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One of the Youngest



JACK BARRY

He is Spiritualism's Boy Orator—Still in "his teens," young Jack continues his lecture tours. He is now fulfilling a three week engagement in Philadelphia, Pa., serving the First Association of Spiritualists, Masten and Carlisle St., during the absence of its pastor, Rev. Mamie B. Schulz.

Read Barry's article, "Are You a Spiritualist?" on page 2.

WHY WE PRINT "SENSATIONAL" ARTICLES: Just as long as the psychic researchers, the general public, and some of the "Spiritualists" continue to think that the catalogued evidence for "Our Case" is not sufficient, PSYCHIC OBSERVER intends to pile up the facts. True—there are thousands of records made by tried and true individuals but too few seem to take the trouble to read them. Remember, The TRUTH of SURVIVAL is sensational news to most people. "The Sensational" cannot be sensationalized. TRUTH WILL TRIUMPH.

"I SWEAR I SAW THIS HAPPEN"

Says Bernard Gray

THIS IS WHAT HE SAW

WHAT IS YOUR VERDICT NOW?

London Writer Declares He Saw Evidential Phenomena

I bound him to his chair, hand and foot, with knots and double knots which a sailor once taught me.

Just to make sure he couldn't wriggle out and back without my knowing it, I tied lengths of household cotton from the ropes to the chair legs. And I sewed up the front of his jacket with stout thread.

So began my second investigation into the mysteries of spiritualism.

The man I had trussed up was Jack Webber, formerly a Welsh miner. He's now a medium—a man for whom such remarkable claims are made that I selected him for my first test.

Through him, I was told, are performed some of the most astonishing miracles of spirit power, physical demonstrations intended to prove the reality of life after death.

Things began to happen im-

"I, Bernard Gray, of 27, Barn Rise, Wembley Park, in the County of Middlesex, Journalist, make oath and say as follows:

"1. That my description of the incidents enumerated in the Article written by me heretofore annexed and marked 'B. G.' to appear in the issue of the 'Sunday Pictorial' of the twenty-eighth day of May one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine under the heading of 'I Swear I Saw This Happen' is true.

"2. I further make oath and say that the incidents so described in such Article did occur in my presence."

This oath was sworn before a solicitor yesterday.

By Bernard Gray.

This is a reprint of Mr. Gray's oath—published with this article in the London Sunday Pictorial.

mediately. They went on happening with remarkable rapidity, with startling variety for ninety minutes.

But I do not want to recount them in order. For I want to describe first two astonishing happenings which made the rest seem small in contrast. Happenings which I, personally, can only compare with the miracles of the New Testament.

There was an appearance, in mid-air, so to speak, of a perfect human face.

I am sitting, remember, only one removed from the medium. An hour of the seance has gone by. The early tenseness, the trace of excitement, which perhaps affected me at the start has disappeared.

I am my normal, cool and vigilant self—alert for any sign of deception, accustomed to the eerie glimmer of light we get from the red bulb near the ceiling.

In the corner, so near I can touch him, the medium is breathing heavily, gulping occasionally, moaning uneasily at times, like a man with a nightmare.

Suddenly he gurgles alarmingly, as if making some still greater effort.

I see a Face in the Darkness!

Before me rises a kind of tablet, rather like a slate, and from the upper surface it sheds a luminous white light.

I watch it intently, not in the least perturbed. I saw it in its normal state before the seance started. An ordinary piece of four-ply wood, about a foot long and nine inches wide.

Now it hovers in front of the medium's face, its soft radiance lighting his features so clearly I

THE FACE OF A WOMAN APPEARING IN MID-AIR

A MAN, TRUSSED IN A CHAIR—LOSING HIS COAT

can see the closed eyes and the twitching lips.

It moves gently down to his hands and I see quite clearly that the arms are still bound to the chair.

"It's showing you the medium to convince you he's still in the same position," Mr. Edwards explains, in a normal tone. "Ah, you're really going to see something now!"

The glowing tablet has moved over to me. It hangs motionless so close to my face I feel that if I breathe hard I shall blow it away.

"Watch!" says Mr. Edwards, giving my hand a squeeze.

Then above the tablet I begin to see something white, emerging from the darkness. Almost invisible at first, it grows stronger every moment, like a motor car head lamp advancing through fog; until I can clearly see it as a diaphanous eclipse, standing on its end, as it were, on the tablet.

"Ectoplasm," says Mr. Edwards. "Watch closely in the center of it!"

No need to tell me. My eyes are glued on it, though, I want to emphasize, I'm still cool and unemotional.

Now, framed in his luminous halo, I can perceive dimly what appear to be features. They are becoming clearer, easier to trace. There's the nose, and yes—the mouth. The eyes, and my God! The eyelids are moving.

The tablet moves still closer. The eyes soft and natural, are looking directly into mine. I jerk myself back to a detached, inquisitive state of mind, examine the thing in front of me closely and searchingly.

It's not like the pictures of spirit faces many of us have seen in Spiritualist papers. It's not white and unearthly, like the frame in which it is set. Rather it is a human face—but softer, finer and somehow different.

I can trace the cheek bones fading back from the eyes, the lips, they are quite clear. The chin, rounded and delicate, is silhouetted against the lower rim of the halo.

I recognize it suddenly as the face of a very old lady. Just a lovely miniature—for it is much smaller, now I come to think, than the face of any human adult.

"Try and speak to us," Mr. Edwards, encouragingly.

I am watching the lips. They part a little, move with an effort.

There's a whisper. What is she saying? Who is she speaking to? Yes—I've got it.

"My boy, my boy," whispers a woman's voice, in the tone of a wealth of love, or maybe compassion.

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One of the Oldest

SIR OLIVER LODGE
In His 88th Year

Congratulations to Sir Oliver Lodge, who celebrated his 88th birthday last month (June 1th), at his beautiful country home, near Salisbury, England.

Sir Oliver spends his time very quietly now, reading, writing, thinking, and surveying his garden. Sir Oliver's surviving relatives were all assembled at Northampton House for a quiet birthday party, with the usual cake and candles. Though naturally feeble in body, Sir Oliver enjoys fairly good health, while his mentality is keen and alert. There is no doubt that his close association with the spirit world, and the deep tranquillity which comes from his conviction of the eternal nature of life, helps him very much in maintaining cheerfulness and mental balance. Sir Oliver is absolutely convinced that he will some time be able to give the world absolute proof of his own survival after death, which we hope may be postponed for a while yet. He has deposited with the Society for Psychical Research a sealed envelope containing a test message which is known only to himself. It is so ingeniously arranged that its revelation by a medium must, in his opinion, constitute definite proof of his existence in another world.

Sir Oliver's contact with psychic phenomena dates back more than sixty years, when he was brought into contact with the subject through one of his students at London University, Edmund Gurney. This led to a friendship with F. W. H. Myers, and Sir Oliver became so impressed with the sincerity and enthusiasm of these early explorers in psychical research that in the early 'eighties he himself began to devote serious attention to the subject.

He joined the Society for Psychical Research, contributed valuable papers to its journal and proceedings, and was its President during the years 1901, 190, and 1903.

He has investigated with many famous mediums and scores of lesser repute, with the result that he is able to say:

"I tell you with all the strength and conviction I can utter that we do persist, that people over there still take an interest in what is going on here, that they still help us, and know far more about things than we do, and are able

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WORLD WAR ANNIVERSARY

AUGUST 1st

The World War began August 1, 1914 and continued until the Armistice was signed November 11, 1918. America's casualties totaled 126,000 men "dead" and 234,000 wounded. The total cost of our part in the war is estimated at sixty billion dollars—this amount includes the defaulted war debts.

Since 500 B. C., the world has experienced 902 major wars. In 185 of these, France has been involved. Great Britain is next with 176; Russia 151 and Austria 131.

Records show that America has a war every generation. The Revolutionary War in 1775-81; thirty-one years later, the War of 1812-14; thirty-two years later, the Mexican War 1846-48; thirteen years later, the Civil War 1861-65; thirty-three years later, the Spanish War 1898; and nineteen years later, the World War, 1917-18.

Action and Reaction

Public and private wars are considered alike. When nations conflict, it is a decision to use force instead of thought. When man (or woman) enters into smaller and more private wars, there is no change in the principle involved. The Biblical law of action and reaction cannot be denied: "Whatsoever a man sow-

eth, that shall he also reap" and again, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." WHAT THE WORLD CAST OUT YESTERDAY, IS COMING BACK TODAY.

No More War

And so it is with PSYCHIC REVELATIONS—cast out, for a time, down through the years, BUT coming back stronger than ever. After all, there is nothing finer than true spirit communication in the form of encouraging prophecies from sources and entities whose integrity is unquestioned. These intelligent communicators continually bring us the message "THERE WILL BE NO MORE MAJOR WARS." "PEACE, PEACE, PEACE" . . . that is their "by-word." Never before has there been greater concentration on this one objective, PEACE. The unseen "Heavenly Hosts" cannot be denied—WILL not be denied . . .

PEACE BE WITH YOU
SO BE IT

William Geiger

The Editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER welcome letters of criticism and comment from the readers of this paper. Effective at once, this department will publish any letter or part of a letter, which, in our opinion, offers CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM. All submissions become the property of this paper. Address letters to: "IF I WERE EDITOR," Box 92, Lily Dale, N. Y.

I SWEAR I SAW This HAPPEN

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ture into Spiritualism during my association with the "Sunday Pictorial." I want physical phenomena. Startling deeds, not words, as proof. Not testimonies of people claiming to be healed, not messages from the dead. Just material facts which a materially minded man like me can grasp.

I want final and complete conviction. That is more important to me than Hitler, the Axis or even the threat of war. And that is why I have asked the Editor to allow me -- for a while -- to leave politics, and go in search of Truth.

So we sat, fourteen of us, a cheerful, talkative group of very ordinary people, in a plainly furnished room at Balham, London.

There was a metropolitan policeman. A consulting engineer. A waiter. A postman. A foreman plumber. Several women of various ages. And next to me, between the medium and me, Mr. Harry Edwards, leader of the Balham Psychic Society. By trade a printer.

We all held hands loosely. Mr. Webber settled himself back as comfortably as my knots would allow, and out went the light, leaving only a red bulb gleaming dully through the darkness from the middle of the room.

"Who's she speaking to?" I ask, without taking my eyes off the face for a second.

"You," replies Edwards. "Speak to her!" "Who are you?" I ask gently.

"I am ----" she answers, and whispers a name I shall not repeat -- it is personal.

"I cannot stay," she goes on. "I just want you to see me. God bless you my boy."

I Grasp The Medium's Hand

The tablet and its burden move away. I can see it floating around our circle. Other sitters are exclaiming that they can see it, quite plainly, that it's wonderful.

I'm glad I'm not the only one who can see it.

The tablet returns to me. The features in the miniature are fading, like outlines yielding to the dusk of a summer evening. Now the halo is going to.

Only the tablet is left. Its gleam disappears with the suddenness of a light being extinguished. The tablet falls with a clatter at my feet.

"Lights on," says a voice instantly. There's the click of a switch. In less than five seconds the whole room is bathed in electric light. Everybody is in his or her place, holding hands.

The medium is bound just the same in his chair -- unconscious in his trance.

And at my feet is the bit of common four-ply wood.

The deep voice which comes from the medium's corner -- they call it the voice of Black Cloud, Webber's Indian spirit "Guide" -- says:

"I want the gentleman sitting

THESE SPIRITUALISTS TOUR INDIA



MRS. V. D. RISHI, Spiritualist medium, who always travels with her husband on his lecture tours. She conducts the seances for their Spiritualist followers and demonstrates her phase of mediumship--"MIRROR WRITING."

next to Mr. Edwards to hold the medium's right hand. I want the lady on the left of the medium to hold his left hand."

Edwards guides my hand over his knees to the hand of the medium. I feel my fingers seized in a powerful grasp. The pressure tightens till it hurts. I set my teeth and wait. The medium is moaning like a man in pain. I can feel a soft fabric rubbing against my wrist. "Can you feel his coat?" asks the deep voice in the corner.

"I can feel some kind of material on my wrist," I answer readily.

"I am dematerializing his coat and taking it off."

Now the coat is rubbing the other side of my wrist. Something drops to the floor with a light rustling impact.

"Lights on," says the voice sharply.

Simultaneously, it seems, somebody presses the switch.

The medium is in his shirt sleeves. He is no longer wearing his coat. Round his arms, over his shirt now, are the ropes, still fastened by my patent knots.

The thin strands of cotton from the ropes to the chair are unbroken.

On the floor the medium's jacket. Not a stitch holding the edges together broken. My twisted thread around the button just as I had left it.

"That is merely intended to prove to you that the spirit world exists and has power to dematerialize," says the deep voice in the corner, when the lights are off again. "Later I hope to replace the medium's coat."

Something was Pulling My Hair!

Half an hour later the lady on the other side and I are asked to hold Webber's hands a second time. Again the grip is firm enough to be painful.

A rustling. Cloth rubbing against my wrist again. Yes, and now the other side.

Lights. Webber is wearing his coat once more. Over and round each arm, the bonds. The cotton intact. The threat just as before

SEANCES HELD DAILY

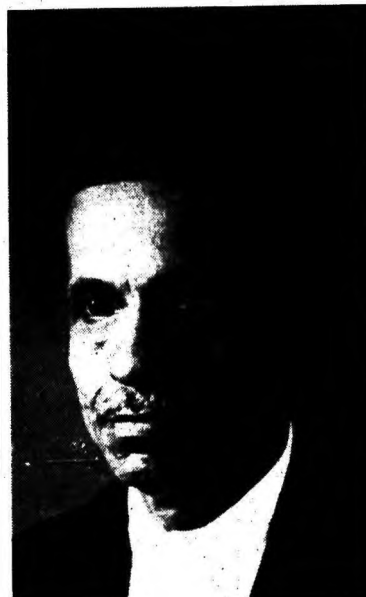
An interesting description of Spiritualist mission-work in India comes from Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Rishi, of Bombay:

"You will be interested to know that we are at present on tour for the furtherance of this knowledge. We had been to Bangalore, where we stayed for about three weeks. During the period five meetings were arranged by interested persons at different places in the city. Reports of the meetings appeared in local papers, which greatly helped the cause. Seances were held almost every day to demonstrate the truth of spirit-return, and excellent results were obtained through Mrs. Rishi's co-operation.

"From Bangalore we proceeded to Madras, but halted there only a few hours, as many persons in Calcutta were long expecting to meet us. Since our arrival the same program is being followed with a view to spread the knowledge. Last week two lectures were delivered in the Gita Society, which has a large number of religiously-minded members. The report of the meetings appeared in *Anurit Bazar Patrika*, which is the leading nationalist daily paper of Calcutta. Other leading papers also gave full publicity to our activities here.

"India is a country of vast distances and we have to travel thousands of miles for the propagation of the cause. The weather is very warm in these days and will continue to be so for some months more in north India. We expect to return to Bombay early in July after visiting Benares and Delhi."

"Light"



V. D. RISHI, lecturer and teacher, India's outstanding propagandist for Spiritualism. The American delegation, visiting the recent International Spiritualist Congress, Glasgow, Scotland, heard Mr. Rishi speak.

from me, rubbing her fingers. "And I felt the coat go through my wrist. Didn't you?"

Well, those two happenings, or miracles, call them what you like, take a bit of explaining away.

There were other things too. Heaps of them. "I can feel a hand on my head," said Mr. Edwards, casually, just as if it were quite a natural thing for a hand to emerge from nowhere.

"I can feel something on my head," I said a moment later, and gripped Edward's hand more tightly to make sure it hadn't been raised.

Something was pulling my hair pretty hard. I realized then with a sense of shock that the "something" was definitely fingers, yet rather different from human fingers. They felt sharper, more like claws, seemed almost metallic at the tips.

My neighbor chuckled.

"I know what they're doing," he said, highly amused.

The fingers pulled me firmly by the hair in Edward's direction, till my head was touching his. My hair was pulled and twisted about for fully a minute. "We're being tied together," said my neighbor laughing. "Can't you feel your hair being twisted with mine?"

We were tied together, too! We couldn't separate, and the seance was held up for a moment or two while the lights were put on so that we could be unravelled.

"A mischievous trick," said everybody else, laughing at our plight. Mischievous, all right. Inexplicable, too. I'll swear nobody moved before, during or after the knots were tied in our hair.

Frequently throughout the proceedings the luminous trumpets were shooting about the room three at a time, with the speed and accuracy of swallows in flight.

"I should like to be absolutely sure nobody is holding them," I said boldly, though I myself considered it impossible.

One of the trumpets shot straight at my head with the speed of an express train, pulled up sharp just as it touched my

temple, and I cringed expecting a knock-out blow.

That tin cone proceeded to run itself on my face and round my head, pressing first the broad end, then the narrow end, against my lips to prove it had no earthly connection at any point on its surface.

A bell which I'd seen on a table in a corner rose into the air and rang a rhythmic accompaniment to our singing. A pair of clappers, similar to those used by a dance-band drummer, floated about clacking merrily in time with the music.

In a powerful bass voice, which has been recorded on gramophone discs, "Reuben" led some of the singing. Toys in the room, illuminated by a strange incandescent glow, leapt from the table and sailed about near the ceiling.

A boy, I was told, plays with the toys, a boy who died some years ago.

As something moved off the table and began to dart about the room, Mr. Edwards explained that it was a doll.

"No, I'm not," said a clear, treble voice. "I'm a baby elephant!"

Whatever it was, it settled on my knee, and frolicked up and down my leg. I could feel it as well as see it glowing, like an outsize glow worm. It came to rest finally on my knee. And when the lights came on, I found that it was indeed a toy elephant, such as any child would use in play.

You see, therefore, it wasn't a gloomy gathering by any means. The strange pranks with the toys a clockwork engine wound itself up and ran itself down near the ceiling -- distinctly enlivened the proceedings.

All these little things, however, paled into insignificance beside a remarkable demonstration of furniture removing by unseen hands.

The heavy table in the corner, just behind me, rose straight up into the air, brushing my coat as it passed. It settled one leg lightly on my shoulder for a moment, was wafted right over to the other side of the room and descended to the floor with a distinct bang. I saw it in passage, because it was outlined against the red light.

And of course there were spirit messages for some of the sitters. I do not want to write about them. In this series of articles I am concerned more with incidents.

Well that is my testimony. I cannot explain anything I saw. But every word I have written is true. And although many of my friends will think I've gone crazy I say again: I SAW IT HAPPEN.

Queen City Park Spiritualist Association Now Open

Graham and Clark Featured.

The 59th Annual Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Queen City Park, South Burlington, Vt., opened July 16, according to William H. Ward, president.

Regular services will be held daily at 7:30 P. M., D.S.T., and Sunday, 2:30 and 7:30, up to and including July 30.

Helen G. Graham, Jamestown, N. Y. and Nellie H. B. Clark, Queen City Park will be the featured workers.

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WHY "THE CHURCH" IS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH MEDIUMSHIP

By J. ARTHUR FINDLAY

For the past two years I have been engaged in the most important literary work I have so far undertaken, and I hope to publish this book at an early date under the name of "The Psychic Stream." This volume will contain 1,200 pages of facts vitally important to the human race, and of intense interest to all thinking people.

I set out to discover how far back I could trace the belief in psychic phenomena. I have been to the British Museum and read many old works which helped me in my quest.

I have studied the translations of the Babylonian clay books, with writing on them which can be read as easily today as it was 4,000 years ago. I have studied all the standard works relating to the religious beliefs of the Egyptians as they are to be found written on the walls of their temples, coffins and monuments. I have read the sacred books of India and the writings of the Greeks. I have studied the discoveries of the anthropologists.

Primitive Beliefs

The first conclusion I reached is that at an early date man discovered that he was possessed of a spirit which survived death, and around this belief centered his religion. The most primitive form of religious belief relates to survival after death and the fact that the spirits of the dead visit mankind.

If this primitive form of belief had remained, and never been tampered with, everyone today would have realized his or her destiny in a way few now understand it. The weakness of human nature, however, spoiled nature's revelation. This is how it happened.

One cleverer than the rest, by cunning and fraud, imitated nature's medium and, as he could do this at will, he was able to impress simple minds with his magic. The magician was the first competitor with the medium. Out of the magician developed the priest and, from the earliest times to the present day, there has been bitter antagonism between the medium and the priest.

The priest has always destroyed the medium because he alone wanted to mystify the people; he alone wanted to be the intermediary between the gods and mankind. It was a profitable business as the people brought their offerings to him so that he would keep the gods in a good temper by his sacrifices.

The people gave to the gods the lives of human beings and animals because, being cannibals, they believed that the gods were likewise cannibals and ate the spirits of those who were sacrificed to them.

A time came, however, thousands of years ago, when one who was sacrificed on the altar by the priests returned, and was seen as an apparition.

This was believed to be a sign from the gods that they had given up eating human spirits and, in consequence, the one who re-

Writing New Book



J. Arthur Findlay, English Author, whose books—"On the Edge of the Etheric," "Rock of Truth," "Unfolding Universe" and "The Torch of Knowledge"—have brought thousands into Spiritualism. His No. 1 book, "On the Edge of the Etheric" has sold 50,000 copies and has been translated into 20 languages.

In all his books, Findlay has indicted Orthodoxy. His indictment has never been challenged.

turned came to be looked on as the saviour of his people. He had made it possible for man to survive death by changing the gods' diet of human spirits.

He was the first saviour-god and, from that time onwards, others became saviour-gods to other tribes and nations because they reappeared after death under similar circumstances. Thus, long before the time of Christianity, there was a vast theology dealing with the beliefs surrounding the saviour-gods.

When Jesus became a priestly victim 2,000 years ago this theology was wound round him. There is nothing new in Christianity except the name of the god, as everything that was believed about Jesus was believed about all the saviour-gods who went before him.

How did this theology develop? All the rites and ceremonies, dogmas and doctrines have come from psychic phenomena. The Eucharist developed out of a seance, and all the legends which became attached to the saviour-gods are the result of various phases of psychic phenomena or nature stories symbolized.

The priests, by ignoring mediumship, led the people down the wrong path into a maze of theology in which most religions today are lost. Theology is the mistaken speculations of the priests with regard to what is now known as psychic phenomena.

Essential Medium

If there had never been psychic phenomenon there would have never been any religion, there would have been no priests, no churches or temples or pagodas. The only revelation which has come to mankind has come through those we term mediums.

Do You Want To HELP!!

Send us the names and addresses of every person you think should be reading the PSYCHIC OBSERVER. We are in a position to send each a "Complimentary Copy."

The priests, by despising and destroying the medium, so that they themselves could thrive, have saddled humanity with creeds and dogmas which, in their origin, came from psychic phenomena. They have become unintelligible to intelligent men and women because they are now so far removed from their source of origin.

Those who adopt Spiritualism, and do not adorn it with the mistaken ideas surrounding Christianity, Judaism or any other priestly religion, have, as their religious beliefs, something more closely allied to natural law and the truth than anything else which comes within the sphere of religion.

If the Christian told the truth he would say that his ancestors, who gave him his beliefs, were too ignorant and too stupid to think for themselves, and employed priests to do it for them. These priests put themselves in the place of the natural medium and, by cunning and fraud, produced religious beliefs based on natural psychic phenomena as interpreted by them.

History Repeats Itself

This has happened time and time again in world religious history. All that had gone before just took place once more in the first three Christian centuries when the priest, who was abolished by the death of Jesus, captured the Church organization and became supreme.

Up till the fourth century mediums were employed in the Christian church and called "the oracles of God." When the priests got control they were exterminated because he told the people that they were the servants of the Devil, and that the priests were the only revealers of God and the other world.

The truth of how, by cunning and deception, the priest has misled the people down the ages will some day become known. When light is shed into the darkness of ignorance, it will be realized how the simple beliefs surrounding Spiritualism, which are the outcome of nature's own revelation, have been twisted and turned into dogmas and doctrines, creeds, rites and ceremonies.

This is what my new book will tell the world, and make plain how much humanity has lost through following the lead of the priest-magician instead of the natural medium.

"Psyche News."

You Can Find

The address of a Spiritualist Church or Society in your vicinity by looking in the Church Announcements detailed on Page 8.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Delay in construction has necessitated the change of program at the Oklahoma State Spiritualist Camp.

The summer season reported in PSYCHIC OBSERVER, (July 10th issue) to start July 9 and end July 23, has been changed. The season, according to E. L. Reynolds, president, will begin August 27 and end September 10. All meetings and services will be held at Highland Park, Guthrie, Okla.

"THE LAW" IS JUST

By JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

Lot's wife was turned to a pillar of salt when she looked back so it is with us today. We atrophy, we fail to progress either spiritually or materially. There is more valuable time wasted by the average person in looking backward than in any other way.

To tell you to face forward to live today is not enough. Let's use a timely illustration. If I start walking eastward backward, I'll travel very slowly, probably fall into ruts, miss all the scenery which beckons me on my way. If I am obliged to reach a certain destination at a given time, I cannot retrace my course, but if I face forward, watching carefully all that I pass, I'll not have regrets that I failed to see just what was on the road.

How foolish would be such a course. So it is to look back into the past, wish I had done this or that. The only way that we can erase vain regrets from memory is to busy ourselves in the present. Let us begin being kind, generous and thoughtful each hour of each day.

Let Go! — Let God!

Life is a great adventure when we let go and let God and the spirit people guide and direct us in all our ways.

Let us be thankful for all the experiences that come into our lives.

Even the unpleasant occurrences are interesting when we begin to live close to the heart of God. We know that when we earnestly relinquish all thought of self, all that comes to us is good.

When a loss or sorrow comes to us, let us strive to follow the teachings that we repeat at the opening of all our meetings, the 4th part of the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Will Be Done." The spirit will reveal to you the lesson that you are to learn, and ever remember that strong soul muscles come through exercise. After we learn a certain lesson, it will not be repeated. And, too, if we let spirit handle the affair we will be led into brighter paths.

I had a most severe lesson one time. I prayed and meditated night and day over a period of 10 days, finally, worn out, in humility I finally said, meaning it, "I cannot handle this, not my will but Thine be done."

Each Must Learn

After this renunciation I felt peaceful, calm. Each of us has his own cross to bear.

It is difficult to see the good in many conditions that come to us, but I can promise you that God and spirit will show you the way. I always try to follow this course of reasoning. "If this problem is mine, I must learn a lesson. I do not know what I've done, but dear spirit people, help me." If it is a case where someone else seemingly mistreats me, I first question myself "what have I done to attract this action?" If after meditation no reason is shown me, I simply release the matter and ask God to help that person into the light of higher understanding.

In traveling along the path, I have learned through experience a number of laws that work. I am happy to be able to share some of my lessons with all who may read.

Try some of these "recipes." To really establish a truth you must prove it. God's laws are accurate and true. If we fail to obtain the correct solution, let us look to ourselves—the law is just.



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ARE YOU A SPIRITUALIST?

By REV. JACK BARRY, D.D.
(Picture on Page 1)

Are you a Spiritualist? Did you ever ask yourself that question? It might be interesting to ask yourself that question. I mean a true and sincere spiritual individual. If you are, you should remember first of all to conduct yourself as one who is a credit to the movement. By your actions, build and do not destroy. At all times be willing to help your fellowman.

Bring the spirit of good will to the world. This is the way to live your religion in your every day life.

Next, be loyal to the philosophy of the occult, and stand up and defend your glorious truth. Be elated that you have found the light. Other denominations teach that man lives again. They do not, however, prove it.

We teach that man never dies; that life is everlasting. We prove it by the communication of the spirit. The knowledge of eternal life should make humanity extremely happy, when we come to the realization that the false dogmas of the past have now been abolished, that the creeds of yesterday are no more, and that the dawn of a new day has arrived.

It is indeed something to be thankful for. To know that man is free from ignorance and stupidity, that wisdom and truth have now taken their rightful place in human society, is to understand the laws of God—the laws of a spirit. May I emphasize the necessity of unity within our ranks. Work together in brotherly love. When we do that, we have found the spirit of all that is good. Let us work for more spiritual ideals. By so doing, we will achieve the goal of our highest aspirations.



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WHY ARE SO MANY SPIRIT GUIDES RED INDIANS?

"Perhaps one of the queerest facts which the newcomer into Spiritualism meets is the frequency with which there appear from the spirit side of life members of a race of people which had not been thought about since childhood's adventurous imaginations." So writes Frederic Harding, the Philadelphia Spiritualist, in a pamphlet "Why Red Indians Are Spirit Guides."* Following are extracts from the pamphlet.

One of the chief characteristics of this race of people, all alone with a whole continent to themselves, was their great love for their land and all it contained. They loved its superb scenic beauty.

They were content with its frugal but sufficient bounty of food, clothing and shelter, which they had to win for themselves in constant struggle, making them keen, alert and active.

They loved their chance to be alive and thought it a blessing from the Almighty Creative Power which they spoke of among themselves as "The Great Spirit."

Until the white conquerors and missionaries arrived, the Red People never thought of God made as a Man who sat on a throne in some far-off Heaven. They regarded in Infinite as a Power with an intelligence whose might extended everywhere into all things.

God Was Unity

They had no creeds nor clergy, no mythological system of deities. They worshipped one God. And they called this Power that thought life into all living things, "Manitou" or in their tongue, "The Great Spirit."

God, to them, was Unity.

God could not be divided — not into three parts nor into any other number.

The revelations to the Indians through their mediumistic "Medicine Men" agreed with ours of today through our mediums, for they believed that to the brave and worthy God proved in the hereafter to be Love.

The Red Men in spirit have the responsible duty of acting as pickets or guardians of the integrity of lines of communication, once such are opened between the two worlds. Why?

Loyal to Trust

Because in all the history of the Red Man, despite false slanders, he was, before the white man tricked and corrupted him, the most loyal person to his trust.

This trait of loyalty is recognized by the spirit world and honor is done the Indian accordingly.

We white people did not treat the Indians very well. We broke faith with them, taught them evil ways and took their possessions. We now live on that land which they used to love. They have forgiven us for what we did to them or to their descendants.

Among us, they find individuals who attract them, who give their spirits congenial outlets. They attach themselves to these individuals, to guide and to protect and to strengthen them during their terms of earth-life.

So we get some idea why the Indians from the spirit side of life like to enter into mediumistic manifestations and why they like to join bands of guides.

It was the white man's greed, his abuse of the earliest trust of the native, his false trading, his loose moral code, his inconsistent religious life, and above all, his "fire water," which gradually and inevitably corrupted, embittered and ruined the spiritual life of the Red People.

Spoiled by Invaders

Of the countless thousands of free men and women, worshippers of the Great Spirit, who were here before those tiny ships of Columbus arrived, there remain today but a few thousand of survivors.

They have little left of the spiritual legacy which should be theirs, from those ancestors so close to Nature. We should not judge the soul of the Indian, the spirits we

ON VACATION



FREDERIC HARDING, Lecturer and Author, who, with his wife, Florence Harding, is on a cruise visiting California, Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico.

The Hardings left New York City July 6th. They will return September 3rd.

Now through mediumship, by these relics of a formerly great race of mankind.

No, we must look back at the original natives as they were before their invaders spoiled them.

When the Red People lived alone in America, they had some beautifully poetic ideas about what the Great Spirit wanted them to do with their earth-lives and what awaited them after leaving their earthly bodies.

Temperate People

They were, originally, generous, fair-dealing and spiritually humble. They lived the great maxim of Andrew Jackson Davis, "to hold an even mind under all circumstances."

Especially were they silent. One of their wise men declared that the fruits of silence were "self-control, true courage and endurance, patience, dignity and reverence."

In eating and in all bodily indulgence, they were temperate. They used a great amount of hard exercise, especially at running and swimming.

They held a high regard for personal honor and for cleanliness of life and ideals and for unflinching bravery. Even after familiarity with the loose and deceitful ways of white pioneers had spoiled their standards, these traits lasted.

They used to hold annual ceremonies of a somewhat religious nature to impress upon the young men and women their obligation to their personal honor.

They felt deeply that material possessions held a menace to their prized freedom and to their spiritual ideals. So they gave away everything they gained or won until there remained only such things as they couldn't do without.

Indian Ideals

Among the Red People, mean selfish individuals were despised and were held up as bad examples to the children. Those rare members of their tribes who wanted to spend their lives in one spot of ground, farming and collecting domesticated animals, were regarded with contempt by the true Indian.

To the orphans and the aged, the whole tribe would be kind. Although a reputation for bravery in fighting would be eagerly sought, that same mighty warrior, when at home with his squaw and children and old parents, was gentle as he smoked his pipe by his wigwam.

As they never locked up anything, having neither doors nor windows, nor strong-boxes, a proven thief was among them an object of life-long scorn.

As children, the boys and girls were taught that their relationship with Manitou was strictly individual. All their lives, they carried out this idea. The Indian

nearly always worshipped alone, usually at sunrise or sunset.

Allegiance to Great Spirit

Apart from very rare occasions of ceremony, they did not worship in groups. The Red Man went to Manitou in solitude, because he recognized that the binding of his own spirit to the Great Spirit was a thing with which no one else had anything to do.

He knew that he needed no spiritual intercessor with his God. He needed no human mediator to plead for him. He and Manitou were always face to face.

In this, he was aware of a great truth. Those white missionaries who, later on, called him "infidel" and "heathen," did not know this great truth that he knew.

Among the Red People, no one meddled with another's religious life. They respected the intimacy of each man and woman with the Great Spirit. Among all their many tribes and in all the wars into which their daring natures lead them, the Indians never fought over religion.

With a pitiful contrast to this fact is shown by the history of European races with their cruel struggles over creeds!

The Red Man had no temples nor shrines nor sanctuaries. Wherever he was, that place was where God was. The Great Spirit was ever near at hand, in all things at all times. Among them, nobody ever preached God, but nobody ever denied God.

Tuning In With God

When the Red Man lifted up his lean bronzed arms to the rising sun, his rugged head thrown back, his keen eyes welcoming again the glow of day, a few muttered words of invocation coming spontaneously to his lips, he was tuning in closely with the Infinite.

When he studied hour after hour the ways and habits of every living thing, animal, bird, reptile, fish, and insect, until he knew them all better than has done any other race of men in history, he was mentally vibrating as close to Mother Nature as it is possible for humanity to bring itself.

When he learned by patient search, all about the trees and bushes and flowers and more especially about those barks and herbs and roots which drove away sickness and were good for burns and sprains, he developed a lore of medicine.

Varied Phenomena

This lore his healers were able



SILVER BIRCH, spirit guide of the Hennen Swaffer "Home Circle," London, England. His teachings and prophecies are regularly published in **PSYCHIC NEWS** — reaching readers in all parts of the world.

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to make stronger by their spiritual mediumship and by the co-operation of the spirit healing forces, or there were a great variety of wonderfully developed mediums among the Red People.

The mental phases, especially prophecy, were common and often amazingly true. The physical phases were powerful and proved how the Great Spirit was in everything.

For the collection and condensation of the ectoplasmic discharge needed for levitation and for direct voice and for materialisation there couldn't be imagined a better cabinet than was made by a wigwam with its narrow slit of an opening.

Is it any wonder that incarnate spirits who had lived such lives of intimacy with Nature's truths, when passing out of the flesh, should make such able helpers in spirit communication through mediumship?



WHITE EAGLE, spirit guide of Grace Cook — medium for the **WHITE EAGLE LODGE**, London, where headquarters are maintained for extensive "World Service" spiritual work.

White Eagle has expressed his desire to assist the officers of **PSYCHIC OBSERVER**, having communicated recently through the American medium, Frank A. Cency.

SIR OLIVER LODGE

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from time to time to communicate with us."

As long ago as 1902, during his presidential address before the Society for Psychical Research, Sir Oliver said: "If anyone cares to hear what sort of conviction has been borne in upon my own mind, as a scientific man, by some twenty years' familiarity with those questions which concern us, I am very willing to reply as frankly as I can. First, then, I am for all personal purposes convinced of the persistence of human existence beyond bodily death, and though I am unable to justify that belief in a full and complete manner, yet it is a belief which has been produced by scientific evidence; that is, it is based upon facts and experiences."

In his book, "Past Years," he says: "For myself, I do not believe that physics and psychics are entirely detached; I think there is a link between them; neither is complete without the other. Study of the material world alone may be a narrowing influence which leaves untouched the 'whole universe of discourse' apprehended



MOON TRAIL, whose oratory has been heard in America through the instrumentality of Horace S. Hambling who now conducts a center in London, "The Sanctuary of The New Day. Moon Trail's encouragement greatly assisted the actual launching of **PSYCHIC OBSERVER**.

by the artist, philosopher, and theologian.

"A spiritual world is the great reality, but we cannot all see it yet. Everything tends to show that this spiritual existence is immensely important and constitutes a unique opportunity of infinite possibilities for progress right ahead, and it behooves us to make the most of the present possibilities of earth-life."

Speaking to a news reporter on his birthday, Sir Oliver said:

"I feel I have done my work here and can now enjoy leisure and watching others while I am waiting to go on to the next life, where I am confident all our affections and love will be as on this earth, with freedom from material restrictions and scope to advance from whatever stage in development we had reached here."

"The Two Worlds"

CAMP MAYFLOWER KANSAS CITY, KAN.

A new Spiritualist organization, **CAMP MAYFLOWER**, opens July 16th and closes August 7th, according to Mabel Shaner, Secretary. The camp will be operated under an N. S. A. charter.

The camp is located on the Palmer-Shaner estate, ten miles west of Kansas City, Kansas.

This beautiful wooded vicinity, now dedicated to Spiritualism, has an interesting background. Less than a hundred years ago it was deeded by the Delaware Indians for the establishment of a mission. Strange as it may seem the land still retains much of its wild, rugged beauty. It is fitting that Spiritualists should encamp there. Meetings will continue two weeks.

The outstanding workers are: Rev. Bettie J. Palmer, Kansas City, Kansas; Rev. Mary Etta Sibley, Kansas City, Mo.; and Rev. Maude K. Gates, Wichita, are mediums; Dr. Vanzant Rowe of Pittsburgh is a well-known healer.

There will be three daily sessions consisting of song, lecture and demonstration of spirit power as well as a daily Lyceum lesson for the children.

Rev. Bettie J. Palmer is president of the organization. For further information, write Mrs. Mabel Shaner, 828 Ann Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

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YOUTH IN SPIRITUALISM

By BILLY R. HILL

Being one of the youngest certified mediums in Missouri, I would like to take this means of contacting YOUNG PEOPLE to investigate the truth of Spirit Return. I do hope that this brief article will cause them to look beyond the grave into the land of happiness.

When I was eight years old I had a desire to know more of the subject "Spiritualism," which was at that time quite condemned, especially in my city. The first thought I had was to go see Mother Sheridan, at that time Pastor of the East Joplin Spiritualist Church.

This meeting with her, was of course, secret. My family scoffed, "Bringing back the dead," they called. Mother Sheridan greeted me at her little home. She said, "My Son, I knew you would come to see me. I have been waiting."

I made repeated visits to her home after school. I remember the time Mother Sheridan took me to her reading room. She told me, "Be not afraid, there is nothing to fear." She must have sensed me shaking, not from fear, but joy and excitement which the vibrations of that room held. I told her that I had never had a dream or any messages. My guidance came through hunches and words I heard, but I did not know from whence they came.

She said, "My boy, you have nothing to be proud of; it will make you very happy. You are called to carry on the same type of work I have done for years."

At this time she gave way to spirit and the beautiful messages, that her guide delivered to me, shall never be forgotten.

I learned that I was gifted and could, one day, become an advisor. I would be called to travel and speak before fine groups of people and give help wherever needed. I was told that I would become Pastor of a Spiritualist Church and that I would find friends everywhere. This guidance started me out to progress in development and acquainted me with my spirit helpers.

I left the medium that day rejoicing. Now I understood the voices I have heard since a child, what they meant and from whence they came. I knew by life was just beginning. I continued to see my medium friend quite often. She helped me from the first day I saw her until the day she said I was ready to go forward and help others. Not long after this, some friends I had read for secretly came to my home. They told my Mother how, through my guides, I had solved many of their problems. Mother cried for she thought that this work was of the "devil," having been taught this belief from her childhood. But Mother did not stop me, I went on with my work.

Sixteen years have rolled by. The prophecies made by Mother Sheridan have come true. I am now said to be one of the youngest certified Spiritualist Mediums in Missouri. Callers from all parts of hte country visit me. I speak for the cause in many cities, and serve wherever I am needed.

Mother Sheridan passed away a few years ago. Her earthly body lies in a cemetery not far from the home she loved so well. BUT her spirit is not there. It is where it is most needed, serving others. She comes back to me often and I thank her for the KEY TO THE DOOR OF LIFE EVERLASTING.

Before closing this article I do want to tell you of one of my experiences. A few days before my Grandmother passed into spirit, she called me to her bedside. She said, "Billy, I never tried to advise you in life what to or not to do. I feel this is the work for you to do. If there really be a way back from death, I'll come and let you know."

Grandmother passed to spirit

Missouri's Youngest Message Bearer



BILLY R. HILL, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, Joplin, Missouri.

One night while in my arms, I saw a very religious dear soul, and her lips was a prayer for me to go on for her return. On the way to Grandmother's service, I have never seen it to this day. I prayed that the sun would shine. Grandmother loved to see me. I saw it in her face.

I had a vision of a grave, a light, a casket, all of a sudden I stopped. Sun broke out through a dark cloud and down in a ray of light just over the assembled group, I never saw a more beautiful sight. The rain drops looked like diamonds as they sparkled on the roses and sweet peas that covered her casket. I knew then and there about prayers being answered. The ray of light stayed till the service ended.

I did not take Grandmother long to return to me. One night I awoke to find her by my bed. She said, "Billy, my boy, go on with your work. There is a way back to you. God's way by Spirit." God bless her and all those spirit helpers for the happiness they gave me. If Youth will just investigate before they condemn, I am sure they will find my words true and possibly a help. It is a pleasure to teach and preach. "There is no death. There are no dead."

Yes, my sincere wish is that youth become interested in this work. They need it badly.

A FAMOUS BOOK REPRINTED

The Psychic Press, Ltd., London, England, have done a real service to Spiritualism by issuing a new well-printed edition of Florence Marryatt's famous book, *There Is No Death*. This is a book which every Spiritualist should read, for it contains an important part of what may be called the classic English evidence for the reality of materialisation and other phenomena for the seance-room. It is in the fullest sense corroborative of the evidence contained in Sir William Crooke's *Researches*, so far as the mediumship of Florence Cook is concerned; and, written as it was by a distinguished novelist, the stories it contains are told with dramatic effect. There is, for instance, the story in which the authoress tells of the re-appearance and final full recognition of her malformed daughter who died a few days after birth and grew up on the Other Side. In all the range of psychic literature, there is nothing more astonishing or more convincing than this story, and it is only one of many in this remarkable book, in which the work of many famous old-time Mediums is described.

NOTE:

See Book Column on Page 6.

THEMELIS ANSWERS FILLMORE; UNITY LEADER CONFUSED

We have no quarrel or argument with any particular system of worship, as we recognize all methods of approach to GOD, even the Dogma have their place in the general arrangement, to meet requirements of all grades of school.

The statement, however, of the President of "The Unity School of Christianity," in a letter written to Juliette Ewing Pressing and published in your number 12, March 10th, is such, that from the point of view of educational value, in asserting the TRUTH, we feel, acting in self defense, as Spiritualists, we will say a few words in reply to the letter of Mr. Chas. Fillmore, of March 10, *Psychic Observer* number.

Judging from the contents of his letter, we can easily see Mr. Fillmore knows very little if any at all, of the laws and conditions prevailing on the other side of the veil, and much less about the grading scale of classifications in the Hierarchical order of the spiritual life, in the several planes of existence.

Fillmore Blunders

It is a pity that men occupying such positions as Mr. Fillmore should know so little about spiritual conditions, and have so much to say, or judge, in that particular self-sufficient way.

Is it a wonder we witness chaotic conditions as we see around us today? The masses looking to the leaders for light, they receive darkness. Some day we hope they will see.

The 3rd and 4th paragraphs of Mr. Fillmore's letter are so full of meaningless platitudes, and inconsistent statements, that it makes it unbelievable that such rank ignorance about the fundamental Laws of Life can be attributed to the President of the Unity School of Christianity.

Brushing aside the undeniable VALUES of evolution and growth, for millions of years, brushing aside the Saints (products of Humanity) the great Teachers, who ever since the beginning of time, have taught humanity, and shown the way, the great geniuses, of Literature, Art, Music, Science, in all its glorious branches, who are forever looking after the progress of humanity, whether in THE FLESH OR OUT OF THE FLESH, brushing aside the progress and civilization made possible by those noble intellectual and moral giants, Mr. Fillmore, finds it very convenient to classify all those brilliant minds in one basket, after they pass to the higher school of life, the basket of ignorance. One assortment, one grade, one capacity, according to Mr. Fillmore's conception. Quoting from his letter, "But does not advise looking to spirits for understanding, because they know no more than the mortals."

What Spirits we ask Mr. Fillmore?

Poor Mr. Fillmore

We believe in the progressive law, which enables man according to their woven character to make progress in all the planes, of his pilgrimage, climbing up the ladder step by step.

We believe, in fact WE KNOW that vision for people who have lived an unselfish, useful life here, for those who have contributed to the service of humanity, to some more, to others less (according to their development) is much far reaching and clearer. Progress on the other side is more rapid also, which is only a part of our education we receive, in making the rounds of the planes ordained for man's evolution and progress.

We ask another pertinent question of Mr. Fillmore. Does he deny the fact that even in this very plane we are living now, there are not MEN WHO KNOW MORE THAN OTHERS, not in one subject alone but in every line and subject in existence?

Can he deny the fact that even on this plane, men recognize the

necessity to receive instruction and be advised by others knowing more than those taught? Certainly not. No living man can deny such a thing.

Law of Progression

Another question. Does Mr. Fillmore believe that his teachers, the very ones who at least tried to give him whatever light he may have, when they pass on to the other world, they will automatically be merged in the basket of IGNORAMUSES?

What a wonderful conception, for a president of the Unity School of Christianity to have.

Any man with half a brain knows that undeveloped spirits do not become saints, simply by making the transition, and passing on the other side.

This leads us to ask another question of Mr. Fillmore.

Since he is so positive of his doctrines he preaches, can he tell us what became of the beautiful teachers who passed on, and who are constantly passing, the beautiful friends, the brilliant minds who even HERE had too much to teach humanity, including Mr. Fillmore?

Should Fillmore Judge?

We know Mr. Fillmore cannot answer this question but we can tell those some of the dear fine spirits, servants of humanity, who are so happy to contact us through proper spiritual communication, and bring us a word of advice, a word of warning, a word of beautiful moral teaching, given to us through the certainly more efficient and superior Spiritual Vision including our dear loved ones who passed on ahead of us to tell us if nothing else the valuable message of life everlasting "We live, We are happy." What a blessing for humanity, if nothing else came through the communication, but GOD is kind, there is plenty more for those WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE IT.

For anyone who really tries to understand CHRIST, he will understand Spiritualism. True Spiritualism is the ADVANCE CLASS of Christianity, and for that matter for all religions.

Lake Pleasant Medium



Rev. Flossie G. McCollm, pastor of The Alliance Church of Spiritual Harmony, Beaverton, Mich. Rev. McCollm is scheduled to serve the National Spiritual Alliance Convention, Lake Pleasant, Mass., during the month of July.

The Kingdom of Heaven is within each man, according to St. Luke XVII. V. 21. The spiritual qualities, can be evolved, and the Kingdom of Heaven be established, much EASIER through TRUTH than bigoted misconceptions, belonging to the medieval age.

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PROGRESS--- A LAW OF THE UNIVERSE

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Without doubt there was a time when the Universe was not studded with planets, stars, suns or constellations. Yet, there are two forces which are eternal—Mind and some form of matter.

Universal Mind evidently came first. Like the age old problem of the hen or the egg? Insofar as the Universe is concerned, we are inclined to think that Universal Mind came first, that there was floating about in space an electrical substance from which matter evolved.

There has evidently been a progressing, insofar as matter was used to compose worlds, there was a gathering together of primitive matter into greater aggregations of larger and smaller planets. Each planet or world developed through vast periods of time, passing through a stage of intense heat, then gradually cooling, then life in its most rudimentary form appeared. Small plants grew and developed into a million complex forms, from sea-moss to flowers and trees. Even for vegetation there was no standing still, the law of progress was ever in action.

Man Surmounts Obstacles

In the ponds and ocean beds appeared protoplasm, composed of microscopic cells, each having a nucleus or center of life, these continued to multiply and assume a variety of forms. It took millions of these small cells to comprise a plant, animal, bird, or man.

Thus from infinitesimal cells evolved a multitude of animal forms, both small and ponderous

creatures, millions of them developed, and whole races of them finally become extinct, many of their fossil remains now rest in some Natural History Museum. From all of this complex animal life, a creature was evolved, afterwards to be known as Man, and he began his long, long march up the steps of time, continuing on this winding trail for hundreds of thousands of years. Each generation of men gained a little knowledge. Finally, some 500 thousand years ago a completely evolved man appeared. He had learned the art of using his brain, this was the only thing which enabled him to survive the most severe cataclysms which swept over the earth, and which extinguished many forms of animal life, apparently, much stronger physically than man. They however, lacked brain capacity and could not figure out what to do in a tight pinch. Probably the worst conditions man met and was called upon to surmount, were the glacial period, when much of the earth was submerged beneath a blanket of ice and the cold extremely intense. Only an animal or creature which used its brain could possibly survive such extreme conditions. Yet, with an irresistible energy, man continued to progress, and slowly developed the Arts, Sciences and Religion.

How Civilization Began

Later man developed means of recording facts, probably first by making drawings on walls of caves and picture writing. Then he tried his hand at drawing and making figures on parchment, in some such way he recorded his experiences. During much of the



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time he was a nomad, wandering from place to place following the reindeer and other edible animals, thus providing himself with food and clothing.

An apparently insignificant incident changed the whole manner of his life. At some place where he had probably dug a grave, he noticed that in this newly disturbed earth grain grew luxuriantly, this gave him the idea of planting grain and settling in a given community. Thus began civilization.

Progress for man has always been an up hill job, there have always been obstacles to surmount, this is evidently what gave the Hebrew writers the idea that man would have to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. Man surely has had to struggle, strive, and sweat as he forged his way forward. If not fighting with other

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tribes, he was struggling with the elements.

Simple Religion — At First

Quite early man strove to curb his animal nature. He invented taboos and laws governing individual action and that for tribes, these were frequently inscribed on Totem Poles, which were set up so all could see and read them. These laws governed their relation with each other and nearby tribes.

Their religion at first was very simple, its application left very largely to priests, they were to do the thinking for the tribe, priests and preachers have been doing this thinking for the majority of people from that time to this. Most people can't be bothered with thinking out their own problems, it is easier to pay a priest or preacher a few dollars a year to do it for them.

However, the heaven of progress continued to work, for such men as Plato, Socrates, Aristotle, Jesus and others came forward with advanced ideas. These men all met with opposition, and the priests persecuted Jesus for his advanced teachings and finally took his life.

Then came the struggle for supremacy in religion, one institution wished to control all people, both body and soul. This resulted in dire persecution and thousands were put to death. Out of this welter emerged Martin Luther, whose protests gave us freedom of worship and an open Bible. Then came various denominations and finally, out of it all developed Modern Spiritualism.

Spiritualism answered the age-old question "If a man die shall he live again?" Spiritualism said yes! Was able to prove it. Further demonstrated the possibility of communication with discarnate spirits. Advocated continuous revelation and a life of progress here and hereafter.

Spiritualism emphasizes the future state of man as one of progression, varying in degree according to the ambition of the individual, resulting in a variety of states, planes or conditions. It points out the necessity of progress in the present life, for in the next life, we start where we left off.

"Doorway of Reformation"

Evidently there are millions of souls who hover on the lowest plane, so near the earth that they do not know they have passed through the change of death. They literally wander in darkness and are mentally tormented. Indeed a species of Hell. Spiritualism affirms "that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter." Yet, the reformation may require centuries of wandering in darkness, until each soul sees the light and progresses higher.

There is a long climb ahead of all of us, even the best of us, will have a long road to travel, there will be plenty to keep us busy as we push forward on the eternal path of progression. Our labors are by no means ended when death clamps down on us. Yet, it is true we shall not have to contend with physical ailments and weakness of the flesh, that type of anxiety belongs to the mortal body. Immortality implies an endless cycle, a highway which has no end, upon which, as we progress, the joys become more exquisite.

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AKRON—Home Spiritualist Church, Pine and Chestnut Sts., Mattie P. Falor.

AKRON—Spiritual Temple, 100 South Broadway. Lyda Hosler.

Spiritual Healer



BESSIE G. DERBY, Huntington, West Virginia, Secretary of The West Virginia State Spiritualist Camp Association.

Mrs. Derby is a spiritual healer. It was just two years ago that she discovered that she possessed marked healing power.

CANTON—Christian Spiritualist Church, 812 Walnut Ave., N. E., Enid Leach.

CANTON—Psychic Science Spiritualist Temple, 218 Market Ave., North. Rhea P. Swale.

CINCINNATI—Spiritualist Healing Bethany Church, 2710 Cleinview Ave. Bertha H. Bickett.

CINCINNATI—First Christian Missionary Spiritualist Temple of America, 1420 Elm St. Nellie Covey.

COLUMBUS—Church of Spiritual Truth, 1048 W. Broad St., Lucille B. Clingan.

COLUMBUS—First Spiritualist Temple, E. State—Sixth Sts. Clara B. Kent—Nellie Curry.

SANDUSKY—Spiritual Temple, Calumbar Ave., G. A. R. Hall. Lydia Griner, 615 Clinton St.

STEUBENVILLE—Christ Spiritualist Church, K. of P. Hall, 3rd and Market St. Cora Yocum.

OKLAHOMA

TULSA—Lawnwood Spiritualist Society, 5940 Sand Springs Road. Joseph E. Hutcherson, president.

TULSA—Psychic Science Spiritualist Church, City Hall Auditorium. Rev. Adella Reynolds.

OREGON

KLAMATH FALLS—Psychic Circle, 2112 Wantland, Class Mon., Tues., Wed., 8 p. m. Anna E. Rath.

MEDFORD—Psychic Circle Class, 5 East Third St. Anna E. Rath. (Sat. 8 p. m.)

PORTLAND—First Psychic Research Temple, 8205 North Central. L. M. LaValley.

PENNSYLVANIA

BETHLEHEM—Spiritual Alliance Church, 525 Main St. Clara A. Arthur.

McKEESPORT—First Spiritualist Church, 809 Locust St. Winifred McAndrew.

PHILADELPHIA—First Association of Spiritualists, Master, West of Broad Street. Mamie B. Schulz.

PITTSBURGH—First Church of Spiritualists, 256 Bouquet St., Oakland—C. V. Morrow.