where Spiritualist meetings were held, and we started to attend one the next day, Sunday.

We went to four that Sunday, and at every one I got a message—one from my friend Polly—and, curiously enough, each medium told me *I was a medium*.

At one of the churches, we had a long talk with the chairman of the meeting after the service, and Mr. Soule explained to him what had happened to me and asked him if he could account for it by mediumship, and he said that undoubtedly I had been controlled.

Theories Not Enough

He told us of a Thursday afternoon meeting which he held, where inexperienced mediums were given an opportunity to see what they could do, and invited me to come to the next one. I did so, and when he invited me to the platform I went without the least hesitation, and *Sunbeam* overshadowed me for the third time and told me some of the things she saw.

From that time, she worked through me in public, and I never had the least doubt about her being able to prove the truth of her assertions.

She was soon followed by other spirit guides, and they became as much a part of our home life as any friends we had in earth-life. I was so proud of their love, and always felt such a desire to have them tell everybody something that I did not know.

I can hardly relate any single experience that converted me to a belief in Spiritualism, but I have numberless ones to prove to me that my guides were not under the same limitations as I.

Their faithful attendance upon me, their wise counsel, could not fail to convince me that mediumship is an unfolding of our spiritual natures to receive what our

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Lecturers and message bearers listed on the program are: Sarah McIntyre, Nellie MacMillan, Clara Osborne, Lucille Mellott, Edith Greene, Raymond Burns, Arthur Myers, Leota Maxwell, Dorothy Marwell, Mabel Barnes, Mae Merritt, Christine Eddy, Fred Mitchell, Enoch Pratt, Clara Barnett, John Carlson, Arthur Ford, Frank Carl, Lucy A. Walker, Eva Bostwick and G. M. Smedley.

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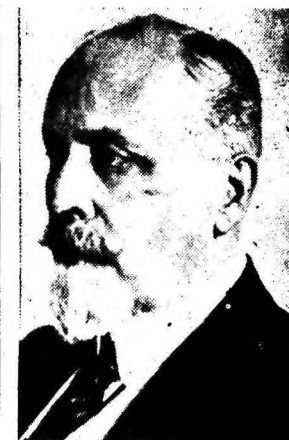
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BARON (DR.) FREIHERR von SCHRENCK-NOTZING, author of the "Phenomena of Materialization," (*) passed away April, 1929. While still a youth he was deeply interested in psychic questions, which started with his study of hypnotism at Munich.

He knew and worked with Dr. Carl du Prel, who directed his researches and had a highly favorable influence upon him. Beside this master he absorbed all the literature on the so-called occult sciences, and made his first experiments with the assistance of the medium, Luna M., in the studios of the Bavarian artists Gabriel von

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spirit desires.

I am more or less familiar with the arguments in favor of mind-reading and subliminal consciousness as an explanation for the various manifestations of the spirit, and I frankly admit that if, in these arguments, which are so far theoretical, I could find explanation for all my experiences, I would be obliged to ask my guides to go a step further and demonstrate more fully and plainly their life, consciousness and power aside from my personality; but I find no such explanation.

Theories may read well and hold together in print, but under the light of experience, especially in the line of psychic phenomena they fall to pieces and leave us with what I am pleased to call *positive proof of the continuity of life and love, and an ever-growing interest in all things that tend to uplift the soul-life of humanity.*

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He then occupied himself particularly with the problem of the transmission of thought. Later he entered into relations with the philosophers Von Hellenbach and Edouard von Hartmann, with whom he made methodical studies.

When he came to Paris in 1886 for the second International Congress of Psychology and Experimental Hypnotism he met Charles Richet, Myers, and Sidgwick.

In 1891 he translated Richet's work, "Experimental Studies in the Transmission of Thought and Clairvoyance." It was Schrenck-Notzing who introduced therapeutic hypnotism into Germany, and he published a book on that subject which was translated into English and Italian.

Cavalcade of Mediums

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"The New World" HOW IT CAN BE BUILT

This Trance Address By

Wendell Willkie

Shows His Ideas Persist

Last March, the late WENDELL WILLKIE was purported to have delivered an address through the trance instrumentality of MARIAN SARVELA DRAKE. His topic was "THE NEW WORLD." The address was delivered at a regular service conducted under the auspices of The PROGRESSIVE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Morris Hall, 3002 27th Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

After checking circumstances under which this Willkie message was received, PSYCHIC OBSERVER decided it worthy of publication. Here is the message:

Wendell Willkie Speaking

It is a rather pleasant experience to speak in this manner. I am one who always liked to express my ideas about the things of life. I tried to do this while I was on earth. I want to do the same now.

How are we going to build this new world of ours? What are the steps to take in order to mould that new world so that it will be peaceful? Who are the ones that are laying the ground work? Are they leaders in the countries?

No, my friends. Your sons on the battle front are the ones who are laying the ground work for this new world.

Leaders of the countries must have a far visioned mind to see what they are doing. They must understand that they have to make the peace a lasting peace now and not as it happened in 1918 and 19.

Leaders Will Conflict

How are they going to do that? It is not just three or four people or leaders who are going to be taken into consideration, but every country on this globe must be included, big and small alike.

They cannot leave small countries to shift for themselves, or to tell them what they are to do. They must be taken in with the bigger countries—big representation—that is understandable in every way.

Already I see a conflict between some of the leaders in this peace making. We are working very hard on those people to make them understand what they are to do and how it must be done. Now in like manner it will be right if we have something to say about it.

It will be the new world, but it is not going to be the kind of a world that you think it is going to be. Many changes are going to take place. It is not just peace making alone that makes the world anew. It is what they are going to do with the masses of the people and how they are going to handle them and how they are going to let them take hold of the things in government.

That "New World"

Every country, one after the other, will have a government that is for the people, and by the people, and not just for a few to do and say what they like. Perhaps it sounds a little bit hard for you to hear that. Time will show you.

Kings and queens will be removed and a people's government will take their places. One country after the other will come clear of the yoke that they have been carrying along for centuries. And when that is done—it may take time but it will be done—then the new world will begin to look like a new world.

Yes, you say to me I am a true socialist. "So I am." That is true. That's the way it looks to me—that that hour is coming and nobody can stop it. Vast numbers of people have been exploited long enough. What did they get out of that work for centuries? Who

point in this new world! so also for Russia. They will go hand in hand with the peace conference this spring.

Yes, I hear someone asking "Are you going to be there?" Naturally, why shouldn't I? I want this world to be a peaceful and harmonious world for all of you who are still on the earth plane—where women and children are protected so they can go out and walk on the highways and byways without being molested by someone all the time.

Time Element Lacking

Will I be at the peace conference? Yes, and perhaps I can get my voice into someone, my ideas transferred from my own being to someone else over there to carry my ideas through in that manner. Nothing is impossible. I have found that out.

And it is not impossible to transfer thoughts to another under the right conditions. While I was on earth I had a certain one who always gave me my inspiration, and that was my school professor from olden times. He was very clear minded, and I attribute to him my successfulness while I was in the business world.

Again you ask "How soon can we get this thing going?" It is going already, my friends. Peace conferences are going on every day and hourly, not only between three or four people, but everyone of you are also taking part in that peace conference. Your hearts and souls are always saying "Oh, I hope it comes to an end soon." That's what helps.

Nervousness Eliminated

You must keep that thought up. Don't give up the idea at any time. Push the thing along. And that will happen sooner if everyone gets back of the idea. The new world that I see coming is harmonious in feeling between people. There is not one man bigger or better than the other one. Everyone is on the same level. Health conditions are going to be very, very much different than now-a-days. Everything will settle down very, very much more than it is now.

Nervousness that everybody witnesses now-a-days will be completely eliminated. Having the mind of a man gone through death, I see clearly all ideas, and when that is done then the same people can work through other minds to bring bigger and better understanding into those minds, but that is a task to do and it is not an easy one.

Educate the Professors

Often in my life I have seen men have differences between themselves and they were not very easy on each other, often times knocking each other down in fist

TRANCE MEDIUM



Psychic Observer

MARIAN SARVELA DRAKE, Asst. Pastor of The Progressive Spiritual Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, of which Rev. A. M. Drake is pastor.

It was through her mediumship that the Wendell Willkie message, published on this page, was received.

fight, but you cannot clear mankind in that way. You have to educate him. Sometimes one does not want to be educated. How then are you going to do it, or what are you going to do with that kind of a people?

Once they are educated and their minds are clear, and then they go on and clear a way, the others will follow. Leaders are the ones who must be educated to begin with. Ministers, too, must be educated to see life different than they see it now.

School professors also must be educated so that they can teach their flock to understand life as it is. When we can get leaders educated, they in turn can educate their countries, and in that way we can bring a harmonious world to you.

Peace Must Be Earned

Life in this beautiful world I see coming is harmonious and happy. Peace and harmony—wouldn't you like to have that already? It will be a peaceful life in which you can always see happiness in other people, and in which another will give you a lift and helping hand if you need that. Love will overcome all the shortcomings. When life is that way then your life is a new world—the new world that is coming.

It will be a revelation to each one of you. It will bring a revelation to every country in the world, not one or two, but all of them. It is to be a world of understanding, a world where everyone speaks the same language with an understanding mind. It sounds impossible to some of you, but it is not impossible. It is very possible. That's what I want you all to look forward to.

Revealed To Willkie

Get your mind onto the things that you want to have and do and accomplish. No matter how hard your task might be, carry that through. It is your task. Don't leave that to someone else to do. They may be having too much of that already in life—always burdens that have been shoved off from one to the other to carry on. Why not finish this condition? Why not do it right now? And do it for all the times to come.

I see a book opening here on the wall. I see many names being written into this book: countries registered in that same book; pages are filled with the names of our countries and their leaders. That book is a history that will make your new world, a new world that is peaceful and harmonious to life.

Many things are revealed to me

here this evening, but it is too early to talk about those. Perhaps sometime they can be brought about. The other thing that is brought here to me now is perfect protection to everyone of you from the unseen side of life.

Each one of you, are protected if you believe that or not. All in all whether you know that, or not, it doesn't make any difference. Many of you I see have a very fine vibration, and that brings the spirit vibration close to you. You may say to me, "Who am I to talk to you about the spirit vibration because I have been gone such a short time." I knew lots about the spiritual vibrations long before I passed away. It is nothing new to me whatever.

I have a perfect understanding and I have a right to speak what I know to be right. While I was on my trip around the world I had such a little time to be in each country, but I learned a lot in a little time. I was there to learn, and I also knew when I started on that trip that that trip was going to be successful as far as my coming back to my own country was concerned.

About '52 and '53

That trip was made for a reason. I knew then that it did not mean much to me, but that it would mean a lot at the peace table when they are meeting over there. It was for that purpose that I made the trip, and I accomplished what I started out to do at that time.

There were many things in my life that I was not able to accomplish. It was not the right time to accomplish those things, and that's why they did not come to pass. The new world is coming closer and closer to each and everyone of you.

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Welsh Psychic Researcher Attends His First Blindfold Billet Seance

MEDIUM'S EYES SECURELY TAPED WITH ADHESIVE

**The Medium Was
Clifford Bias
Chesterfield, Indiana**

By GEORGE OWEN
Harris Bldg., Honesdale, Pa.

Neither had I read about nor had I personally witnessed demonstrations of blind-fold billet reading until recently. It seems that this phase of phenomena is unique among American mediums—at least that has been the result of information I have gathered since being in the states.

The first experience of my life with this particular phase of mediumship happened several weeks ago when I was a visitor at a seance held in the *Psychic Observer* Seance Room at Lily Dale, N. Y. Clifford L. Bias, Chesterfield, Indiana, was the medium.

The seance was conducted in full light with nine persons present—all of whom were members of the *Psychic Observer* office and circulation department staff.

They were: Ann Miller; Violet E. Moran; Edna Frauley; George Staley; Ann Foster; Bernice Heath; Gertrude Gens; Juliette Ewing Pressing, R. G. Pressing and myself.

Securely Taped

Mr. Bias instructed each person to write two or three questions on paper, outlining whatever subjects we cared to choose, or addressing greetings to those dear to us on the other side of the veil. Paper and pencils were provided for that purpose.

After our questions and greetings were written, they were collected by Mrs. Pressing, who was careful to keep them from being seen by the medium.

While Mrs. Pressing was collecting the papers from each person, Mr. Bias was busy covering both his eyes with adhesive tape. That done, he asked me to examine his handiwork. I did, and noted that he could not possibly "peek" because both eyes were completely covered.

Then he gave me a strip of black

cloth and told me to place it over his eyes and tie it tight at the back of his head. With this done, it was clear to everyone that it was impossible for him to see anything through both the tape and cloth.

Then Mrs. Pressing placed all the papers on a card table before the medium. He was not in what is generally termed a trance state, though it was plain that he was being overshadowed and under strong psychic force. Amid heavy overhead lighting, he began to feel for the papers which had been thrown upon the table before him.

Every Sitter Reached

As the medium began the seance, he took a few of the papers in his hands, shuffled them as is sometimes done with cards, and dropped them down on the table. This was repeated several times.

It was then that the said *Pink Flower*, a member of Mrs. Pressing's group of spirit collaborators, made her presence known to him. She expressed disappointment and wondered why a little party had not been arranged. She even suggested that Mr. Pressing should have ordered some ice cream for the occasion.

Next the medium held a paper in his hand, then directed his answer to what was written on it to one of the sitters, who said it was her's because of what he was saying. The medium could not have known by physical means what was written on the billet and yet, not only was the question repeated but the answer was given and this answer was true and correct. While the general procedure was the same with every written billet, yet each was different.

In every instance, the medium did not repeat the questions; rather he told each questioner what they wanted to know—answering each question specifically.

Names were given to some, they were relatives in the higher life; others had varied messages concerning personal matters. Then several had advice about their health, or the health of someone related to them. One question had to do with someone in the armed service. This was clearly answered, though it was known that the medium did not, in a normal way,

know anything at all about him.

I am the only one who knew what was written on my own paper. This is what the medium said to me: "There is a Hannah and a Jane here, and this is for you, Mr. Owen," turning his head in my direction.

I answered: "Yes; Hannah is the name of my mother, and Jane the name of my wife."

"That's right," he said, "your wife, daughter, mother and father, are all in spirit. They tell me you are to go on with the work of writing—help people understand the great truths of this work. We are all behind you in this and give 100 per cent approval to what you have in mind."

All Questions Answered

On my paper I greeted my wife, daughter, father and mother, expressing joy at knowing their presence at a previous seance. Then, too, I had a written question. This was: "What should I do about the idea of taking up the psychic work again?" The medium covered all I had written on the paper.

After reading two or three other papers and all correctly, it appeared that everyone had been reached. The medium said he thought he had given a reading to all present. To this one woman said her's had not been read. Apparently unconcerned, the medium asked Sylvia, his spirit guide, to find out which one had been overlooked. In short order, the billet was found on the floor and in a flash, the correct answer was forthcoming.

Superb Mediumship

After this seance, which lasted 32 minutes, was over, we discussed the content of our readings. Everyone said that what they had been told by Mr. Bias was quite correct.

Some will ask: "How could the medium do this?" The magician, who is without understanding, will say it was a trick. Alright; but by what trick? This the magician cannot answer, neither can he duplicate this seance under the same conditions.

What is this explanation? Simply that Mr. Bias is a medium. He can be contacted by spirit people. These spirit people can speak to him, can impress him and relay not only the questions but also the answers to the questions. The purpose of the blind-fold is simply to add to the negativeness of the medium in relation to his surroundings.

A Unique Phase

Some ask, then why does Mr. Bias and other mediums use adhesive tape? Isn't the blindfold enough? According to Mr. Pressing, the answer is that these questioners do not realize the remarks hurled at blindfold billet readers, (i.e.) "He is peeking," "He is looking down over his nose," "He has special liquid on the blindfold that is transparent," "He loosens the blindfold" and other derisive remarks.

Even though this is a report of my first experience at a seance of this kind, I know it was psychic force and spirit collaboration that enabled Clifford Bias to carry through the demonstration just outlined in this article. Although this answer in itself is simple enough, yet, there are those who frown upon this type of psychic phenomena saying it is spectacular and not of a spiritual nature. However, I daresay that, in the not too distant future, mediums will appear on the continent who can also demonstrate this unique phase of spirit communication.

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Clinton Camp Opens July 29

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"33, you will see so many changes coming into your own country that if I began to tell you now you would never believe it at all. We may have that world to think about, but remember do what you know to be the right thing yourself, especially to your fellow man."

Always live an honest and upright life, and when you learn to do that you are bringing that new world closer and closer to yourself. Each one of you is bringing that on little by little with your own thoughts and the things you are doing. No one can bring anything to you unless you put an effort into it yourself. The new world is there for each one of you. We Must All Learn

I am not talking to you about the heavenly home where harmonious and happy people get together, where we can enjoy our life fully—where we understand each other better than we do on the earth plane. Here we do not all congregate together. We all have our own place to live. We all have things to do. We are not idle.

What you learn while you are on the earth plane will help you after you have left your physical self. It is easier for you to fight your way when you have learned God's laws as they are, and not as you THINK they are.

Learn all you can, my friends. It will be a blessed day for you when you face your life beyond the veil. Keep your mind open and learn God's laws. Some day you will say to yourself "I am happy I learned my lessons," for by so doing you will have happiness yourself. Blessings to all.

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Burgess Passes Away

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... I was just a boy ... they were sitting with the Planchette (Ouija Board) ... I could not read ... I was asked to place my hand on the board ... I did ... A message of warning to my uncle came through ... it was for my Uncle Joseph Longshore ... it was a message telling him not to take a certain trip by train ... as it happened the message saved my Uncle's life because the train, he planned to take, was wrecked."

Many friends and associates of C. A. and Mrs. Burgess will remember a celebration three years ago held at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. This celebration commemorated his 85th birthday and the 38th anniversary of his founding of the First Church of Spirit Healing, Lily of The West Temple, Monroe and Paulina St., Chicago.

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Personal Conscious Survival

What Is Proof? What Is Evidence?

Asks Ursula Bloom

Being capable to understand will eliminate much condemnation of the evidence.

On this slender point hangs a world of controversy. People journey to seances to prove survival; sometimes evidence is good, sometimes it is not good and are bitterly disappointed when such does not prove to be the case. The trouble is to know *what would prove survival to you.*

I once thought that if only I would speak to my mother in the spirit world, that this experience would be proof enough for me. She gave me her name, she gave me all manner of little details of her life, and at the time I was deeply impressed, and almost convinced.

I say almost, because I am sure that in each of us there is some strange contradiction of emotions which makes it very hard for us to believe.

Problem of Conviction

The moment we leave the seance we start pulling it to bits. We argue this and that. Thought-reading is one suggestion. The medium delving into our own sub-conscious. Our "helping" her unwittingly. We go to the greatest pains to convince ourselves that we are believing in something that is unreal.

When my mother had helped me enormously, had told me pieces of evidence I had sought from her (but always with another one ready) which proves that I was not prepared to be convinced, suddenly she gave me the most conclusive piece of evidence.

She had told me of her birthday present to me when I was five, something I had completely forgotten, and which I contradicted flatly, but she was right, as I proved later.

Finally, growing tired of it all, she gave me my evidence. "Go away, and don't do this sort of thing. There is nothing that I can say to convince somebody who does not want to be convinced. It doesn't matter anyway; one of these days you'll know."

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in my own mind I realize that is just what she would have said. I have never asked her for evidence since.

How much wiser it is to forego the anxiety to prove that the dead live; how much wiser to realize that, if there is anything to it at all, the dead might be able to help us, and therefore the better plan is to seek some guidance rather than keep groping in the dark every time!

Truth lies beyond the veil. There

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is so much evidence that they can return, and do return, and are very near to us all the time, that we ought to accept this and abide by it.

Spiritualism is not for self-gain; it was not given to us to satisfy our personal curiosity, but to help us live better lives and benefit by wiser counsel.

If you are one of those people, going from seance to seance, restlessly seeking information, never satisfied when you get it, always connecting spiritualism with YOU rather than yourself with Spiritualism, then give it up.

I don't suppose that I have a sitting more than once a year nowadays; then it is just to hear if there is anything "they want to tell me." Usually there is plenty, but I may strike a bad moment, and this is what people will not take into consideration when dealing with Spiritualism.

Things To Remember

Always remember that the spirit you most desire to communicate with may be absent, the medium may not be in the right mood. We all know what happens to the radio set when there are atmospheric about: how much more may this happen to the spirit world, a medium, and ourselves, when dealing with this very difficult problem?

A friend and I had a sitting some time back; it was very bad. He was most miserable because this particular medium had been his idea, and he blamed her. It was his fifth or sixth sitting, not more.

I told him not to be so foolish, give the woman another chance, which he did. The next sitting she was marvelous. Conditions were excellent, everything dovetailed into that seance, and I think it was the best I have ever had.

Spiritualism will never achieve its greatest work whilst people seek self gain from it, or believe that they can get it anywhere any time.

and it is bound to be the very best.

A telephonic system of communication between two worlds is baffling; try telephoning to New York and, if conditions are not good, you will be horrified at how tricky that can be. How much more complicated when speaking to "Heaven"!

Why Ignore The Trivial

"Don't be put off by what you call the 'footling trifles' they tell you. You do not know the conditions in which they are working; maybe it is only footling trifles that they can get through. And so often those footling trifles are so much more convincing than anything else.

Let me quote one apparently footling one. The medium told me that my mother was saying something about the two of us playing a piano. Naturally I thought of a duet and could not place it. She then asked if my mother was very fond of "Lead Kindly Light," because that seemed to be the tune. I said No, she did not care for "Lead Kindly Light."

Much later, I remembered to what it referred. I had been the blind one. At one period in my hard-up life I played the piano in a cinema. My mother came over for matinees and helped me out—hence the two people playing the piano.

Our Capabilities Limited

The cinema was showing the picture "Quo Vadis," and we mapped out for one of the early Christian service scenes, to play hymns. I could play *Lead Kindly Light* by heart. My mother was always mislaying the music, and finding it gone just at the moment when she wanted it most.

It did not make her like the hymn any better, somewhat naturally.

Yet I had, when the incident was recalled to me quite vaguely, being the only way that she could recall it, glossed it over as not being evidence.

The question is, what is evidence? What is proof? And are we personally capable of understanding the proof which sometimes we condemn so readily?

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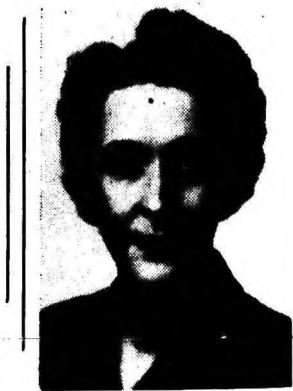
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Independent Spiritualism

Its useful teachings will inspire humanity to nobler deeds.

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Since the World War I and during this war Spiritualism has undergone a somewhat new development. A section of it has departed from the eclecticism which had always characterized it. Its chief glory was, and probably will always be, a freedom of thought which marks it out as non-sectarian and non-theological.

A religious movement which accepts no scripture as authoritative, but which searches all for spiritual enlightenment, may be said to have a world-wide mission. It not only leaps over all the barriers which institutional religions have erected, but goes a long way towards abolishing them; a not unimportant task in the establishment of a belief which can unite all humanity in one ideal and inspire mankind to aspire after the same spiritual end.

Supernormal Phenomena

Such an aim is essential if science and religion are to work hand in hand, and as the basis of Spiritualism is scientific, Spiritualism to make a world-wide appeal, must adopt it. Doubtless the main body of Spiritualists will always conform to this principle; if it does not, then *Spiritualism as a world religion is doomed.*

To attach itself to any of the old established religions would not only rob it of its independence, but destroy it altogether.

This danger probably lies more with Christianity than with any other faith. *Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, to mention the three principal other leading systems, have never entirely lost touch with the spirit-world. All have sects which include among their practices what is commonly known as magic, but which generally means supernatural phenomena.*

The "Devil" Theory

Institutional Christianity has always regarded these practices as evidence of heathenism, and has made it a strong point for appointing missionaries to teach these people the error of their way and persuade them to adopt the "true faith."

For four hundred years it waged war against anyone who showed the slightest sign of being in touch with the unseen, attributing all such practices to consorting with the Devil.

Thousands of men, women and children were severely punished and even destroyed as wizards and witches, on the assumption that it was better to destroy the body than to endanger the soul. No other

great religion seems to have been so pitiless. The fact that the persecutors were sincere does not undo the melancholy fact.

As Spiritualism thrives principally in Christian countries, the danger of it being absorbed in the established religion becomes stronger, and there are not wanting signs that some such absorption is being striven after.

Religious Prejudice

It is, of course, not a deliberately organized scheme, and no one would be justified in doubting the absolute sincerity of those who aim at attaching Spiritualism to Christianity. That, however, does not make the effort less real.

Since the World War I and during this war there has been something like an exodus of Christians to Spiritualism, owing to Christianities inability to give assurance and consolation to those bereaved during that terrible holocaust.

These people have naturally brought over their religious prejudices, and endeavors to attach their new belief to their old one. Jesus has been exalted above all other world teachers, much to the dissatisfaction of the members of other faiths who are interested in Spiritualism. All who have been trained into specific religious beliefs inevitably favor them.

Many Great Teachers

The position can be best appreciated if *Christian Spiritualists* consider how they would feel if an *Islamic Spiritualist* laid supreme emphasis on Mohammed as the greatest spiritual leader, and maintained that he alone was God's chosen representative according to whose precepts mankind must make their lives conform.

There is no reason why Jesus should not be held up as an example to mankind; but the principal applies all round. *Zoroaster, Krishna, Buddha, Moses, and the great religious founders of other systems may justly claim equal recognition.*

It is because of the force of this claim that Spiritualism must be eclectic. There is not the slightest chance of it appealing to all mankind if it is insisted that undue deference be paid to anyone of these characters. Nor is it a way out to insist that the teachings of one are superior to another, as people read into these teachings their own ideals.

Christian vs. Moslem

This fact was amply illustrated recently in a discussion between a *Christian* and a *Moslem*. When the *Moslem* pointed out what he regarded as defects and omissions in the life and teachings of Jesus, the Christian retorted that all that Jesus had taught had not been re-

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corded and began to call on his imagination to supply the deficiencies.

Of course, anything could be proved by such a method, and the Moslem would have none of it. His case appeared very strong when he quoted passages from the Koran showing that Mohammed's teachings had no such hiatuses.

The outcome of the argument was unsatisfactory. The Christian refused to keep to the text of his scriptures, insisting that here had been omissions and errors of translation, and persisted in attributing to Jesus what he thought Jesus must have said. This so irritated the Moslem that the meeting broke up in mutual recrimination, a common occurrence when religious speculation is in dispute.

The Light of Reason

Then there is the point of view of the skeptic to be considered. Christianity has been gradually undermined by the growth of secularism. From the point of view of church attendance, Christian countries are the least religious. Modern civilization has largely progressed in the face of religious obstruction, and as science becomes more and more powerful skepticism becomes more apparent.

Desertion of this kind from Christian ranks has not been solely the result of a decrease in a realization of the spiritual. It has largely followed on the application of the scientific method to history and the use of logic. Christianity has never seriously claimed to be a logical faith.

In the light of reason it has been shown to be extremely illogical, and it has gradually come to realize this, and efforts are being made to give it a more reasonable interpretation. Where this has not been attempted whole nations have departed officially from it, as witness France, Italy, Spain and Mexico during present generations.

Value of Psychic Research

Christian Modernism has unintentionally confirmed the skeptic in his doubts, for it has shaken almost to pieces the very foundations of Christianity. It is not uncommon to read the confessions of clergymen who admit that modern historical research into the gospels has almost paralyzed their faith. Some have won back their confidence through Spiritualism and the findings of psychic research.

Perhaps the future religious attitude of the world rests with science. If it does, Spiritualism must become an all powerful force. It enables us to start afresh and rely on present experience and not on doubtful tradition.

There is a good deal to be said for the point of view that our ancestors were no more qualified to speak with authority on religion than upon Nature. Why should a special revelation be made to one generation and not to another?

There seems to be something

radically defective in a scheme which compels mankind to move along a line of discovery which, whilst unveiling Nature, shows that the speculations of our ancestors on matters of fact were almost always wrong.

None of the great religions has been very near the truth regarding the constitution of the human mind. It has been left for the modern psychologist to uncover the subliminal mind and show us hitherto unsuspected capacities and powers which are so active that almost unperceived, they direct our daily lives.

Spiritualism Unrestrained

The student of psychology—a rapidly growing branch of science—may be excused if he refuses to believe institutional religions reliable when they and their founders were ignorant of the real nature of the human soul with which they professed to be intimately acquainted.

Spiritualism must be unrestrained in all departments. It must carry its message and method to all and sundry free from the burden of restraint such as would

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For the past thirty years he has written articles for leading spiritualist periodicals in England, Sweden, Australia and the U.S.A. He is the author of the book "What Mediumship Is" (now in print).

be imposed by a slavish adherence to the precepts of any individual and any institution, no matter how venerable.

Indeed, the more ancient they are the more they are suspect. Only those teachings which conform with experience, common-sense and the well-being of mankind must be seriously entertained and all slavish adherence to the past abolished, especially when based on fear. There is something lacking in any religion which threatens its adherents and non-adherents.

Jesus, the Buddha, Moses, Mohammed, Zoroaster and Krishna will not become less influential in a healthy way under such conditions. Indeed, one may prognosticate that their teachings, divested of all unnecessary decorations, will shine out the brighter and their works become more effective.

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"In Memoriam"

"I and the family," he writes, "have been overwhelmed by tokens of love and affection which have reached us from all quarters.

"None of us is lamenting her departure unduly. We knew how ready she was to go, and we knew how eagerly and lovingly she would be welcomed when the time of her release came. The period of helplessness was painful to her and none of us wished to prolong it.

"Our faith in continued existence is absolutely secure; not a shadow of doubt troubles us. The funeral was indeed a thanksgiving service for a long and beneficent life, a peaceful end of the illness, and a happy reunion with those who had gone before.

"She was interested beforehand in the funeral arrangements. She begged that it should not be gloomy, and hoped that we would walk from the house to the church, a distance of only half a mile, singing selected hymns all the way.

"The coffin of unpolished English oak was draped in a white embroidered silk shawl, an heirloom of the family, and on a brass plate was the inscription:

Mary Fanny Alexander Lodge

Born 11th March, 1851

Died 20th February, 1929.

"She has joined Raymond and Violet."

"Tears were absent, in spite of the inevitable pang of temporal separation; the keynote of the service was thankfulness in the sure and certain hope of immortality. The whole was carried out in accordance with her wish, as a sign to the villagers that only her discarded body was being committed to the ground, that she herself was there in spirit, and that joy rather than sorrow should herald her promotion to a happier sphere.

Raymond's First Messages

"She sympathized with Tennyson's lines in 'The Ancient Sage,' which may be here quoted:

"I hate the black negation of the bier,

And wish the dead, as happier than ourselves,

And higher, having climb'd one step beyond

Our village miseries, might be borne in white

To burial or to burning, hymn'd from hence

With songs in praise of death, and crowned with flowers."

"She often recited portions of the 23rd Psalm and 'Crossing the

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Bar," while she was lying weak and helpless."

And now this is the story. Second-Lieutenant Raymond Lodge was killed on September 11, 1915, at Hooge Hill, during an attack on the enemy.

A few days later Lady Lodge accompanied a French lady guest, who had been kind to her daughters in Paris, from Birmingham to London. This lady was in great distress at the loss of both her sons in the war within a week of each other, and to comfort her Lady Lodge took her to see a Mrs. Kennedy in London, who arranged two sittings with Gladys Osborne Leonard.

Both ladies attended these sittings anonymously and on both occasions the two sons of Madame communicated with her.

Lady Lodge was a silent participant in the first seance. She was seeking for and expecting nothing for herself. But Raymond, eight days after he had been struck down, made his living presence known to her, and spelt out by tilts of a table the message:

"Tell Father I Have Met Some

Friends of His"

His Mother asked:—"Can you give any name?" "Yes," replied her son, "Myers." (This was taken to refer to Mr. F. W. Myers.) It was only a little message but how tremendous was its significance. It meant undoubtedly, "My son was dead and is alive."

The thrilling effect of it at home may be guessed for on the second day thereafter Sir Oliver came from Birmingham to have a sitting with the same medium. He went as a complete stranger. The medium was Mrs. Leonard. She was entranced and her control described a youth "in terms which distinctly suggested Raymond." And thereupon Father and Son conversed together, Raymond saying, amongst other things:

"People think I say I am happy in order to make them happier, but I don't. I have met

hundreds of friends. I don't know them all. I have met many who tell me that a little later they will explain why they are helping me. I feel I have got two fathers now. I don't feel I have lost one and got another; I have got my old one, and another too—a pro tem. father" (referring to Myers).

These were busy days spent by the parents in talks with their son. Only three hours separated this message and one received by Lady Lodge through Vout Peters, another well-known medium. His control said Myers was helping Raymond, and the following message, characteristic of Myers, was slowly dictated to the sitter:

"Not only is the partition so thin that you can hear the operation on the other side, but a big hole has been made. . . . Hitherto it has been a thing of the head; now I am come over it is a thing of the heart."

Raymond's Message

A month later Sir Oliver also visited this medium, when Raymond, referring to Myers' help, said to his Father:

"He helped me because, with me through you, he can break away the dam that people have set up. Later on you are going to speak to them. It is already on the programme, and you will break down the opposition because of me. For God's sake, father, do it! Because if you only knew, and could only see what I see: hundreds of men and women heart-broken. And if you could only see the boys on our side shut out, you would throw the whole strength of yourself into this work."

And these were the experiences which, on Lady Lodge's initiative, enlarged Sir Oliver's horizon, persuaded his heart, and led him to "throw his whole strength into this work."

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Rare Photographs of Psychic Phenomena

Through the Mediumship of LEONARD STOTT Taken Under Strict Test Conditions

The pictures below are the result of years of psychic research with a relatively unknown physical medium, LEONARD STOTT who resides at 5966 Malta St., Philadelphia, Pa.

During the seance at which these pictures were taken, strict test conditions were exacted of the medium by the following sitters: EDWARD C. WOOD, author of the book, "The How of Divine Revelation" and manager of The Wood Manufacturing Company, 646 Erie St., Camden, N. J.; SHERWOOD EDDY, 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York City—noted writer and author of the books, "The Kingdom of God and The American Dream," "Maker of Men" and "Man Discovers God; GEORGE SCHAFER, accountant and tax expert, Wilmington, Delaware; GRACE P. SCHAFER, psychic researcher and writer; JULIETTE EWING PRESSING, editor of *Psychic Observer*.



The flash-light picture above was taken in a totally dark room. The medium, LEONARD STOTT, can be seen slumped in the chair, both arms and hands in plain view. EDWARD WOOD is shown handling the cord-like psychic structure, emanating from the medium's mouth—the force generated is sufficient to hold the trumpet in an upright position.



The test conditions to which Stott was subjected in the above flash-light picture are self-evident. Mr. Wood controls the medium's left hand, while SHERWOOD EDDY holds the medium's right hand. The trumpet is levitated by force directed through the ectoplasmic structure extending over the medium's chest.



The flash-light picture above shows JULIETTE EWING PRESSING, holding the medium's right hand, GRACE P. SCHAFER holds the medium's left hand. GEORGE SCHAFER, extreme right, witnesses the phenomena as a muss or billow of ectoplasmic substance exuding from the medium's mouth.

OUR DEBT To Others

By
Ernest Oaten

TIME and again the question is asked by investigators: "Why all these foreign controls?"

It is a question which has agitated a good many minds. We are accustomed to regard our standard of life and education as something which stamps us as superior in some ways to the more primitive races of the world.

It strikes the beginner with surprise to find that in the seance room the most efficient "guides" or controls are frequently—though not invariably—Hindus, Red Indians, Chinese or individuals with colored skins, and since few people have risen above the "color bar" and still regard those races which are not white skinned as belonging to an inferior race—the experience jars.

Personally I can see no objection to acknowledging our debt to the foreigner. Is it not true that all religions, even the Christian system, are based upon the lives and teachings of those who were, to us, foreigners.

Real Values

Our philosophy too is erected upon foundations laid by ancient Greeks, Chinese and others, for many of the Southern European, Asiatic and African peoples had a great civilization when our British ancestors were roaming the forests.

Upon the inner side of life they seem to have solved the question of nationality. What a man is and what he can do is of far greater importance than the land he was born in, whilst his usefulness constitutes a higher standard of appeal than the color of his skin or the school at which he was educated.

Even if we consider only the more primitive races, they were children of nature and based their lives upon their experiences. Life to them was less involved than to us, and if they saw less of the complexities of life they probably saw it clearer.

The Foreign Controls

They were not confused with those many theological speculations which accompany the effort to endeavor to make two and two five, which too often seem to me to be the chief occupation of the ecclesiastical mind. To the primitive mind life is simple and direct, because it deals only with basic facts.

The arithmetic of the elementary schools, simple addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, gives clear cut and dependable results whilst the higher mathematics or the differential calculus are often matters which lead to mental abstractions.

Spiritualism owes a great debt to foreign controls, many of whom have shown great intellectual attainment in addition to a wealth of specialized knowledge. Take for instance that remarkable band of truly intellectual spirits who

surrounded Stainton Moses (Imperator, Rector, etc.): the company (Galen and others) who inspired the teachings given through Andrew Jackson Davis; or in later times the minds which produced through Geraldine Cummings the "Scripts of Cleophas."

Who that ever heard him will forget the masterly orations of "Tien Sien Tie" the chief control of J. J. Moore, dignified, cultured and logical to the last degree. Tien was a Chinaman, yet for breadth of vision, sound philosophy and a wide knowledge of psychic law, there would be few white men to compare with him.

The Red Indians

It must be remembered that the white races lost all contact with the spirit world about 1850 years ago, and the nature of the after life has been a matter of speculation since that time.

On the other hand, the colored races have maintained an actual and personal contact with that world through all the centuries. In every home in China a festival is held annually at which the family ancestors are invoked and there are no phenomena with which Spiritualists are familiar, which have not been common to that race for tens of centuries.

The Red Indians, too, have practised direct communication with their deceased friends as far back as history allows us to trace and I am assured that every year a festival is held—or was until the white man's materialism overlaid it—at which the late chief of the tribe appears and forecasts the events of the forthcoming year.

Scientists Underrated?

Many of these primitive tribes have known and still know more about the minutiae of spirit communication than all the scientific minds of the *Society of Psychical Research* combined.

What does the white man know about the process of communication? He is an infant who has been dabbling with the subject for a mere 60 years or so, as against the thousands of years of experience of the native races of Asia, Africa, America, etc. Even the South Sea Islanders have been known to employ psychic gifts to obtain information for which we

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tific or intellectual attainments of
the white man. They have their
values, and we should be pater-
nized without them, but intellect is not
the whole of life and knowledge of
a physical world comprises but a
section of life's processes.

Life IS Eternal

The majority of the primitive
races have no fear of death. They
view him as a friend. They have
a very clear idea of where they
are going when the great call
comes, for they have caught
glimpses of the larger life whilst
the majority of our people have
no more idea of the condition of
the life they will enter at death
than they have of conditions on
the planet Neptune.

It is a pitiable fact that whilst
we have been busy making the
most, or best, of this life—the life
which is transient and ephemeral—
whilst we have been industrious
in gathering the things we shall
have to leave behind, we have
largely neglected to cultivate a
knowledge of life as a whole—for
life is eternal.

What Can You Do?

I repeat again the people of the
inner side of life have solved the
problem of nationality. All na-
tions have their place there in the
scheme of things and differences
of race are swallowed up in the
consideration of the common good.

Over there they care nothing
about who you are or what may
be your nationality, creed, color or
education. Their standard is, what
can you do? What contribution
can you make to the well-being
of the community; can you be-
come a note, or a chord in the
anthem of a harmonious hu-
manity?