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She Vouches . . .

Grace Moore — Lincoln — Etta Bledsoe Will Rogers — Oliver Lodge and many others SPEAK AT CHESTERFIELD

THOUSANDS ATTEND "ETTA BLEDSOE DAY"



Mrs. Marta Wittkowska

Noted Opera Singer's Dramatic Return



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Picture above shows Grace Moore, opera singer as she prepares to board a Dutch KLM plane near Copenhagen prior to the disastrous crash January 26th, last. Miss Moore was in Europe from July, '46 up to the time of her passing.

The article, beginning this page, describes her dramatic spirit return; how she sang through the mediumship of James Laughton; and how her spirit voice was recognized by Mrs. Wittkowska.

Twenty Persons Swear, Sign Statement (Page 4) Attesting Authenticity of Direct-voice Phenomena Through Mediumship of James Laughton

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"things of the spirit"

possible to build up the necessary psychic structure for independent-voice production) is placed in the center of the wide rostrum, in the Camp Chesterfield auditorium. There is a microphone in this cabinet. It is used merely to magnify the voice of the spirit which is then conveyed to the listening audience by the way of loud-speakers, a part of the public address system.

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After Mr. Laughton enters the cabinet, his spirit collaborators entrance him and draw from his body sufficient ectoplasm to build up the voice-box which Mrs. Bledsoe must use in order to express orally on the earth-plane vibrations.

On this particular Etta Bledsoe Day, a small fee of 25 cents was charged for admission into the Auditorium. The gate fee of Camp Chesterfield is 10 cents a day. It is thoroughly understandable that a small additional charge must be exacted in order to carry on the expenses and so on that are necessary in order to handle the business affairs. Money is also necessary for making improvements and offering comforts for guests visiting this great camp, which they feel to be their spiritual home on earth.

"Dead" Woman Speaks!

A long line, perhaps two city blocks, can be seen filing in, one by one, to the auditorium. All are anxious to gain an advantageous seat for this momentous occasion—the address and visitation of the "dead" woman, the living-dead woman, Etta S. Bledsoe.

After the preliminary examination of the cabinet, a great hush fell over the audience, an expectant reaching out for that unique voice that is so familiar to all who had ever known Mrs. Bledsoe.

The spirit voice announced: "My friends, this is Etta S. Bledsoe, I want to come to all who have gathered here this day in my memory. I bring you my love. I return to demonstrate once again, to each and every hungry soul, that there is no death. I come to bring you this vital message which, even unto your day, is considered by most people as being a sensational message. I come again to demonstrate the truth that Spiritualism, through its mediums has, for nearly 100 years, given

age to the Camps, such as Camp Chesterfield.

To enter the Western Hotel, one climbs twelve concrete steps to a spacious porch (veranda, I should say) and the first thing one sees is groups of people stretched out on their deck chairs, chatting and discussing the happenings in the seances and it is particularly noticeable that the guests at Camp Chesterfield are very happy and very friendly. Why? Because they have found their loved ones and know they still live.

7th Consecutive Year

Each year for the last seven years, since the passing into the world of spirit of Etta S. Bledsoe, Camp Chesterfield Association has dedicated to her memory a day, the first Sunday in August, which is called Etta S. Bledsoe Day.

On this day, Mrs. Bledsoe, from spirit, returns to address the audience through the mediumship of James M. Laughton, 9116 Martindale Ave., North, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Laughton was a student of Mrs. Bledsoe during her earth-life and apparently the vibrations of this young man are especially suitable for Mrs. Bledsoe's return to earth.

Cabinet On Rostrum

Prior to the demonstration of physical phenomena — independent voice—I addressed the people assembled and invited a number of them (most particularly those who have never witnessed a demonstration of this character) to come to the rostrum and make a complete examination of the cabinet to be used. A statement was signed by these persons who came forward. (See Col. 3-4 Page 4.)

On this day, a cabinet built without windows (the idea is to create darkness, thus making it

humanity.

"Under certain circumstances those who have gone into that land a far can return and prove their individuality and make all who have ears to hear know that this earth life is merely a stepping stone to this wider, sojourn in the land of soul.

"The Summerland"

"I bring a band of spirit friends with me. These spirit friends desire to inspire and to create the psychic power to sustain this heavenly program that you are about to hear. They all come with faith in their hearts . . . to bring love and tender compassion and healing—to all who are suffering. They come to give inspiration and courage to each soul assembled here today. They will touch you with unseen hands and lift you up from the dark chasms of superstition and unbelief into the brilliant light of truth.

"Since my last talk with you (the first Sunday in August of 1946) I have travelled far into the high spheres of the spirit world, and have made many contacts. I have met and been in touch with many wonderful souls.

"In our land, The Summerland, there is a true harmony and we live our lives with the purpose of inspiring all and helping every living soul to a deeper degree of spiritual understanding; an understanding of God's great purpose and plan,—meaning that each man is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses the potential qualities to make it possible for him to assume this likeness whilst even yet encased in the flesh.

"We come to you this day to bring to you this lamp of truth,

this light, that will transform your mind and inspire your soul to greater development of your character which will express itself on the road of life. We hope to demonstrate that we live to such a degree that each person assembled here will be able to say "I have heard an Angel Voice. I was transfixed by the glory of My Master's Voice." . . . meaning in this instance some person's who has a truth to teach to the little ones.

Dawn of A New Age

"After some of these spirit friends who have accompanied me this day have spoken to you, I trust you will say "Glory be to God in the Highest for I have seen the Dawning of a New Age.

"There are many who have strived to fill your hearts with inspiration and let you know that they come,—standing upon the threshold of eternity. They want you to know that the rocky paths will die and be forgotten and the glorious beacon light of immortality will light soon upon the path for us all.

"You will see the mountains of truth and they shall be swept away—the blinding tears that the Angel of Death seems to bring to the misunderstanding heart. You will be like Mary who said I have seen my Master, for there is an influx of spirit fervor today.

"Every door of the spirit world is eager to be opened and out of this vast audience today, we hope to inspire the desire, the burning desire to cause you people to knock at that door of higher understanding. We give you the promise that you will be answered

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Queen Victoria's Voice Heard Again

Amazing direct-voice communication, from the spirit of Queen Victoria, distinctly heard, in 1942, through the mediumship of Florence S. Becker.

By MRS. NOLIE SIMMONS
Craigsaville, Augusta County, Virginia
Formerly Alameda, California

At this time I was planning on leaving the beautiful Bay Region where I had lived sixteen years. When Mrs. Becker, my dear friend and mentor, learned this she kindly granted me a private seance, although from overwork in her profession she was not feeling in her usual good health at that particular time.

After the lights were turned off a cooling breeze pervaded the entire room, followed by waves of heavenly perfume; a soft, unearthly glow rendered every object perfectly visible—the entranced medium seated comfortably in her favorite chair; two trumpets on the floor, the larger one circling around the room near the ceiling, when not in use by a spirit talking. Among other small objects a *zither* way lying on the table.

No Queens Over There

Lolly, Mrs. Becker's little spirit daughter, greeted me lovingly as usual. Very soon Dr. Briggs, the medium's able collaborator, "opened the door" as he said. He announced a large number of spirit people were on the outside waiting to speak with me.

Immediately after Dr. Briggs

ED. NOTE: When Nolie Simmons lived in Oakland with her son, Captain Virgil Simmons, they attended Rev. Florence Becker's Golden Gate Spiritualist Church . . . right across the bay in San Francisco. They also witnessed many direct-voice seances held by Rev. Becker. Before too long, the Simmons' hope a way will be opened for the American Spiritualists to negotiate with the London Spiritualist Alliance about the possibility of Queen Victoria's watch (See Page 12) being placed temporarily with the trustees of The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church . . . why?—read this article.

seemed to leave, a very clear, strong voice spoke close to my ear, saying, "This is Queen Victoria."

I exclaimed, "Why, Queen Victoria! You speaking to me—I am nobody, and you were the world's greatest queen."

She replied, "There are no kings and queens over here. I only wish to tell you my grandson, David, will never be king of England."

At that time, I had no idea what she meant as I did not know David was one of the names of the heir to the British throne—the present Duke of Windsor.

I am still wondering why the spirit of a great early ruler should bring such a message to an obscure individual in the flesh.

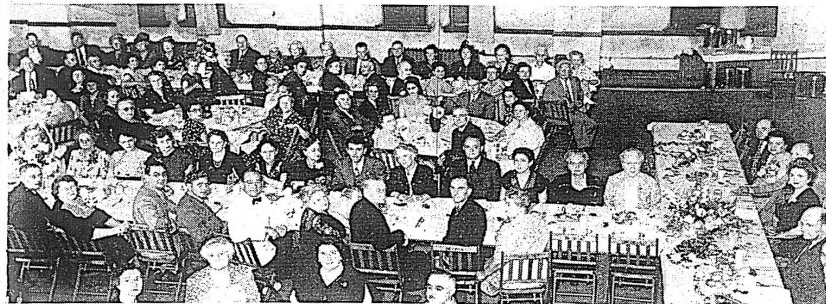
Re-Physical Phenomena

To relate all the remarkable things which transpired during this wonderful seance would consume too much valuable space, but I would like to record two or three short occurrences which undoubtedly would help somebody.

After Queen Victoria left, the *zither* was gently placed on my lap and the sweetest music played by a spirit whose name was *Saint Cecilia*, (she told me her name when I asked her.) The *zither* remained on my lap until the seance was over, and Mrs. Becker removed it.

After the music ceased another spirit spoke, said he was appointed as my guide from my earliest childhood, and he had tried to help me in every time of need. He came at this moment to warn, and advise me regarding a manuscript I had sent to a man who represented

S.E.C. 7th Annual Conference Banquet, Masonic Temple Auditorium, Owosso, Mich.



Psychic Observer

Picture above shows delegates, officers, members and guests assembled at the banquet opening the seventh annual conference of The Spiritualist Episcopal Church. This banquet was held in the Masonic auditorium at Owosso, Michigan, September last. The principal speaker was Juliette Ewing Pressing. The mayor of Owosso gave the address of welcome.

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himself as a literary agent who could find a publisher for my book, a period story I had just completed.

Dr. Jensen, was my spirit guide's name; said the agent was in legal trouble and advised me to order the return of my manuscript at once, and that he would go with my demand and see that my order was obeyed.

I followed his instructions ex-

actly, but, *Doubting Thomas* that I was, after some days delays, I also appealed to the *Better Business Bureau of Oakland, California*, to investigate the agent for me. They did so and, in due time, informed me the man was in jail for swindling unwary authors. My precious M/S was returned in perfect condition. Yes, I was indeed ashamed that I had doubted Dr. Jensen's ability to help me in the first place. Does not our Christian Bible say *God sends his angels to help human beings?*

"More Things In Heaven . . ."

In a moment a ring was slipped on my little finger, and a clear, natural voice said, "This is *Nadine putting Virgil's ring on your finger*." I asked her to let me take it home and keep it a while. She said, Oh, No! she was taking good care of it until *Captain Virgil Simmons* comes over there. Thus my son's "Ring of Two Worlds," of which he has written a full description for the *Psychic Observer*, is still in the great Unknown.

Now the seance is over—it is Lolly's duty to waken her mother from her trance . . . Mrs. Becker is out in the hall waiting to help me put on my wraps . . . little Lolly calls out in a loud voice, she is still in the seance room, "Mother,"

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There are more things in heaven and earth than human philosophy dreams of, (with due apologies to Hamlet.)

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In the book, *Bible Mysteries Revealed*, (*) John Wien writes: "The English speaking people have no Bible of their own. What they call their own Bible is only an English translation of a fragment of the old Hebrew Scriptures. These Hebrew Scriptures trace their origin back through the misty ages to ancient Egypt and India, who, in turn, received their Scriptures from old Lemuria."

And, incidentally, our whole civilization is a heritage of our ancient ancestors.

Noted archaeologists, during the past fifty years, have uncovered evidence of a large continent about twice the size of the United States of America that once existed in the middle of the Pacific Ocean; it had a highly developed civilization that was over 200,000 years old.

What Survivors Told

This continent was variously called "Lemuria," "Mu," and "The Empire of the Sun," and it is supposed to have sunk beneath the waters of the Pacific Ocean about 12,000 years ago, carrying down with it a population of 63 million souls.

The sinking of this continent was "the flood" of which the Bible speaks.

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There were ten distinct tribes, differing in color, evolution and racial characteristics, living peacefully side by side in old Lemuria, the cradle of man, for this "cycle" no one knows how far back their ancestry reached, except that it had its beginning in the time when man was created by God.

The survivors of that cataclysmic event carried the story of the destruction of their motherland with them wherever they went. It was handed down from father to son for many ages, until it became a myth; it was always spoken of as *The Great Flood*.

"Sacred Wisdom Science"

The empire of "Mu" sent colonies of her people to North and South America, then to Atlantis—a continent which lay in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, and then across the Atlantic to Europe, Africa and Asia; thus the whole earth was colonized by "The Children of Mu."



John Wien

The continent of "Atlantis" sank beneath the waters of the Atlantic Ocean many centuries after "Lemuria" sank in the Pacific Ocean.

The temples of India and Egypt were erected by the last colonists sent out from Lemuria before she sank, and the priests and masters of these ancient temples were sent direct from their motherland with the original religion—called the "Sacred Wisdom Science," because it was given to primitive man by the Holy Brothers, who were sent by God direct for the purpose of instructing them—the then young human race.

Rule by "Divine Right"

These instructors were, at one and the same time, kings, judges and pastors and they ruled by "Divine right" until the young human race, our forefathers, was sufficiently advanced in the scale of evolution to rule themselves. The *Divine Rulers* were then withdrawn and the people chose a ruler from among their own number to act as king, judge and priest.

This record is an account of the first Democracy. Even to this day, the kings of Europe claim to rule by "Divine right," although it is a false and hollow claim.

Here, in about the middle of the Pacific Ocean, was located the cradle of the human race—the motherland of man. From here they multiplied and colonized the whole earth.

Ancient Lemuria

These people left evidence of their culture, in the form of writings on clay and stone in many parts of the earth, which have been deciphered and translated by our own noted archaeologists and geologists, that tell the history of our early ancestors; their economics, astronomy and religion. Their religion was simple, beautiful and uninvolved, because it came direct from God and had not been distorted by ambitious and unprincipled priests and kings for their own personal power and glory.

The people of "Mu" were Psychics and Spiritualists of a very high order. We have it on very good authority that their downfall was caused by a misuse of their psychic powers.

After reading translations of the early teaching given by the Elder Brothers in ancient Lemuria, we can see where a great part of our Bible originated, as some of it is copied verbatim, thus making it

CANDLER IN MIAMI

After completing a successful tour of the West Coast, Rev. Bertie Lily Candler has returned to Miami, Florida for the winter months. She will take up her duties as pastor of *The Beckoning Light Spiritualist Church*, 1621 S. W. 6th St. During Rev. Candler's absence, services have been conducted at her church by assistant pastor, Rev. Laura Roberts.



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easy to discern the true from the false, the chaff from the wheat.

Moses was educated in the temples of Egypt—see *Exodus*. Chapter Two, and received his teaching direct from the ancient religious masters. When he led the Children of Israel (Children of God) out of Egypt, he had access to the Sacred Wisdom Science, which he incorporated into the *Old Testament* of our Bible. Of course, we know that the real esoteric meaning of all sacred teaching was concealed in parable and allegory.

"And without a parable spake He not unto them." Mark 4:34.

Books with additional information . . . for students interested in John Wien's article "Archaeology and The Flood"; James Churchward's books; "The Children of Mu" (\$3.50); "The Lost Continent of Mu" (\$3.50); and "Sacred Symbols of Mu" (\$3.50) are obtainable from Dale News, Inc., Lily Dale, N. Y. Another book, "Lemuria, The Lost Continent of the Pacific" (Illustrated, \$3.50) is a startling description of "The Mystery People of Mt. Shasta."

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THANKSGIVING IS SIMPLICITY

We Do Well To Prove That Americans Are Humanitarians

By
Dortch Campbell

When you think of Thanksgiving, think of simplicity!

Let us never cease to love Thanksgiving because it is so quaint and so simple. The day came from hearts and minds of plain people who lived simple lives. Because of its quaintness it is the most praiseworthy of all our holidays.

New Englanders of all people were best fitted to create it. The beauty and power of such an observance appealed to them. They intuitively understood its deeper meaning because their days were filled with unassuming praise.

The human soul will never outgrow its exaltation. For to give thanks is as natural as prayer—indeed, to be thankful is prayer, the highest form of prayer, the soliloquy of a jubilant soul. Unwearied by time, uncrushed by disappointments, rising in their hearts to its finest form and use, those noble souls could do naught else but express gratitude that God had enabled them to live above adversity and lacks and disappointments.

We hunger for food and drink; we hunger for air; we hunger for love; there is also a hunger in the heart to praise God for his bountiful gifts: and so the minds and souls of the *Pilgrim Fathers* awakened spontaneously and they rejoiced at the conclusion of that year's harvests for the abundant products of the soil that hard work and simple living had earned for them. This feeling of thanksgiving was ingrained in them.

Thanksgiving—Sincere Worship

Other colonies saw the beauty of that love; other states in the fullness of time began to understand that heart-hunger. In time the custom was universally adopted and the national holiday was established. Those who made such a day possible builded greater than they knew.

Thanksgiving is sincere worship; it is a vital religion. Many things may be added to prayer, to worship, but forms and dogmas, even miracles, are as nothing, and, fundamentally, none is aught but praise—that feeling of gratitude that arises in the heart like a song.

The faculty of thanksgiving is of used by those who possess little but seldom by those who have much. It is a rejoicing of the heart for the little that we have.

"Like Ticking of a Clock"

Thanksgiving is so beautiful that I think most of us can say with James Whitcomb Riley of simple things, of which the observance is a symbol, "O, it sets my heart a-clickin' like the ticking of a clock, When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock." They go together—thanksgiving and simplicity.

I would to God that in this age we lived the simple lives of *New Englanders*. They got such joy from plain things—a great open fireplace in the log cabin; popcorn, cider, cookies, pumpkin pies, eaten with the relish hard work

provides; the joy and the mystery of gathering around the great fire when the days work was done. They needed none of the prodigious inventions to make them happy. Ah! That we might bring back some of their simple pleasures and joy!

Now, the times are so different. Like the ancient mariner, we are surrounded by oceans of things without one cup of joy to drink. We are living too fast. Our lives are complex and artificial; there is confusion throughout the world. Our races are hastening headlong into chaos.

Simplicity of Solution

As is so beautifully expressed by Charles Wagner, the Alsatian philosopher of long ago, "As the fevered patient devoured by thirst dreams in his sleep of cool brooks to bathe in, of clear fountains to drink long draughts from; so, in the complicated agitations of modern existence, our fevered souls dream of simplicity."

That was written many decades ago, and how much more so has modern life become agitated, complex and confused!

If we only could—if we only could move back our lives to such a setting! Simplicity might solve all the problems wherewith we agitate our souls.

My contention is that too many people meddle with the problems of the age. The extravagance of ideas is a private misfortune and a world danger. We are going to war not because Russia has failed us; not because Europe is starving. We shall war again because we have failed in the simplicities.

Beauty of Individual Life

It is not a matter of indifference whether we give attention to those trivial conditions of life the great and the near great regard as superfluous. It is a matter of greatest moment. We propose to shower Europe in the era of our thanksgiving with a portion of the abundance of our harvests. We do well to prove that Americans are humanitarians.

But until we renew our simple ways and give of that we shall not restore but the world will continue to reap sorrow where it

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Rev. Arthur Ford, internationally known lecturer and clairvoyant, has returned to Florida for the winter months where he has opened a spiritualist center at The Simpson Park Clubhouse, 55 S. W. 17th Road in the city of Miami.

Rev. Ford resides just a half block off Tamiami Trail, 831 Pizarro St., Coral Gables, Florida, and at this address will conduct classes and private spiritual work.

During the summer months, Rev. Ford filled engagements at The Central New York Spiritualist Camp Association at Freeville and other spiritualist centers in the East. He is probably the best-known spiritualist medium in the world today; his spirit collaborator, Fletcher, manifesting through his trance organism, has endeared himself to the hearts of thousands.



Arthur Ford

who has accompanied me this afternoon to speak to you friends assembled here. However, to open the way for them I have other friends with me. They will address you briefly. First, I want to introduce to you a man who is truly a great American, one who truly lives in the hearts of the people forevermore, one who naturally has made many friends and created laughter everywhere."

Will Rogers Speaks! (*)

One could almost see Mrs. Bledsoe step aside from the microphone as she said "I present to you this charming personality."

Then, an entirely different voice came through the loud speaker saying: "Howdy Folks. I am mighty glad to come here to attend this meeting. I have a lot to talk about. This is Will Rogers. I did not know that such a meeting was being held down here in old Indiana, but I am mighty glad to come this afternoon and — well, folks, I will sort of do my part by saying a word to you.

"Fellow Americans and what you brought with you that's going to be Americans, and all the other folks, I say to you that this is Will Rogers and when I was coming up to this meetin' this afternoon I sort of took my time looking over the great crowd. I was mighty proud to see that so many of my fellow Americans are thinking about the things that are everlasting,—things of the spirit. As my friend, Cal Coolidge would say 'I just didn't choose to run to get here.'

Will Tells a Story

"I'm mighty disappointed over here in the spirit sometime and sort of look back at all the troubles and goings on in politics and in general physical life there on the earth—there always seems to be a great problem even in the churches.

"One preacher says to come to one place, and another preacher says to go to another place. Somebody is always arguing whether you come from the monkey or not. I do not know whether I come from the higher branches or the lower branches. I don't think they have jumped very far from the monkeys.

"One time there was a couple of boys that couldn't get along at all—Pete and Si. Si didn't like Pete at all. One day Pete became very sick and thought he was going to die, so the preacher called to see him and advised him to make his peace with God and Man.

"The preacher said: (knowing about the enmity existing between Si and Pete) 'Now Si you got to get in there and make amends with Pete.'

"Good Bye, Folks"

"He called to the fellow outside the door, 'Pete you want to shake Si's hand?' They shook hands, but even though weak and sick, Pete rose up and said 'Now Si, if I get well this is all off.'

"Now, folks, you live in the most wonderful country in the world—the Mother of all other countries, and so again I tip my hat and I say to you 'Try to get along with each other a little bit. Try to let go of that stubbornness that causes you to say, that is if such and such doesn't happen 'it's all off.' Good-bye folks."

Then, Mrs. Bledsoe came to the microphone again. Her voice was so very natural to the ears of all who have ever heard it while she lived on earth. She made the comment that it was wonderful to hear the voice of the humorous Will Rogers.

She then remarked: "Come to

(*) A booklet, "Will Rogers Speaks," 75c, for sale by Dale News, Inc., Lily Dale, N. Y.

Fox-Laughton Seance Room at Chesterfield



Photo by Tyner-Murphy, Kansas City, Mo.

A continuation in the series of pictures showing interior of seance rooms, the photograph above was taken at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp last summer. In this plain, spacious and well-ventilated seance room, located in a cottage owned by Maude Fox, hundreds of direct-voice seances have been held by Mrs. Fox. Each evening, during the summer months at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, "joint seances" are held . . . the mediums are Maude Fox and James M. Laughton—the former second from the left and the latter with legs crossed is seated at extreme left.

(Ed. Note—Lower center in picture . . . the head of a lady in the circle, not to be mistaken for ectoplasm.)

A Testimonial

Camp Chesterfield
Chesterfield, Indiana
August 3, 1947

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We, the undersigned, have on this day conducted an examination of the cabinet used for the demonstration of direct voice mediumship by Rev. James M. Laughton. This examination was conducted immediately prior to the demonstration.

The cabinet was examined both inside and out, and the only mechanical contrivance of any nature to be found therein was the microphone attached to the public address system. Nothing was contained therein which would indicate any fraudulent means of producing the voices in any manner whatsoever.

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the microphone, my dear."

A feminine voice was heard very clearly: "Hello, everybody. I have never spoken in this manner before from this world of spirit, but I have appeared before many audiences, such as this, perhaps even larger. This is Grace Moore."

Then Miss Moore continued: "Out here in this world of soul, I have learned to know and understand this great truth that you spiritualists know and are studying and learning. I knew about

Spiritualism whilst I lived upon the earth. I always knew that there was no death. I had a premonition that I would pass away.

"It is indeed a pleasure for me to accept Mrs. Bledsoe's invitation to come to greet you earthplane friends this afternoon and to tell you that I am carrying on my concert work even in this land of the soul. Madame Schumann-Heink has sponsored me and has directed my musical program in this land here.

What Grace Moore Said . . .

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back to tell you I live, love and sing as much as ever. Listen. I'll sing for you now."

Grace Moore sang, and Madame Maria Witkowski, an authority on voice tone and scales, had this to say about her (Grace Moore's) rendition:

"I have heard the voice of Grace Moore in real life. I have heard her voice over the radio. I am satisfied the singing voice, heard through the mediumship of James Laughton on 'Etta Bledsoe Day,' was Grace Moore. I realize it is difficult for any spirit to reproduce their own earth-voice but, even so, there were certain traits, peculiarities and tone qualities that could easily be identified by persons familiar with voice technique."

Then, again, Mrs. Bledsoe remarked: "Friends, isn't it wonderful to have us all back. Isn't it delightful to be able to speak and let you know how very close we spirit people are. There are hundreds of angel friends and loved ones here this afternoon. I would love to speak for all of them. I would love to convey spirit greetings to families represented in our audience but time forbids."

"We Are Still Experimenting"

She then presented Sir Oliver Lodge, who, in a quiet dignified manner, said: "How do you do. It is with pleasure I come this afternoon to take a part, a very small part, in this most impressive service. Perhaps some of you have read my books and memoirs. I am still in co-operation with the earth-plane. I also collaborate with certain mathematicians and many progressive minds, in this world of spirit. We are still experimenting,—attempting to understand the law of life. I went through a great struggle whilst I lived upon the earth, but I found my reward over here in the realms of God.

"It is true, as Etta Bledsoe has said, you are nearing the 100th Anniversary of what is now organized Modern Spiritualism—the age upon your sphere of life will be 1948. I have brought you one instrument of the spirit that will receive recognition in America from back in the year of 1848 . . . the Fox girls: Katie, Margaret, and Leah Underhill. They were known throughout the world because of their most extraordinary powers of physical mediumship; they are with us this afternoon.

Lodge's Logic

"In your day, Lodge continued, the radio helps to demonstrate to people that voices can be heard from one part of the world to another and that sounds come over the ether-waves. In the year of 1848, the radio had not been developed and the little tots, Katie and Margaret Fox were used for introducing the rappings that came over the ether waves from the land of spirit to your earth world. The world has progressed along the great path of evolution. Much

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GRACE MOORE

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Bledsoe Introduces

Each person in the audience seemed to be spell-bound with not only the words enunciated by this dramatic return of Etta S. Bledsoe, the spirit, but the wonderful sweetness of the vibration that these spirit people brought with them, enfolded each person into its loving embrace.

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GRACE MOORE

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has been unfolded since that time."

Lodge continued: "Just these little raps, my friends, awakened in the hearts of all interested in immortality the great desire which brought as its just reward the great answer to Job's ever old question: *If a man die, shall he live again?* I, Sir Oliver Lodge, hope to contribute something of interest for the Centennial to be held in 1948,—the grand anniversary of *Modern Spiritualism*. It is now my pleasure to present to you, *Katie Fox*." (Raps! raps! raps!—dozens could be distinctly heard by the audience).

Kate Fox Speaks!

And now, the raps ceased, there was a pause . . . then an entirely different voice was heard . . . it was clear, well modulated yet deliberate. These words were spoken:

"Good afternoon friends, this is *Katie Fox*. I am so glad to come and speak to all of you wonderful friends. In my early mediumship, my sister and I, at *Hydesville*, did hear manifestations from a wonderful rapping spirit who came to awaken the world to a higher knowledge of his spiritual being. We were so inexperienced with life and we knew so little about this grand truth that we could not give forth the explanation and demonstration such as are coming through your mediums of this century. Our bodies, however, were so chemicalized that the spirit teachers could use us to manifest back to the earth world and prove that personal consciousness extended beyond the grave."

A Solemn Promise

Kate Fox continued: "I am very happy this afternoon, and perhaps a little excited, because it is the first time that I have ever addressed a large audience over a microphone and I think it is perfectly wonderful. I am so happy to visit this great center of *Chesterfield* because it specializes in physical phenomena and naturally my interests lie in this type of mediumship."

"As next year is the 100th anniversary of our grand religion, I have been asked by my devoted friends, *Mrs. Bledsoe*, *Sir Oliver Lodge* and *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle* if it will be possible for my sister *Margaret* and I to come and attempt to materialize on this platform in this great auditorium so that you can all see us. We accept the invitation and will certainly make every effort to be here. There will be a great rejoicing on these wonderful camp grounds and an epoch of progress will be made. *We shall attempt*, and we feel sure that *we will* be able to achieve the purpose. We will try to materialize so all present can see us."

"Then *Kate Fox* went on to say: "It is with great joy that we visit various seance rooms; attend the direct-voice meetings and see demonstrations of materialization because it thrills us to witness the progress that has been made since we were demonstrating our mediumship. I extend to each and every one of you an invitation to return here next year . . . "until then, God bless you all."

Three Materialization Mediums

When *Mrs. Bledsoe* returned to the microphone she said: "I am so happy, dear children, that *Katie Fox* and her sister *Margaret*, accompanied perhaps by many others, will materialize next year so that you may all see them. These mediums were ridiculed by the world in their time,—as was even *Jesus* in his time. I am deeply gratified to see so many of my beloved friends assembled here in this great auditorium this afternoon and I, too, shall be very happy to greet you again next year to celebrate the grand birthday of *Modern Spiritualism*."

By Way of Explanation, Mrs. Bledsoe continued:

"They will arrange to have two or three materialization mediums right here on the platform so that you may all not only see spirit people but also hear their voices. So, dear friends,

returning everywhere because it is the *Law of God* that those who have gone on shall remain *en rapport* with their fellow beings who yet trod the thorny paths of earth. "So remember my words, friends . . . fear nothing, stand by your religion and know and truly say *'Oh, grave where is thy Victory, Oh Death where is Thy Sting?'*"

"Now before I depart from you, after this glorious seance, I will leave my love and my promise to come back here again in 1948 and be a part of the great celebration in memory of the glorious anniversary of the birth of *Modern Spiritualism*."

In a sort of a lingering voice, because she must have realized that the power had been used, dear *Etta Bledsoe* closed with these words: "Farewell for now, and God Bless All who came to hear me. Know that I love you all as I did while I lived on earth and know that *I have not died*. More glories than man has ever known, while still upon the earth, is the majesty of this world of soul. *I promise I shall never fail my friends who call me.*"

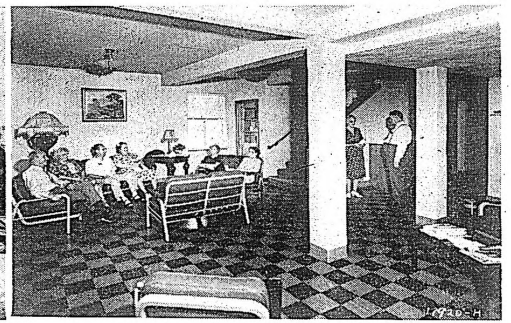
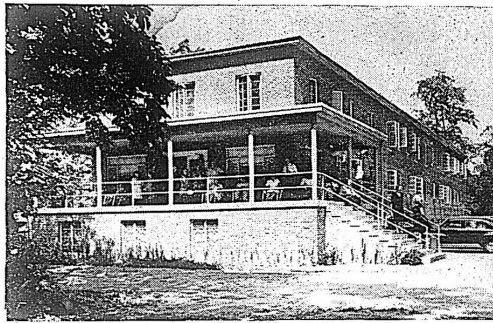
At this point, one of the finest voices I ever heard manifest, the voice of *Abraham Lincoln*, was heard. *Lincoln* said: "I have been asked to come and present myself to my fellow *Americans*. Others before me have already spoken of the grandeur of this great world of spirit but I do say to all listening here . . . you have just come through a great war, now, look to the future, knowing that *America* is a great *Land of Freedom* and your love for country can never die. *There must be no more wars! You must live in peace! You must live in harmony! Old Glory* will wave in the breeze higher and more wonderful than ever. Stand by and know that those living upon the earth-plane in my time served our purpose, served our God and our fellow men, so I say to you this afternoon God bless you and always remember that this government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth. I am *Abraham Lincoln*."

Taps Sounded

Again *Mrs. Bledsoe* addressed us, saying, "I wanted you to hear the voice of *Abraham Lincoln*. Everyone cherished his mighty works. After so many years have passed, it is a glorious truth to know that this great soul can again speak so many years after his physical death. But, I tell you, *Abraham Lincoln* returned to you here in *Camp Chesterfield* auditorium this afternoon."

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Maude Madden Resigns

The following communication was received from Horace P. King, secretary of Wilshire Spiritualist Church, 508 S. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles (5) California: "Maude Madden has resigned as Minister and Lillian Smith, who has been serving as Associate, will continue in that capacity until our election of Minister and Officers in February 1948. Our Church By-Laws do not authorize our Board to appoint or elect the Minister as that is solely a function of the membership.

"Mrs. Madden, 'Maudie' to us, has served the church since its inception, February 1940. She has not only been our faithful Minister and Spiritual Leader but our very dear and understanding friend as well. We are all sorely grieved that, in the interest of her health and physical comfort, she has found it expedient to resign her charge."

Miller on Florida Vacation

Rev. Marion Miller, pastor of The Spiritual Church of Magdalena, will visit Florida during the winter months and serve spiritualist churches on both the east and west coast . . . returning north next spring to continue her spiritual work in a new center. Students and church members are advised that Rev. Miller's former center at 212-76 White Hall Terrace, Queen's Village is closed. Those desiring to contact her will please write: Rev. Marion Miller, care of Mrs. Minnie Volkmer, 99-71—211th Place, Belair, Long Island, N. Y.

Lockwood Passes Away

Guy H. Lockwood, author, poet and staunch spiritualist passed away recently at his home, 2625 Parkview Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan. Those visiting Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp during the past five years will remember Mr. Lockwood's enthusiasm and devotion to that center's outstanding mediums.

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might have harvested its own crops with thanksgiving and praise.

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Life can quickly show itself rich in hidden splendor. Possession is not a privilege to be proud of; it is a charge whose gravity and purpose must be understood. Then let America give to all the starving peoples in this spirit of not only thanksgiving but simplicity. Pleasure and money are, after all, a gross illusion. Let us be sincere; let us be moderate; let us be simple. Life is not made up of a few or a flood of well-turned speeches.

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her home in Mansfield that the seriousness of her injuries became known. Her friends will remember her as a kind, considerate and loving instrument of the spirit world. She was 56.

Mackey To Visit Florida

Edward F. ("Eddie") Mackey, noted direct-voice medium, New York City, announces his intention of spending the entire month of February, '48 in the vicinity of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Mackey conducts a psychic center and classes for spiritual unfoldment at 31 West 75th St., N. Y. C.

Oursler Comments

When Fulton Oursler reviewed Joseph Bank Rhine's recent book "The Reach of the Mind," he said: "Dr. Rhine declares that E. S. P. is not mind reading at all; a great part of it at least is something even more mysterious; the strange mystery of clairvoyance . . . Dr. Rhine believes that there are powers of the human mind way beyond anything dreamed of in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He says that it is not impossible for one nation to forestall the aggressive plans of another by the power of foretelling the future which is one of the misunderstood talents of a human being."

Rev. Winnie Passes Away

Rev. Clara Belle Winnie, 61, passed to the higher life, October 9th, last. She was pastor of the 4th church, Science of Progressive Life, Kansas City, Missouri. As a popular mental and trance medium, Rev. Winnie devoted 25 years of her life to the cause; 10 years as pastor and ordained minister. For many years, she was associated with the N. S. A. 3rd church of Kansas City. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, six sons and fourteen grandchildren.

Reception for Rev. Schulz

The President and Board of Directors of The First Association of Spiritualists, Master and Carlisle Sts., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, held a reception October 11th for Rev. Mamie B. Schulz. During the summer months, Rev. Schulz serves as one of the staff mediums at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. She is a lecturer, teacher, mental, trance and direct-voice medium.

Carol Scott Passes Away

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Many of the phenomena of mediumship can be explained by the Spiritualist Hypothesis than by any of the assumptions so dear to the heart of those stickle-backs who prefer to swallow anything rather than a sound dose of spirit.

There can be no compromise with prejudiced people who insist on refusing to accept testimonies of other persons.

By
Horace Leaf

Undoubtedly psychical research is the lustiest child *Spiritualism* has given birth to, and it is a pity that it has so often tried to destroy its mother. Had there been no *Mediumship* there would have been neither a *British College of Psychic Science* nor an *American Society for Psychical Research*; just as there would have been no *Spiritualist National Union* nor a *National Spiritualist Association*. One would imagine that since they are all of the same family, they would have been on better terms.

In this case, alas, charity did not start at home. Not that this has been the fault of *Spiritualism*. This offspring of *Mediumship* has certainly offered the hand of friendship to its brother; but has been so often ignored that there is little cause for wonder that it finally refrained from attempting to maintain good relationship, deciding to leave the unfriendly brother severely alone.

No Science of Mind

Nothing is more clear than that, without the aid of mediums, psychical research could not have survived, and it might die if mediums altogether refuse to assist it. Whatever he said to the contrary, the question that has given real vitality and meaning to psychical research has been that of *survival of bodily death*, and this is intimately associated with *Spiritualism*.

That is the all important matter in philosophy: and psychical research, whatever it may say regarding its scientific claims, must, like psychology in general, belong to the arts.

There is a vast difference between science and the scientific method. That method has long been applied to the study of the human mind, but since there are no known laws of mind there can be no science of the mind.

Up till now, all that has been discovered are rules; but since no two persons act alike, even under the same conditions, if there are mental laws they have yet to be discovered. This is an important fact too often overlooked.

The Chief Defect

Professor C. E. M. Joad, at the conclusion of a three-year course of philosophy in connection with *London University*, concluded by lamenting that notwithstanding all its magnificent weaving of ideas and systems of ideas, philosophy had done nothing really effective in discovering whether man survives death.

Largely because of this philosophy has fallen into some discredit, and today one can discern its best advocates aspiring to settle this important question.

The fundamental difference between *Spiritualism* and psychical research is, that whereas the former has accepted survival as an established fact, the latter in a corporate form, excludes this aspect of the subject.

Plans Extensive Lecture Tour



Horace Leaf

There is a great deal to be said in favor of psychical research; but there is also much to be said against it.

Its chief defect is that, after more than sixty years, it is still passing the same water through the mill, and as a consequence bids fair to become nothing more important than a branch of normal psychology. There is actual danger of it passing entirely out of the higher metaphysical field into a purely planetary one.

Spiritualists, on the whole, would deplore this, for they see in psychical research, if more sympathetically conducted, an immense force for man's spiritual regeneration; but it must take a more impartial and logical standpoint.

Cooperation Unlikely

The insistence of so many psychical researchers that any theory is better than the survival theory, is not only exasperating, but decidedly illogical.

Many of the phenomena of mediumship can be better explained by the *Spiritualist hypothesis* than by any of the assumptions so dear to the heart of those stickle-backs who prefer to swallow anything rather than a sound dose of spirit.

With this in mind, on September 30th, R. G. Pressing held conference with two members of the New York Section of the A. S. P. R., at their headquarters in *New York City*. The results were on the whole unsatisfactory.

All Not Skeptical

Laura Dale, the Research Associate took a much more sympathetic attitude towards *Spiritualism* than the other researcher.

It is the irony of fate that this gentleman was himself endowed with supernormal faculties, which he was prepared to attribute entirely to his own mind and not to any form of spiritual assistance.

This would have been quite justified if every experience that has befallen him through his own powers, could be adequately accounted for by the parsimony theory; but it was evident that attempts to rationalize in the materialistic sense some of these experiences, involved assumptions far beyond the demands of reason.

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Horace Leaf in America

Horace Leaf, F.R.G.S., now making his fourth extended visit to America as a lecturer and medium, brings to our shores one of the most widely traveled Spiritualist missionaries in the history of *Spiritualism*. During the last twenty-five years, he has visited more than twenty-five countries, carrying the message of survival to almost every class of audience, from miners to royalty.

Last summer, he visited Iceland at the invitation of the Spiritualists and Psychical Researchers of that country, being sponsored by the *Icelandic Legation and Foreign Minister*. The six weeks, for which he was engaged, extended to fourteen owing to the enormous interest aroused throughout the country.

In 1922-3, he followed in the footsteps of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of *Sherlock Holmes*, at the special request of the famous author. This took him to *Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania*. In 1919, he had the unusual honor of being invited to lecture before the students and faculty of the State Hospital, Copenhagen on, "The Power of the Mind over the Body in the Light of Psychical Science."

A New Book: "On Getting On"

1928 saw him lecture on "Materializations" to an overflowing audience in the auditorium of *Dartmouth College, New Hampshire*. The lecture was illustrated by stereoscopic views, among them being all that remain of the photographs taken by Sir William Crookes, F.R.S., of the materialized form known as "Katie King." In three views, the famous scientist is seen in his own home . . . standing arm-in-arm with the materialized form of Katie King. Mr. Leaf carries this remarkable lecture with him on this visit.

The 1928 lecture led to a further invitation to visit the College, this time to lecture on *Extra-sensory Perception* and to conduct experiments in psychometry, Mr. Leaf acting as the demonstrator or subject, with positive results.

Mr. Leaf is highly recognized as a gifted psychometrist. In addition he is an effective clairvoyant, and was selected a few years ago to give a special test seance before the English Society for Psychical Research in *Glasgow, Scotland*.

Previous to coming to the United States on the present visit, he received invitations to lecture and demonstrate his mediumship in *Greece*. This visit being interrupted by the unsettled state of that country, and the death of the King of *Greece*, who was very much interested. In addition, calls came from *South Africa and Australia*. These countries he hopes to visit later.

Mr. Leaf holds the distinction of being also a writer of repute, not only on *Spiritualism*, but also on travel. His book, "Under the Southern Cross" resulted in his being elected a *Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England*. He has just written a book on *Iceland*, which has been accepted by one of the leading British publishing companies. It deals with the history and condition of that fascinating country from a traveler's point of view, and is entitled "Iceland Yesterday and Today."

Two months ago was published his book on *Practical Psychology*, "On Getting On." This book deals with applied psychology exclusively, he being Principal of the *Practical Psychology Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland*, where, when in Britain he at present resides.

He has also a psychic novel to his credit. It is entitled "Ahmed's Daughter" and is regarded as one of the best psychic novels published.

Planning American Lecture Tour

During his sojourn in America, Mr. Leaf aims to visit various Spiritualist churches and societies, to deliver public addresses, scientific and Class Lectures, and to give public and private demonstrations of his gifts of clairvoyance, clair-audience and psychometry. It is hoped that all and sundry will take advantage of this opportunity to hear one of the most learned lecturers in the movement, as well as to benefit by his undoubted psychic powers.

Mr. Leaf has long been regarded as an outstanding psychic scientist, particularly on the subject of *Mediumship* and its Development, in fact he was a staff lecturer on that subject for the *British College of Psychic Science*. A few years ago the substance of those lectures were, at the request of the Principal of the college, published under the title, "The Psychology and Development of Mediumship."

Later he wrote the popular "first seller," "What Mediumship Is." It is doubtful if any book on this subject has made a more popular appeal all over the world. Articles from his pen appear from time to time in "Psychic Observer" as well as in other Spiritualist and occult journals. Many will remember him for his series of articles in "Liberty" under the heading, "I Am a Psychic Detective."

Mr. Leaf has three brothers who are American citizens. He plans to visit them, and altogether to remain at least twelve months this side of the Atlantic.

He is, at present, staying with friends in *New Jersey*, and all Societies and Churches wishing to contact him should write to Box 224, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

periences, involved assumptions far beyond the demands of reason.

There can be no compromise with people who insist on refusing to accept the testimonies of other people—if they do not fit in with their own prejudices. Fortunately this argument does not apply to every member of psychical research; but it does to far too many.

Mediums Have Rights

Spiritualists are out for truth, even if they are often insufficiently skeptical. Experience has shown clearly that a reasonably credulous state of mind results in producing highly favorable results where the best and most valuable mediumistic phenomena are concerned.

Mr. Pressing urged this by suggesting that when conducting experiments, reasonable regard should be paid to the medium's personal equation; by which I mean, the methods by which he gets his best results. The history of psychical research has often proved this.

Take for example the case of *Mlle. Eva C.*, the materializing medium with whom *Baron von Schrenck-Notzing* conducted his most effective experiments. She had been brought up in a Spiritualistic atmosphere, and when in them her powers were considerably more effective than when she subjected herself to the stern conditions prescribed by the Baron and his scientific friends. Such instances could be multiplied.

Old Worn-out Methods

It was obvious during the conference that these psychical researchers were more interested in the test conditions prescribed for experiments in *extra-sensory perception* than in anything else.

Extra sensory perceptions have been explored for more than a quarter of a century, and the subject stands today very much where it stood during the first ten years. Its aim is not to find out whether

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man has a spirit which survives the shock of death; but whether he has more special senses than the wellknown five.

It has been found that he has presumably three other such senses: *telepathy, clairvoyance and psychometry*. But none of these are experimented in a way which relates them to a super-sensible world, but merely to this planet. If the super-sensible aspect of the subject has been dealt with, it has been in a subsidiary way.

Having discovered these senses, the questions arise whether they are vestigial, i.e., dying out; or rudimentary, i.e., growing; and what type of persons or temperaments they are related to. *Miss Dale* believes that some serious headway has been made.

Truth Known To Many

Mr. Pressing and I had to admit on leaving the conference, which had been carried on in a perfectly friendly spirit, that the possibility of a close association between *Spiritualism* and *Psychical Research* was much more remote than we had thought.

This must not be read as meaning that members of the *Society for Psychical Research* are ALL antagonistic to the Spiritualist hypothesis; but that its line of enquiry is for the moment practically useless to those of us who are anxious to convert the world to the fact that man is a spiritual being who survives death, and that life on earth should be made to comport with that important truth.

Mr. Pressing and I claim to be in the happy position of knowing that truth as far as any truth can be known. In this, we join an immense body of equally fortunate believers, most of whom have sufficient commonsense to judge, after a fair trial, whether their belief is justified or not.

As Editor of *The Psychic Observer*, Mr. Pressing, has endeavored to render a real service to genuine mediumship, *Spiritualism*, and *Psychic Research*; and if the situation is not as favorable as we would like it to be, he still deserves our thanks.

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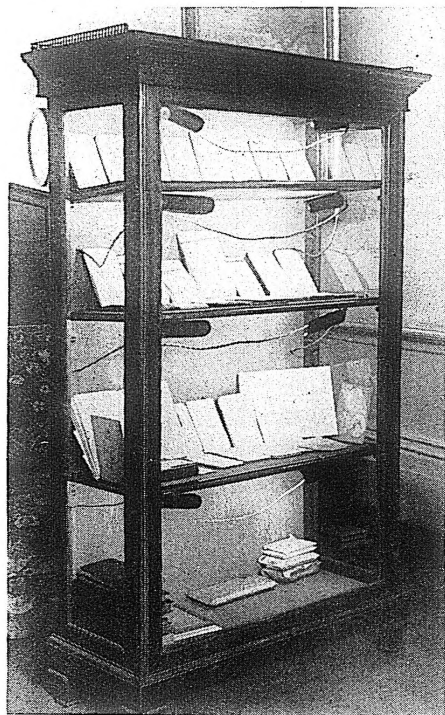
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All Spiritualists, visiting England, are invited to view the rare exhibit at 16 Queensbury Place, South Kensington, London, S.W. 7. This exhibit, according to the secretary *Miss Mercy Phillimore*, is sponsored by The *London Spiritualist Alliance, Ltd.* with which is incorporated *The Quest Club*. Original writings and documents owned by *Rev. William Stainton Moses, M.A.*; a life-size oil painting of *Etta Wriedt* as well as many other

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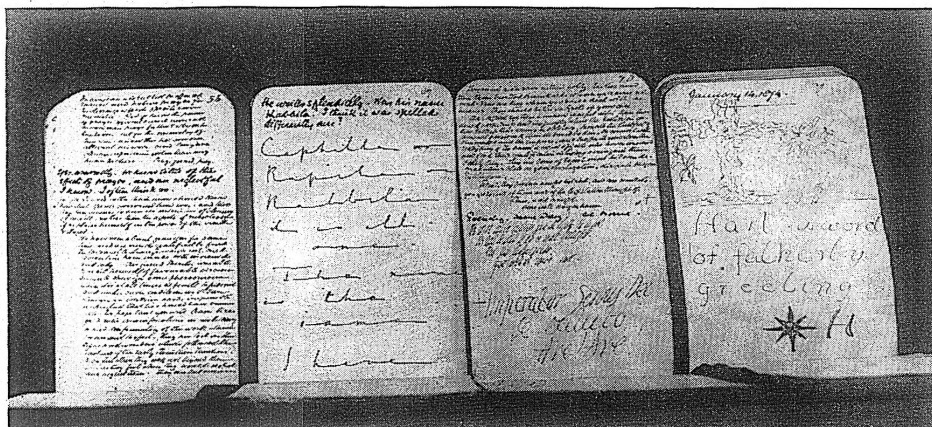
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See Article, Page 3, "Queen Victoria's Voice Heard Again."

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By *Miss Mercy Phillimore*

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6—Reproduction from a photograph of the original life-size painting of *Etta Wriedt*, one of the world's greatest voice mediums. She lived in *Detroit, Michigan*, and visited *London* many times as a guest (among others) of *W. T. Stead, Vice Admiral Osborne Moore* and the late *Lady Glenconner* who afterward became *Lady Grey of Fallodon*. Inscription at the bottom of frame: "*Mrs. Etta Wriedt, Voice Medium—painted by Miss Helen W. Smith 1860-1942.*"

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