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Amalia Pfenning

Centennial Program

100 Years of Modern Spiritualism
June 30, July 1, 2, 1948
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June 30 — Pioneer Day

- 11:00 A. M. Band Concert — Melrose Park.
- 2:30 P. M. Honoring Pioneers.
- 4:30 P. M. Tour through Historic Lily Dale, conducted by Arthur A. Myers.
- 8:00 P. M. Auditorium service and seance with world renowned mediums.

July 1 — International Day

- 11:00 A. M. Open air service — Fox Cottage — Forest Temple Park.
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July 2 — Lyceum and Junior League Day National Spiritualist Association Teachers

- 11:00 A. M. Children's Band Concert — Melrose Park.
- 2:30 P. M. Auditorium Service — Honoring Andrew Jackson Davis, Founder of the American Spiritualist Lyceum; Alfred Kitson, Founder of the British Spiritualist Lyceum; Jack Buchholz, Founder, Junior League.
- 4:30 P. M. Symposium, N. S. A. Teachers.
- 8:00 P. M. Auditorium Dance.

The National Spiritualist Association invites everyone to Lily Dale Assembly Camp Grounds to participate in the 100th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. There will be **NO GATE FEE** for the period of the N.S.A. celebration. Programs subject to change.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The World Centennial Celebration of Modern Spiritualism will open at The Seneca Hotel, Rochester, N. Y., July 4th, 1948. A special article, relative to this celebration, contributed by Rev. J. Bertran Gerling, Chairman, World Centennial, will be published in next edition of this journal. This centennial, sponsored by the *Federation of Spiritual Churches and Organizations, Inc.*, will continue at Rochester through July 11th. From July 11th to July 25th, the delegation will visit Toronto and Buffalo and conclude with several days at Lily Dale.

Spiritualists throughout the United States planning to attend the N.S.A. Centennial at Lily Dale, June 30th and July 1st and 2nd, can spend several days there, then travel to Rochester for the World celebration. Rochester is about 100 miles from Lily Dale.

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Thousands Plan to Attend Many States to be Represented

Up-to-the-minute details, relative to the forthcoming *Centennial of Modern Spiritualism*, to be celebrated at Lily Dale, June 30th, July 1st and 2nd, have been submitted to the editors of *Psychic Observer*. The information following was obtained in Chicago from the board of directors of the N.S.A. and at Lily Dale from Rev. Robert J. Macdonald, chairman.

The centennial will open in Lily Dale's auditorium with an address of welcome by the President of Lily Dale Assembly, William A. Johnson. This address will be followed by a symposium. The first speaker will be Miss Amalia Pfenning, one of Spiritualism's outstanding lecturers and teachers. Miss Pfenning will base her discussion on the *Mediumship of St. Paul*.

Other forum speakers and their subjects: *Healing Through Spirit Power* by Rev. Russell Waldorf, N.S.A. Trustee, Springfield, Ohio; *Education* by Dr. Victoria Barnes, Superintendent of the N.S.A. Bureau of Education and Trustee of the N.S.A., Chicago, Illinois; *Education*, Rev. Melvina Hostak, director of Morris Pratt Institute, (Whitewater) Milwaukee, Wisconsin; *Spiritualist Progressive Lyceum* by Rev. Verna K. Kuhlrig.

Every effort will be made by Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, Springfield, Massachusetts, to attend the centennial. Mrs. Goetz, a former member of the N.S.A. board and one of Spiritualism's most forceful speakers, will either be present to discuss or present a paper to be read . . . based upon the interpretation of the *Philosophy and Religion of Modern Spiritualism*.

Rev. John Bunker, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, one of the directors of the *Spiritualist Episcopal Church*, will speak on the value of physical phenomena as a part of the religion of Spiritualism. Rev. A. Kemsley, Detroit, Michigan, will outline the teachings of the *Christian Corinthians*, a Spiritualist organization of which he is a director.

Lyceum Education

Ollah Toph, Indianapolis, Indiana, truly a pioneer in the ranks, plans to stress the importance of our literature. For many years, she has contributed articles to the Spiritualist press, lectured and conducted classes based upon our philosophy.

Lyceum education will be the subject presented by Clyde Dibble,

San Francisco, California, one of the directors of the N.S.A. Lyceum organization. John Ring, Los Angeles, California, another pioneer, will outline the work accomplished by Andrew Jackson Davis in the foundation of our Lyceum movement.

Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs, Washington, D. C., N.S.A. trustee, will present the aspects of liberal religions in relation to Spiritualism. Rev. John A. Armistead, Battle Creek, Michigan, a member of Lily Dale's board of directors, will explain how Spiritualism can become a part and take its rightful place in community affairs. Clarence Benedict, Boston, Massachusetts, will present his ideas as to how *American Brotherhood* can be best accomplished.

Fox Cottage Service

There will be a special program scheduled at the Fox Cottage on July 1st. Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, President Emeritus and Rev. Charles R. Smith will be the speak-

ers on this occasion. A wreath in commemoration of the Fox Sisters and original founders will be placed in an appropriate spot.

On this occasion, a tree will be placed in the park near the Fox Cottage by the N.S.A. Lyceum represented by Gloria and Loretta Buckner, child mediums, Royal Oak, Michigan. Concluding this particular event, spirit communications will be given by Rev. Burroughs and Peter Evert, President of The Michigan State Spiritualist Association.

Outstanding Mediums

On the opening day, June 30th, the official program lists an invocation by Amalia Pfenning, Cassadaga, Florida. After the centennial poem is read by Ollah Toph, Rev. Robert Macdonald will deliver the keynote address which will be followed by a symposium of subjects previously outlined.

Rev. Sarah Parker Thomson, Clearwater, Florida, N.S.A. missionary, will render the official benediction.

Many of America's outstanding mediums have been invited to take part in the message services scheduled throughout the centennial. Many have expressed their desire to cooperate and will attend, some have not as yet been able to definitely state they can make the trip, while others have not answered to date.

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HOW TO REACH LILY DALE

BY MOTOR CAR, take Route No. 20, east or west to Fredonia, N. Y.; From Fredonia, drive seven miles south on Route No. 60 to Lily Dale. Approaching Lily Dale from the south on Route No. 17, drive to Jamestown, N. Y., and take Route No. 60 twenty miles north to Lily Dale.

BY RAILROAD, ask for ticket to Dunkirk, N. Y., on the New York Central R. R. From Dunkirk, take bus thirteen miles to Lily Dale. Taxi service at Dunkirk depot direct to Lily Dale.

BY BUS, purchase ticket to Jamestown, N. Y., or Fredonia, N. Y. Good Connections by bus to Lily Dale.

BY PLANE, the nearest airport is Buffalo, N. Y. (The airport at Jamestown, N. Y., has been discontinued). From Buffalo airport, take coach to downtown Buffalo bus depot or to the New York Central Depot. The N.Y.C. Depot is midway between the airport and downtown Buffalo.

The Master Key To Psychic Unfoldment

The Evolution of Consciousness

This is the first in a series of lessons dictated by Delta Samadhi, spirit collaborator of Felicie Crossley Peterson of California. These lessons were included in the out-of-print book "Guide to Mediumship." Lessons to follow in the next two consecutive editions are, "The Spirit of God, Universal Intelligence" and "Self Realization and Seership."—Ed.

Consciousness evolves, we are told, from the lowliest cell-intelligence up through all phases of mental evolution until we reach the state of divine consciousness—Samadhi. Samadhi is the stage of consciousness higher than the highest stage of self-consciousness.

Occidental occultists call it the cosmic-consciousness, which is described as an awareness of the One-ness of all life; a consciousness that all is life, force and motion—nothing is dead or lost. All is animate with infinite intelligence.

Mystics, saints and inspired souls down through the ages have had fleeting glimpses of this higher consciousness, which left them stricken with awe, completely dazed and bewildered by the splendor and grandeur of the Absolute.

No mortal words can convey the experience of the awful realization that they have been in the presence of Something—and they called it God, or an equivalent name representing deity in their particular religion or creed.

Sense of Immortality

Concerning this consciousness, Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke wrote: "I have, during the last three years, collected twenty-three cases of this so-called cosmic-consciousness. In each case the onset, or incoming, of the new faculty is always sudden, instantaneous. Among the usual feelings the mind experiences is a sudden sense of being immersed in flame or in a brilliant light. This occurs entirely without worrying or outward cause, and may happen at noonday or in the middle of the night. . .

"Along with these feelings comes a sense of immortality, not merely a feeling of certainty that there is a future life—that would be small matter—but a pronounced consciousness that the life now being lived is eternal, death being seen as a trivial incident that does not affect its continuity. Further, there is annihilation of the sense of sin, and an intellectual competency, not simply surpassing the old plane, but on an entirely new and higher plane."

Revelation of Samadhi

Words fail the person to whom this experience has come. It is a transcendental state of illuminated consciousness. This sublime experience is followed by a peace that truly passeth understanding—a calm as universal as the ethers. Out of the "Silent Silence" a Voice will speak and reveal the mysteries of life.

Underlying the multitudinous and varied experiences of those who have attained the revelation of Samadhi—though but for a fleeting moment—there are certain fundamental and essential characteristics which identify the experience as real, not merely an illusion. Though these general characteristics may vary, there are certain details that distinguish the real.

Concerning his experience Dr. Bucke wrote: "My mind, deeply under the influence of the ideas, images and emotions called up by

the reading and talk, was calm and peaceful. I was in a state of quiet, almost passive enjoyment, not actually thinking, but letting ideas, images and emotions flow of themselves, as it were, in my mind.

All at once, without warning of any kind, I found myself wrapped in a flame-colored cloud. For an instant I thought of fire, an immense conflagration somewhere close by in that great city. The next moment, I knew that the fire was in myself."

Limitations of Body

Most reports of this experience allude to a great Inner Light, as the reflection of a distant fire—a great conflagration.

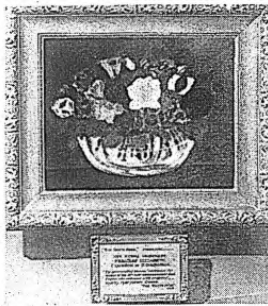
A beautiful experience was reported by an English Chela. "I felt a kind of soothing slumber stealing over me. I became aware that I was floating in a vast ocean of light and joy. I was here, there, and everywhere. I was everybody, and everybody was I. I knew I was I, and yet I knew I was much more than myself. Indeed, it seemed to me there was no division; that all the universe was in me, and I in it, yet nothing was lost or swallowed up. Everything was alive with a joy that would never diminish."

Another truthseeker relates her experience: "Thinking of spiritual things, as was my wont in meditation, feeling a strong presence of God, I suddenly had a consciousness of being surrounded by a brilliant white light which continued for several minutes, and, at the same time, I felt a great spiritual uplifting, and an enlargement of my mental powers, as if the limitations of the body were transcended, and my soul's capacities were in a measure set free for a moment.

Torrent of Spiritual Light

The experience was most unique and beyond the current of everyday human life, and while the vision or impression passed

Presented to
Queen Elizabeth
By
Lady Anderson



The picture above is reproduced from a photograph of the painting presented to Queen Elizabeth by Lady Anderson.

The plaque below the painting reads: "The White Rose" symbolizes Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh. "The surrounding blooms" emblemize the people of the British Commonwealth and Empire, who blossom with profound loyalty, their future Queen.

"The White Rose" M.A.

away, a permanent effect was produced upon my mind which I shall never, never forget."

Sri Ramakrishna, the renowned Hindu sage and teacher, spoke of this mystic illumination as "a torrent of spiritual light, deluging the mind and giving the soul peace. This living light does not harm. It is like the light coming from a gem, shining yet soft, cool and soothing. It burneth not; it giveth peace and joy."

Saint Paul, while still known as Saul of Tarsus, had a notable experience which is historical: "As he journeyed, he came near unto Damascus, and suddenly there shone around him a light from heaven." The experience of this "Light" or "Fire" from heaven is typical of this divine illumination, though in some cases it is more pronounced than others.

A Physical Explanation

It seems as if the mind were flooded with wisdom from a supernal source—it may be justly called a mental incandescence. But Illumination is the word, for it means: "The act of supplying light, or of brightening; or the act of enlightenment or enlightening; also, that which illuminates or gives light; brightness, splendor, especially intellectual light or knowledge; spiritual illumination or enlightenment; brightening of the intellect which arises by reason of the radiation of the power of the intuitive or superconscious faculties or planes of mind."

Hence the term "Illumination" is a fitting appellation for this sublime experience.

It should be noted that those who seek for a physical explanation of spiritual phenomena—those of a scientific trend—suggest that this experience of "illumination" may be accounted for by a presumed increase in the rate of vibration, or an intensified vibration of the brain-cells.

Presence of the Infinite

This increased, or heightened, vibration of the brain-cells produces the sensation of light. The basis of this argument is that ordinary light is produced by the vibration of the ether waves. This is an interesting explanation, but does not explain the cause of the intensified or increased vibration, when the effect of the passivity which usually precedes these experiences would naturally be a decreased vibration.

The most impressive and awe-

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The Message of the "White Rose"

by

Lady (Muriel) Anderson

One day in the early June of last year, 1947, one of my gardeners brought a bunch of the first blooms of roses into the house. A member of my staff came to show me those lovely flowers of June, and I was so impressed with their exquisite beauty and coloring, that I expressed my wish, that they should be arranged in a bowl and be taken up to my studio as soon as possible, as I was feeling an urge within me to commence to use my brushes and media on a canvas, to record the color combination of the roses from my garden.

Inspired to Paint

I was then busy on a series of ballet pictures, and was very much engrossed in painting these subjects, but I could not resist leaving the particular picture of a scene from "Lac de Cygnes" to set myself the task of getting the roses formed on the canvas, with the object of preserving the reflection of their images. After painting them, I roughly sketched out the bowl, and then left the picture unfinished, to continue my "Swan Lake."

In the December of the past year, my husband remarked, that he thought that I should re-start on the rose picture, and try to complete it. I then decided to do this, and whilst seated at my easel, with pallet and brush, I was suddenly inspired with a message, that the picture held a great significance in relation to Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth—"The White Rose"—which appears almost in the center of the blooms.

I told Sir John of this message, and he advised me to inform Her Royal Highness, which I did, and the Princess graciously accepted the picture, desiring that it should be hung at St. James Palace amongst the wedding presents, and that the symbolism should be attached to the picture.

The Happy Inner-Self

The power of inspiration is not a fallacy, but so real. In fact, it is the only real thing which determines each individual's pattern of expression in life.

The vibration of thought is quicker than sound or light. We can emulate by our freewill, the beautiful or ugly thoughts, which we choose to manifest through life's journey.

The message of the "White Rose" was from a sphere of good-will and harmony. The Unseen Power of Good purpose, helps us to have a security within our souls, far more sure than the material outer-shadow, for we can depend on inner-inspiration of thought, for nothing else is really dependable to build the happy-inner-self, than linking up with the thought-wave of the Divine Plan.

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Dr. Victoria Barnes

Direct-Voice IN PUBLIC

By
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The most striking development in Spiritualism in Great Britain during the last year or so has been the demonstration of direct-voice at public meetings with full light, in large halls or theaters crowded to capacity.

I do not know whether these demonstrations are known in America, but in any case it may be of interest to the readers of the *Psychic Observer* to hear of what certainly is something of a novelty in this country. Four mediums so far have been displaying their powers at those meetings, *Estelle Roberts, Leslie Flint, William Roy* and *Ronald Cockersell*.

Their technique varies a little in that *Leslie Flint* and *William Roy* do not employ a trumpet, while the others do. Otherwise the arrangements are more or less the same.

The "Stage" Is Set

The stage and hall are in full light, but the medium sits in a thick walled tent, which is completely dark inside. Usually a microphone is placed about a foot away in front of and outside the tent, but in one case it is actually put inside. In order to provide power, the members of the medium's home circle sit close round the tent.

The result is very striking. The voices of the guides and controls are heard loudly throughout the hall or theater, and the various communicators, male and female, in their differing tones, sometimes fluent, sometimes halting, and perhaps guttural and even indistinct at first, are picked up easily from the farthest seats.

The control provides the atmosphere and relieves the tension. *Mickey*, the little cockney control of *Leslie Flint*, for instance, with his shrill voice and native humor again and again makes the audience roar with laughter.

No Actual Proof

At times well-known characters of this and other generations speak. I have heard *Charles Wesley, Olive Lodge, Mrs. Patrick Campbell* and *Ellen Terry* hold forth in a style characteristic of them in their lives in this earth . . . at least they have announced themselves as such.

There is really no actual proof that there is direct-voice at all. The medium sits in the tent and "might," according to our critics, be speaking in an assumed voice. One can only rely on two things. I have sat with two of the mediums and believe they are genuine

LEST WE FORGET OUR GREAT PIONEERS



From the archives of an old-time spiritualist, the photograph (above) was received recently. Not all are recognized but our correspondent identifies the man with the beard, extreme upper left, as *Hiram Clark*. Others, top row extreme left, *Fred Evans*, noted slate-writer; *Elmer Morrow*, upper center; *Effie Mass*, extreme right; *Carrie E. S. Twing*, left center; *Mrs. Skeets*, center; Lower row, left to right: *Maggie Waite, Mrs. Fred Evans* and *George Colby*. Identifications were made by *Maude Kline*, 2018 Arrowhead Ave., San Bernardino, California.

direct-voice mediums. Reliable witnesses who have sat with the other two, say the same of them. Apart from this, the evidence given at the meetings is first class, quite as good as, if not better than in the clairvoyant demonstrations of famous mediums like *Helen Hughes*. I myself, therefore, see no reason to believe that the demonstrations are not genuine.

For my own part, I can see no harm in them, and indeed think they do good. Our own conservative elements regarded them at first with something like horror, and are not yet reconciled to them. They were unable to credit that direct-voice was possible under these conditions, and they objected to the sensationalism which accompanied them.

It is true that the mediums command fees for their appearances, but their sponsors usually earmark the profits for their societies or associations.

Students May Scoff

However, these demonstrations have undoubtedly come to stay. They are popular with the public now and will, I think, continue to be in demand even when the novelty wears off. Direct-voice mediums are rare, and it is difficult to get sittings with them in private, or in small circles, while all Spiritualists naturally desire to have experience of a phenomenon which is one of the world's wonders and is at the same time one of the most striking features of spirit communication.

The serious students of psychical research may scoff at these public meetings, and call those who attend them gullible and credulous, because there seems to be no definite proof of direct-voice; but then they adopt much the same attitude towards platform clairvoyance.

In fact, our purists still maintain that direct-voice is not yet established as a fact. Nevertheless, our withers are unwrung. Time will, I hope, show they are wrong in this, as in so many other things.

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Do Spirits Guide The Pendulum?

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There have been, so far, no satisfactory explanations of what makes a pendulum move with such divinatory accuracy, but if one concedes that it is moved by spirit guidance, just as a pencil is moved in automatic writing, everything becomes clear.

This would be somewhat like *MacDonald's* explanation of how animals find their way home across hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles of country unknown to them. His claim that it is due to spirit guidance seems normal and logical.

This theory concerning the pendulum appears to be corroborated by *Lord Dowding's* statement in "Lychgate," page 81, about the *Communiograph*, which has a pendulum operated by friends in the spirit world.

Otherwise, how could one hold a pendulum over the mere photograph or signature of a person thousands of miles away and find out all about them—condition of their health, their state of mind, and many other things that may have changed since the picture was taken or the paper signed? Only those in the astral world could give the answers so quickly and accurately. And this is being done every day by thousands of men and women.

The Modus Operandi

Then consider tracing lost persons by holding a pendulum over a printed map. Only spirit guides could cause the pendulum to move accurately and show exactly where the "lost" person can be found, for the operator of the pendulum does not know and the printed map cannot emit the radiations of the lost person.

Another fact which upholds a belief in spirit guidance of the pendulum is that the operator, to be successful, must be relaxed, completely neutral, in a state of absolute receptivity, which conditions are most favorable for

the action of our disincarnate friends.

This theory is also strongly supported by the work that has been done for the last ten years by two *Welgian* radi-esthetists (the name adopted by users of the pendulum). When they want a scientific instrument, they write the problem clearly in the upper right hand corner of a sheet of paper. They claim to have evolved highly complicated apparatus in this manner, but I will describe a simple example.

They wanted a pendulum that would be most sensitive to words and require no regulating. Having written that on the paper, they put it aside for three days, in order to give their spirit guides time to solve the problem. Then they took a pendulum and drew lines on the paper according to its movements.

From Whence the Answers?

It drew an oblong, a line, and a small ring at the end of the line. They asked, "Is this a square oblong?"—the pendulum indicated "no"; "Is this a round bar?"—the pendulum indicated "yes."

Now, how could they get such answers except from the astral world? Then they asked what material it should be made of and received "no" answers as they mentioned various substances until they asked if it were brass. They asked if the line were a string or a chain.

After repeated questions, they learned that it should be a silver chain and the ring made of brass. They even obtained exact dimensions for everything. They wrote all this on the paper beside the design and put it aside for three days so that it could be tested on the astral plane.

A Natural Explanation

They took it up again and discovered by using a pendulum that there were errors to be corrected here and there. They noted the correction on the paper and then drew the corrected design, with all the correct notes, on a fresh sheet of paper and waited another three days.

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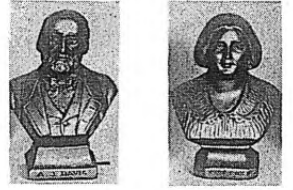
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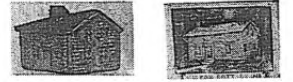
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THERE ARE THOSE IN OBSCURE PLACES WHO OFFER US TRUE INSPIRATION

By Dortch Campbell

Who are the greatest among sons and daughters of men? Are they not those who hear aloft a light for others who are in darkness that they may see their way?

"Reach out to him who pervades all faiths," said Joseph of Armithea, as recorded by *Juliette Ewing Pressing* in a recent issue of THE PSYCHIC OBSERVER, of which she is editor. "Surrender yourselves to him. Look up to the hills, lift your hearts and your minds. God needs Light-Bearers."

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Faith Must Hold On

We might refresh our souls by learning more of these, but we can not be as they were—we can not measure up to their spiritual stature. In the heart there is not the courage; the spiritual stature is puny; we lack their faith. Let us be satisfied then with what we are. Let us be content with our own particular sphere. But let us shine within that orbit that others by faith may attain the little faith that we have gained.

That was an intensely vital as well as interesting document that Mrs. Pressing gave regarding the dramatic return of Jean Harlow. But nothing was of more interest to me, in spite of the scientific importance of the record, than the little touch of humanity. Mrs. Pressing said: "Recently I have had a number of problems that have been somewhat bewildering and my faith had been stretched to a very thin thread but it held on."

An unseen hand held up a light. She went her way in faith. The problem was solved. It is these little things of life which, if overcome, give it meaning. We need the faith of little triumphs. Again and again people write me that they want to go out and

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I want you to know these things of faith who think you can not go on, whether it is to leap and walk or to meet the varying crises in which earth-life abounds. I would that all went on with lamp held high. There are those who take up the torch, under the inspiration and encouragement of others, but too often they falter before life's handicaps and let the torch fall by the wayside. These need a sustaining faith; for faith in action has never failed the vigilant.

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these and smiles! The Great and the Near-Great do not interest him; verily, they shall receive the rewards of greatness.

Lives of Great Men . . .

Lives of great men oft remind us we should make our lives sublime. But who are the really great? Are they not those who have done so much with so little?

There comes the time in my life when I cease to give heed to the mighty theories of the highborn. I prefer to look down deep into the hearts of lonely men and women; who keep the fires of faith and love burning. There are those in the obscure places who offer us true inspiration. If we can make our lives as sublime as theirs we shall have done well.

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A spirit picture, easily identified as Kate Fox, can be seen at top, second from left. The other three spirit faces, to the right of Kate Fox, have not been identified.

Witnesses pictured above, left to right (standing) Mr. Wolf, Laura Andrews, Bernice Rightmyer, Eva Boswick, Ray Wheeler, Jessie Todd, Ruth Crabb, Mabel Luger, Walter Fabian.

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Reproduction in the Spirit Land

QUESTION: "What are the relations of the sexes in the Second Sphere, or Spirit Land? Did they reproduce in a manner corresponding to this world?"

ANSWER: We repeat, the divine law of Use is the source of every organ and function. Nothing lives a day after its real usefulness in the boundless economy of the universe has absolutely terminated. This world is the *manufactory* of individualized minds, adapted to a future life. The productions of this existence are gathered into that which is to come. The organic machinery of our terrestrial bodies, by which reproduction is carried forward, is not demanded by the law of Use in the Spirit Land.

But the relation of marriage, between the sexes, is far more perfect in the next life. Love, not passion, prevails. And the objects of love are exalted far above the reproductive impulses of the blood. The wondrous and beautiful cerebrum, or front and superior lobe of the brain, spiritualizes the blood just in proportion to its predominance over the cerebellum and its visceral appendages.

In the other world, where the moral and intellectual powers are naturally balanced and supreme, the reproductiveness of blood is transferred to that of spirit. Thus the correspondence is kept up. The offsprings of Spirit-love are high-born acts of wisdom and philanthropy; and it is worthy of all consideration and gratitude, that in the Spirit-world, no great individual deeds are possible outside of the true marriage. Indeed, without union between adapted natures there is neither happiness nor progression.

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Do Spirits Wear Clothing?

QUESTION: "In your Philosophy of Spiritual Intercourse," page 131, you describe the formation of the spiritual body of a man who was killed by a well-caving in upon him. You say you saw "a form finely wrought, a body beautifully, organically, and symmetrically constructed. Did the body appear clothed or naked? Another question: Can a Spirit enter a house through a wall, or any solid substance? There seems to be much difference of opinion existing amongst believers in Spirit intercourse in regard to the ability of Spirits as to seeing, hearing, etc. in this? Can they not their habits and powers be ascertained correctly beyond any doubt?"

ANSWER: While engaged in the perception of the apotheosis described in the work in question, we could not discern corporeal and material things, for the reason that

the Spiritual eyes can see only what is essential and celestial. But garments suitable for the dress of the Spirit-body, had there been any, would have reflected themselves upon our vision.

There were no habiliments born with the Spirit-body, and hence it was raised naked and unconcealed, just as you and we were delivered into this world at the moment of birth. The query regarding the power of Spirits to pass unimpeded through "a house, wall, or solid substance," is answerable in many ways.

Spirits can travel through all substances by reflection, or by vision, or by extemporaneous energy, but not in organic form, not in bodily personality, as we can walk through water, or as we do separate the abounding atmosphere whenever moving through the spaces.

Where there is one seer or one Spirit who asserts the power of unembarrassed penetration through material bodies, there are ten seers and as many Spirits who will, from a superior and more philosophical plane of discernment, testify directly for the decision above expressed.

The reason why certain seers and Spirits testify differently, can be found in the want of inmost and upward judgment. They resemble the *ante-astronomical* nations, who held that the earth was a boundless plane of land and water, and that the sun was God's gorgeous chariot, in which he drove with lightning speed around this immovable and all-important mass of flat matter. And why?

Because nothing, they thought, could be more evident to sight, and therefore to reason, than the flatness and immobility of the earth, and the rotundity and rotation of the fiery source of every blessing; while, in fact, it was the flatness and immobility of their own heads, and not that of the globe, which covered their judgments with such absurd convictions.

We say all this merely as a practical suggestion to our interrogator: in part explaining why men, and spirits, and seers, differ upon matters where opposite convictions seem impossible. Wisdom, besides sight and testimony, is required.

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Concerning the Spiritual Vocabulary

QUESTION: "Are spirits confined, in their utterances through media, to the vocabulary of words actually possessed by the medium? Or can they impress words which the medium never saw or heard of? Again: Can our medium powers be unfolded while asleep as well as when awake?"

ANSWER: The influence of spirits acts upon many media like an uncontrollable mental stimulant which pervades the most *impressible* faculties, and thus exalts them above their ordinary capacities and actions. The effect ensuing is a larger and grander exhibition of the medium's natural abilities.

The transition from the normal condition to the commanding attitude of inspiration, is many times sudden, like a flash of lightning. Hence the marvellousness of the manifestation.

In such cases, it will be observed that, although the medium is impressed to discourse upon exalted themes with considerable

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profundity of reasoning, yet the construction of sentences, and even the terminology, are characteristic of the individual when not under spirit influence. This plain and very common fact has led many to question the co-operation of spirits in any instance.

But when the control is perfect (which is rare) the medium can be made to speak in "unknown tongues," and to employ words in any past or present language, with which the same person is wholly ignorant when not influenced.

Our medium powers do not open easily during sleep but the spirit is often built up in strength at night.

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Religion and Reason

QUESTION: Please give your shortest definition of true Religion. I would also be pleased to get your definition of Reason in its broadest sense."

ANSWER: It seems to us that the best, shortest, broadest definition of true Religion, is Universal Justice; which is a divine temple, founded upon the eternal rock of self-justice (or right-living), and Justice to the Neighbor. Piety is the emotional uprising of the spiritual faculties—a spontaneous breathing of the organs of Sublimity, Veneration, and Hope—resulting in gratitude to the Supreme Being, adoration, submission, and worship.

Reason, on the other hand, in its broadest definition, means the highest revelation of God and Nature to man's inward spirit. We do not mean the conclusions of the reasonings of one man, nor the philosophical deductions of the reasonings and perceptions of any number of men or angels, but the assembled and concurrent intuitions of the countless intelligences in the whole universe.

Reason, then, is the embodiment of all that "stupendous whole"—called Nature and God—in which all individualized intelligences "live, and move, and have their being"; the least reflecting the shape and properties and harmonies of the greatest, as one drop taken from the Atlantic is a faithful representative of the whole ocean, whence it derived its existence and properties.

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Accurate Clairvoyance Demonstrated By One of America's Youngest Mediums.

Before Rev. Carl R. Minugh came to Long Beach to establish his psychic demonstrations, I had heard of his marvelous work in Tulsa, Okla., and was amazed that one so young (only 29) would be devoting his life to the spiritual. He has told me since, as I have witnessed his work many times, that he began on the public platform at the age of 15.



Carl Minugh

Rather than go on with a discussion of his outstanding accuracy in message bearing, let me present proof of that accuracy through notes I jotted down at one of the Sunday evening meetings in the Church of Light and Truth, Masonic Temple, where Rev. Minugh has been the guest minister.

These are the answers he gave to written billets—before the billets were opened! Also jotted down were the questions asked on those billets and the identification by which each seeker went. This was only a customary meeting, one of dozens I have witnessed.

Minugh: "I see a gentleman here, a father who is looking for his daughter. To this lady here—you don't know for sure, he says, what you're going to do in Washington. You're just going to be doing something, aren't you?" (He selected the right lady, was holding her billet).

Lady: "Yes. That is right." Minugh: "This father of yours says you had a fall a few years ago and injured your right shoulder. You are seeking if you will ever completely recover. Is that right?"

Lady: "Yes. That is what I asked on the note."

Minugh: "Not completely. You'll always feel some trouble there, but it will get better as time goes on through your divine healing treatments."

Minugh: "I want to talk to another lady here, for I'm contacting Mr. Cook, Jr., and he wants to relay a message to his wife. Where are you, Mrs. Cook?"

Lady: "Here, Sir." Minugh: "This husband of yours tells me you have reached out in the world and adopted many children who need help. He says you deserve being taken good care of yourself and you will be. He says not to mind about someone. Poor old soul, she can't be

blamed; but the house will be yours for as long as you like, never fear. Do you know what I'm taking about?"

Lady: "Yes, Sir. That's my landlady. Thank you." (Her billet read: "Can you tell me if I will be allowed to stay in my present home?")

Minugh: "J.P.F., please. Yes! Definitely! You haven't been feeling very well, but your health condition is clearing up and you can soon make the desired move." (This was a man and his billet read: "Will I be well enough to travel north by summer?")

Minugh: "M. M. Where is M. M.? I hate to hurt your feelings, but you haven't found your place in the world yet and I wonder if you really have any desire to! You've lost faith, so I couldn't say it is entirely your fault. You're disinterested. Get busy and do something about it." (She had asked if she would find anything interesting to take her attention in the near future).

Minugh: "Where is 84-F.W.? There you are. There are some conditions you haven't been able to piece together. You'd like to know when your health is going to be like it used to be before that tragedy, the shock that nearly killed you 27 years ago and left you afflicted ever since. I must tell you the day is coming when you'll be completely recovered from any trace of that accident. You must have faith and know it is to be so." (The man had asked on his billet if he would ever recover).

Minugh: (without billet) "I must reach someone here. She didn't place any question on the table. There is a young man here in Navy uniform. His name is Robert. Robert is lost, I hear someone say." (Here a lady called forth: "My son.") "Robert went his way during the war, was killed, everything was in upheaval and there wasn't any record. He was buried, not at sea, though. He is in spirit, my friend." (He proceeded to describe him, to her evident satisfaction.)

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The Master Key

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Model Prayer

"We beseech Thee, O Living Father, to teach our minds to think; to help our hearts to feel; to make our bodies act . . . that Peace shall prevail . . . Amen."

The prayer above was called to the attention of *Psychic Observer* by Rev. Leota B. Maxwell, of Lily Dale, N. Y., lecturer, mental medium and one of the directors of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the U. S. A.

Rev. Maxwell's comment on this prayer: "For simplicity, brevity and going straight to the point, this prayer is unexcelled. It was uttered by an unidentified 9-year-old girl at a meeting in a Long Island high school and repeated by an audience of 1000 persons interested in World Peace."

"This prayer, in my opinion, says it all and more effectively than many longer prayers. It already has been translated into ten languages in the hope that it will be adopted as a worldwide prayer for a Peace Movement."

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Newark Anniversary

According to Rev. Anna Doerner, secretary, the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Church of Spiritual Promotion and Harmony was celebrated April 24th last at 532 Springfield Ave., Newark, New Jersey. During the evening, a musical and religious program, including many out-of-town speakers and mediums was supervised by Rev. Katherine Hazelwood, church minister.

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Brady Lake Camp

The 58th annual session of the Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp Association will open at Brady Lake, Ohio June 27th and close September 5th, according to President, Della Kingsbury. The camp is located in Portage County between the towns of Kent and Ravenna, about ten miles northeast of Akron. Excellent bus service in either direction.

Numerous improvements have been made at the camp for the comfort of visitors; the auditorium has been air-conditioned; the hotel, and dining room redecorated and refurnished throughout.

America's Premier Psychic, Theodor C. Russell will be featured during the month of July. Ralph Whitney and Henry Paulson are scheduled for the month of August.

In a letter to *Psychic Observer*, Mrs. Kingsbury says: "You are cordially invited to come and enjoy with us the aura of peace and understanding which the passing years of spiritual growth has brought to this camp 'by the side of the road.'"

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Lake Pleasant Camp

One of the oldest spiritualist camps in the United States, The New England Spiritualist Camp Association, will open its 1948 season the first Sunday in August and continue for six consecutive Sundays at their summer meeting grounds at Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts, according to T. C. Russell, President.

In addition to Mr. Russell who will be featured throughout the entire season, the following speakers and mediums are listed to serve: C. Harrison Engel, Norfolk, Virginia; Mariam Buckner Pond, founder of the Fox Memorial Society; Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, Springfield, Massachusetts; Mae Sawyer, President of The Bliss St. Church, Springfield, Mass.; Henry Paulson and D. May Randall.

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some consciousness, and by far perceived by those in Samadhi is that of the imminent and abiding presence of the Infinite Being, All-power, God — the description of which finds words inadequate. It is an awareness of the Great Ocean of Life of which each and everything is a part, radiating in and from the Central Fire — Divinity Manifest.

It is a vivid experience of absolute freedom and security of being; and intuitive certainty that there is no power existent which can in any way limit one's own essential being and entity, or in any way affect or destroy his own essential security of being. It is a knowledge of immortality undemondrable.

Objective proof becomes inconsequential in comparison with infinite realization. The limitations of time and space seem to fade into unreality—as unreal as they are to spiritual beings. All inharmony seems to disappear, leaving the universe a vast space of peace and understanding.

"Birthless and Deathless"

The illuminated one realizes the superb truth embodied in the Sanskrit poem: "The spirit never was born; the spirit shall cease to be, never; never the time it was not; end and beginning are dreams."

The initiate experiences a profound assurance of life eternal; of the invulnerability of Spirit; that neither sword nor spear can kill it; nor fire or air or water harm it. It cannot be wounded; it cannot die. It obtains a lasting and certain intuition of essential immortality and eternal existence.

"Birthless and deathless and changeless, remaineth the spirit forever; Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of it seems."

When all humanity shall have reached this sublime consciousness of Samadhi, demonstrability of survival shall not be needed—nor will it be desired. In this mighty experience of illumination the individual does not merely believe that he is immortal, he knows it.

Attaining Samadhi

The facts of immortal existence are just as evidential, as real, as true to him, as are the facts assuring him of present mortality. The knowledge and realization of both are absolute in this certainty and truth.

When attaining Samadhi, even for a brief instant, one finds his consciousness raised to a degree akin to infinity—though the realization may only be for the time being. But in that brief instant the riddle of the universe and the mystery of being become comprehensible fully and without apparent effort.

The entire field of knowledge becomes known during the instant of the "scintillating flash of Light"—the Light of Knowing without reasoning, the presence of All-knowledge, encompassing all. One writer compared the "flash" of infinite wisdom obtained during this experience of illumination: "One may see the entire landscape during the period of a vivid lightning flash."

Spiritual Development

The mind may be unable to remember the details, but it remembers the fact that there has really been such a knowing, and is con-

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forted thereby. It urges him on to greater spiritual attainment. To know with certainty that such the most distinct and definite, ex-knowledge is attainable is comforting—a knowledge that can give to every question an absolute and infallible answer.

With increased spiritual development the experience will return again and again to remain for longer intervals, becoming stronger and more permanent until at last the soul will dwell continuously in this Ocean of Truth.

Many persons of doubting mind believe this state of consciousness to be destructive to the brain cells. Contrariwise, it is beyond the capacity of brain-cell registration. It is found that the intellectual capacity of the individual increases and is strengthened by the experience of Samadhi.

The greatest poets, sages, artists and musicians will be found to have experienced Samadhi, or Divine Illumination — if only in a small measure. In many cases their greatest intellectual work has been performed after the time of such an experience. The experience of Samadhi plainly marks the dividing line between ordinary accomplishment and "inspiration."

Emerson Says . . .

With the increased peace, poise and knowledge, comes increased joy and capacity for happiness. Emerson says at times he experienced or "enjoyed a perfect exhilaration . . . I am glad to the brink of fear. All mean egotism vanishes. I become a transparent eyeball; I am nothing; I see all; the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or particle of God."

He also refers to "that shudder of awe and delight with which the individual soul always mingles with the universal soul." In his inimitable essays he makes reference to the "ecstasy" and the "ravishment" attending his spiritual experiences.

Celibacy or some form of asceticism seem imperative in order to reach these sublime heights of mystic illumination. But those who have experienced it say the "subliminal sensation of inexplicable joy" far surpasses any physical sensation which may require to be sacrificed—it is ineffable ecstasy in a higher and more enduring consciousness.

Bliss—Absolute

Seeking to emphasize this element of joyous mystic experience, the Sufi poets have often employed terms which have been grossly misunderstood by the uninitiated, who consequently regarded them as erotic, because spiritual experiences have been interpreted as physical. It is, in reality, higher than anything man knows as either physical or spiritual joy.

The orientals call it Bliss—Absolute. Whether Christian or Pagan, Oriental or Occidental mystics, the note of sublime joy runs through all the records. It is universal and ever-present, untouched by worldly sorrow or cares; in truth a conscious Union with God; a union between Creator and created—joy ineffable.

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unsatisfactory conditions into satisfactory conditions! Remember too, that you are to call upon him whenever you require Spiritual Comfort of Healing through prayer.

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Special Days

During the current camp season, special days are listed on the official 1948 program: June 19th, Opening Day, Psycho-Tone Seance and *Psychic Photography*; June 20th, *Psychic Observer Day* featuring *Juliette Ewing Pressing*; June 27th, Baltimore Day; July 1st, *Horace Leaf Day*; July 4th, Independence Day; July 5th, Opening Banquet.

July 11th, Norfolk, Virginia, Day; July 15th, *C. Harrison Engel Day*; July 18th, Reading, Penna., Day; July 22nd, Ohio Day; July 25th, Florida Day; July 29th, *Arthur Ford Day*.

August 1st, Philadelphia Day; August 2nd, Board of Governors Day; August 5th, *Raymond Burns Day*; August 8th, New York City Day; August 9th, New Jersey Day; August 11th, *Andrew Jackson Davis Day* and Membership Drive under the direction of *James M. Parrish*.



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August 15th, Washington, D. C., Day and Flower Memorial Service; August 19th, *Hugh Gordon Burroughs Day*; August 22nd, Connecticut Day; August 26th, *Lena Barnes Jefts Day*; August 30th, Camp Silver Belle Association Day.

September 3rd, *National Spiritualist Association Day*; September 3rd, Closing Banquet; September 5th, All States Day; September 6th, Health Clinic and Closing Service.

Psychic Observer Book Shop

This year, *Camp Silver Belle* will again have an up-to-date bookshop specially arranged in the lobby of *Mountain Springs Hotel*. This display of books, pertaining to psychic science, occultism and *Spiritualism*, is known as THE PSYCHIC OBSERVER BOOK SHOP. It is owned and operated by Dale News, Inc. and will be managed by *Blanche Sears* of Columbus, Ohio. One of the largest stocks of its kind will again be on display during the entire season—affording visitors an opportunity to purchase books they have seen advertised in the columns of *Psychic Observer*.

Advice To Visitors

All visitors are advised, if at all possible to make appointments for private seances well in advance. No medium can be obligated to "Crowd" their appointments, especially over week-ends, when pressure for private sittings and seances is at a peak.

Write for an appointment with the medium or mediums of your selection and know that every effort will be made to take care of your wishes.

However, bear in mind that *no medium is obligated to grant a private interview*. All requests will be handled graciously and with the thought of spiritual service to those whose hearts are set on making contact, if possible, with their loved ones.

Try to arrange private appointments on week days. Results are sometimes a great deal better when mediums are not "rushed".

This year at *Camp Silver Belle*, the public will have an opportunity to hear lectures and

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(NOTE: Key to phase of mediumship designated after names listed below: "C", Clairvoyance; "L", Lecturer; "DV", Direct-Voice; "M", Materialization; "B", Ballot and "P" *Psychic Photography*.)

Speakers and Mediums

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Other featured mediums and speakers listed on the official 1948 program: *Ethel Post-Parrish, L, C, DV, M.*; *H. Gordon Burroughs, L, DV, C*, Baltimore, Maryland; *Mary Fulton, L, DV, C*, Huntington, West Virginia; *Elizabeth Fabian, C, DV*, Ephrata, Penna.

John E. Reese, L, DV, C, Boston, Massachusetts; *Marion Miller DV, L, C*, Long Island; *C. Harrison Engel, L, C*, Norfolk, Virginia; *Arthur Ford, Trance, C, L*, New York City; *Ernest Holden, C, DV*, Harrisburg, Penna.; *Marguerite Holden, C*, Ephrata, Penna.

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J. Edward, P, Ephrata, Penna.; *Raymond Burns, C, DV, L*, Stamford, Connecticut; *James M. Parrish, Spiritual Healer and Lecturer*, St. Petersburg, Florida; *Marion Nicoletti, L*, New York City; *Kitty Leith, L*, New York City.

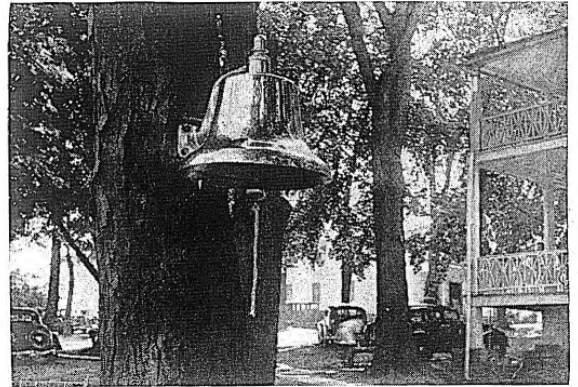
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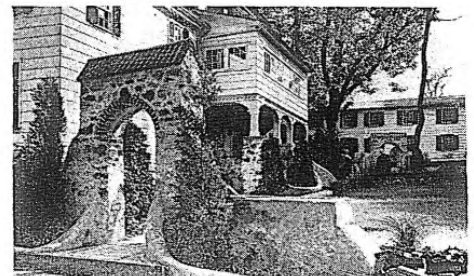
Educational classes of instruction on the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism are held each week-day morning; regular religious services, followed by demonstrations of clairvoyance, are held in the chapel for the public—daily except Monday. Each Sunday, there are three services, morning, afternoon and evening.

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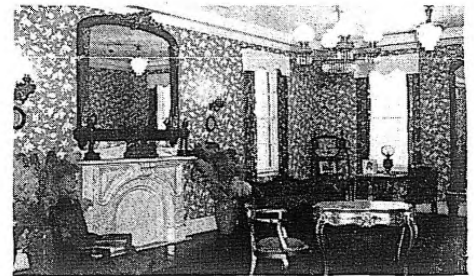
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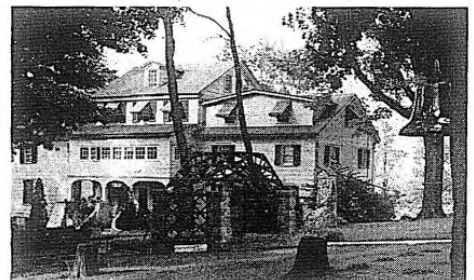
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