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THE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

How To Improve Public Relations

One of the most enlightening addresses ever to be presented before a group of Spiritualists, was delivered by JOHN WILSON HOOD, New York City attorney, at a recent convention of THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SPIRITUALISTS. This address, delivered at PYTHIAN TEMPLE, N. Y. C., is published with special permission of the General Assembly of Spiritualists and cannot be republished without their written consent.

JOHN WILSON HOOD'S ADDRESS

Officers of the General Assembly and Friends: It is customary at this time to report on the legal situation, and I intend to do so, but most of the time available should be devoted to a discussion of the more fundamental problem of public relations, for any permanent solution of our legal troubles requires a basic analysis and improvement of our reputation with the public.

At the moment, moreover, we are free from legal difficulties. There has not been a single new arrest of a General Assembly minister since the decision of the New York Court of Appeals acquitting one of our General Assembly ordained ministers, rendered in July of last year.

Value of Organization

At one time, however, there were pending in the New York City Magistrate's Courts alone, six cases against our ministers. Without going into the details, I might say in a general way that the decision of the New York Court of Appeals determined that under New York laws a Spiritualist meeting, properly conducted—that is in a way that you and I would say is proper—is legal.

The decision in that case is of the greatest benefit to all of you, and it should profoundly impress you with a very important lesson—the value of organization. There is too much of a tendency among Spiritualists to be individualistic, to assume that they do not need any organization.

It was solely General Assembly effort, and General Assembly money, which made possible this very advantageous position in which you now find yourselves. The arrested minister alone, did not even have the money required to pay the printing bills in the Court of Appeals. Spiritualists should become organization-minded, and present a united front to the world, not only for common defense, but for common progressive action. Help one another, and you help yourselves.

What the Church Needs

Loyalty to your organization, loyalty in interest, effort, and money contributions, will make that organization strong, and able to do an increasing number of beneficial things for you. Assured of financial stability through existing support, your organization need not be too lenient in the admission of newcomers, and can be severe with malefactors within our ranks, to the ultimate end: all the reputable psychics, in; all the disreputable ones, out.

In fact, what the Spiritualist Church needs is more sound, solvent, and responsible organizations like your General Assembly, and

elimination of any so-called governing bodies that exist chiefly on paper, and whose faults range all the way from being merely insolvent, to being more or less irresponsible, maintaining no disciplinary control, and ordaining almost anyone for a small cash consideration.



John Wilson HOOD

Another great benefit of organization is that it enables us, continuously, through comparing the ideas of all of us, to solve the common problem of how to conduct our affairs. There must necessarily be some right way to conduct a Spiritualist Church. That way can be found, and as we jointly find it, and make up our minds what it is, and what we stand for, we should all stick to it.

Get Your People Together

In making up our minds about the proper way to conduct our own churches, we would do well to study the practices of the older and more orthodox churches. Some Spiritualists think that their work is different, and that they may more or less disregard the procedure in the other faiths. They overlook the fact that the procedure in other churches, aside from specific dogmatic ritual, is the result of long experience with certain problems which we also face.

One might almost say that as evolution has given the lion strength, and the antelope speed, to enable them to solve the problems of their existence, so evolution has given the dominant and successful churches forms of procedure which best enable them to meet the problems confronting a church.

What, then, are the things about other churches which are worth of our imitation? The first thing that comes to mind is group activities. Other churches constantly get their people together. Anyone who reads the religious press will find one article after another expressing approval of methods adopted for getting the congregation together

for various purposes, quite aside from public worship.

There are not enough group activities in the average Spiritualist Church. Everyone knows the Pastor, and there is a personal social relationship of greater or less strength between the Pastor and various members of the congregation, but ordinarily not enough social relationship between the members of the congregation themselves.

Making a big success of a Spiritualist Church, or any Church, is not a one man job; it calls for a lot of teamwork among interested persons, to do the work, and raise the money, which a big church requires.

Your Church Must Satisfy

The Pastors should not only make an effort to know personally the visitors to their churches, but should introduce such persons to one another when opportunity permits, and endeavor to build up group sentiment among the people who come regularly to the church. They should feel that the church is their church, and its activities are their activities, and its progress is their progress.

This effort can be aided by keeping the atmosphere of the church as inspirational as possible. There are many people who go to church, not from a sense of duty or a conscious choice to engage in public worship, but from a deep and definite feeling that they always leave the church more inspired than when they came in.

Be Courteous

Such an inspirational atmosphere is, to begin with, one of dignity. A religious meeting, as distinguished from a social gathering, is treated in other churches as a solemn occasion, and it should be in ours. There has been a regrettable tendency in a very few Spiritualist churches, for the Pastor to handle the message service in a rather flippant manner, with remarks that would only be appropriate to a stage performance.

This may be entertaining to some visitors, but it gives the average person the wrong idea of both the Pastor and the Spiritualist Church. Flippancy in a minister is an aggravation to pious people. It hurts our reputation and creates unnecessary opposition.

An individual minister has no more right to injure the reputation of the whole Church by such conduct, than the engineer of a passenger train has to get drunk at his post on the theory that getting drunk is his own business.

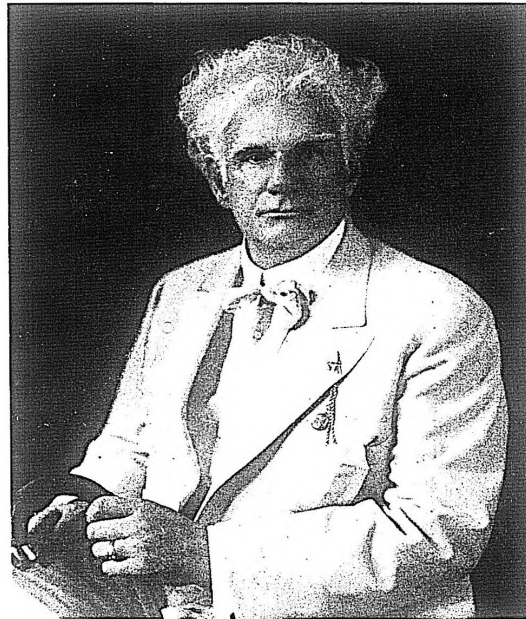
Difficulties To Meet

We should endeavor to improve the quality of the music in our churches. If music is, as Plato said, the parent of love, so it is the nurse of religious feeling. In churches of other denominations it has been noticed that an improvement in the music at the service has been accompanied by an increase in church attendance.

Of course, there are practical difficulties; good music is expensive. We are not prepared to install any pipe organs, but the most successful churches can probably

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Dr. Alexander Jonathan McIvor-Tyndall
(1850-1943)



The picture above, Dr. A. J. McIvor-Tyndall, was reproduced from a large photograph, loaned to *Psychic Observer* by Lillian Stillman, life-long friend of the great English psychologist and spiritualist.

Thousands throughout United States, Canada and Great Britain will recall having witnessed McIvor-Tyndall's public demonstrations of clairvoyance and what some choose to call "thought-transference." He was a colorful figure attracting capacity audiences wherever he was scheduled to appear.

For many years, McIvor-Tyndall spent the summer months at Lily Dale, N. Y. and when he passed away several years ago at Santa Barbara, California, his wife, C. Laura McIvor-Tyndall returned to Lily Dale where she disposed of her husband's scrap-book chronicles and an immense library.

McIvor-Tyndall was something more and something less than a Spiritualist. He accepted telepathy both as a scientific fact and as a guiding influence in his own personality. He did believe in the survival of the human spirit and the possibility of its communication, but he constantly urged that the exercise of such powers be subjected to keen scrutiny.

The origin and age of McIvor-Tyndall were the subject of speculation even among his intimate friends. He had a striking personality and appeared to be the offspring of a family of standing in England.

He admitted an age varying from 80 to 90 years, and there are records where, on several occasions, heated arguments ensued when the subject of his age was mentioned. When called to settle the matter, McIvor-Tyndall would smile and say he was "full of life and joy and health" . . . his age wasn't important.

In looking over his scrap-book, there are accounts of his activities on five continents. He was heralded as: "A Great Psychologist", "The Owl of Ancient and Modern Wisdom", "The Sherlock Holmes of Psychology", "A Great Student of Human Life and Destiny", "Supreme Interpreter of Life's Expression" and "A Master of Mysticism".

The *Denver Post*, in 1906, published every week for over three months, a full page account of McIvor-Tyndall's philosophical teachings . . . attributing to him many feats of mental gymnastics (i.e.) that he was able to "straighten the tangled webs of life"; "cut through the wilderness of experience"; "connect the finite with the infinite"; "solve man's mysteries"; "prove that everyone was right from their own viewpoint"; "man is his brother's keeper"; "analyze the religious instinct of the human race" and "dissect human experience by psychological analysis."

McIvor-Tyndall, pen name "Ali Nomad", was the author of two books: "Cosmic Consciousness" and "Sex", *The Unknown Quantity*. Both books are now out of print.

The logic of his philosophical viewpoints was profound . . . see "FAMOUS TYNDALLISMS" on page 4.

SPIRIT HOMES AND HAPPINESS

The data for this article was received through the mediumship of CLARA PAUL, 9537 Mc Nerney Ave., South Gate, California. Mrs. Paul's last article, "THE REVELATIONS OF JOHN (PSYCHIC OBSERVER, March 25th, 1946) received much favorable comment. Her spirit collaborators have the ability to clarify life in the spirit world.

HOW YOU LIVE WHEN YOU DIE

When we undertake the important consideration of building a home upon the earth plane, we know we must begin at the foundation, and that the best of master builders be chosen to draw the plans. Usually the head of the house that is to be built, occupies himself with pencil and paper for a period of time, figuring the cost of this and that, often contriving and making many alterations in plans.

When all is at last down on paper, even to the last nail, bolt and bar, he then compares his figures with his bank account. If this should prove to be too small to cover the expense of building, he may be in a position to borrow, or modify his plans to fit his purse.

At any rate, he usually finds a way. Skilled workers and unskilled must both be hired. From foundation to walls and roof, Oh! yes, all this time and effort must go into a home if it is to endure for a long life, as usually we like to believe it will endure not only our life time, but that of our children and grandchildren.

Some Wander About

We will now introduce our readers to the first character on our list, one who upon the earth plane was known as a "happy go lucky" fellow, whom we will call "Happy" or "Hap," one who took the good with the bad, making no preparation for the future, either in this world or the next, yet aside from this, was naturally inclined to good.

After long years upon the earth plane, we find him at last ushered into spirit life, wandering about seeking for lodging and friends, and has not as yet entered into the realization that he has left the earth plane.

He is not in the least alarmed to find himself houseless and homeless, for he has been in that deplorable state in the past, but, now as he looks about, things seem to have a different aspect, and according to habit he addresses himself thus: "Well, Hap, what next—do we stop here or travel along on foot or take the next train for the next town?"

As no one answers his inquiry, he proceeds to answer himself. "Don't seem to know anyone here, maybe I left the train too soon, think I'll look for lodging somewhere around here."

Where To Stay?

As the shadows lengthen and as he does not meet anyone whom he knows, he begins to feel troubled, when suddenly he beholds two weary pilgrims like himself, who greet him in the careless free way of the road—"Hi Bo."

Happy was never known to turn aside from such a greeting, but readily answered in similar manner, and proceeded to explain that he was not acquainted with the

fruit which seemingly grows everywhere.

"Well," remarks Hap, "I see no rock in this place for a shelter."

As Hap and "D" wearily lie down, friend "X" remarked that they might remain in the place and he would take a look around and report to them later.

E're long upon hearing a shout of joy, they pumped to their feet and find "X" has returned with great news—"of a shelter close at hand, not a rock, but a wonderful cabin, hid from the sight of them by trees and bushes. They jumped to their feet and all three hastened to see the place.

They find not a mansion, but a cabin, of the most desirable kind, large enough to accommodate all three and more if need be.

Greeted By Parents

Happy gazed in wonder as he stood in the open door, and thoughtfully scratched his head, and after a moment spoke thus to his companions: *Almost, it seems to me if I were a little boy, and this my childhood home where I spent so many happy hours. I feel as if I had just returned from school, and my Mother was here calling me to come and wash up for supper.*

As Hap spoke these words, all three stood still and listened intently, for indeed, a voice was speaking—listen, this is what the voice was saying: *Happy, my dear son, enter into this little home, it is yours as long as you wish, and as long as you are willing to help others, or better still, until you have learned all the lessons it has to impart to you.*

At this moment, the room became aglow with a bright and glorious light, and in the midst of it, stood a man and woman, the Father and Mother of Happy.

The Cabin Was Ready

The Father spoke, saying, "My son, we have tried for many years to persuade you to forsake your carefree life and wanderings. We tried our best to reach you. Often we have prevented you from meeting with untimely death by accident, but tho' we tried to keep you from taking this last ride, we seem to have failed.

"We regretted having to leave you in your early childhood in care of strangers, but as we were both taken by the fever that swept the country, as soon as possible, we learned to protect you. We have by the help of many others been able to turn aside danger from you, or to turn you from danger.

"However, it seems it was not meant to be this time and it happened, and now all we can do is to help you as best we are able. We have builded this cabin, out of the material which you yourself have supplied. While you are not yet prepared to go with us to our home in distant zones of spirit, it

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may come to you at any time and give you aid in many ways".

But stammered Hap in great distress of mind, you say you are my parents who died when I was a small child—you also tell me I will not travel any more—why is this?

"Happy, my son," spoke the Mother, "can you not understand that a great change has taken place, and where you now are is not upon the earth plane, although only a short distance there from, yet it is the 2nd zone of the Spirit world.

"In other words, using the language you have just used concerning us, you have died, and are now a spirit, not far removed from the spot where you perished or rather lost your physical life."

Same Old Question

In the meantime, the two friends of Hap stand by listening in wonder and amazement at what was taking place. But e'er they could speak, the parents of Hap stood aside, saying, "There are others waiting to speak to your newly made friends, to whom we will henceforth refer to as 'X' and 'D'."

They were standing with bowed heads and clasped hands as one stands before a shrine or altar,—when there appeared in an aura of blue, the forms of a woman and two beautiful children.

The woman addresses "X" thus: *"I am your Sister who passed from earth life so long ago, and these dear children are to be helpers to you and they are our young friend 'D''s brother and sister.*

"Yes, dear Brother, the answer to your unspoken question is—you have indeed passed from earth to spirit realms, and even as your friend Happy, you must begin your life of progression.

Warning Often Given

"You will begin your upward climb and by your own efforts and whatever help we can give you, find Heaven which you have been taught to believe is for the chosen few, but is for all humanity but according to their conception thereof—not a place of golden streets but a place of happiness made by the good will and perfect understanding of each others needs. We have learned that the things we do to help others, is a perfect way of helping ourselves."

"How often we have endeavored to warn you when danger was near, sometimes, we were successful, but this time we failed. Often

mortals wonder why we do not succeed in keeping those we love from trouble and danger. Not always, but too often, they themselves stand in the way or rush blindly on, while we are powerless to prevent disaster, unless they cooperate.

"As you understand, through an accident common in the mines, you have entered the world of Spirit, and because of that untimely entrance, and your unprepared state or limited understanding of this life, you may not as yet enter the place of our habitation."

"Dead" But Alive

So saying, these kindly messengers from realms above, depart leaving our friends somewhat bewildered. Hap being first to break the silence, addressing himself in his usual fashion, "Well Hap, what do you think of that, so you are dead?"

Hap looks at his hands, feels his head and stamps his feet and says: "Never in my life have I felt more alive than now."

Whereupon our friend "X" exclaims, "Really, now that I investigate, I find myself altogether, that is, in working order and feeling more free than I have in years. Glad I don't have to enter the mines."

"By the way 'D', how about you?"

"D" remains silent some time before speaking, then in a sad complaining voice replied: "Alas! that life should be so sad. I don't see how you can be so gay when you have just discovered that you are dead. As for me, what would I not give to be back—even in the mines, tho' I did despise it."

However, after a few more moment of conversation, they decide that as their friends have departed, they would be better fitted for whatever might confront them on the morrow, if they retire for the night.

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SPIRIT HOMES

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Happy, thinking of his loved parents and the kindness of Infinite love in preparing a home for him, repeats his childhood prayer, to which "X" adds a fervent Amen. But only a deep sigh comes from the otherwise still form of "D".

However, these weary travelers who have just crossed the border of earth life into the greater life of Spirit, slept undisturbed in the humble home, which the parents of Happy had so thoughtfully prepared for them, from material which was contributed by them while still upon earth, and now with the dawning of their second day in the beginning of life in Spirit, we find them rising at dawn, refreshed and happy in their new home, even "D" taking a more philosophic view of the situation.

"Hap" Obeyed the Voice

Tho' all are happy over their recent experience, a shadow is seen to pass over each countenance as they view their garments, all torn and none too clean.

"Well," remarked Hap, "They don't seem to fit in with this nice clean little home we have here."

Er the others could answer, a voice speaks to them from an invisible source saying, "Open the small door close to each bed, there you will find the garb prepared for you."

Upon obeying the voice, they discover exactly that. The garb of Happy, a beautiful shade of blue; that of "X" green, and of "D" brownish yellow.

After their fast was broken, they decide to discuss the activities of the day, each expressing himself. Then it was that their ideas clashed and an argument ensued.

At this point, the voice again spoke: "My dear children, I have come to you as guide and instructor: you are so young in spirit, you may well be likened unto day-old babes, however, Infinite Intelligence, that great power, whom mortal man terms God, has provided a way in which all may be instructed and receive wisdom from others in a position to impart it, and thereby avoid the many stumbling blocks and pitfalls you will find in the path of progression, which you are now beginning to follow."

A Spirit Speaks!

"Happy, look over this record which has been compiled for your benefit, from the time you reached the age of responsibility, until your recent mishap. No, you were not a bad boy, yet your in-bred goodness was too often stifled by your own desires, which you chose to follow instead of the wise council of those in whose care you were left, and now it is more necessary that you have experienced guides than even before your transition."

As they all listen, a Spirit form enters their presence. Each gave expression to his inmost thoughts by standing with hands clasped and heads bowed.

Then the Spirit spoke: "In your recent discussion as to how you would spend your day, it was quite natural that each should wish to follow his own desires. Remember tho', you have left the earth plane and are no longer under man-made laws, yet, there are many things you may or may not do to help or hinder others.

"I know you are all feeling free

and fit, for whatever comes your way, be it work or play. It is for you to choose, I am not here to control, but to counsel you.

"I have already given Happy the written account of his past and the manner in which he is to proceed, to do or undo as far as possible whatever is left him to accomplish, so I will give to both of you."

Whereupon each is presented with a tablet, similar to that received by Hap.

Strength In Unity

The Spirit continues: "This record has been carefully compiled by those nearest you, and is meant to assist you in your progression up to the higher planes of life in realms of Spirit. Whenever you need me, give me the call and I, as well as others, will be ready to help. I am called "willing helper."

As the voice ceased speaking and the spirit departed, our friends each turned to the other with hands extended. After shaking hands, Happy said: "We all know now that in Unity there is strength, and by this we know we will each be the better for the presence of the other."

"X" will you be the first to suggest the best method of procedure, if you both desire,—whereupon "D" nods his head in consent. I would suggest, said "X", "That first of all we seat ourselves, and take time to read these papers which have been so very carefully written for us, to help us in this our greatest of all and most serious of experiences." A suggestion which met the approval of both "Hap" and "D".

Hap being the first to lift his eyes, waits politely until "X" and "D" have finished. I see, by this account that instead of wondering about the town or country here-a-bout, that there are some really necessary things to be attended to back there, that had entirely slipped my mind, before I go and if you see fit, my friends, to tell me your plans for the day.

As for me "X" replies, I shall

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be glad to accompany you, as by that means, I may be able to find my way and better understand the meaning of all this referring to his paper." Now, "D" "what will you do?"

In a low scarcely audible voice came the answer. "If it's all the same to you, I think I will remain here and rest and try to understand better what is written here and also what all this means." "As you wish," said both Hap and "X" as they prepare to leave.

The "Willing Helper"

When Hap seems to have an unusual desire to express his feelings, which he proceeds to do. "I don't know much about prayer myself, but it seems to me as if we ought in some way let the "Big Boss" up there know we are glad to find that tho' yesterday we were all killed, today we are still alive."

So saying, all bow their heads and clasp their hands, while Happy voices these words. "Yes God, yesterday, we were all killed—dead as a nail—and yet we are so very glad to find ourselves alive with a home, food and clothing—yes and kindred, also friends who will be so kind as to go with us to help us do some of the things we left undone."

We can only say, "Thank you God—go with us please". To which "X" and "D" give a fervent Amen and with these thoughts and words, they depart from the cottage.

Outside they seem to be undecided as to what course to take. Seemingly out of no where, appears "Willing Helper", their kind friend and adviser. They immediately tell him their need of guidance, and as that is exactly his reason for being there, he immediately takes charge.

The Coin of Service

As you are now standing on the border betwixt earth and Spirit, and as there are many reasons why you should visit the scenes of your former life and activities, and as this is your wish, my friend Happy, make it known and we will see you through.

Well, it's this way, "I remember a few days ago before I started on my last ride, I had walked some distance and being very tired, as well as hungry, I rapped on the door of a house in the village a short distance down the line, and asked the lady of the house for a hand out and if she could provide me with a night's lodging, saying I was willing to pay by doing work."

She agreed, provided me with a good meal, and as night was already at hand, said there was a cot in the garage where I might sleep, and she kept it ready for

strangers and in the morning I might mow her lawn.

I very soon laid myself down, and being weary, fell asleep. Just before the dawn of day, I was awakened by a familiar sound—a loud whistle of an approaching train. I therefore, forgot all about my promise to pay in work, and knowing they must stop at the tank for water, I made haste and ran for dear life, was it or—and Happy pauses here, as he remembers recent happenings.

Mortals Don't Discern

Well, here we are, announced "Willing Helper". They walk on for a short distance, when "Hap" observes, there is the house across the street, and now he adds joyously. "I can pay the debt I owe the dame and feel that much is settled," but as he turns and looks at "Willing Helper" his countenance changes as he seems to sense a mystery, not exactly to his liking.

Very well, my friend "Willing Helper" said quietly, "Rap on the door," which our friend proceeds to do. There is no response to his raps and he also notices that there was no sound therefrom.

"Willing Helper" again speaks saying, "Perhaps you had best open the door and enter." Whereupon the door seemingly opens itself and our three friends enter. They found the party they were seeking, calmly busy at some household task, not in the least disturbed by the entrance of three uninvited guests.

So "Hap" begins to speak and very soon discovers that his well meant apologies were falling upon deaf ears. Why! he exclaims in great surprise, "She was not like this yesterday, seems she must suddenly lost her hearing."

"No my friend, explains "Willing Helper", "Altho she, a mortal cannot discern Spirits, for that is what we are,—you see, I apprehended the result of this visit, and knew that you would not be satisfied until you had learned by experience and tried to do the impossible."

"Hap" Goes Home

However, you may be able to locate the lawn mower. At this the face of "Hap" brightens. Oh! yes, I remember it was in the garage where I slept. Without further ado they hasten to the garage and find the door already open. All three enter. Yes Happy gives a glad exclamation. "Now I can mow the lawn and keep my promise. Yes, here it is. Now for a little exercise."

Going to the lawn mower, he grasps the handles or rather attempts to do so—looks at his hands and tries once more and finds it impossible. Looks towards "Willing Helper" for an explanation remarking, "It's the funniest thing I've ever heard of and by your looks, I can guess you can explain."

Yes friend Happy, "I would not have let you go so far, but I was

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Leaf Tells: How to Develop Psychic Powers

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Horace Leaf has attempted the impossible, and has very nearly achieved it in his book "What Mediumship Is" (Dale News, Inc., \$2.00).

I do not suppose it will be given to anyone on earth ever to understand fully all the varieties of mediumship and their manifold ways of manifesting.

But, within the limits, Leaf has set himself, he has given a very good summary of mediumship as practiced today by Spiritualist all over the world.

And while our truths are spreading at increasing pace, it is well that our writers should concentrate on showing that we are working in a natural sphere governed by natural laws which must be obeyed before they are conquered.

If we are to prove to the world that we have a teaching of endless benefit, we must explain very simply our reasons.

Appeal to Reason

Leaf has chosen to explain, rather than to expound, and to appeal to reason rather than to raise controversies.

And when he has described each main type of mediumship, he tells how that particular faculty which produces it may be developed, from astral traveling to clairvoyance and healing.

If there is any criticism, it is that Leaf has not taken full notice in this book of the very many excellent mediums, of whom he is one, and the work they are doing daily.

The "Crewe Circle"

There is hardly any kind of mediumship that is not practiced generally throughout England and America, yet I find very few acknowledgments of that fact.

But perhaps he did not want to mention one in case he would be accused of partisanship. Still I would rather have had that than give the impression that nothing new has happened since the days of Eva C. or Hope of Crewe.

Leaf has travelled widely and has met with corroboration of psychic teaching all over the world, showing again that we have everything to gain by spreading our teaching over the widest possible sphere.

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manage to install an electronic organ, and those of less affluence could provide a piano, to accompany the congregation, and to furnish incidental music.

Even a phonograph is better than no music at all, though the use of phonograph records has something incongruous about it to some churchgoers, and this is certainly the case where the phonographic equipment is not good, and the record is worn and scratched.

The inspirational quality of music cannot be denied, whether it is played during a period of meditation, or it accompanies congregational singing. Congregational singing is a rather modern development in religious ritual, but many people get a lift, and a sense of personal participation, from it that will make them glad that they came to your church. Keep it in mind in planning a service.

Value of Prayer

Along with this, I suggest that you remember the value of common prayer, as distinguished from individual prayer. You know the psychic value of people grouped together, acting in unison, and from that knowledge you can appreciate the inspirational and psychic value of common prayer.

The Lords Prayer, a common prayer for the healing of the sick, come to mind, and other simple common prayers could be taught to the regular members of your congregations.

In addition to studying the methods of other churches, you

should observe the traits and practices of successful ministers of other denominations. Some of us are inclined to place too much faith on our psychic ability and fail to develop our ministerial qualities.

I call to your attention two related facts: first, one does not have to be clairvoyant to make a success of the ministry; second, the mere fact that you are clairvoyant will not of itself make you a successful minister. The proof of these two statements is all around you in the careers of various persons within your own sphere of observation.

Moral Leadership

Consequently you should study and imitate the traits of other successful ministers. It is within your ability to do this, for such traits are not inborn, but acquired by observation, experiment, and practice, in the same way that a woman, for instance, learns to become a good hostess. You should learn the necessary traits, and practice them, and the more they become a habit, the easier they will be for you.

A final thing worth mentioning about the ministers of other denominations is their ability to exert moral leadership in the community. Our ministers need not be too retiring, nor afraid to stand up for things they know to be right.

We should constantly bear in mind that our words and actions influence the life of our community, and that we have a community responsibility to make sure that our influence and advice is exerted in a beneficial manner. In giving advice to people, we should have constantly in mind — what will be the consequences of this advice?

Education Necessary

I would especially like to point out here the fact that it is not necessary for you to have a high degree of formal education in order to command the respect of the community. Some of you may feel inferior and backward because you are not graduates of a divinity school. There is no need to feel like that. Billy Sunday, and many of the greatest preachers, had no such training.

You can amply educate yourself by regular reading and study. The important thing in attaining your proper position in the community is not education, but character—character that shines like a beacon light.

Now, quite aside from the problems of our own churches and ministers, the Spiritualist movement in general has certain specific faults, which is holding it

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"Prayer, in the sense of the soul's desire for wisdom, is always answered. Desire for better and higher things is never unanswered, but be sure that you are not longing for a bauble when priceless gems are within your reach."

"The word punishment, and all it implies, should find no place in the ethics of civilization."

"There is no such thing as age to the soul. The body wears out, like any other machine, but 'I' was never born and can never die."

"Regret is the grave-digger of Hope and Attainment. Life is but a school. Mistakes are our lessons. Learn from your mistakes, but never, for one wise moment allow the poison of regret to enter your mind."

"I have more respect for the highway robber who dares to hold up a stage-coach than I have for the social hypocrite who pretends one thing, while he thinks another. Courage, even though it be misdirected is in itself a virtue."

"Love and kindness are never wasted, even when the object of our love appears ungrateful. The ability to love deeply; to feel kindly; to realize compassion and sympathy; in the face of misunderstanding and misrepresentation contains its reward within itself."

"The visible universe is but a reflection of the invisible. It is out of the invisible that all, we cognize with our physical senses, comes. 'Imagination' says Paracelsus, 'is the workshop in which is formed sidereal entities.'"

"The universe is evolved, sustained and spiritualized through Love. The recognition of this fact is the point of unity between all religions, all philosophies and all science. When every person perceives this truth, there will be no more talk of 'race' or 'class' or 'heathen' or 'believer'. We will know that each and every human being is striving for the same goal."

"We don't own each other. Neither parents their children, nor wives their husbands; nor husbands their wives; nor employers their employees. Let us drop the prolific use of the possessive pronoun 'my.'"

"Liberty is not license any more than happiness is dissipation."

back, but which can be corrected.

One need not know very much about *Spiritualism* to see that something must be wrong with the movement, when it has so much to offer the world, and yet occupies a rather weak position.

It is clear from the history of the movement since the middle of the last century that it has not justified its early promise, and that certain powerful support which it once had has drifted away.

For example, the *Census Bureau* makes it clear that both the *Christian Scientists* and the *Seventh Day Adventists*, whose movements were started later than that of *Modern Spiritualism*, have made much greater progress in this country, in finances, prestige, and numbers of adherents, in spite of the fact that, from our point of view, *Spiritualism* has something to offer the public which is more acceptable and more consoling.

How To Improve

Also, at the beginning of the movement many of the most prominent people in this country and abroad were *Spiritualism's* ardent advocates and supporters. This support has more or less ebbed away, and at the present time most of the adherents come from the poorer classes, while the more substantial element in the community seems to hesitate to become connected with the movement.

This condition must be corrected if *Spiritualism* is to substantially improve its position. It has occurred to me that some mediums, at the present time, occupy about the same position in the public eye as stock promoters.

ing promotion stock. He had raised money for many mining enterprises, including the largest Tungsten mine in the United States, and had raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to manufacture some of his own inventions.

In the course of this work, he had made some very prominent friends, including the late inventor, *Thomas Edison*, and the builder of the *Panama Canal*, *General Goethals*, and he used to boast that in spite of all the difficult business he had done, and the failure of some of his enterprises, he had never in his life been sued.

Be Careful of Details

This struck me as so remarkable, in view of my common observation that stock promoters usually enjoy poor success and have a hard time staying out of trouble, that I asked him how in the world he ever did it.

He thought for a moment, trying to analyze the matter himself. Finally he came up with this conclusion. "Well," said he, "I think it was because I was always meticulously honest."

I want particularly to call your attention to the word, *meticulously*, as it explains a good deal. It means to be excessively careful of small details.

In other words, this man was extremely careful not to mislead or be unfair to anyone, even down to small details. People did not mind failure on his part, as long as the facts, the risks and difficulties had previously been made clear to them.

What people would have objected to in his case, and what they object to now, in the case of all mediums, is someone regarding them as fools and trying to take unfair advantage of them.

Meticulous Honesty

It is clear to me that the individual *Spiritualist*, who has any psychical ability at all, can overcome the handicap of the "bad reputation" of Spiritualists in general, and achieve personal success, by adopting the same tactics of *meticulous honesty*.

The world is so warned against dishonest mediums that the world would flock to one that was surely honest. By being *meticulous* about it, the honest and intelligent Spiritualist can make it obvious to even the most stupid and propagandized person that this particular medium is an exception to what is thought to be the general situation.

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there are certain concrete things which the individual Spiritualist can start doing immediately. First is to make perfectly clear to the public the actual limitations on the medium's psychic powers.

We tend to judge other people by ourselves, and to assume that the general public knows as much about such limitations as we do. This is not the case.

Competitive Pressure

Most people really do not know what to expect, and tend to run to extremes in their thinking; one group thinks that the medium has no powers at all, and all results are produced by trickery; and the other group thinks that the mediums powers are considerably in excess of what they are, and expects a corresponding impossible performance.

By properly presenting the truth, we could win the support of both groups. The sceptics would realize that there is something to it, after all, and would cease to be our enemies, while the gullible would cease putting competitive pressure on mediums for impossible phenomena.

This competitive pressure caused by the ignorance of the public drives down the whole standards of the movement, just as sweat-shop conditions in an industry used to drive down wages, because if one employer wouldn't cut wages to the bone, some other employer would, and undersell him in the market.

Spirits Have Opinions

This program of educating the public as to what the medium cannot be expected to do, must necessarily vary somewhat with the talent of the particular medium, but certain general points pertain to the conduct of our own churches, and I should mention them.

First of all, it must be made clear to the public that spirit messages cannot always be relied upon for accuracy, whether in regard to present or future events. For various reasons, mistakes are made

in messages, even concerning present events. Concerning future events, it is perhaps best to regard the average message as an expression of spirit opinion, though this opinion may have value because of superior knowledge of the present, gained telepathically or in some other way.

This is indicated by our experience that some prophecies fail and also by the fact that one can go to any half-dozen mediums, and ask a question about the future, and sometimes get different answers.

Public Must Be Educated

This is to be expected if future messages are, as I say, usually spirit opinion, but would not be the case if a spirit could always say with certainty what the future is going to be. This point should be made very clear to the public.

If it is made clear, you will retain your friends even though your messages fail at times. If it is not made clear, people disappointed in one message will think that you just invented it, and will never come back to see you. What is worse, they will go around giving you a bad reputation.

I think that some Spiritualists, as well as the general public, need some education on this topic, for they place entirely too much reliance upon messages themselves.

Communication Misunderstood

For example, *Life Magazine* recorded a couple of weeks ago, that the Navy Department received many letters of advice prior to the holding of the *Bikini Atom Bomb Tests*, and among them, was a letter from a lady Spiritualist in San Francisco that the test must not be held, because she had received a spirit message from a *Doctor Cushing* to the effect that the test would cause the entire *Pacific Ocean* to turn yellow.

Naturally, the change of color did not occur, and the entire movement is more or less held up to ridicule because of the actions of one Spiritualist, who seems to have thought that the message was infallible.

Next in importance to educating the public that messages are subject to error and can be wrong, is the need for telling the public that the medium cannot be expected off-hand to contact any specified spirit upon demand. Some people have the idea that a medium is like a telephone through which they can contact any desired spirit at any time.

Discuss the Phenomena

The public needs to be disabused promptly of this erroneous idea by the collective and general action of all of us. If they hear this fact preached to them in all our Churches, they will believe it, and they not go running from medium to medium trying to find one willing to give them off-hand at any time a purported message from a specified spirit.

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The continuance of communication over such a long period, too, with the accumulation of facts, must assist in carrying complete conviction.

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competitive situation which tends to keep standards low and prevent progress.

The foregoing information, as well as other accurate information and advice about the movement, and phenomena, can be given to the public in several ways. It can form the subject matter of brief talks at meetings. It can be explained informally to individuals. It can be written upon a sign which may be posted in the Church or Meeting Room, for the benefit of ignorant visitors.

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the movement can realize its potential growth. This growth, I think, will be as a religion rather than a science. In the scientific world, we are among enemies; in the theological world, among natural friends.

Scientific men, pushing their research in biology and the allied sciences, have arrived at certain metaphysical postulates which are wholly inconsistent with our basic position. To accept our views would require a reorientation of all their ideas, and there is a natural resistance to this.

Phenomena Exists!

Scientific research in the field is inadequate and conducted in a sceptical manner, a manner which might be described as unscientific because it is not open-minded. One of the very latest books on psychology expresses no clear cut opinion about clairvoyance, but merely gives the tabulated results of a questionnaire sent to a large number of psychologists.

A small percentage of them believed in it, a larger percentage denied its existence, and the great majority couldn't make up their minds whether it existed or not. A group of men who adopt this attitude toward the available evidence are hardly good prospective converts to our point of view.

In the religious world, on the other hand, the majority of theologians, if not all of them, concede that the phenomena in which we are interested exists, though they may disagree as to its interpretation, or disapprove the uses made of it.

Theologians, therefore, are and must be the natural friends of our viewpoint. We need them and they need us. They need us, for our practical and present day proofs of the existence of the supernatural; we need them for their scholarship, their organization, and their standing in the community. We should close ranks with them against the common enemies of religion.

The enmities which *Spiritualism* has made among other religious sects are entirely artificial, and could have been avoided. We can cure this situation by refraining from criticizing other sects and their beliefs. We must realize that they cannot believe less than we do, for with our limited dogma we are almost a common denominator of religion in general, and we must grant that it is their privilege to believe more than we do, without criticism from us.

All Should Be Honored

The specific suggestions I have made can be easily and quickly put into practice, and the more that this is done, the greater the cumulative effect and the individual benefit to you all.

There is no reason, with proper attention to your public relations, such as I have outlined, why any talented Spiritualist cannot be honored and successful.

Trouble with the police will disappear. The forces of authority, instead of being arrayed against you, will be on your side. The early promise of the Spiritualist movement will be fulfilled, to the great benefit of the world.

At the present time, the world is holding Spiritualism's promissory note, on which too little has been paid on account. It is now long past due. Let us proceed to pay it in full.

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sure you would not be satisfied unless you saw truth demonstrated. Now you know there is a law that protects and helps us as mortals. Another is given us when we learn the laws governing us as Spirits. Things that are necessary to mortals are often found useless to Spirits."

Now turning to "X" it is your turn. What, my friend, was your motive in coming here? "Well, the facts are, "Willing Helper" I came along, mostly because somewhere near here is the place I've called home for some time past. There lives my wife and two children. Why there is the church where we went to preaching every Sunday. Seems to be something doing there today. I wonder what, Well, let's go and see, for if I am right, today is not Sunday."

Attends Own Funeral

Well agrees "Hap", if "Willing Helper" is willing, we may as well enter. "Willing Helper" readily gives consent, which is no sooner said than done. "Well I'll be blest, if it isn't a funeral, and a double funeral at that. There is my wife and children. Hey Ann!"

No sooner had her name left his lips than he observed the mourning garb she was wearing; also the two weeping children clinging to her for comfort. As usual, friend "X" looks helplessly at "Willing Helper" for an explanation.

Yes, "X", it's your own and that of "D", and you've nothing to say about it, for no one of them could hear, see or listen to anything which they believe to be impossible, and since there is nothing further we can do in this place, and you both have become convinced of the fact that it is not so easy for Spirit to reach mortals or undo that which they have left undone, which is but the beginning of the many lessons you must learn here and in other zones of Spirit, we must hasten back to the cabin, for I have a feeling that all is not well with our young friend "D".

Very soon they are once more back in the comfortable cabin, which place they have already learned to call home. On investigation, they discover the cabin is deserted—no trace of their comrade "D".

A Medium Needed

But very soon the small sister and brother of "D" appear upon the scene and explain thus: "We came for a visit to our brother—we discovered him here alone, lying upon his cot sound asleep. We tried our best to awaken him but failed."

When we found we were unable to arouse him, we returned to the school where we are being taught and returned with our instructor, who is also a great and good Physician.

He has taken our brother to what you would call a Sanitarium, where he will soon be refreshed and return to you with a brighter outlook and be of more use to both you and himself, in your life here and elsewhere."

"Now, 'Willing Helper,' what next?" said Happy. "I do not look upon today's efforts as a failure but as something that will be very helpful to both. If you ever begin thinking of trying to make headway in this or any other phase of life alone, 'ere long, you will find that even as I and my associates

have long ago discovered, we need each other.

Those who band together to help, especially as in the case of yourself and these our friends or any sudden transition from the earth plane, you are not able to contact those back there without the help of a Medium, which is another proof that we need each other. The good people of the earth are some what divided in their opinions as to what and who shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

How To Contact Earth

Each expounds his opinions or theories in the hope of convincing others that his way is the one and only way, thinking thereby to increase his chance of obtaining an entrance for himself. Well, beloved, you have learned this much today—don't be discouraged.

When next we make the trial, I myself will conduct you to the place and people who will I am sure be of great help to you. You need not feel discouraged—this lesson was necessary and I know it will profit you much in your search for spiritual truth.

Believe me there is a way in which you may reach your own and you will not only be happier for finding it, but make them very happy also. You will find that which you sincerely desire and believe if it is for the good of yourself and others, that good can and will be accomplished."

I will now depart and leave you, to rest and recover from your recent disappointments. Remember whenever you need me, I will come to guide in any way possible and bring you aid from others.

Our Right To Happiness

As "Willing Helper" departed, he waved his hand in a gesture of good fellowship and smiled encouragingly, both of which kindled Hope, Faith and Love in the rather downcast minds of our friends "Hap" and "X," who felt the need of the refreshing power of a day time nap, therefore, they immediately throw themselves upon their cots and were soon sleeping a sleep similar to that of a new born child.

We will now follow the small relatives of "D." Do not imagine the abode of these dear children to be like unto an Asylum of earth, no indeed. While it is located in the zone not far from where we discovered our friends whose story we are presenting, yet it is a place where everything children love and cherish most, surround them, not an impossible and undesirable mansion of gold—Nay! Nay! but the beauty of hills, valleys, trees, flowers and all the small animals and birds that delighted our hearts as children.

Here in this place of beauty is also located the peaceful refuge in which we find our friend "D." Yes the love and wisdom of the Infinite are everywhere manifest and finally when he awakens and looks about and beholds the

Infinite Intelligence

The landscape was dotted with beautiful and happy homes, where dwelt many a good woman who had been denied the happy state of motherhood, and as these children were given into their care to guide in the truths of life in Spirit,

Allan Kardec The Great French Psychic Researcher

1804-1869

Allan Kardec, the Father of Spiritism in France. His real name was Hypolyte Leon Denizard Rivail. His pseudonym originated in mediumistic communications. Both Allan and Kardec were said to have been his names in previous incarnations.

The story of his first investigation into spirit manifestation is somewhat obscure. *Le Livre des Esprits* (the Spirits' Book), which expounded a new theory of human life and destiny, was published in 1856.

According to an article by Alexander Aksakof in *The Spiritualist* in 1875, the book is based on trance communications received through Mlle. Celina Bequet, a professional somnambulist who, for family reasons took the name of Celina Japhet and, controlled by her grandfather M. Hahnemann and Mesmer, gave under his name medical advice.



ALLAN KARDEC

Her mesmerist, M. Roustan believed in the plurality of existences. This may or may not have had an influence. The fact is that in her automatic scripts the spirits communicated the doctrine of reincarnation.

In 1856, Rivail was introduced to the circle by Victorian Sardou. He was entrusted with the scripts, correlated the material by a number of questions and published it without mentioning the name of the medium.

It is difficult to state how far Aksakof's information covered the truth. He obtained them in the same course of a personal interview with Celina Japhet in Paris. It was she who revealed that the name Allan was born in a previous incarnation by Rivail. Kardec was revealed by Rose, another medium by whose help he formed a circle of his own.

In 1867, *Le Livre des Esprits* was issued in a revised form and later attained to more than twenty editions. It has become the recognized text book of spiritistic philosophy in

France. This philosophy is distinct from Spiritualism as it is built on the main tenet that spiritual progress is effected by a series of compulsory reincarnations.

Allan Kardec became so dogmatic on this point that he always disparaged physical mediumship, the objective phenomena of which did not bear out his doctrine, and encouraged automatic writing, where the danger of contradiction owing to the psychological influence of pre-conceived ideas, was less. As a consequence experimental psychic remained twenty years behind in France.

The few French physical mediums were never mentioned by *La Revue Spirite*, the monthly magazine that Allan Kardec, founded. Nor did the *Society of Psychologic Studies*, of which he was the President, devote attention to them.

Camille Bredif, a very good physical medium, only acquired celebrity in St. Petersburg and Allan Kardec ignored the important mediumship of D. D. Home after he declared himself against reincarnation.

In 1864, he published *Le Livre des Mediums*. In it the unpublished portion of the Japhet scripts are said to have been liberally used.

His next books were: *The Gospel as Explained by Spirits*, 1864, *Heaven and Hell*, 1865, *Genesis*, 1867, *Experimental Spiritism and Spiritualist Philosophy*.

In England, Anna Blackwell was the most prominent exponent of the philosophy of Allan Kardec. She translated his books into English. In 1881 a three volume work was published in London on the esoteric side of the gospel, under the title *The Four Gospels*. This book, with the publication of which Miss Blackwell was associated, was described as a further development of Allan Kardec's religious philosophy.

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you can understand the goodness of Infinite intelligence in so providing happiness for childless mothers, as well as happy homes for motherless children.

Here in this place of beauty is also located the peaceful refuge in which we find our friend "D." Yes the love and wisdom of the Infinite are everywhere manifest and finally when he awakens and looks about and beholds the

simple, yet beautiful surroundings and the beloved children, who are his brother and sister standing by with their hands filled with the blossoms, that seem to grow everywhere in fields and meadows and yes, they are singing for him a welcoming song, that seems to him sweeter by far than any music he has ever heard.

Divine Love and Wisdom

It carried him back to his own childhood—'er he had learned the hard lessons of poverty and sorrow, that so many of the children of earth are compelled to learn, thereby developing a nature which Divine Love and Wisdom never meant for his children to have.

All have a right to have as their portion a free and happy childhood, yet we all know that deplorable conditions brought on by greed, which makes monsters of those who otherwise would be good citizens, putting many stumbling blocks in their own and the lives of their children. Many an otherwise beautiful life is

seemingly ruined by this monster greed.

Now at the dawning of another day, we return to our friends "Hap" and "X." We left them asleep in their cottage beside the mountain stream, and as they look forth at the dawning upon this new and beautiful scene which they appreciate, and feel thankful for the peaceful home they have discovered ready for them, yet they both realize that this new life is taking a very serious turn, and when they think of the disappointment of yesterday and the really honest efforts which they had put forth to undo a little of their past, though they do not discuss it, they are both wondering what the outcome of the day ahead of them will be, and neither seem to be over confident of his ability to better things.

Thought In Action

Finally, "Hap" breaks the silence by saying, "Well, if you were to ask me, what next my friend, I think I would be apt to reply nothing." We seem to have both drawn a blank, meaning replies "X" we'd best remain here until some one calls or something turns up. Yes that's about the sum of the matter. Wonder how we can make a call for "Willing Helper?" As "X" glances out he exclaims, "We won't have to wait long for here is "Willing Helper" with two strangers—a man and woman, who look familiar to me tho' I cannot place them."

By the expression on the face (Continued on Page 11, Col. 1)

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SPIRIT HOMES

(Continued from Page 10, Col. 5)

of "Willing Helper," they did not find it hard to guess that they were the bearers of good news. We were just speaking of you, "Willing Helper" and wondering how best to reach you, and had not figured out a way as yet said "X." But you did, said "Willing Helper."

I will explain when once you have made friendly contact here in Spirit, especially when both are agreed and declared their willingness to help each other, the only communication necessary is to express the desire and behold it is granted, and as I knew your need and desire for immediate action. I and these dear friends that I had hoped you, friend "X" might be able to recognize as your own old friend and neighbor.

"Hap" Experiments

In fact this good man wishes to be appointed as an assistant in helping you and your friends to become adjusted to this life of Spirit, and when he and his good wife make themselves known to you, I am sure you will be enlightened. He tells me that in days gone by, that you as an old friend and neighbor, gave him many a lift when the load was too heavy to carry alone, therefore, as an old friend and neighbor, he will be delighted to aid you in any and every way possible.

Whereupon, friend "X" exclaims, as he grasps the hands of both: "It's my dear old friend Sam and his wife Mollie." Well this is wonderful. Is your home near? How glad I am to see you and to be able once more to live near you. I feel as if I could shout for joy—am more than grateful for your help.

Where upon, "Hap" seems lifted out of the dark mood that seemingly covered him, since yesterday's attempt to reach earth's people and adds his words of approval, and there is a general feeling of better things ahead.

As all is in readiness, they prepare to start upon their day's investigation. In making this effort, they are once more reminded of the necessity of pausing to lift their hearts and minds to the power of Infinite Good, and as "Willing Helper" invokes that power, suddenly the room is filled with a beautiful light, and as they stand with hands clasped, strains of Celestial music floats downward; risen Spirits singing a triumphant song which seems to dispel the last doubt from the minds of our friends, so recently released from earth's bondage and uncertainty, and great is their joy as they behold three radiant figures in the midst of this radiant light—the parents of "Hap" and sister of "X."

Good Returns Ten-fold

We long ago learned that our Spirit friends do not come in answer to every whim and fancy of mortals, nor do they spend their time as some mortals do, in making social calls, and no matter how close the ties, the calls most likely to be answered is where and when assistance is truly needed, therefore, we make no mistake when we term them messengers of God or Good.

We now know these three, the parents of "Hap" and sister of "X" having heard of the adventure of yesterday, come to lend their help to these their own kindred and such helpfulness will

never die or in any way be lost.

Nay: beloved mortals, who may read this article, it is something that is a part of Infinite life, the good may perhaps sometimes be stifled, but always survives and goes forward, and we might add—"Like bread cast upon the water returns ten fold." We look forward to that glorious time when we will see all people of this, the earth and all of the zones surrounding our planet, making use of the teachings of true Spiritualism and thereby banishing war and rumors of war with all the evils they bring.

Always Willing To Help

Some have followed in the paths that lead only to confusion of mind, thereby creating for themselves much unhappiness. While there is always an angel of love and wisdom that leads them back to security, the wounds they inflict upon themselves, are long in healing, therefore, when once we have discovered the law of the Spirit which is "service exchanged for service" and make use of that law while still upon earth, we will find the way much plainer and greater heights climbed, with less effort in any zone of the universe of God or Infinite Intelligence.

Angels are eagerly waiting to give their aid. They come now to these friends whose story we are endeavoring to transcribe, and give the answer to the prayer of "Willing Helper," the wise counselor of our little band.

Look upon the two Pilgrims, so recently released from the shackles that bound them to earth. Although they had no preconceived ideas of life beyond the grave, yet by listening to those who were sent to guide and council them, accepting the wisdom of instruction given to them, willing to use the disappointments of yesterday, as a lesson for today.

Work Out Salvation

Therefore, we find them in the company of the parents of "Hap" and sister of "X," also his old neighbors, under the safe guidance of "Willing Helper," to whom they willingly listen, as he explains his plans for the day.

"You see my friends, there are not so many difficulties in doing a day's work if you are furnished the proper instruments or tools to work with. This being a truth you will find useful on both sides of life. Infinite Intelligence has indeed shown us that there are mortals who in ancient times were called Prophets, but now are known as Mediums."

I am now taking you to a place where you will be enabled by the help of certain mortals, to make your presence known to your friends and kindred upon earth. I have therefore, endeavored to call together as many of said kindred and friends who have had

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experiences similar to yours of yesterday and are as anxious as yourselves to help in your progression.

We who have been for some time in Spirit have learned, that the greater the number of well directed minds, the greater the strength. Therefore, we gladly unite with you in this your desire to create a happy atmosphere through unity of thought and give you the opportunity . . . at least to commune with friends and family, and at the end of this day, you will rejoice with us, that when you meet these good people, who have consecrated their lives to this, the reality concerning life in Spirit and delivering the truth to a weary and soul starved world who have too long fed upon the husks of ancient theology, you will I am sure consecrate yourselves to the task of making all earth's children realize the truth—"If a man dies he lives again" and also, "He not only may, but must work out his own salvation."

Preaches Ill-advised

As our friends start forth with hearts and minds uplifted by these words of wisdom, their leader "Willing Helper" improving the time by discoursing on various topics. He begins in this manner, by saying, "I've no doubt you have all heard as you journeyed through life upon earth, that journey likened to a desert which all must cross before it is possible to reach the happier state they have long termed paradise or Heaven, yet while I agree, it is a very good illustration.

Why knowing the truth or thinking they have the whole truth, do they not as preachers of or shepherds of their flock, supply themselves with the equipment and most necessary commodity which we all realize is water. Only a person who had been bereft of his senses, would attempt to cross the desert alone without water or only a limited supply.

This I think may be the reason why the people of the desert learned to travel in caravans or large crowds, well equipped with the life giving elements, food and water, sufficient for himself and others, also in case they by some leakage or other misfortune lose their supply.

"Hap's" First Contact

That is a good reason for the doctrine of Unity or united effort, either in deserts of earth or any other zone where there's life and as the desert of which we speak is a symbol—so also is the water, and we know and accept the teachings of those prophets of old, who left us the message of love, peace and good will.

That is why I think we should (and I am still using the symbol Water) endeavor to make our containers of the best material possible . . . I have discovered that for myself and I freely pass it on to you my friends—Love, peace and good-will towards all of God's children, even tho' some seem to have gone far upon the path of indiscretion, which always leads to confusion and suffering, yet they will understand finally, if we as faithful shepherds remember our own short-comings and give all the help we are able, ministering to their needs, both in the flesh and spirit—you so recently arrived into our midst, are

at the present, our chief concern.

Also many and varied enquiries are constantly pouring in from every corner of the earth, and the improver receiving stations (if we may ourselves coin the title) are so few, that we feel justified in suggesting that there needs to be a thorough investigation of all the so-called religions of the earth and adjoining zones, in order that a new Heaven may be constructed there-from, and this undoubtedly will be accomplished in time—yes in time.

Where we are taking you today my friends, is a Mediator or Medium, whom we have tested and tried—who gives truth or is silent. If truth should not be told, as we all know there are times like that," so saying "Willing Helper" ceases speaking. As they have now reached the door of a little church in the town where dwell the family of "X" and also the benefactor of "Hap." E're long the leader of the group opens the meeting, by announcing the number 75 Hymn "By and By."

Church Message Service

While this beautiful hymn is being sung, a great calm seems to fall upon the congregation, as if a choir of heavenly beings had entered the hall and joined in the singing of the Hymn. Next a beautiful invocation was given, followed by another hymn number 3 "We'll Never Part Again," and as our small group stand with bowed heads and clasped hands, they feel that they have indeed been blessed and benefited and that beings from spheres far beyond their own have given the blessing. Renewed courage and hope is given to them as well as a better understanding of life, both on earth and spirit planes as the meeting continues with a short yet beautiful and instructive address, given by the Pastor.

As we are here in behalf of "Hap" and "X," we will make it clear that their reaction is our chief interest. "X" looks anxiously over the audience and finally his eyes behold his dear wife and children. Now the messages come pouring in, create a vibration of great joy, as he is permitted to address his wife and children thru the voice of the Medium.

Spirits Not Idle

Now let us return to our friend Happy. You will remember his great disappointment, when he seemingly failed to rectify and clear his conscience by trying to do the work which he had given his word to do in payment for food and lodging.

Therefore, when he finally observed the good lady who so kindly gave him food and lodging, his joy was real and boundless. Then the Medium related the story we have already related in this article of his early morning ride, which proved to be his last ride and true to his sincere and friendly nature, he expressed a desire to be forgiven, and assured

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her he was willing to make amends in any way possible.

Dear friends of earth, all who may read this account of "Builders and Adventures in The Spirit World" we ask of you this Question? "Are our friends who have crossed the border line idle?" I am sure—yes very sure, the answer should be a most emphatic No. There is always a way for us to redeem the past—of wasted days and lost opportunities.

By making the most of the present and if this the story of our friends will give light to any mortal or Spirit, I shall feel that I am fully repaid and that it is worth the effort and that in a small measure some of the time I myself have wasted, is at least partly redeemed, by sharing with you this account of our three friends.

Spirit's Real Joy

Now, we will return to our friend "D." When we last met him, he was in the care of loving friends and kindred. In order to meet him, we must return to the mountain home of Happy.

As they return from their recent journey across the border, they find him already there—but not the same sad lad they had once known, but happiness seemed to radiate from him, and as they relate their own happy experience, it surely was a time of great rejoicing, and as they once more pledge themselves to helping each other and doing whatever good they can in every way possible, we leave them for the present at least. We feel sure that when we meet them again and their neighbors and kindred in that happier sphere, they will still be climbing up—never falling back.

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By
R. G. Pressing
The pictures on this page tell the story. Exhibit No. 3 is a reproduction of a spirit picture taken by J. EDWARD at CAMP SILVER BELLE, Ephrata, Pa., last July. This picture was taken under strict test conditions. The editors of *Psychic Observer* supervised the committees in charge of the films and the development of the negatives.

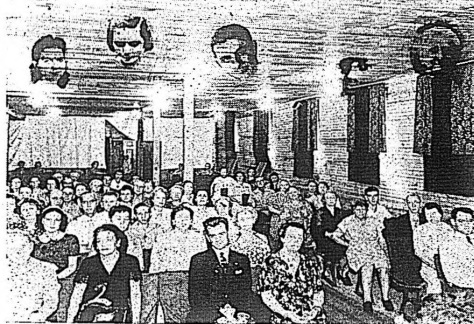
During an afternoon service, at which time this picture (No. 3) was taken, several hundred persons were in attendance. The picture shows the audience assembled in Silver Belle's auditorium. The medium, J. Edward, delivered a short address . . . stressing the "seems" of psychic photography and then took three pictures; No. 3 on this page being one of the three. Shortly after, the picture was developed and two persons were recognized positively (i.e.) Grace S. Kieb. 318 Broadway, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, recognized her son, Ensign Norman H. Kieb, Jr. (see No. 1) who was lost in an airplane accident abroad the U.S.S. *Wasp* in 1942. For identification, Mrs. Kieb produced her son's U. S. Navy Aviation Cadet picture, (No. 2) taken at Jacksonville, Florida the year before his passing.

HERE'S THE PROOF! Be Your Own Judge

- 1 Enlarged Spirit Picture of Kieb 2 Earth Picture of Kieb See Exhibit No. 1 3 Below Is a Reproduction of the Original Spirit picture Taken by J. Edward at Camp Silver Belle 4 Earth Picture of Helen Dunkle



ENSIGN NORMAN H. KIEB, JR.



See upper left center picture of Helen Dunkle; upper right, center, Kieb spirit picture



Grace Kieb tells her own story about this demonstration: "During a seance with Ethel-Post Parrish, my son told me that he would try to manifest in one of the pictures . . . try to wear his white uniform but was not sure and could not promise so much . . . that at least he would try to make

his face show . . . certainly his eyes and as much more as possible. When picture No. 3 was developed, it had just what Norman said he would try to get . . . his eyes, nose and mouth, with the visor of his cap partially outlined."

spiration which Spiritualism has brought to me, not only with the phenomena of spirit communication through both mental and physical mediums but with the wonderful philosophy and understanding of its truth and love."

No More Doubt

In a letter to the editor of *Psychic Observer*, Mrs. Kieb says: "I had not been interested in Spiritualism until about three months after Norman's transition, when he came through so evidently in a church service at Asbury Park, New Jersey. I never had the slightest doubt after that . . . only wish that all parents and everyone could have the comfort which has been mine ever since. I am studying with the hope that I, too, may be instrumental in helping others to receive all the benefits and in-

Positive Identification

In regards to the other spirit picture recognized in exhibit No. 3, another letter to *Psychic Observer* tells the story. The letter is from Elmer F. Dunkle, Daubersville, Berks County, Pa. It reads: As I promised to do, I am enclosing a snapshot of my wife, Helen M. Dunkle (No. 4) which was taken just a short time before she passed to spirit. As you know her face appeared (see No. 3, upper right center) on the group auditorium picture taken by J. Edward at Camp Silver Belle on that memorable afternoon. The next day, her face again appeared . . . once on a group picture and once on a private picture taken by Mr. Edward of myself alone (a total of three times) hope this picture will serve as positive identification

so that your readers will know that our dear ones can, under certain conditions, prove that they still live and never lose their identities."

And now the story has been told, except that some may wonder why the other three spirit pictures on No. 3 were not recognized. All three have, but an earth picture for identification, has not as yet been submitted for comparison.

About the "Seems"

In any case, according to Mr. Edward, that is one of the "Seems" of spirit photography. No one can tell why a spirit would take the trouble to manifest if they did not think that some one present would recognize them and make an effort to prove their claim. It would "seem" quite a simple matter for most anyone in spirit to manifest in this way . . . since some "seem" to have no difficulty. Another 100 years of research in this field may bring the answer to all of these "seems" but I am afraid we'll have to, at least during this era, be satisfied with spirit manifestations as they are and thank the Lord that we are blessed with so much.

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"The Message here given by Prince Juala Tamalelagi, whose name means 'The Path of Son of Heaven,' is the Torch that will light man's return to Mansions Divine. He speaks from the heart to the heart, and these words will etch themselves upon the soul's memory which is AWARENESS or Divinity Expressing.
"Prince Juala's Message of Loving Kindness is the clarion call of Spirit, offering man a complete way of emancipation from all limitation. It asks but to be used and applied. IT IS THE PATH OF HEAVEN!
"All who will open their hearts to these words will perceive therein the TRUTH that shall set them free! The veils will be torn asunder and man's vision restored!
"The seal of the Cosmos is placed upon the forehead of each conscious Son and Daughter of the Father, and that seal is known by LOVE alone! It is the mark of discipleship and service to LIGHT!
"In his journeyings throughout the world, the writer had but ONE magical word of entrance into the hearts of the people of all classes and creeds, and that word which touched all, is 'LOVING KINDNESS.' It is the synthesis of all scriptural keys given by every Teacher in every Age. With Jeremiah we behold the Lord drawing us into the Heart of Love.
"Now, as in ages past, humanity's needs have drawn a great Light into their midst. But only as they draw from that Light can Light be given. The impelling power of Love is the Winged Heart whose flight from darkness to illumination heralds LIGHT VICTORIOUS!
"The days of prophecy are past; the time of fulfillment is at hand. To Perceive the Universe with Loving Kindness is the bidding left by the Beloved Buddha; to Love one another was the One commandment given by the Beloved Christ; united now under One banner, it is carried forth into that glorious crusade—LIGHT FOREVERMORE UNENDING.
"Search not in the heavens for signs of His coming, but ever within the sanctum of the heart will the Light of Ages appear, for He is the Love of the Father, the Light that comes to all men of Good Will, and by this sign shall all men know, The Light of Ages LIVES!
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