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Modern Spiritualism's Ninety-eighth Anniversary

Truth of Spirit Communication Demonstrated By the Pioneers of the Nineteenth Century

March 25th marks another anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. Spiritualists all over the world are, even now, planning a gigantic celebration for the ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY in 1948. American, Canadian, British National organizations, as well as the societies in many of the continental countries have expressed the desire to cooperate in the greatest series of propaganda meetings in the history of Spiritualism.

Paul Miller Summarizes a Great Event

SPIRITUALISM'S FORCE CANNOT BE DENIED

- It has challenged Scientific Theories.
- It has influenced millions everywhere.
- It has converted eminent Scientists.

*Spiritualism has withstood
all opposition and mean-
ingless argument.*

Spiritualism in its modern form approaches its first century. The first rappings in the Fox family's cottage at Hydesville, New York State 98 years ago, were the opening of a new era. Then materialism held sway. Then men were in the fullest flush of their power; steam, electricity, new inventions every day, new vistas of expansion, new markets opening up, new countries coming under the sway of Western men.

It was the age of doing and having, of getting and keeping. It was, above all, the age of power and of obedience to authority. New nations under God also groaned under the heel of men. There was new lighting in the streets and in the homes of teeming millions, but there was darkness in the minds of the whole cavalcade of nations marching to an unknown destiny in a century that ended an old age and began a new one.

Tests and Statements

The spirit rappings produced through the mediumship of the three Fox girls in their simple, poor cottage, were of greater portent than all the artillery then being made in all the arsenals of the world. There was no great liner sailing the oceans that carried more potent tidings. There was no telegraph that carried more important news. There were laughs and sneers and jeers when the rappings echoed beyond the wooden walls of the Fox home.

Then the tests, then the statements from those who believed that the messages were from a spiritual source; and the furious attacks from those who held they emanated from the very spirit of Evil himself. After all, theology had raised up a devil; theology had long nurtured him; he was accepted as a terrible fact for the impressing of simple-minded people and for the frightening of children, therefore he had to be responsible for everything that

threatened the carefully-erected structure of theology.

The arguments that followed the Fox rappings spread and with them the tidings that here was a force subtler than electricity—it could bring messages from the "dead."

Poets and Prophets

It was intelligent, it could read thoughts, it was beneficent, it never lied, it did not mislead and it announced, through spirit and mediums, that a great mission had begun—a mission to prove that men survived the grave and that beyond the tomb and after the mourning there was a life more abundant, more graceful than ever Man had dreamed of.

The poets and the prophets, the artists and the seers had talked of such things, but to the toiling millions who made the world comfortable, who bore the burdens, who tilled the fields, and baked the bread, and made smooth the ways of their masters, they had not heard these glad tidings, neither had they been vouchsafed a vision of the life to come.

But long before the Fox Sisters began their work there was a great preparation. There has been no time in the history of the world that men have been left wholly without a living witness to the reality and beneficent presence of human spirits. There was no time in which the gifts of the spirit could not be used for the help of men.

It Was Not the End

Yet there were times when the politics of religion and the ambitions and dullness of prelates all but blotted out the instruments of the spirit—those sensitive human beings we now call mediums but whom the churches throughout the ages have, with few exceptions, called witches, agents of the devil and any other name that would stigmatize them into a pre-ordained classification that carried sentence to horrible death.

That was the greeting that awaited many in past times. People plotted and planned to wipe

mediumship from the earth. They drove it from the churches with anathema and with burning brand. They drove out the mediums with creed and deed, they drove out the seers and the prophets and in their places set up dogmas and systems of theology that circumscribed the human intelligence for a thousand years.

Though the mediums were driven out, it was not the end. Truth is not so easily vanquished. When the life-force that directed the efforts of the instruments of the spirit was denied an expression in one place, it sprang up in another.

Before the rise of Modern Spiritualism there were many things that should have warned the popes and primates that all was not well in their theologies, that there was a force, that there were intelligences seeking to impress the human race for its own good.

The discovery of Mesmerism, despite all the accusations and the sneers, was a pointer. The practice of hypnotism should have warned the materialists that their theories were in danger. But it was not to destroy or disprove a theory that this work was begun.

Liberation of Men

The world was so clearly organized that it was in peril of falling between the twin traps of materialism and theology into the deeper pit of despair. The secular authorities were rooted in materialism. They built their states on the assumption that men knew all, and that the visible constituted the whole universe.

The churches were content, for the most part, with their spheres of influence, for they were with few exceptions kept out of the councils of State, and where they were admitted they did little or nothing to lift their fellow-men from their ignorance and wearisome toil.

The liberation of men proceeded from the efforts of men and women outside the church, and many were persecuted by the state. We who live now, after a few years of the threat of slavery from movements which were the natural and logical outcome of the conditions of which I write, scarcely understand what perils we have avoided.

We know little and remember less of the awful conditions under

which the bulk of mankind labored long for little, under which whole nations sweated. The rise of industrial prosperity marched with the decay of the human liberties until the battle was joined.

Always there had been a few bold pioneers, always a few unselfish men and women who would not accept the conditions of their time as the best that could be devised. They were the members of the eternal army of liberators of the human race.

They Claimed Nothing

They were greater than most saints because they claimed nothing that they could not demonstrate; they were greater than all conquerors, for they sought to express life in greater abundance and not to destroy it; and the natural succession to them were the men and women who were the forerunners of modern Spiritualism, the experimenters with mesmerism, hypnotism and the like. They made the first breaches in the defences.

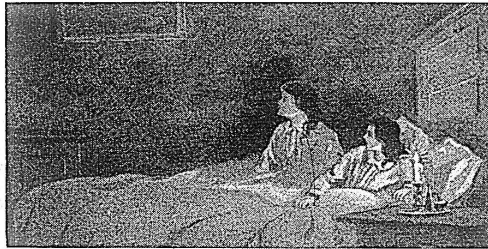
They showed that intelligence did not reside in matter, that there was much more than could be explained by the materialist theories of the day. But for their disturbance of the mental atmosphere with their experiments and the arguments that followed them, the Fox rappings would have burst upon this earth like shells from another world.

The experiments of the pioneers of the Nineteenth Century prepared the world for new truths, for new facts and for new demonstrations. Every nation in the world has in its records instances of spirit power, of healing, of happenings that could not be explained except on the ground of survival beyond the grave and the power of spirit intelligences to operate in a manner superior to that of this world alone.

The Records Remain

The records remain, but men are not interested much in research. They prefer facts to be brought to their firesides and would like Truth to come knocking at their doors. Those brave and ardent spirits who are ready to face anything and to dare all are the exceptions.

Therefore we here present a brief summary of some of the outstanding instances of mediums who have succeeded beyond a doubt in



The reproduction of the above drawing is an artist's conception of beginning of the rappings heard in the Fox Cottage at Hydesville, N. Y. The girls were awakened by raps which were later proved to be intelligent communications from the spirit of Charles Rosna.

proving that there is a life beyond the grave and that there awaits the cooperation of sincere and truth-loving men and women a mighty host of liberated spirits who seek nothing but the welfare of humanity.

As men have marched to greater power and to greater knowledge of the physical universe, so has the revelation of Spiritualism become more pervasive, more powerful, until there is no land where its truths are not familiar. We have men and women of all classes and of all degrees of attainment who bear witness to our truth and to its power.

Universal Healing

Now this Spiritualism is a force that cannot be denied. It has challenged scientific theories and has converted scientists, among them the greatest of their day; it has challenged the theories of all the churches and has won in open contest for the allegiance of thinking people. It has influenced millions everywhere. It has spread a healing force over the whole globe, and it has lifted from millions of minds the fear that death is the end of life.

Not all the testimony to its healing balm is made public. There are many who have learned to bless the day they first heard of this truth. It lives in them and grows with the years. And when they pass to the other side, there to prove beyond a doubt that they were well taught, they lend their aid to the great army, silent and philanthropic, which works behind the veil, sacrificing its own progress that this world might be a more suitable habitation for spirits who are still living in physical bodies.

Before the Hydesville knockings there were many who exhibited the power of mediumship. But since that day it has been directed in greater force towards the smashing of old errors and towards the construction of a lasting truth. As the scientists have found new laws and new forces, so have the lessons of Spiritualism grown in importance.

Theological Theories

Once it was thought that the discovery of new instruments of greater sensitivity would dispel all our claims. But the facts were otherwise. The farther science advanced, the more scientists and others learned of the power that moves behind the veil of death.

Science has demolished many theological theories but it has not proved one basic teaching of Spiritualism wrong. Instead, it has confirmed many. Side by side with the material demonstration of the natural character of the forces implicit within psychic happenings, there has emerged a great body of teachings which appeals to the spiritual nature of man and seeks to draw out his inherent qualities.

Since all men differ in degree of evolution, spirit teaching is

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The Revelations of JOHN

Received through the trance mediumship of

Clara Merritt Paul

**Mere Mention of the Sacred Name of God
Should Depict Divine Love and Wisdom**

*Wesley's Entrance Into
the Spirit World
Described*

In all sincerity and respect to the author of the *Revelations of the Bible*, I have chosen this title as the subject of the facts I wish to relate, this article being the testimony of one who was called John in his life upon the earth plane.

My training from early childhood seemed to lead to but one end, that of preaching the creed of my parents, and becoming a minister in the Church of their choice. Small wonder that a lad given to visions and dreams was ere long brought in contact with forces used by Spirits to make known their presence to mortals.

But so little did my parents and I understand those manifestations, and so determined were they that their dreams of my future be realized, that those innocent, friendly beings from the Spirit World were immediately termed as messengers of his *Satanic Majesty*, the Devil.

God-given Senses

If only they had understood and banished from their minds this thought of that mythical monster as I now perceive him to be, how different would have been the teachings to the multitude of people who constitute this great Church, of which I am given the credit of being the founder.

Or if that great body of people, who belong to that organization, could have had their eyes opened to the real truth of immortality, and used their *God-given* senses in reasoning out this matter, how quickly they would have banished this terrible falsehood from their

He Knows Better Now



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JOHN WESLEY

creed, a falsehood which has held them in bondage for centuries.

As I review the past, I see clearly, had we listened and followed where the Spirit voices led, I might have become an Evangel of truth, a preacher of *Divine Love and Kindness*, instead of fear. However, I will not waste time in lamenting over the past, but give you a description, or as the title reads, a *Revelation* of my entrance into the *Spirit World*.

My work of laying the foundation of a great organization is too well known to make it necessary for me to enter into details thereof, but I shall endeavor to make plain to you some of the desires of my heart as a child and youth, desires that were stifled altogether too often, because of the necessity of putting my whole being into the one thought of saving the world from a "hell" that has no existence save in the minds of mortals who dwell thereon.

I Became a Slave

I very soon learned upon my entrance here that the whole scheme of religion built upon faith alone, of instant transformation of the vilest of sinners, and the transformation of these evil doers into saints, whereby they might be translated into the kingdom of Heavenly peace, is a scheme of the most cruel order, sent forth as a means of holding human minds in bondage.

There is no worse bondage or slavery than that of the mind, indeed there can be no physical slavery till the mind is subdued, and led or driven by ideas sent forth by minds that are stronger, whether the subject be worthy or unworthy.

I, in common with millions of others, became a slave to an unjust and unworthy idea, and every new convert to that idea became a link in the chain that influence and bound other minds to bring to pass the great scheme of ruling the world by fear.

Spirit Visitations

I now perceive that every effort put forth to free myself and others from bondage did but tighten the chain, for every time I pictured the horrors of a burning hell, with its bottomless pit, always endeavoring to drive the message home to its lodging place in the minds of my listeners, using the gift of eloquence with which nature had endowed me. I have learned since my entrance here that I was but laying the cornerstone of trouble for all who heeded my words, and for myself also.

In the days of childhood, during the period of Spirit visitations, had there been no interference from our elders, except to co-oper-

ate and encourage us, my brother and I had we not become imbued by their fears and prejudices, it is easy to believe that we might have become the founders of a mighty church with the demonstrated truth of life and progression beyond the grave, instead of the *terrible doctrine of hell and damnation*.

That Great Monster

At the time of which I write, a great love filled my soul, accompanied by a desire to forget the *wrath of God* and remember only the *love of God*. But the stern voice and hand of disapproval from my elders put a stop to all save their own narrow gospel. Thus was the advent of *Spiritualism* retarded for nearly two centuries, and human minds were enslaved by thousands, ay, millions.

As I look backward, I see clearly how different the efforts of my life might have been, and how sweet the spiritual fruit of my vineyard, if I could have been that which I longed to be, an *Evangel of Divine Love only*. Could I have rid my mind of those false teachings of wrath to come, with punishment to the unbeliever, and eternal bliss for those who believe.

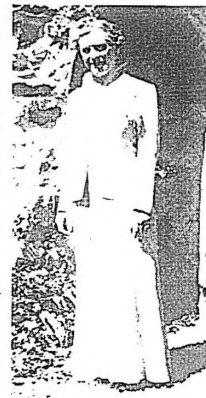
Alas, how great a monster the mind of man hath created and called by the sacred name of God. The mere mention of that name should bring before the mind a picture of *Divine Love, Wisdom*, and happiness with life abundantly expressed.

What I Did Not Know

Instead, it was the delight of those teachers and preachers under whose teachings I received my spiritual training, to depict God as a *God of wrath and jealousy*, showering blessings upon those who feared Him, wrath and punishment of a most terrible kind to those who did not believe and fear Him.

But, you say, the great church of which you were the founder with its schools, hospitals, and homes for the aged and children, are a blessing to the world. Only in part a blessing, mixed with a curse, which erratic and unworthy

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Recently she conducted a series of successful services and seances at Charleston, West Virginia at The First Spiritualist Church of Light, 1202 Elmwood Ave., sponsored by the resident pastor, Beulah Brison.

thoughts always bring, for had we learned truth, a much greater and better work might have been accomplished and left for the benefit and progression of humanity.

Since my entrance into this world of spirit, I have been assured that the phenomena expressed through my brother and I was intended as a bridge between the two worlds, like that formed by the *Fox sisters* many generations later.

However, dear friends of earth who shall read and ponder these pages, I have no intention of making this a "*Book of Lamentations*." No, far from it, but to send unto you a message of enlightenment as to the truth of what humanity will find awaiting them when they leave the mortal body and enter the Spirit world, also, for the aid and assistance of earnest investigators of truth.

Chronic Sacrificer

I shall endeavor to free the mind of mortals and assist them to break the last chain that binds them in bondage to the fear of that mythical monster known as the devil. I have not, after all these years met an angry God, or caught one glimpse of an avenging Angel. Therefore, I will continue my revelations of Truth.

During the short span upon the earth plane I was called upon to make many sacrifices to the cause which is called God's cause. If sacrifices be true sacrifices, they cannot bring pain and suffering to any save the one who makes them. But the *chronic sacrificer* seldom gives this thought sufficient consideration.

Therefore, when urged by a great desire to save the world which I deemed lost, and become a minister of the gospel, without giving a thought of the heart ache and unnecessary pain and sorrow to the one woman who loved me, even as I loved her, but unhesitat-

ingly gave her up that I might enter this work free and unhampered.

Ah, if the people of earth could realize the folly of trying to overrule nature by such means, sacrifices of this kind would soon cease, and the world would be the happier for it. My beloved faded and passed from earth life many years before I was permitted to enter the Spirit world. I found her a radiant spirit leading beautiful spirit children into the light and wisdom of spiritual truths and training them to become helpful messengers unto a needy and hungry world.

Not a Personal God

Finally, when sickness claimed the mortal body, I stood unclothed as all must stand, until loving friends received and clothed me and led me to their home in this realm of peace.

I was able at once to behold the beauty and hear the glorious strains of *celestial music* with which my loved relatives and friends greeted me. For as yet I was not compelled to face conditions on the earth plane. My friends, knowing the necessity of my becoming enlightened and strengthened as to the truth of conditions and laws of spirit, which they also had been forced to learn.

I cannot express in words my horror and disappointment when I was at last convinced that I was *not to see God and Jesus in person*. The leaders and teachers also my loved kindred, all of those worthy members of my church, each and every one added their testimony. Nor had they caught a glimpse of the great white throne, with its *cherubim and seraphim*.

They told me of their great dismay and sorrow, until at last they found great peace and happiness in returning to earth and carrying the truth to enlighten those who were earth bound and far more unhappy than themselves.

As my dear ones most truly informed me, you see, beloved, we had a distorted view of God. We

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'Buffalo News' Reviewer Mentions Psychic Book

EVEN THE BEST BOOKS ARE CRITICIZED

William Oliver Stevens has long been interested in investigating the realm of immortality, whose mysteries he has probed in a spirit of conscious realism. In "*Unbidden Guests*," (***) "*A Book of Real Spirits*" he attempts to rationalize spirits with well-documented accounts of all the better-known hauntings of history, together with innumerable minor manifestations.

While his intelligent introduction and the personal speculation with which he surrounds his phenomena will impress all but the most hardened skeptic, they do indicate that Mr. Stevens, like so many seekers after spiritual truth, is often only too willing to be convinced.

Included in the many fascinating stories is a detailed history of the famous Fox cottage at nearby Lily Dale, and an enlarged version of Louis Adamic's startling story of a priestly apparition which still may be encountered late at night in a certain Pittsburgh church by any brave and psychic soul.

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LILY DALE AVIATOR'S CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

HOLY CITY VIEWED FROM THE AIR

Mr. and Mrs. George Kopp have lived in Lily Dale for the past twenty years. Their children, Jane and George, Jr., (Bud) have been reared on the grounds of the largest Spiritualist assembly in the world and, like their parents, they know the truth of personal conscious survival and spirit communication.

Both Kopp children grew up. They gave a good account of themselves — serving in World War II: Jane as a *Wave* and "Bud" as a flyer.

Since the cessation of hostilities, Jane has been mustered out of the service and recently married while "Bud" — Lt. George Kopp, Jr., carried on in his chosen field of flying. He is now stationed in Cairo, Egypt. He had the unique experience of viewing the Bethlehem Christmas pilgrimage from the air. His remarks indicate that this flight had Spiritual significance.

Christmas Flight

The Lily Dale Flyer did not get home for Christmas but wrote to his parents in detail—relating the experience he had while in his plane *Christmas Day*. Here is the story as it appeared in the *Dunkirk Observer*:

Spending Christmas Eve in an airplane flying high over Jerusalem and Bethlehem was the unusual experience of Lt. George Kopp, Jr.: according to a letter he wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kopp of Lily Dale.

The lieutenant, a navigator on a C-51, has been in service three years.

Excerpts from the letter to his parents, graphically describe his experience:

"My Christmas was most beautiful and also most disheartening. I flew all night Christmas Eve and slept all Christmas Day. To me the day seemed horribly like all the others. However, I had one experience I shall never forget and shall always treasure.

"We departed from Cairo a sad lot: we were cheated out of a Christmas Eve party and none of us felt like flying. We took off and flew for an hour and then I realized that we would soon be over Jerusalem.

Over Bethlehem

"The weather was very nasty. We took off through clouds and rain and flying was very unpleasant. However, over Gaza, 100 miles from Jerusalem, it began to clear and at 11:25 Christmas Eve we saw the Holy City.

"I somehow could understand why it was clear over Jerusalem because she looked like a blushing bride on her wedding night. I imagined that the lights of the city were even brighter tonight than usual.

"When we flew over the city we sang 'Silent Night'. We were two miles high above the ground but we could see the sacred procession of worshipers migrating from Jerusalem to Bethlehem off to our right. We could tell it was a procession because there usually are no lights between the cities and we could see a flare now and then like some type of torch.

"It gave us all a weird feeling to think that here we were over the city that people all over the



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Lt. George (Bud) Kopp, Jr., Third St., Lily Dale, N. Y., explains in the accompanying article an experience that took place last Christmas. He has been a Spiritualist all his life; made a good record as navigator during the war and is still serving his country in the Far East.

world were thinking about that night.

"We were the only airplane that flew over Jerusalem on Christmas Eve. It was rather a heart-warming thought. It made you feel that the Guy Upstairs had done us a favor that night.

"When we passed over Jerusalem the radio man in the airplane tuned in to the Vatican in Rome which was broadcasting the midnight mass ceremonies. The singing was so beautiful that it topped the whole experience.

"Well, the whole thing was beautiful and I wager that a lot of people would like to have been in my plane. So my Christmas was saved and made outstanding by a few moments of coincidental occurrences.

"My holidays were drab, you see, but I shall never forget what happened and how I was thrilled on Christmas Eve of 1945."

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The Revelations of JOHN

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believed him to be afar off in his heaven of bliss, when indeed his love is manifested in all life. Yes, the way to happiness is not through believing in the *blood of a crucified Savior*, but by giving enlightenment to those we have led to believe in this great error.

When we had learned this truth we were anxious to return to the earth plane, even as you will be, to undo as much as possible of the false teachings which has kept them in darkness.

Immortal Soul

Thus did my loved friends and kindred endeavor to console me in my great sorrow in not being able to locate a city with golden streets where God supposedly dwelt, nor the great throne surrounded by the four and twenty elders.

Ere long, as predicted by them, I experienced a great desire to begin the work which I had become convinced lay before me. My instructors assured me that many were waiting for me, even in what appeared to be such a happy peaceful sphere, they were relying on me to lead them to God and all the imaginary splendor so often described by me in my earthly efforts. No one was able to convince them that it did not exist, save as a symbol of the inner light and power of the immortal soul.

Although some reproached me and called me a blind leader of the blind, yet, they were for the most part reasonable and just, especially when they had discovered my own deep sorrow and distress, they became most kind and forgiving.

These, remember, were not of the rabble that crowd the earth plane. Ah, no, my experience in the realm of rest, and my reception by my waiting disciples, was as a bed of roses compared with that awaiting me on the earth plane.

Many who read these lines will know that I put forth great effort in behalf of people of low degree, and specially criminals about to die, pointing them to the *Cross of Christ* that they might be saved and enter at once into the *Kingdom of heavenly peace*, these being the things I believed most sincerely, but alas, how far from truth.

"Blood of Christ?"

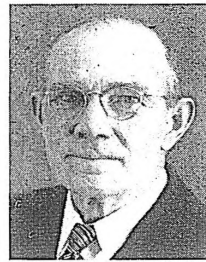
How much more desirable is the real truth of spirit unfoldment and progression, the door that is never closed to any human soul, here or hereafter.

But to return to my first visit to the earth plane which was very short indeed, for I found myself surrounded by those to whom I had preached the doctrine of salvation through the *blood of Christ*, and heaven and all its glories would be theirs if they but did repent and believe in Him.

All their pent up anger and wrath was directed toward my suffering sorrowful head. If it were possible for spirit to destroy another spirit, I would most certainly have been annihilated. As it was, only the combined efforts of my many friends who attended me hither, surrounded me and drew me back where my enemies were unable to follow or do me harm.

Many moons elapsed, as time is counted on earth, before I was permitted to return to my mission, which I proceeded to do with far

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greater caution and much better equipment than on my former visit.

Prayers Answered

I had, as before stated, been especially interested in the criminal class, and whenever possible visited the condemned, preaching Christ, and the blood shed upon the cross for their redemption. This they must believe, accompanied by the baptism of water, which I am commissioned to administer, made it possible for them to enter at once into heaven.

You dear enlightened people will understand the great work which lay before me, that of going in person to these individuals and explaining to them the error of my teachings, that wrongs might be righted and they be set upon the right road, that of progression.

I must not forget to mention the fact that ere long in answer to my unceasingly prayers, there was drawn to me a wise and wonderful teacher who gave me instructions as to how best to approach these unfortunates. This instructor assured me that he was one of the band who had visited me in my childhood home, when he, in company with many others, had sought

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Not a Lost Soul

And not only he may, he must work out his own salvation. And here no doubt will be the time to answer the question formed in many minds, as to why, if your teachings wrought so much harm were you permitted to enter into the sphere of peace? The answer is: I taught only that which I sincerely believed. I had ever kept myself free from the follies and sins of earth that so persistently hold humanity from the progression that is their birthright.

Amongst the many souls that I had sought to enlighten was one that I am sure would have been considered a hopeless case by many, but I, from my recent experiences and the help of my instructor, perceived him to be a marvelous soul, who when redeemed from the false teachings which I was responsible for, would be of great help in the restoration of the many souls which must yet be reached.

Blinded as he was by years of suffering, and held by the chains of his own thoughts, which are stronger by far than those forged by mortal hands. Believing as he did that he was a lost soul, this thought alone had sunken him deeper into his mental darkness. No wonder then, at my first approach the very atmosphere became dark with his curses.

What We Create

However, ere long I was able to convince him of my sincerity, and point out to him the true and only way to peace. Leaving my home in that happier sphere had not been easy but I felt repaid a hundred fold when his curses were changed to blessings. When we truly help others, it is then we discover that we are helping ourselves, be it little or great. Thus we create our happiness on every plane of life.

Many an angry hardened spirit who would have gladly torn me limb from limb, was subdued by the weapons of love and truth. Many of those who were darkened criminals of the lowest type, have on the discovery of the law of restitution become shining progressive teachers of truth.

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Truth or Survival Fast Becoming a Popular Topic.

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sued to everyone and has a message for every individual no matter how far he may have progressed, no matter how much he may have lagged by the way.

This teaching has been attacked because, it is said, it taught nothing new, and also because, it is alleged, it sought to destroy the landmarks of the older, established religions who quarrel among themselves as to who is the rightful heir of the one true teaching.

The Great Comforter

Side by side with the teaching and the material demonstration of facts and forces and laws so far not discovered by science, this teaching has gone on, touching people in all lands, breaking through the accretions of many centuries until the foundations of a natural faith were revealed again in their simple dignity and universal application.

But also there has been the great solace of the mission of linking the living again with those they mourned as dead. That was the greatest offense of Modern Spiritualism — it demonstrated what it claimed. It made no appeal to faith, none to credulity, and it sought nothing that could not be proved by rational men employing rational methods.

For the widows and the orphans it was the comforter which, though

it could not restore the breadwinner to his former place at the head of the table, did break the barrier that custom and clerical privilege had erected but could never pierce. That was a great deed to perform for the mourners, but it was unforgivable.

What It Revealed

At one stroke the healing mission of drying the tears of those who mourn was laying bare the false claims of the churches to stand between God and man as mediator. *Spiritualism* showed that no mediators were necessary—only men and women willing to serve one another.

Spiritualism revealed, too, that there was an unbroken chain from the humblest individual in the world to the greatest who had trod this old earth. It showed the great bond of humanity which reached from the furrow to the stars. That single service dispensed with popes and prelates, with primates and priests, and made redundant all the rituals and ceremonies invented by men for their own purposes.

With the drama and symbolism of organized religion *Spiritualism* has nothing to do. If these things are assailed because of the truth of *Spiritualism*, then they should disappear in time, for they are useless except as interesting exercises in human ingenuity. They prove nothing but the inventiveness of men in concealing truth and their conservatism in persisting in habits whose meaning has long been lost.

So, the enmity of the churches

descended, and the mediums were hounded from place to place. It was too late in history to resort again to the stake, the rack and the knife. All these had been employed in other ages not far distant, and they had stemmed but not stopped the tide of spirit teaching. So, the power of denunciation, the power of the Press and the pulpit was invoked. It was a fierce battle while it lasted, but it was bloodless.

Persecution of Mediums

This does not mean that mediums did not suffer. All mediums in greater or lesser degree pay a heavy price for their sensitiveness, but they gladly do it because they are part of a great plan which has for its purpose the liberation of the whole human race from the bondage of clerical and materialistic ignorance.

The churches railed and inveighed. Mediums were attacked with words and with blows. Some suffered violent pains for their daring, and others had their names made into catchwords.

Spiritualism was sneered at, laughed at and mocked. Its manifestations, first ascribed to the devil—an invention entirely to the discredit of organized religion—was later attributed only to the devil's minions, the evil spirits, and later to "unconscious cerebration" and to a host of things that have their origin only in the desire to hurt men and prevent a new truth.

Spiritually Hungry

The remarkable result of all the argument and opposition is that it was a kind of manure in which the seeds sown by the pioneers grew until today a great nourishing and sustaining crop waves its ripening

ELKHART SPIRITUALIST PASSES AWAY



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WYLLIS J. CLARK, 83, founder of The Clark Memorial Spiritualist Church, 316 Division St., Elkhart, Indiana, passed away recently. In the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. Jeanette Osborne, the burial ceremony was conducted by Rev. Velma Hool, secretary of The Indiana State Spiritualist Association.

In 1939, Mr. Clark purchased and helped furnish a new church building which he presented, as a memorial, to the spiritualists in the city of Elkhart. At the very beginning, he was instrumental in seeing that the church be granted an N.S.A. charter. This charter is in effect today.

Since the founding of the church, Rev. Osborne has been its pastor. Recently the church has been turned back to the public but Rev. Osborne has been retained as pastor . . . thus fulfilling the wishes of Mr. Clark.

together. The truth must prevail because it is true.

That is the mission that was begun with the rappings in the Fox Cottage at Hydesville, nearly a century ago. It has fulfilled every task set for it. It has comforted the mourner, healed the sick in mind and body, it has inspired millions with the truth that the spirit of man is eternal and that progress is co-eternal with it, that for all who seek there is the healing balm of comfort to be found, that we are by nature dignified and by our own labors ennobled, that we are the inheritors of the kingdom we carve by our service to one another.

Why It Will Endure

This truth is universal. It is for all races and for all climes, it is for men and women and little children. There is none excluded from its teachings, its power and its offers of knowledge. There has been nothing like it before in any period of which we have records.

Because of that it will endure, and also because of the labors of those whose efforts I have tried to summarize as a work to mark a great centenary, a centenary of the progress of light against darkness in all its forms.

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One Century Not Enough

And now we stand at the gates of the second century. The tide of battle has rolled away and *Spiritualism* remains victorious in the field. The enemy is vanquished. His theories are routed. The old battle cries have died off, and the broken soldiers of the enemy—the lies with which this truth was assailed—can never again be used. There are new conflicts and new perils ahead. It is not likely that the privilege of serving mankind will be ours unmolested. The organized churches and the organized haters of progress will not be defeated so easily.

One century is too little in which to establish a great truth. There will be greater struggles but they will be at another level. The forces on our side will be greater. They will be the army of informed public opinion, a heightened consciousness as a result of our work, and a desire to press forward and improve the gains already made. The churches have yet to mobilize together and forget their sectional differences.

Survived All Tests

So far they have fought separate engagements, and have lost one by one. Now the time approaches when they must unite and forget their squabbles with each other in an effort to smash this truth which has come silently upon them like the tide in the night. That they will strike I have no doubt. That they will fail I am certain, for truth and privilege cannot endure

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To understand the mysterious influences of the celestial realms upon the intellectual and these, in turn, upon the terrestrial, and to realize how to develop ourselves so as to be a master who is capable of attracting, to his own ego, the supreme influences of these higher worlds, whereby he may be able to operate and do wonderful things by these powers, is one of the great goals of mastership.

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Man can learn all of the finite and infinite laws so that he no longer says "I believe," but can truly say "I know." There is nothing in all of the universe that man may not know, if he will only DARE and DO. If you are willing to work and make yourself ready for the master we can show you the way, but it will require effort and work on your part. Nothing worth having is gained easily, it is only that which we have earned that means something to us.

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Revelations of JOHN

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tion of deluded and crushed spirit was done in an instant by some miracle or magic word. Nay, my friends, many of them I found exceedingly stubborn and hard, to convince that there was even a possibility of release.

Many visits were necessary ere they were prevailed upon to take even one step towards helping themselves, much less helping and forgiving others. Minds filled with hate and revenge are hard indeed. Oftimes the softening process was very slow. The spark of healing love once kindled, and that soul stands face to face with these immortal truths he is filled with a holy zeal to at once begin his progression.

Rock of Protection

Bear this in mind, you who still dwell upon earth, in or out of the body of flesh, while there is one deluded soul left whether the pit was dug by himself or another he shall yet be rescued and his feet placed upon the solid rock of progression.

I desire at this time to relate an incident which had its beginning during my ministerial labors in earth life. My attention as I worked among my parishioners was attracted to a man and family upon whom trouble and sorrow had laid a heavy hand. The wife and mother had been called to the spirit world a year before I came in contact with them, leaving a father and five children stranded in this city where I was laboring.

The father being ill at this time with the then always fatal disease called consumption. The family consisted of five children all being under thirteen years of age, the eldest a girl of twelve, just entering the age where the guiding ability of a wise good mother is needed to strengthen and shape character, and direct the feet in wisdoms sane paths of beauty.

A Sad Narrative

You will readily see that the care and responsibility of the family became a crushing burden upon her slender shoulders. Small wonder, then, as the years rolled by, this starved mind began its search for diversion outside its squalid surroundings. There being no restraining hand she soon fell into the sinister web of misplaced love and confidence.

In order that this sad narrative be shortened I will relate but few details.

Ere long one dreary evening when cold mists were shrouding the city, a passerby chanced to behold a strange object floating upon the waters of the canal, which when brought to shore proved to

be the mortal remains of little Isabel, the one time light of a poor man's home.

Betrayed traduced, in despair she had, she believed ended all by that fatal leap from the bridge. If this were all my story might end here. The enraged father summoning his remaining strength for this last terrible deed of revenge sought out the man responsible for his daughter's death, and shot him down without mercy and in a few short days he himself passed into the realm of spirit.

I will now reveal to you my purpose for presenting such a dark and gruesome tale. I had not been long in spirit myself ere in my many visits to the earth plane in search of my deluded followers whom I sought to enlighten, I was led to a dark and gloomy cavern which I had been informed was the dwelling place of these two unfortunate spirits, the father and the traitorous sweetheart of Isabel.

Silent Conversation

I will endeavor to describe the place of our meeting. We must call to mind a mountainous country with an abundance of gray rocks, no beautiful trees or wild vegetation to break the monotony of the scenery. Deep caverns, deep set in the towering mountains so dim was the light had it not been for the light that surrounded the spirit of Isabel. I fear I might not have been able to observe her presence.

As we conversed, as we are able to do in this life by our silent method, she revealed to me the reason for being in this desolate place and expressed her joy at meeting me there.

In one of the caverns of the mountains dwelt the spirits of her father and traitor sweetheart, both of whom were filled with consuming hate, one for the other, yet unable to free themselves from each other. Thus hate which so often induces crime forge a chain of

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bondage and make for themselves a burning hell.

Thus we found them and though the beautiful spirit Isabel had visited them often and endeavored to reach them with the light of love and truth, she had thus far made little progress. When first she visited them she was unable to make her presence known, so darkened and dense the spirit becomes when consumed with the fires of hate. When at last they beheld her they were so filled with fear (which is ever a close companion of hate), thinking she came or was sent to further punish them.

Many visits were necessary ere we could reach them with the gospel of love, truth and progression, and impress upon them the necessity of becoming reconciled to each other, and making thereby all possible restitution for the wrong done while in the flesh.

Gentle Protection

No doubt there are those who ask the question why was not the girl punished for the sin of suicide? I can answer that question by relating Isabel's story as she related it to me.

"When I awoke in spirit and realized that I, myself, was responsible for being there, I was filled with dismay, in as much as the faculties of spirit were undeveloped therefore unprepared to enjoy the life of the world in which I had so unhappily entered.

"But ere long there came to me many loving friends, amongst them I was able to recognize my mother by the tender touch of her hands, for as yet my eyes were unopened.

"As they gathered near without one word of reproach or condemnation, these loving friends lifted me and carried me away, convincing me of their love, for none spoke harshly, but laid their gentle healing hands upon my brow, banishing my fears by their love.

I fell into a deep sleep lulled by the sweet music of what I then termed Angels' voices.

"I know not how long I had slept, but when at last I awoke I was able to see clearly. I was lying upon a bed in a place which seemed very much like a hospital, only far more beautiful.

"By my side lay a lovely babe, the spirit of the little one who perished with me. This babe was not left in my care very long, yet he was often brought by loving friends to cheer and help me.

"Ere long, when my strength returned sufficiently I was brought again to the earth plane where so much sorrow and misery still remain in my sadly stricken family, and to give aid as best I could to poor erring girls, who, like myself, had become victims of lust, misnamed love."

Not an Idle World

Thus in relating her experience, did Isabel reveal the great goodness and mercy of God in so kindly providing a plan wherein all may indeed work out their own salvation.

Yes, these instances are many, yet in many cases when a matured and sane person deliberately ends his life, there are many hard roads to travel and duties to perform, and it is in every case with greater difficulties than if nature's, or God's plan had been allowed to unfold. Nature has given unto all an equipment for emergency, but we are sent forth to choose our own path of unfoldment. If it looks, or seems to be too hard a path to follow, we seek other ways which too often lead to despair, and the very evil we sought to avoid returns with ten fold more difficulties.

Ah: dear earth friends, do not think that the spirit world is an idle world, or as a mere place of pleasure. Nay, all are busy, and as we travel on in paths of love and duty, we find true happiness which is indeed Heaven. We soon learn that only in doing our work well, is heaven and happiness ours. This law is good for mortals to follow, both in physical and spiritual labors.

Not a Personal Guide

I will digress for a moment to tell you the truth about so-called "Guides" of mediums. I have given my signature many times to various persons, but never have I attached myself and become a personal guide to any one medium.

Whenever I am able to reach out and touch mortal man with truth, whether he be black or white, learned or ignorant, mat-

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ters not that is where I belong, or there is the place where my work lies to give expression to spiritual truths and encouragement to all, to keep moving onward unto the goal of all awakened souls.

Often it may seem a small thing to write a little poem, or deliver a lecture of only fifteen minutes length, yet these small things done well are very far reaching when we consider that many souls are thus awakened and continue the search, and learn that to receive they must also give, and this I would make plain, to all, in every thing we do for others we also do for ourselves.

People Must Learn Truth

Our spiritual life consists of this labor and the sooner the people of earth learn these truths and take action upon them, the happier humanity will be, and no longer live in doubt of his future life or those who have already passed the portal. For then he will know that if a man dies he indeed lives again, and peace of mind is his heaven.

Since writing these last few pages some time has elapsed as there seems at times difficulties that must be cleared up, and adjustments made in the life and surroundings of the medium.

I have related to you some of my victories and perhaps a few of seeming defeats. I have also made plain that all efforts to help and encourage others is rewarded in the improvement of our own life

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The Rev. Beatrice De Hunt Case

John Wilson Hood: Defense Attorney

By Paul R. Lomaxe

Another General Assembly of Spiritualists minister, Rev. Beatrice De Hunt, pastor of the Divine Spiritualist Church, 295 Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn, was arrested, charged with being a "disorderly person" under subdivision 3 of Section 899 of the New York Code of Criminal Procedure, which defines disorderly persons as

"3. Persons pretending to tell fortunes, or where lost or stolen goods may be found; 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."

The prosecution conceded that Rev. De Hunt was a duly licensed minister of an incorporated ecclesiastical governing body, namely, the General Assembly of Spiritualists. Consequently the only issues before the court were two questions of fact — (1) Whether the defendant received a personal fee, and (2) whether she acted in good faith.

Magistrate Solomon

Upon her arrest she was arraigned before a New York City Magistrate who set her bail at \$500 which the defense considered excessive.

John Wilson Hood, Esq., 261 Broadway, New York, attorney for Rev. De Hunt, was able to postpone the trial until after the Court of Appeals last July unanimously reversed the conviction of Rev. Caroline B. Strong, another General Assembly minister.

The De Hunt case came up for trial this autumn before Magistrate Solomon. Mr. Hood's assistant made an application for a postponement of the trial, which was granted but limited to two days, at the expiration of which time Magistrate Solomon would still have been there to hear the case.

Thereupon Mr. Hood, upon affidavits, made application to Mr. Justice Mc Cooy of the Supreme Court of New York for a Writ of Prohibition and an immediate order restraining Magistrate Solomon from hearing the case on the ground, among others, that the Magistrate was prejudiced, as evidenced by his conduct in a previous case and his attitude in this case.

The restraining order was granted and it is said by a witness present that when it was served upon the Magistrate he was very much perturbed by it.

But, he had to obey it. So the trial was postponed to a later day when another Magistrate was sit-

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Rev. Beatrice Hope DeHunt, 295 Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; lecturer, teacher, mental medium; Pastor of The Divine Spiritualist Church of Brooklyn, 6 Lafayette Ave. (Room 6); Minister and member of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of The United States of America.

ting in that Court. The upshot was that the case was tried before Magistrate John A. Dwyer on October 15th and 19th in Bay Ridge Magistrate's Court, Brooklyn.

The prosecution's only witness was Policewoman Grace Kuhls, a comely young woman. She testified that she and Policewoman Rebecca Kaplan attended a message service at the Divine Spiritualist Church on May 18, 1945. There were about fifty persons in attendance, she said.

Policewoman Kuhls

Each Policewoman wrote three questions, which she wished answered, upon a slip of paper and handed it to an attendant. Rev. De Hunt then gave a talk on Spiritualism. After that a basket collection was taken among the congregation, and each Policewoman put fifty cents into it.

There was testimony to the effect that the money from basket collections at this and other services went into the church treasury and none of it to the defendant, and that the church paid the defendant a salary.

Four defense witnesses testified that the religious presentation lasted about forty-five minutes and consisted of prayer, hymns, reading of psalms and a talk on Spiritualism by the Pastor and congregational prayer.

Policewoman Kuhls, in her affidavit of complaint, deposed that, while she was waiting for her questions to be answered, she heard the defendant give the following messages to others present:

"Your brother was not killed in action, as reported, but is a prisoner of war and will return home. Your boy friend will come back from the Pacific definitely in July. Your wife will not divorce you. Your money was stolen by a woman's hand, some one close to you. Watch out for your sister Josephine, keep your pocketbook away from her. The partnership will dissolve by the end of 1945 and your husband will be the sole owner of the business.

"Your brother Pat will be deferred a third time and will not be taken into the army. He will not wear a uniform. You will get two letters before the end of the

week. You will find a wrist watch in a small pocket before you go to bed tonight. Your daughter will marry in 1945. You will take a long journey to Florida and you will like it there so much that you won't come back. Your boy friend will come back from Europe in June absolutely."

"The defendant then answered Policewoman Kaplan's questions as follows: 'Your mother will recover in June. You will take a short trip. In the month of July a door will open for you and you will get another job with promotional possibilities.'"

"Defendant then answered the deponent's questions, saying, 'Your husband will return from Europe in June. You will not hear from your brother who is missing in action. You will change your position in July, not before the end of June.'"

Norwegian Witness

At the trial, Policewoman Kuhls testified substantially as stated in her above-quoted affidavit, and the defendant did not deny giving any of those messages.

Referring to Policewoman Kuhls' question about her husband and brother, made in her capacity of agent provocateur in her effort at entrapment for the Police Department, she testified that she had neither a husband nor a brother. The prediction that she would change her position in July was not fulfilled.

Perhaps the reason for the failure of Policewoman Kuhls' fraudulent questions is that mentioned by St. Paul,

"Prophecy serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe." (1 Corinthians 14:22)

Reputable defense witnesses testified that the defendant was a genuine medium, that their experience with her and her messages was good, that her messages were usually accurate, contained matter which the defendant could not possibly know herself, and brought them help and comfort.

One defense witness testified that she had asked questions written in French and had received correct answers, although Rev. De Hunt does not understand French.

Another defense witness testified that although the defendant can neither read nor speak Norwegian, she had given accurate answers to questions written by the witness in Norwegian.

On the wall of the church was a notice reading:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Pastor of this Church does not profess or pretend to foretell anyone's future. Any message referring to the future should be regarded only as the opinion of your Spirit Friends, given as the basis of their guidance.

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Divine Spiritualist Church.

There was testimony to the effect that defendant is a college graduate, a former Rhode Island

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school teacher and that she made charitable gifts.

There was evidence that the church dispensed charity baskets, paid rent for the destitute, provided food for the hungry, donated to the Red Cross and made a substantial contribution to Father Flanagan's "Boys Town."

In order to have found the defendant guilty it would have been necessary for the Magistrate to have distinguished the facts in this case from those in the case of *People vs. Strong*, (291 N. Y. 930). In that case the New York Court of Appeals on July 19, 1945, reversed the conviction of General Assembly minister Caroline B. Strong on a similar charge, and dismissed the complaint against her.

Discharge Ordered

Accordingly, the Magistrate requested both sides to submit a memorandum of law on that point. In addition, the Magistrate had before him the printed testimony and the voluminous briefs in the Strong case.

After mature deliberation he decided the case from the bench on November 21, 1945, and found the defendant not guilty and ordered her discharged.

At the same time he made some remarks from the bench to the general effect that a minister imposes his faith on his flock, which is a heavy responsibility; that faith, with charity, is everything in religion; that his brother, a priest, has spent his life in giving people solace, seeing people die, and comforting them; and that the people who come to defendant's church come not for profit or mere messages, but for what they contain to indicate an immortality after death, something to which they and we all aspire to.

The Magistrate later wrote an opinion as follows:

THE COURT: The case of *People vs. Beatrice De Hunt* originated in Bay Ridge Magistrate's Court. It was heard before me on October 15, 1945, and a recess was taken until October 19, 1945. The case was continued on that day and concluded. Upon the conclusion of the trial, Counsel for the Police Department and Counsel for the defendant were requested to submit a memorandum of law. They have done so and the memoranda are now in the possession of the Court, presently sitting in the Flushing Magistrate's Court.

The defendant was charged with a violation of Sec. 899 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, subdivision 3, which is applicable to: (Here the Magistrate quoted subdivision 3, already quoted hereinabove.)

At the trial there was testimony to the effect that (a) the defendant as a minister of a Spiritualist

Church held meetings in a church to which the public were invited; (b) the meetings were opened by prayer; (c) a collection was taken up by basket; (d) the defendant answered questions presented to her on a slip of paper; (e) when a person's questions were answered, that person left the church immediately; (f) the answers to some of the questions were incorrect; (g) the defendant was paid a salary of \$25.00 a week; (h) the church kept its funds not in a bank but in a strong box.

Entitled to Protection

Defendant showed that she acted in good faith as a minister of her faith and without personal fee. She also called attention to a public notice to the effect that she did not claim to be able to foretell the future but that messages referring to the future should be considered as only spirit opinion. And it was further noted that such a message could be subject to error and could be wrong.

In my opinion, defendant is entitled to the protection of the statute. But as a member of another faith, I would like to point out to the defendant that the people attracted to her church are drawn from all walks of life and with varying degrees of education. The minister should look very carefully into the background of all people visiting him or his church. Before such people are permitted to take part in the services of the church, and the interpretation of messages is a distinct part of the service, these people should be carefully examined as to their belief in the practices of the church, and only those who evince an honest desire to learn more about the practices should be admitted to membership and have their questions answered.

Such course of action would go a long way in assisting the Police Department to distinguish a true minister from a charlatan. Such action may seem to be extremely severe, but it is no more severe than in my church, which will not admit an adult person to the fold until that person has been instructed and examined over a period of months as to his belief and faith in the doctrines of the church.

Upon a review of the facts and the law and after giving careful consideration to the memoranda of law furnished by both counsel, I find the defendant to be NOT GUILTY of the charge set out in Sec. 899 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, subdivision 3, and ORDER that the defendant, Beatrice De Hunt, be discharged.

JOHN A. DWYER,
City Magistrate.

Since the Court of Appeals decision last July there has been no arrest of any General Assembly minister up to the present writing more than eight months after that decision.

Moreover, there is no case now pending against any General Assembly minister in the Magistrates' Court.

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Dr. Albert Lascelles prophesies for the year 1946 received Dec. 31, 1945, through the direct-voice mediumship of Rev. Clifford Bias:

1946 will be the first of a seven year cycle which will bring increased social legislation, partially socialized medicine, labor controlled government, old age pensions and other social reforms.

In 1946, the United Nations Organization will make some progress toward international co-operation and goodwill but will be greatly hampered by the selfishness and near-sightedness of politicians and career-diplomats. Its headquarters will be near the tomb of a great man.

Much unwise handling of the occupation of both Japan and Germany will have to be undone. Hitler's spirit watches the execution of his friends and Hitler's double pretends to be his spirit.

Confusion May Ease

Settlement of differences in China will be temporary and a major crisis arises in March.

The leftist movement in England will continue strong the first half of the year then be smothered by the conservatism typical of English thought.

Far reaching changes in the administration of India take place in 1946, with the probability of dominion status.

France slips back into her old and very bad habits of power politics that will do no one any good.

All Spanish speaking nations will be in turmoil throughout the year with relationships between them and the United States strained almost to the breaking point.

Within the United States, prices, employment and production starting the year in a confused state will hold up fairly well for the first half of the year, then will begin a very gradual descent back to a considerably lower level in all these departments.

By the close of 1946 it will be very apparent that jobs for all who want to work will be more important than the preservation of a profit economy.

Strikes Until March

There will be much scrambling for position and power on the parts of numerous minorities and little of the co-operation that made possible the winning of the war. A third political party is in the making in 1946. A toothache will cause confusion in Congress. Strikes continue until March. Labor oversteps its real interests and harms its own cause. Race riots are indicated in two large cities.

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Rev. Pearl M. Davis, lecturer, teacher and mental medium; 894 McFaddin St., Beaumont, Texas; Pastor of The Golden Rule Spiritual Christian Church—regular services Sunday 8 P. M.

Rev. Davis was ordained into the ministry of Spiritualism last year by a special ordaining commission headed by Rev. V. R. Cummins, President of The Texas Spiritual Christian Synod and President of The Supreme Council of The Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc.

tary and another great military leader will bring the flag to half mast. One man famous and loved will "sell-out" his position of great trust and will end the year in disgrace.

A recurrence of gangsterism starts in 1946.

An alarming rise in the death rate occurs in 1946, from many dramatic accidents and disasters involving large numbers of people congregated together including two major plane crashes, from numerous suicides and mysterious murders, and especially from a widespread epidemic of sickness of a peculiar nature.

The automobile and plane industries will have a tremendous boost yet will be beset with grave

MACKEY'S MEDIUMSHIP—Continued from right Column

mediumship is actually witnessed . . . even then, it is difficult to register a complete analysis. And even if a complete analysis is given, there is no guarantee that the same type of phenomena will be repeated.

Getting back to Mackey's mediumship. In the last session, I can say that certain types of mediumship were demonstrated that I did not know the medium possessed. Furthermore, the technique of the spirit operators had improved so much so that I could hardly believe it to be the same medium I sat with the year before.

And so, I could go on and on. I have not extolled Mackey in the sense that I have said he is the best medium in the world. I have told the truth. In fact, he is so busy now, he is accepting very few appointments for private sittings. He tells me he has classes, six nights a week and has all he can do to take care of his students. . . . so this article is not written with the idea of building up his clientele. It is written simply in an effort to outline some of the things that confront those who are investigating mediumship—especially physical mediumship.

Always remember, NO ONE really understands mediumship. I repeat NO ONE. There are no "AUTHORITIES" on mediumship. It is only that a few have had a little more experience and may have, just for a moment, thought that now they really understood . . . but then, they find they did not, for along would come some new experience that would knock a former preconceived idea into a cocked-hat.

And that's why I say—mediumship is baffling at times, confounding at other times, and yet quite simple if we do not take ourselves too seriously and think that "WE" are going to be the judge and jury and presume to tell others "WHO ARE THE GOOD AND WHO ARE THE BAD."

And so, in the future, when you come across something that you do not understand, put it on the shelf and say, "I do not understand that now, I will think about it. Maybe I'll have another chance to learn more in the future." With this attitude, you will go places in your psychic research.

With any other attitude, you will most certainly crystallize even as other so-called psychic researchers have done in the past. So, if you really want to know, BUCK UP. KEEP AN OPEN MIND, BE TOLERANT, LEARN DISCRIMINATION . . . and when you do, you will be allowed to enter that "INNER CHAMBER" where God's wonders can be viewed and then you will finally be able to say "EUREKA" . . . I have found it and that something will strike you making you complete your exaltation with "NOW I KNOW."

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The Mediumship of EDWARD MACKEY

By
R. G. PRESSING

Mediumship is startling, dumbfounding, intriguing, and difficult. Even so, it is quite simple when the functioning of this gift is really understood. This statement in itself may seem paradoxical but those who have studied mediumship a great deal longer than I, have arrived at about the same conclusions.

The case in point is the mediumship of EDWARD MACKEY who resides at 31 West 75th St. in the metropolis of New York. Some time ago, an article was submitted to PSYCHIC OBSERVER. This article was based upon Mr. Mackey's mediumship and cited interesting happenings during direct-voice seances witnessed by members of his class. The data was well assembled, well written and basically true, but the article needed clarification and consequently was not published.

On several occasions, we had witnessed Mackey's mediumship—the last time being a private sitting—Mrs. Pressing and I. Truly we knew our last seance was not up to his regular standard and although we were satisfied that the happenings were beyond the medium's control, yet we simply could do nothing about it and put the whole affair "on the shelf" so to speak. And, incidentally, that is a splendid place to put things of this nature.



Edward MACKEY

Many times in the past seven or eight years, we have been confronted with baffling occurrences in seance rooms, blank seances and seances that were clearly not up to par but we did not presume to be the "JUDGE AND JURY" on such meager data. And this has proven to be wise, as in the Mackey case.

We knew him to be a splendid young man, a sincere medium. He was so eager to get into the work and do his part toward the noble cause of Spiritualism. He was comparatively young, around thirty, and we knew that the worst thing we could do was to over-publicize him. This holds true regarding any other person in the process of mediumship unfoldment. So we waited, we did not mention the comparatively blank seance we had with him; nor did we publish any other articles describing his seances; we just waited.

Several weeks ago, while in New York City, I was privileged to be a guest at one of Mr. Mackey's classes. Fifteen people were present and during the one hour and one-half, I can say that more evidence was brought through than in all the rest of this medium's seances we had attended. Some will say, it's because all were experienced sitters and the guides wanted to "show off." This is not the case because, had it been, why didn't the guides show off when Mrs. Pressing and I sat with Mackey many months before.

Experience has taught us that to over-publicize any medium is the worst mistake any journal of this nature can make. Such overdoing in regard to any medium, makes that medium's road so much more difficult. People will read glowing articles about this, or that person's mediumship and say to themselves "I WANT TO SIT WITH THAT MEDIUM" . . . thinking they will have the same results. They may and they may not. It's when they do not that we receive the unkind letters to the effect that we are gullible, etc., etc.

Now getting back to my recent seance with Mackey, I can say that I witnessed one of the most interesting bits of phenomena I have ever seen. A demonstration of the simultaneous transference of individual voice vibration from an entranced instrument to the production of what is known as "direct-voice."

So that this does not sound like a lot of words. This seance-room procedure means simply that one of the spirit guides controlled Mackey. All in the seance room could hear the voice emanating from the entranced instrument and then, in a split second, that same voice was heard through the trumpet—perhaps eight and ten feet from the medium.

I am not saying that a group of stolid psychic researchers would have been satisfied with this experiment or even with the seance phenomena just described. They would have probably entered into an argument as to "WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED" or passed it off as "SPLIT PERSONALITY" or the "TRANSPERANCE OF THE SUB-CONSCIOUS." All of these answers would simply have been a jumble of words but these same answers would have satisfied their individual egos to the point where they could even pound their chests and say "YOU SEE, NOTHING STUMPS US" when in reality they were only covering up their own ignorance of the subject.

This experience with the Mackey mediumship has made me know that our policy regarding the handling of mediums and mediumship as far as write-ups in this paper are concerned is at least fair and justifiable. We would never print an article of condemnation about a medium . . . basing it upon hear-say, anonymous correspondence or the opinions of those who apparently have an axe-to-grind. Even after (Continued in left hand column)

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Revelations of JOHN

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and conditions on any plane of consciousness. therefore, it may not surprise you, dear friends of earth, to know that I was finally translated to a higher and happier sphere of activity where many of my kindred were already established. I shall endeavor to relate my entrance there and as much as possible of our happy life and labor

I am able to contact this medium through a relaying process, which is very much like that used by radio in receiving and broadcasting from foreign lands, only the process is in the higher spheres better developed than is the wireless of earth. I am still greatly interested in the people of earth and find I am able to relate the things that are helpful by this method better than entering into direct contact with medium of earth.

This Is What Happened

I will continue my narrative by relating my transition to this plane of consciousness.

On my return from an especially difficult mission upon the earth plane I had entered alone into my place of rest and had calmed myself after a very exciting, or as we were wont to say, when in the flesh, nerve racking experience. I could feel the healing power of divine love being poured upon me by those in charge of me.

As I was being slowly lulled into a healing slumber the voice of the friend before mentioned spoke to me without disturbing the work of healing, saying, "Beloved, you have labored long and wisely, using all your power to undo everything that has been of a hindering nature. Your efforts have brought light to many unhappy spirits who still cling to the

LEWIS - WOLFORD



Psychic Observer

Rev. Janet Stine Lewis (above) Pastor and Founder of The Church of Revelation, Long Beach, California, was married recently to Floyd H. Wolford, Hanford, California. The wedding took place at Wenden, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolford will make their home at rural Hanford where the former is engaged in ranching and dairy business.

Rev. Mrs. Wolford will resume her spiritual work as Pastor of The Church of Revelation, Hanford, California.

false teachings of the past, they are now following in the sure paths of progression. In helping them you have helped yourself. You shall rest for a season and awaken to find yourself in a higher realm of happiness, where you may experience at least a portion of the happiness you so often portrayed to others, as the life of the redeemed. Sleep on till you are quite rested."

This is what happened. The voice ceased. I seemingly lost consciousness and knew no more until I awoke in this wonderful sphere of beauty that far exceeds my most extravagant ideas of heaven. Yet with all so natural, so full of all that gives happiness. At every turn, on every hand, new surprises greeted me. Everywhere Infinite Intelligence expressed the boundless wonders of self redemption, through love and labor for others.

My spirit found expression in a song of praise, not to a bleeding Christ upon a cross, nor yet to a

God upon a throne . . . but to the Great Infinite Power who had made the path of progression so plain that all might profit thereby, and claim the reward of labor, love and good will unto all.

No Personal Interest

While I do not visit earth as often as heretofore, I am constantly discovering new methods of doing good. Those I have helped readily make use of the law of helping others as the first and best way of bringing happiness to themselves.

My chief object in continuing the Revelations is not to keep my name before the world. Nay, nay, but to prove to a world not yet fully awakened, the goodness, mercy and power of Good, or as they are wont to express themselves, God.

I wish it were possible to describe the beauty of this wondrous place. As I have related, I was resting from a trying experience upon the earth plane. When the time of my awakening arrived, I found myself in this land of peace and beauty, surrounded by many who had earned the right to call this glorious place home. Among them, he of whom I have spoken so often and others of my kindred who had long dwelt in this sphere of beauty.

Many I had not met till now, but of whom I had read or heard them spoken of by others.

Many Surprises Await

The place in which I found myself was so strangely and beautifully constructed that the out of doors seemed to mingle with the in, in such glorious beauty. At first it was difficult to discern one from the other. As I gazed upon the scene in dumb rapture a sound of beautiful children seemingly entering from the sky and showering flowers upon me, singing a welcoming song to me and to those who were arisen with me.

Yes, dear ones, there are many surprises awaiting you who are faithfully endeavoring to work out and understand the meaning of life, both on earth and the spirit world.

I do not glory in my good works nor in the things accomplished for

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Psychic Observer

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It was through her mediumship that "The Revelations of JOHN" was received.

others because I fully understand and hope to make this point clear to mortals and spirits, that it is this exchange of service that brings happiness and joy unto all. If humanity could only realize the benefits from this exchange, one loud shout of praise to Infinite Wisdom would rise from earth. All unsightly slums and dens of iniquity would disappear from every city, and wars and rumors of war would cease, the earth would become a safer, better place, with every man under his own vine and fig tree.

"Kingdom Come"

We, of the spheres have long since formed a band, we have sent forth the call. The only qualifications required being that of helpfulness to others. In this manner we are constantly building our "Kingdom Come" and rejoicing in its heavenly beauty and glory in the hearts made glad. Because we dwell in this sphere of beauty it has increased our desire to help others to enter and enjoy its peace. The same law governs us here as in all other realms of Infinite Being. Besides there are many higher realms and only one rung of the ladder is used at a time.

In those higher realms are dwelling places of many great souls of ancient days who often come to this (our) sphere to give of their wisdom in our halls of learning. As we drink deeply of the knowledge thus delivered unto us, our love is broadened and our desire to help given greater impetus, to give to earth and the spheres between, that which is given us.

Therefore we rejoice that each day the members of this band increases. They are not accepted because of their standing in church or state, the requirements are simply a desire to help others.

No Exaggeration

Dear ones of earth, as this narrative is now drawing to the close, our one desire expressed from the beginning is that the jewels of truth written herein may be discovered by many who have long sought the living waters of life from sources that have long since become stagnant that all life and purity have decayed and departed therefrom.

No attempt has been made to exaggerate or build upon any incident of truth contained in this message. No attempt has been made to build up any cause or organization, the medium being chosen not for the things she has done or to gain a name for herself, or to lift her from the obscurity in which she lives.

Nay, my friends, but because

she has that of which we have so often spoken, "A holy desire to help," and all too often fails to do all of which she is capable because of the fact that procrastination has been allowed to steal her time, until now she has found herself grown old without accomplishing only a part of that which is required of her by the accusing spirit that dwells within, and to which all must give an account.

No One Lives Alone

Therefore, while it is true that none are lost, yet we urge upon all who read these pages the great necessity of forgetting self and living for others, or as our great teachers of long ago have truly said, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

No mortal or spirit lives to himself alone. His life must shed over others either light, (if he lives in the light of truth) or the opposite which is darkness. The great pity of it all, that in a world of so many preachers so few deliver truth to the hungry multitude.

I say unto you who are sent to enlighten the people and deliver the truth concerning the life beyond the grave, give out this great fact that "as ye sow, so must ye reap." If your harvest is poor the wisdom and love of Infinite Intelligence is proven by giving us the opportunity to work out our own salvation.

All Shall Be as One

Yes, we see great enlightenment and opportunity amongst ministers and teachers and we are led to believe that they will yet teach the truths they have learned through the teachings of Spirituality, and that you who know these truths will ever be faithful in the delivery thereof. Truth and love are ageless, no night their darkness cannot penetrate. No prison door that will not open. No sickness that they cannot heal. When they meet you they embrace you and place their imprint upon your brow.

May the time hasten their coming and controlling all nations. Then all shall be as one, for are they not the father and the son, the creator and the deliverer of the nations. Wars must cease and the world be united thereby. Who am I to thus speak? I am to you JOHN WESLEY, revealing a portion of the truths discovered by him in the life beyond the grave.

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