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SCIENCE AND THE Supernatural

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Considered by many authorities to be America's greatest physicist, Arthur H. Compton's eminence has been recognized by his fellows through election to the presidency of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This article is reprinted from the Association's "Scientific Monthly" by special permission. Dr. Compton originally won fame while Professor of Physics at the University of Chicago. He is known for his work on corpuscular and wave properties of X-rays; on the earth's rotation; on atomic structure; and particularly for his world survey of cosmic rays. A deeply religious man, he has never lost sight of spiritual values.

"Science of Mind"

Those whose thinking is disciplined by science, like all others, need a basis for the good life, for aspiration, for courage to do great deeds. They need a faith to live by. The hope of the world lies in those who have such faith and who use the methods of science to make their visions become real. Such visions and hope and faith are not a part of science.

Carlson Denies

Physics, chemistry and biology are not concerned with them. They are known by an individual only as he himself experiences them. Though stimulated by the outside world, they are not of it. They are beyond the nature that science knows.

Of such is the true "supernatural" that gives meaning to life. This "supernatural" is as real as the natural world of science and is consistent with the most rigorous application of the scientific method.

The "supernatural" specifically denied by Anton Carlson in the August 1944 number of "The Scientific Monthly" is the supernatural of magic, especially events contrary to known natural processes. Carlson has done a real service to those concerned with finding adequate objectives for living in a scientific world by showing the danger that comes from basing our greatest values on evidence that science cannot accept.

What Religion Needs

Science requires of religion that the language in which its great truths have been stated by prophets who lived in an age of magic, miracles and mysticism be translated into a language of verifiable fact. This lesson our religious leaders must learn, or inevitably with the growth of pub-

Nobel Prize Winner Discusses
The "SUPERNATURAL"



"World Wide Photo"

Arthur Holly Compton, born Wooster, Ohio, September 10th, 1892; discoverer of change of wave-length of X-rays; winner of Rumford Gold Medal, 1927; winner of Nobel Prize for Physics, 1927. Above photograph taken in Chicago, Dec. 2nd, 1942. His article on this page appeared in February, 1948, "Science of Mind" magazine.

lic reliance on science the effectiveness of their teaching will decline.

Having, however, thus performed a truly Herculean task of clearing the Augean stables, Carlson steals away with the cattle that the stables would shelter. He denies significance to anything other than physical events, that is, events observable by the senses or measurable by physical instruments.

The Positivists

At least it is easy to read this implication into his statement, as is done by Anna Rosenberg (in the November 1944 number of the same journal) in her letter supporting his positivistic position. It is at this point at which probably most American scientists would emphatically part company with Carlson and the positivists.

Though Carlson's discussion shows clearly his interest in the good life, since he denies the supernatural it would be readily inferred that he considers religion as inconsistent with science and inimical to the good life. Whether or not such an inference would be fair to Carlson, it would give a false view of both science and religion.

God's Part In the Plan

Let me then give a scientist's view of the fundamentals of religion. The following ideas are taken almost wholly from religious sources whose traditional authenticity is unquestionable. Yet I find no way in which they conflict with the spirit of even Carlson's Spartan science.

I take it that religion is concerned with the worship of God. "God," however, is a word with many meanings. I shall consider three meanings that are of special religious significance: God as the ruler of the universe; God as a hero to be admired and emulated; and God as the spirit of the

highest good which serves the guiding principle of one's life.

Better than at any earlier time we who live in a scientific world can recognize the grandeur of the universe of which we are a part. We have learned many of the laws according to which it works, of the motions of stars and atoms, and something of the evolution of galaxies and of life. What will be our attitude toward this world?

Shall we fear what may happen to us, be impassive, or have confidence in what the future will bring? Can our efforts adapt our world to our needs, or must we suppose that an irrevocable fate approaches over which

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He Keeps A Promise



Brown Landone

Brown Landone Materializes

By Clark Maxwell

Winter Park, Florida

On the evening of January 11th, 1948, a group of eleven people gathered for a materialization demonstration through the efforts of Clarence Britten, well known medium, just north of Orange City, Fla.

During the course of the evening, approximately 15 forms appeared — some elderly men and women, some children.

One of the feature highlights of the evening was the manifestation of Dr. Brown Landone, well known scientist and writer.

Dr. Clark Maxwell, his private secretary for more than fifteen years witnessed this amazing phenomena and not only he but 7 others present who knew Dr. Landone well actually acknowledged his identity.

Dr. Landone, in earth life, lived to be more than 98 years of age when he passed-on in October 1915. His one joy in life was his youthfulness, not appearing to look more than 60 years of age.

He was so youthful that he worked at his desk at an average of 20 hours daily and was the editor and publisher of more than 100 books, and several thousand pamphlets and booklets. His greatest books were a 7 volume "History of Civilization" and "Prophecies of Melchi-Zedek in the Great Pyramid."

When Dr. Landone appeared, Dr. Maxwell was called to the edge of the cabinet and stood within one foot of him. He spoke to Dr. Maxwell and stated that he is working with great souls in endeavoring to awaken a consciousness among peoples of earth of the great and happy knowledge of spiritualism. He also — as he so often did in his lifetime — danced a little jig.

Taylor's Testimony

Dr. Landone gave a message to Dr. Maxwell for several very close friends before he finally left with a promise to return again.

This is not the first time Dr. Landone has been contacted, but it is the first time he has actually materialized.

Other highlights of the evening were the manifestation of a noted Bishop of the Methodist Church, a personal friend of William A. Taylor, 225 College Point Drive, Winter Park, Florida, also the playing of an accordion in plain view of the spectators by another spirit form.

Before the meeting the accordion was tied by several ropes so that it could not be opened an inch. But this spirit form was handed the accordion and played several selections, then immediately handed to one of the members of the audience and was carefully examined to show that none of the ropes had been removed.

One of the finest demonstrations of the power of Mr. Britten was in the case of a little girl who weighed at least 50 pounds, being picked up by the elbows from the floor more than 18 inches by a spirit form.

Great Minds Have Believed In Spirit Return

Thinking souls in all ages have recognized that death
does not destroy the individual soul.

(Pictures on Page 12)

By Warren Chandler, The Understanding Friend

Suite 1216, 15 Park Row, New York 7, N. Y.

Thomas Edison once said: "If it is impossible to destroy material things—and we know this to be the case, although of course their forms may be completely changed—the destruction of the immaterial and infinitely more potent things would be an unreasonable supposition."

In an interview in Boston, Henry Ford once said to a reporter for The Boston Evening American: "I believe that we are here now and will come back again.— I believe that we are put here on this earth for a purpose and that that purpose is to acquire experience.— I believe that this experience is acquired by development over a period of years. I believe that we go on from here — to where, I don't know; perhaps in this world, perhaps in some other.

"Of this I am sure, however—that we are here for a purpose and that we go on. Mind and memory—they are the eternal."

Your Soul Does Not Die

Words of great men like Edison and Ford lead us to think deeply. We know that thought is not visible. Love is not visible. Yet they do exist. Inspired souls in all ages have said that these things do not die. And it is divinely true.

Nothing is ever lost or forgotten. Though as the inventor Edison has said the particular form may be changed. That is, the rate of vibration may be changed, either advanced or lowered, disappearing or appearing, to our eyes at this stage in our development.

Your invisible self, your eternal soul does not die merely because the physical instrument through which it manifested resolves itself again into the elements. To think so is a colossal mistake.

No one should fear death. Same as birth it is one of the many milestones along the path of eternal

life. In that most ancient of all religious writings, "The Bhagavad Gita," venerable wise men have placed these inspiring words: "Before birth beings are not manifest to our senses. In the interim between birth and death, they are manifest. At death they return to the unmanifest again."

Benjamin Franklin once said: "I look upon death to be as necessary to our constitution as sleep. We shall rise refreshed in the morning."

And it was Victor Hugo who wrote: "When I go down to the grave I can say, like many others, 'I have not finished my life.' My day's work will begin next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, it opens on the dawn."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

From that angel-blest-haven in beautiful Italy, to which Robert Browning took her, Elizabeth Barrett Browning later wrote to her sister Arabel Barrett in London as follows: "I have a crest and a soul as usual for single combats about the spirits - - only my domestic enemy (Robert) has lowered his lances, and we to have grown as mild as May on the subject . . . Bryant the American poet and Hawthorne the novelist were here the other evening . . . both he and Hawthorne lean to the side of genuineness of the spiritual manifestations."

Nathaniel Hawthorne, William Cullen Bryant and Mrs. Browning

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Britain's 'Cooperative Movement' Founded by a Spiritualist

A spirit message led Robert Owen to start the first public school, one on which the present American public school system is based.

Smithsonian Institute founded as a result of following advice received from a medium.

The Co-operative movement, now celebrating its centenary, owes its existence to a Spiritualist. It was founded by Robert Owen, one of the first Englishmen to become convinced of Spiritualism, though his conviction was obtained in America.

Strangely enough, Robert Owen's Spiritualism is not referred to in the literature used in Co-operative study classes or in their publications.

Robert Owen, one of the greatest reformers produced by this country, who left Britain for America, was disappointed with the hostility to his great schemes for amelioration. He went to America as a materialist, with no belief in an after-life.

His opposition to orthodox religion had cost him the support of his supporters in the ruling classes, supporters who had included the Duke of Kent, Queen Victoria's father.

After years of earnest labors for the "lower orders in America," he became, when 82 years of age, convinced of Spiritualism because of seances he attended with Mrs. Hayden. (*) who was the first medium to visit Britain.

Caused a Sensation

Robert Owen's conversion created a sensation, for he was as famous for his humanitarian works as for his agnosticism in religious matters. Emma Hardinge Britten, our famous woman pioneer, commented on the interest and astonishment created by Robert Owen's acceptance of Spiritualism, because his materialistic beliefs were regarded as exerting an injurious effect on religion.

She said that one of England's most prominent statesmen declared that "Mrs. Hayden deserved a monument, if only for

the conversion of Robert Owen."

This famous humanitarian paid his testimony to the medium in these words: "I have patiently traced the history of these manifestations, investigated the facts connected with them (testified to in innumerable instances by persons of high character), have had 14 seances with the medium, Mrs. Hayden, during which she gave me every opportunity to ascertain if it were possible there could be any deception on her part.

"I am not only convinced that there is no deception with truthful media in these proceedings, but that they are destined to effect, at this period, the greatest moral revolution in the character and condition of the human race."

No Secret

Owen's conversion was forecast by Andrew Jackson Davis, the famous seer of Poughkeepsie, who saw him when lecturing in America in 1846. In November, 1847, a few months before Davis stated that, according to a message which he had received from the spirit world, Robert Owen was destined to hold "open intercourse" with the Other Side!

Owen made no secret of his Spiritualism. He published his views in his magazine, the "Regional Quarterly Review," and stated boldly the grounds on which he had become convinced. He also published a pamphlet which he called "The Future of the Human Race; a great, glorious and peaceful revolution, to be effected through the agency of departed spirits of good and superior men and women."

He was courageous in his advocacy, seeing that Spiritualism was so little known. Robert Owen stated:

"I am compelled by the evidence of my senses to know that spirits . . . communicate with their friends here on earth, in their natural character, except that they are not visible as when living. This may be new to many who cannot believe in anything new which they cannot comprehend."

His son, Robert Dale Owen, also became a Spiritualist and his two books attracted much publicity.

Smithsonian Institute

When in 1901, through Emma Hardinge Britten's mediumship, the Seven Principles, which most English Spiritualists now consider the clearest exposition of our philosophy, were obtained, she said that she had received them from Robert Owen, who had passed on 43 years previously.

It was a spirit message that led Robert Owen to start the first pub-

UNIQUE HISTORY SURROUNDS CARVED IVORY PIECE DEPICTING THE "WITCH OF ENDOR" EPISODE

Carved over 300 years ago by an artisan, impressed by none other than the Witch of Endor, the ivory piece (picture inset) represents the time when Saul came to her and asked her to call upon Samuel that he might speak with him.

This information accompanied the photograph of the ivory piece submitted by its owner, T. C. Rath, "Family of Rath", 111 North West Ave., Jackson, Michigan.



Rath is an ardent collector of ivory figurines and when entertaining a medium at his Florida home (15949 East First St., Redington Beach, St. Petersburg) recently, she was attracted to the ivory piece in question.

(Up to this time, Rath paid no particular notice of the ivory piece. It was considered only in the light of being an expert example of workmanship. The piece was far beyond his comprehension and besides he always looked upon Orientals as having the "disgusting" habit of hiding the meaning of many of the things they do and say . . . hence it was relegated to the rear of his display cabinet but not far enough back to miss the eyes of the visiting medium.

To quote Rath's letter, which explains the episode: "At her request I reached in and brought forth the ivory. I had no sooner touched it than I realized the answer to part of the question that had always been in my mind regarding this piece; this was a medium visualizing a spirit in miniature.

"On her next visit to us, the medium asked to hold this carving and then became entranced. The first independent voice that came through was a Chinese teacher of mine by the name of Ching Fi Yu. He told me the history of the ivory. It was carved about 300 years ago. The artisan was impressed to fashion the figure by none other than the Witch of Endor. The carving depicts ectoplasm exuding from her mouth . . . forming a cloud supported by her left hand, out of which Samuel is being materialized.

"This carving was brought into this country from England, not so many years ago. I have been able to locate the importer who also purchased the piece at a sale. He in turn sold the ivory to an antique dealer in Tampa who knew that I was very much interested in carving and was kind enough to lay it away awaiting my expected call at her shop.

"Fate seemed to play an important part in the disposal of this old ivory. The subject was not a particularly inspiring one when I first bought it, and wishing to avoid any questions concerning it, I had always tried to hide it behind some more attractive (?) pieces. Little did I dream what it meant until this fine medium discovered it. Now I consider this carving one of my choicest possessions.

"To me, it merely goes to show that what we have always considered a recently highly developed phase of mediumship, was known many, many years ago. "There is nothing new under the sun."

lic school, one on which the present American public school system is based.

Because of another spirit message, urging him to preserve the results of certain scientific researches, he got passed through Congress, after long attempts, an Act which brought into being the Smithsonian Institute, the greatest treasury of science in the world.

The Co-operative movement has organized many pageants in large towns to commemorate its centenary, but in none of them is Robert Owen's Spiritualism mentioned.

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MINNIE O'HARA AT LILY DALE

Rev. Minnie Cooke O'Hara, mental, trance and direct-voice medium, Forest Temple Park, Lily Dale, N. Y.; one of America's foremost physical mediums.

For the past 39 years, she has conducted classes for spiritual and psychic unfoldment; her public and private seances attract thousands to Lily Dale throughout the summer months; twice weekly, the year 'round, Spiritualists travel many miles in all kinds of weather to witness various phases of phenomena occurring through her mediumship.



Minnie O'HARA

On several occasions during recent months, the editors of *Psychic Observer* received conclusive evidence of personal conscious survival. Spirit entities making contact were able to carry on clear and intelligent conversations bearing specifically upon questions of utmost importance.

Rev. O'Hara's permanent home is now at Lily Dale. She has no telephone. All appointments for seances must be made by letter well in advance.

awe or timidity, or anxiety not to "commit himself" in case the communication is not genuine. Result: after a word or two that proves nothing, the attempted communication fizzles out, and is gone.

You cannot go on talking to a stone wall. Nor can a spirit visitor! No wonder stone-wall sitters get little converse with those from the other side! Converse with them naturally, for Heaven's sake, as you would if they were still in the earth-body and dropped in to see you.

Being too Credulous

No mediumship is perfect, no human being, even long after leaving earth, becomes infallible.

Some sitters take every lightest syllable spoken, which may sometimes be a subconscious echo from the medium's dream-mind, sometimes a careless remark by a spirit visitant made in error or through his being temporarily influenced by the earth-mind of the medium or the sitter's, as a *Divine Revelation!*

Then responsible spirits may keep away for fear of encouraging a superstitious idolatry! But vain fools, not changed much since they died, will come aplenty—and mislead!

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In explaining the external effect of "Samadhi," the sublime consciousness, Edward Carpenter, in his book, "Visit to a Gnani," says of his Yogi friend: "Finally, his face, while showing the attributes of a seer, the externally penetrating eye, and expression of illumination — the deep mystic light within — showed also the prevailing sentiment of happiness behind it. His own expression, oft repeated, was *Sandosham eppotham*—'joy, always joy!'"

In one of his own superb poems, Edward Carpenter also refers to his own experience in illumination, a newly awakened consciousness of "joy transcendent." "I arise out of the dewy night and shake my wings! Tears and lamentations are no more! Life and Death lie stretched before me! I breathe the sweet ether blowing of the breath of God!" "Deep as the universe is my life—and I know it; nothing can dislodge the knowledge of it; nothing can destroy, nothing can harm me!"

"Joy, joy arises—I arise! The sun darts overpowering rays of joy through me, the night radiates it from me. I take wings through the night and pass through all the wilderness of the worlds, and the old, dark holds of tears and death—and return with laughter, laughter! Sailing through the starlit spaces on outspread wings—O laughter, laughter, laughter!"

State of Knowing

The most interesting characteristic of the experience is that of joy ineffable—the freedom from a consciousness of the tragedies that fill this world. Yet it cannot be said that these great souls—who have attained a development of consciousness that transcends anything the average person knows as consciousness—are immune to, or without sympathy for, the sorrows of the world.

It is that they have reached a stage of KNOWING that all is with purpose; that the experiences given us are those which are needed to create character—hence soul-growth. They have attained a God-consciousness by which they discern the "interblending" and "interdependence" of all things that exist.

Whereas, the world at large specializes on theorizing—which often assumes elaborate proportions—the mystic knows. It is the knowledge of a consciousness coordinating with the Infinite Intelligence of creation—"in whom we all live, move and have our being."

Enslaved By 5 Senses

The exaltation of the true mystic—who has attained Samadhi—is that which is the inheritance of all; though the masses ignore it as a filament of illusion, because they fail to attain it through the testimony of the five senses. Of necessity, there must be some surcease from the strenuous problems of the world; some haven in which to revitalize a body and soul torn amidst the vibrations of mental and spiritual discord.

The materialist smiles at what he believes to be the credulity of the truth-seeker "developing" a path to Samadhi. It is the same smile that denied the possibility of our greatest mechanical and electrical achievements. It is not

Unusual Success Follows Opening of New Church In Los Angeles

Since their opening services last March, the Temple of Universal Truth reports splendid attendance at all spiritualist services conducted by their pastor, Rev. Vincent M. Wilson.

The new church home is located at 801 South Wilton Place, corner of 8th Street in the city of Los Angeles. Religious services held every Sunday at 7:45 P. M. are followed by Rev. Wilson's demonstration of sealed billet reading. Each Tuesday, at 8 P. M., there is a question hour when those in attendance are given an opportunity to receive answers to their verbal or written questions. The pastor's wife, Rev. Ethel Wilson, assists at each service.



A library and reading room, one of the most important additions to any spiritualist church, is open to the public daily, from 10 to 4 P. M. Members and guests of the Temple of Universal Truth are invited to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Ben Field, noted author, writer, lecturer and president of the church, delivered the address of welcome at the opening service. He said: "It has taken long years of work and prayer to accomplish the realization of this dream. Three things symbolize our attitude; Thanksgiving, for this place of worship; Gratitude to all the Forces both seen and unseen who have labored with us to bring it into being; and Friendship, which shall be the key note of our Church."

"We earnestly want all who come within its doors to feel they can lay their burdens down, along with their trials and unhappiness, and find, in this Church home, a Spiritual refuge. We shall touch hands and know that all are brothers, and that divine love, human love and spiritual love, form a trinity that is unsurpassable . . ."

Rev. V. M. Wilson Many favorable comments have been received in respect to the splendid musical program presented by "The Wilsons" at each service.

Proper arrangement and selection of solos and organ music always add that "something" which is all important and most fitting, especially when blended with a beautiful religion like Spiritualism.

Llewellyn George, well-known astrologer and owner of Llewellyn Publications, Inc., has, in a recent pamphlet, outlined the activities of The Wilsons. He says: "Rev. Wilson was born in Sidney, Ohio at that time of year when the Sun is in the zodiacal sign, Pisces, which is ruled by Neptune, a planet known for its psychic influences. He started out to become a pianist and organist, completing courses in two colleges of music. Then he aspired to the ministry and spent five years in the study of the Bible and ecclesiastical work."

"Rev. Wilson realized that remarkable psychic trend of the Bible and took up psychic research to test its implications in modern life. As a result, he developed several phases of mediumship. Later he was ordained as a Spiritualist minister and held offices in State and National organizations."

"Rev. Wilson has been ministering for over thirty years through psychic and metaphysical means. His life has been replete with many highly interesting experiences. I hope he will find time to write a book of those experiences. It would surely be enlightening, remarkably interesting and provocative. His psychic work has been examined and tested by committees and by scientists and he has convinced them of its authenticity in revealing proof of the continuity of life, the persistence of personality and the possibility of spirit communications. The episode of his challenge to Houdini, and how that magician deliberately avoided a contest to duplicate Rev. Wilson's demonstrations publicly, was a tilt both humorous and convincing."

In the same pamphlet, Mr. George outlines briefly pertinent facts relative to Rev. Ethel Wilson, formerly Ethel Lila Hodges. He says Miss Hodges was born in Topeka, Kansas and that her psychic abilities were discernable when she was sixteen. Later, her rare gift of mediumship, materialization, brought her before a public eager to witness this phase.

Mr. George concludes his remarks about Miss Hodges by saying: "Possessing a nature which is kindly and sympathetic, with a strong desire to be of help to those who mourned their departed loved ones, and also to provide a way of enlightenment about life after death through the means of spirit-return, she dedicated her life to that cause and became an ordained minister. Being a native of Sagittarius, with Scorpio rising, she is naturally endowed with the elements and the constitutional chemicals required for materializations. In addition, she is a constant researcher in psychical matters and is considered an able authority in that line."

"In August, 1925, Miss Hodges and Mr. Wilson were united in marriage and through the intervening years their combined spiritual endeavors have been a powerful influence for good."

Understanding of the creates beneath him, that He would smile at their credulity? To us, the most grotesque sacrilege is to suppose that God created beings capable of falling so low as apparently the human race has done.

Concepts of God

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, once cleverly stated that "an honest God is the noblest work of man." But he spoke a profound truth, for the reason that a man's conception of God corresponds to his highest powers of idealization. It

is mentally impossible to conceive of anything higher than one's highest ideals.

When we lack the capacity for comparing ideas, we cannot comprehend them. For this reason it is impossible for those who have not developed a magnanimous, spiritual conception of life to comprehend the Mystic's realization of God.

It is almost as impossible for the cannibals or the Australian Bushmen to comprehend the

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To Be Featured At Freeville



Psychic Observer

Rev. Iona Brandt, lecturer, teacher, trance, mental, direct-voice and materialization medium; minister of Soul Science Spiritualist Church, Pine Room, Sheraton Hotel, Lindell Blvd. and Spring St. in the city of St. Louis.

During July and August, Rev. Brandt will demonstrate materialization at Freeville Spiritualist Camp, Freeville, N. Y. She has also been chosen as one of the mediums to be presented at the World's Centennial celebration in Rochester, N. Y., July 4th to 11th.

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his subconscious mind, which "talks in your sleep" or under gas at the dentist, is keyed up, abnormally sensitive.

Giving Things Away

Let him feel (in his "sleep") your distrust, or get anxious because his subconscious mind hears you putting a "test question," and he may suddenly get "out of order" as a human telephone, and the spirit friend who was talking through him finds himself "cut off," unable to pronounce through that disturbed medium just the one word that would have proved everything!

Names are often given most eventually—without being asked for. But asking for a name, not given already, often has this effect.

Some sitters are so ready to volunteer names, allusions to facts, etc., in conversation with a spirit friend, that everything that would have been first-class evidence if the Voice from the Other Side had said it first, has been mentioned first by the sitter—and later that sitter or his friends will say, "Evidence? He simply repeated what you told him!"

Fearing to Give Things Away

If something that might be a pity from the point of "giving things away" is just on the tip of your tongue, and you deliberately suppress it and "bite it back," and keep on doing this, you are creating a mental atmosphere of restraint and withholding that tends to inhibit any communication. Better occasionally give away a bit of evidence than that. Other bits will come!

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that humanity possesses an innate spirit of retrogression or inactivity—for the urge of evolution every living thing.

It is that the people have been so enslaved by the five senses, and have become so pessimistic through adversities brought about by their own law-breaking, that they do not easily emerge from their mental lethargy and grasp new ideas with any reality of understanding. This attitude also has its redeeming feature—it tends to make the development more steadfast.

Popular Religious Conceptions

It further proves the natural inclination of all worthwhile species—excepting mushrooms and their class—toward slow and persistent growth. That which is eternal is the result of steady evolution, and in this category is included the soul of man in its journey through the spheres.

The Mystic knows he was not hurled as dust from off some great Over-Soul, as dust is whirled from off a planet into the interstices of space—but that he is a part and particle of the whole cosmic scheme, animated and motivated by an Infinite Intelligence, whom we call God.

Whereas popular religious conceptions have pictured God as an individual, the Mystic knows that God is the Principle of Life animating Nature and Man.

Ridiculing this supreme conception, which brings God so near to each of us, the skeptic—in a desperate attempt to vindicate his interpretation of Deity—cynically declares that "if God is manifesting in each and everything that exists, then certainly He must be back-sliding."

Their Credulity

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"During those years I often wished to summon my sister. On such occasions I never had to write, telephone or telegraph her. Instead, I sent her messages telepathically and each time she arrived in Santa Rosa, California, where I live, on the next train."

Psychic Experiments

Ella Wheeler Wilcox and her husband Robert visited Luther Burbank in his Santa Rosa home shortly after the California earthquake.

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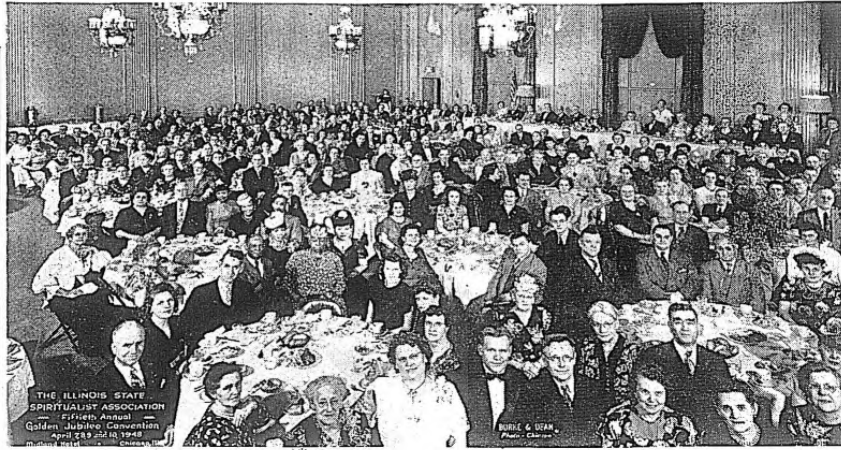
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bed by the shock. His house was not badly damaged.

"His first thought was of his valuable negatives, worth thousands of dollars to science, which were being developed in the photographer's rooms, in the village. He walked down to the village, and saw the large six story brick building in ruins. It required six weeks of daily hauling away of the debris, later, to remove the wreck. Yet when this was done, the photographer came one day to Mr. Burbank in much excitement, to show him a remarkable thing.

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What Impressed Twain

Mark Twain whose works have brought enjoyment to countless thousands gives us this most interesting incident. He says: "From my window I saw the hearse and the carriage wind along the road and gradually grow vague and spectral in the falling snow, and presently disappear. Jean was gone out of my life, and would not come back any more. The cousin she had played with when they were babies—he and her beloved old Katie—were conducting her to her distant childhood home where she will be by her mother's side once more, in the company of Susie and Langdon."

That evening when Twain did not appear for dinner a friend, Albert Bigelow Paine, went upstairs to see what was wrong. He found the great man in an unusual state of concern.

As he paced back and forth Twain said: "For one who does believe in spirits I have had a most peculiar experience. I went into the bathroom just now and closed the door. You know how warm it always is in there, and there are no draughts. All at once I felt a cold current of air about

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me. I thought the door must be open, but it was closed. I said, 'Jean, is this you, trying to let me know you have found the others?' Then the air was gone."

This incident made a most profound impression on Mark Twain. Oddly enough Jean was found dead in a bathtub!

Noted Witnesses

Susan B. Anthony, who lectured at Lily Dale on many occasions, is best remembered perhaps for her untiring efforts in the cause of Woman Suffrage. Miss Anthony was an ardent reformer, deeply interested in the anti-slavery movements preceding our Civil War.

At the turn of the century, Miss Anthony passed through a most embarrassing period of ridicule by the nation's newspaper because of her active participation in politics. Though in the later years of her life she was greatly honored and highly regarded both here and abroad.

On page 122 of "Noted Witnesses for Psychic Occurrences," compiled by The Research Officer of The Boston Society for Psychic

Research there is this interesting quotation from the diary of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Mrs. Stanton was for many years an intimate friend and co-worker of Susan B. Anthony.

Her diary says: "In a few days we are expecting Miss Anthony to make us a visit. She has had a very remarkable dream. The physician ordered her from Philadelphia to Atlantic City for her health. While in the latter place, she had a very vivid dream one night. She thought she was being burnt alive in one of the hotels, and when she arose in the morning, told her niece what she had dreamed. 'We must pack at once and go back to Philadelphia,' she said. This was done, and the next day the hotel in which they had been, ten other hotels and miles of the boardwalk, were destroyed by fire."

In the recorded cases of premonition this is a most outstanding instance of guidance from The Other World.

Wallace Reid, that beloved idol of the film world who passed into The Great Beyond on January 13th, 1923 in the early days of the silent films had many interesting psychic experiences.

His mother, Bertha Westbrook Reid, writing in the book, "Wallace Reid," (Sorg Pub. Co., New York, 1924) says: "Wallace left the studio and started to jump into his car, back out, and be gone like a flash as usual. But 'something' apparently without reason, prompted him to go to the rear of the car—and behold! There stretched upon the ground ready to be crushed, lay this foolish child, a would-be suicide.

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Among the most beautiful tributes of mother love that has ever been written is found in the last paragraph of Mrs. Reid's book.

It says: "Kneeling, reverently, tenderly his mother lays this little chaplet of love's flowers on the dear Memory of her boy Wallace, and, dear Public who loved him, in the very center—if you will look you will find her heart."

What Hearst Printed

Ella Wheeler Wilcox who wrote, "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Weep and you weep alone," was a profound believer in Spiritualism. In her earliest writings there is always a deep theme of Eternal Life.

After the passing on of her beloved husband, Robert, Mrs. Wilcox became a devout seeker for more and more truth from The Eternal World. Gradually as her own footsteps drew nearer to the last milestone of this existence, Mrs. Wilcox encountered a numerous occasions, extraordinary proof that there is no death.

Writing of these in her column that appeared regularly in the Hearst newspapers, Mrs. Wilcox says: "These experiences have changed the earth for me from a barren desert of appalling loneliness to a glorious anteroom to realms of glory. It has robbed death of its terror and the grave of its sting. Just as electricity came by patient research into God's realm of wonders, so will this great spiritual truth come to be known to the whole world in the next century."

When We Wake, What?

Emerson's thoughts on eternal existence have been quoted more often perhaps than any other American writer. In one of his most inspired works he says: "We wake and find ourselves on a stair. There are stairs below us which we seem to have ascended,

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False Conceptions

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Though "conceptions can rise to the level of their source," yet one cannot doubt but that Infinite Intelligence sometimes limits the height of the source. Every person with knowledge of "after-death conditions and planes" affirms this to be true.

Impersonal God

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Rev. Marie WILSON

standpoint of our conception of Him. Thus, to those who have experienced "illumination" He is known to be omnipresent, but speaks as Spirit—which is above soul; it is the "Over-Soul" of which Emerson wrote.

In the "Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East"—we read: "The God that judges, destroys, or withholds any good thing from His children or creations is but a god that is conjured by man's ignorant thinking, and you need not fear that god unless you wish to do so."

God Never Great

"God is the Principle behind everything that exists today. The Principle behind a thing is Spirit and Spirit is Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Omniscient. God is the one Mind that is both the direct and the directing cause of all the good that we see about us. God is the source of all the life we see about us. God is the source of all the true Love that holds or binds all forms together. God is Impersonal Principle.

God is never personal except as He becomes to each individual a personal, loving Father. To the individual He can be a personal, loving, all-giving Father-Mother. But God never becomes a great being located somewhere in the skies in a place called heaven where He has a throne which He sits upon and judges people after they die, for God is Life itself and that Life never dies.

That is but a misconception brought about by man's ignorant thinking, just as so many malformations have been brought about and you see them in the world around you. . . .

Consolidate the Whole

"When man forms an alliance with God through spiritual understanding, the boundary line between God and man will disappear. When this point is reached man will know what Jesus meant when he said, 'I and my Father are one.'

"It is said that man shall not only give ear, but he shall become that which he claims to be, and sinking self he shall be immersed in the Brotherhood of Man. It is deeds, not fine words, that endure. The way of progress is not only barred by the creeds of others, but by those of ourselves. Each is claiming the graces of the Most High; each attempting to build up his own by dismantling and tearing down others. Instead of using energy to tear down, that energy should go to consolidate the whole.

"The Most High not only made one nation of one blood, but of one blood all the nations of the earth. The time has now come

when we must choose between creeds and the Brotherhood of Man. Creeds are but the conjuring of man.

The faith that moves mountains still slumbers in the seed of the plant. The heights and grandeur are still there for man to attain. The law of enlightenment has preceded that of miracle. This law of enlightenment is the highest law of Love, and Love is the Universal Brotherhood—that which every true Mystic and truth-seeker is striving to realize."

Samadhi Consciousness

There is a way—a law divine—that shall eventually lead humanity out of the web of karma, or the destiny of cause and effects. It is the effort to attain freedom from terrene sorrow, that inspires many great souls to forsake the baubles of the world in the development of the Samadhi Consciousness, wherein the key reposes.

The purpose of these lessons has been to give methods for slow, sure development of a spiritual consciousness which will prepare the student for the "awakening of the serpent power" which shall make the unseen visible, the unheard audible, and the unfelt, the possession of the faithful.

THE END

The Great Significance of Hydesville

By John G. Findley

SPIRITUALISM—if by that we mean the possibility of communicating with the so-called dead—is as old as the human race itself. A study of the earliest histories of mankind convinces us that, whatever the many and crude ideas of the unknown may have been, running through them all there existed a confident belief that the spirits of the departed remained in touch with their previous existence.

In those olden days the Spirit World was never far away. Dark and mysterious it may have been, a land of shadows or a happy hunting ground. But it was there. And as often as not people held converse through seers and oracles with those who inhabited it.

Early Christian Church

To most people, history begins with the Old Testament, and it has been truly said that the Bible is a book which was written by Spiritualists for Spiritualists, and that only Spiritualists can understand it.

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Spiritualists Celebrate Centennial At Pittsburgh



The centennial of Modern Spiritualism was celebrated recently at The First Church of Spiritualists, 256 Bouquet St., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, according to Mary Caroline Shearer, sec'y.

As has been the custom for the past fifty years, The Ladies' Aid Society contributed much to the success of the occasion when, marching in a body—their approach heralded by special choir music—Frances Blazdell presented the symbol of Spiritualism, a huge Sunflower, as a Memorial . . . thus marking the opening of the service.

After the lecture by church secretary, Albert Schuette, staff mediums of the church demonstrated clairvoyance.

In the picture above: left to right, front row, George Chase, P.S.S.A. Trustee, and Orlando Shannon, Church President. Members of Ladies' Aid Society and choir grouped in the background.

of the Spirit World on ours. Spirit voices, spirit guidance, spirit warnings, and the various forms of phenomena which we find in our seance rooms today, are all to be found in its pages.

The early Christian Church was built up by those who preached the gospel with signs following. Those humble men and women had never heard the word, Spiritualism, but there is every reason to believe that a service in one of the early Christian churches was very similar to a Spiritualist church service today.

Tragedy of Nicca

Had this state of affairs been allowed to continue, the history of the world would have been very different from what it has been, but alas, the priest triumphed over the prophet and the tragedy of Nicca plunged Europe into the darkness of creedal superstition. For centuries the people were ruled by either an infallible Church or an infallible Book.

But emancipation from this form of religious tyranny came as knowledge increased. The Church began to lose its stranglehold as people came to realize that neither Church nor Book was as infallible as it was claimed to be.

And as creeds and doctrines were discarded, they were succeeded by a dull and apathetic Materialism. There was nothing else to take their place.

Lost Touch with Spirit

But the unseen guardians of the human race—who, thank heaven, have not ignored us as we, too frequently, have ignored them—knew the remedy, and, after a number of abortive attempts, succeeded in applying it—or rather, in showing us how we might apply it to ourselves. We had lost touch with the spiritual forces of the Unseen.

We must retrace our steps and, in humbleness of mind, learn from them the lessons we had forgotten.

Today, Spiritualists are celebrating this historic event, when the Spirit World attained its desired object, and forced its way through the mists of Materialism and convinced us of its presence and its concern for our welfare. It is a simple story and, in spite of its far-reaching significance, can be briefly told.

First Communications

In the year 1848, there lived in a small village called Hydesville, in the State of New York, a humble family named Fox. Besides the father and mother there were two children at home, both girls—Margaret, aged 14, and Kate, aged 11. Unknown to their parents or themselves, these two girls were mediums: these gifted people in whose presence, even in child-

hood, psychic phenomena can be produced.

In this lowly dwelling rappings began to be heard, and these mysterious noises became so insistent that Mr. and Mrs. Fox set themselves to the task of trying to ascertain the cause of the disturbance.

On the night of 31st March, 1848, the rappings were louder than usual, so much so that the entire family were roused from their beds. Then a trifling incident occurred—trifling in itself, but destined to be of world-wide importance. One of the girls snapped her fingers.

On such seemingly insignificant actions do the destinies of humanity sometimes depend! The snap of the fingers was answered by a rap. The experiment, if such it can be called, was repeated. So was the rap. Communication with the unseen had been established in an intelligent form.

Then the mother asked a question. How many children had she? Seven raps were given in reply. Mrs. Fox at once exclaimed that this number was wrong. The seven raps were repeated. Then she remembered that, while six of her children were still living, one had died in early life.

First Proof

Soon a rude form of alphabet was devised, and in this way answers were received to further questions. It was not long before neighbors came to join in these strange proceedings, and when at length somebody thought of ask-

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What I Have Learned From Spiritualism



PRABHA WHIG

The whole of our spiritual philosophy is based on a few simple postulates. They are reasonable and bear the impress of truth . . . from the point of view of religion and science.

This Truth recognizes the freedom of individual human will to work with or against the universal reign of Law.

By Mrs. Prabhā Whig

At all periods of the world history there have been people more or less familiar with spiritualistic PHENOMENA. This is well established by the fact that the primitive races are familiar with them and they are referred to in ancient books.

Stories of occult happenings are to be found in the literature of every period and since the middle of the last century when the present day aspect of spiritualism came into vogue, beginning with the late *Sir William Crooks*, at one time president of the Royal Society and ending with *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle* and *Sir Oliver Lodge*, a galaxy of eminent scientists, intelligentsia and highly placed men in all walks of life in Europe, America and other countries and all over the world, who had studied the subject with an open mind, with one accord testified to the genuineness of the Phenomena.

Hard-headed Scientists

It is only persons of the conjuring type the Maskelyns, who live by deceiving mankind, deceive themselves finally. They cannot conjure in the astral sphere or deceive there. These pander to the wants of men loving mystery and they love to be deceived as amusement, not seriously. Their weakness yields a good income to the conjuring fraternity, but only in this earth world.

Can the readers guess who is the other call of human beings who love to live in self-deception and that in all seriousness not for passing amusements only? GUESS! It is the hard headed scientists, mouthing half truths re: finality, they build a universe of mechanics, a world without mind, soul or God.

DO NOT scientists go to Astral plane: They do and then? The universe tumbles down over their ears and they have to begin anew on some pet theory as foundation. Why do they not face facts? A scientist was requested by a friend of mine to attend one of our seances and as he was pleading "Want of time" a copy of the "Other World" by M. K. Spencer was sent to him for reading.

A Father Replies

Then the man came out in his true colors. The seances are bunkum. I won't touch spiritualistic books with a pair of tongs. Their science is as much a superstition as the old superannated superstitions of ages and will vanish like a dream when the DIVINE LIGHT OF TRUTH plays against it.

Another class of persons talking ill of Spiritualism are a section of the followers of *Jesus Christ*. I refer to the Roman Catholics. I once ordered a small seance fitting table from an industrial R. C. firm. They point blank refused to make one saying that the table was for inviting Devils.

At one of our seances we put

munication from the beyond. The same vortices are used, since they have ceased to receive sensory impressions from earth world. They receive the impression we give through the appropriate vortex and you get a message.

"The reverse process takes place when you return the message or a similar one, to us, through the same vortices existing in this human wireless — just understand there is no miracle in this business but strict obedience to scientific laws — the laws governing new aspect of the universe and utilized to get these apparently miraculous results."

Mysterious Revelations?

The future scientists will begin the study of the inner worlds of creation and a new era of science is opening out to the scientists.

I have had the pleasure of seeing *Etherization Photographs* in which no camera or film used to take spirit photos. The ordinary photo print is placed in front of an electric light say 2 to 3 seconds and several additions appear.

The question arises what is the Spiritual Philosophy behind all these mysterious revelations. When we understand that

- 1) Spiritualism is a science as acknowledged by Savants.
- 2) The true objective of spiritualism is moral amelioration and change of outlook on life.
- 3) That the evils of earth will be cured only when the two worlds co-operate.
- 4) That there untold possibilities of development of which the ATMA is capable, it is for us to prove further and get the full benefit of the enquiry.

Simple Postulates

The whole of the spiritual Philosophy is based on a few simple postulates:—

- 1) That there is no God but one God (the uncreated, invisible, infinite, cause of all causes, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscent).

Iowa Spiritualist Camp Opens In August



The 66th convocation of the Mt. Pleasant Park Spiritualist Camp, known as the *Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association*, will open their 1948 season at Clinton, Iowa, the early part of August.

The picture above is Clinton Camp's PAVILION where special week-day services and seances are held.

For official 1948 program write secretary, Mt. Pleasant Park Spiritualist Camp, Clinton, Iowa.

the question to Roman Catholic father by name *Father Bernado* and his reply—"There are many low spirits in our worlds, and often they come and subvert true religion. Recognize them as such and they will depart. There is no dogma in the churches against intercourse with beings in our worlds.

But err not. Do not get aspired by evil things and beings and imagine their sayings and doings as religion. Put no faith in evil teachings even by spirits. Thy conscience and purity will be the guide in dealing with beings in these worlds not seen by the naked eyes." How true.

Our Etheric Body

Present day world seems to be more inclined to dry as dust business. If they see an angel in all its glories, instead of being duly impressed, they would be counting its feathers in its wings and try to fix the shade of refinement in its gold. "Business mind! Say."

Let me now give a small analog of a radio and seances methods. *Sir Oliver Lodge* explained it thus:

"I am now tuning the etheric body of a person in the circle. The nerve Centre is affected, and acts as a valve in a Wireless receiver. It is simple for people who handle Wireless sets in these times you follow. Usually the senses act as the aerials to bring sensations into the nerve centres.

"But you switch off the aerials and you get a receiver which can be connected this side and then you work the medium through his muscles. If you control speech, you get the medium to talk your ideas. If you control the hand muscles through the will centre you get an auto-writer. There is great similarity on many points between human bodies and wireless receivers.

Strict Obedience

"The human ego consists of several vortices of Force, of which I often see fire in active condition, and these vortices act like valves in receivers. The sensation stream into these vortices at a high rate and generally pass out again as action through muscular Centres.

"Therefore when you switch off the aerials known to you as sense organs, the same ego is capable of being used from this side for com-

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potent, Omnipresent, and Omniscent).

2) That he is imminent in all nature and in every living thing, man included.

3) That all creation is his manifestation and is the product of His thought.

4) That this manifestation is by means of different planes of matter.

5) That all the several planes of the cosmos are embodied in you.

6) That evolution is the method by which His involuted imminence is unfolded.

7) That free will is the motive Force in human evolution at all stages of existence, both in the materials and spiritual worlds.

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These postulates are reasonable and bear the impress of Truth from the point of view of both religion and science. They are not only simple but consistent in all the parts and is founded upon the universal reign of law. It recognizes the freedom of individual human-will, to work with or against the Law. It recognizes completely the existence of, from physical matter at one end and of spirit at the other.

I shall in my next article try to summarize the condition of existence in the different worlds in which the human ego has to function as revealed by *Rishi Ram RAM*, the guide of the *spiritual Healing Centre, COIMBATORE, South, India*.

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Others contributing to the memorial occasion were: *James Wright* and *Dorothy Ryland*, special music; *Eva Arnold*, Ladies' Aid Society and *Vera Nelson*, literature.

HYDESVILLE

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ing the rapper if he could give his name, he did so without delay.

Charles B. Rosna, he spelt out. He went on to state that he had been murdered in that house a few years previously and that his body was buried in the cellar. There the body was ultimately discovered, and Rosna was found to have been a pedlar who had last been seen in that locality but had mysteriously disappeared.

It is this incident of a hundred years ago which Spiritualists are celebrating today. We call it the beginning of Modern Spiritualism. But it is far more than that. The happenings in that humble home at Hydesville, on 31st March, 1848, were one of the greatest events of history.

Its Great Significance

Some day, that fact will be acknowledged. Throughout the ages the gifts of the spirit have been the channel for the communication of God's teaching to the human race. Without them there can be no revelation. On that fateful night at Hydesville these gifts, which had been so long neglected by a creed-bound and materialistic world were rediscovered.

The channel of communication was reopened. Once again mankind was able to contact those of greater wisdom and knowledge than himself, and so learn the true meaning of life and death. Instead of grubbing with a muck rake in the mud he could lift his eyes and claim kinship with the angels.

That is the significance of this event. It is for those who are privileged to understand its meaning to spread their knowledge far and wide. The sooner the principles of conduct laid down for us by the spirit world are accepted and put into practice, the sooner will this world return to sanity, and brotherhood replace bombs.

Torch of Knowledge

Let this Centenary stimulate us in the service of those unseen messengers who so patiently and lovingly serve us, and today, as our minds travel back over these past hundred years, let us remember with pride and gratitude those fearless men and women who, in its early days, held aloft the torch of this new-found knowledge, in spite of every effort to extinguish it. They have thrown the torch to us, and we, in turn, must pass it on to our successors. When we do so may it still be burning brightly.

Wisdom alone is true ambitions' aim,
Wisdom the source of virtue, and of fame,
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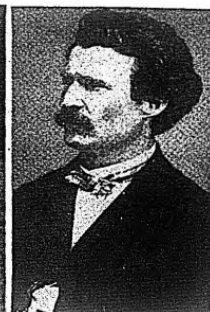
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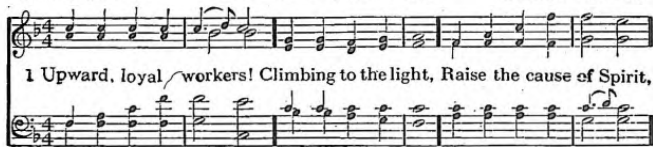
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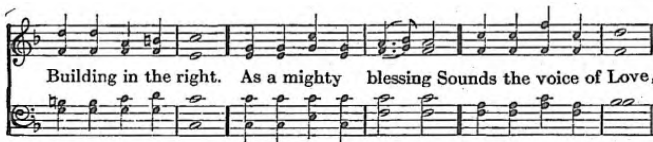
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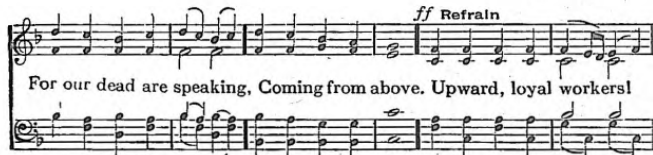
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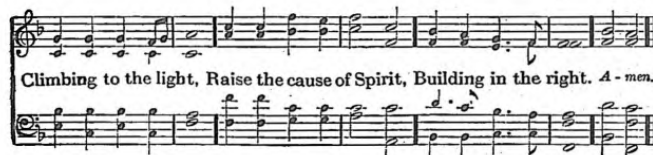


Building in the right. As a mighty blessing Sounds the voice of Love,



ff Refrain

For our dead are speaking, Coming from above. Upward, loyal workers!



Climbing to the light, Raise the cause of Spirit, Building in the right. A - men.

2 Onward, brother builders!
Time will not be long;
Lift your hearts from bondage,
Singing freedom's song.
Tho by death divided,
None are kept apart;
Spiritual communion
Mends the broken heart.

3 Forward, Spirit leaders!
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time I had seen her in my room. Later I learned that just before she died she roused herself, smiled and three times murmured, 'Davy, Davy, Davy.'

"I am aware that such experiences as this are, by some explained on a theory of what they call 'thought transference,' but such explanation to me, is totally inadequate. I am sure that I did see her. And other experiences of a kindred nature served to confirm my knowledge that what we call supernatural is, after all, at most but supernormal. Then, after long brooding on the subject, I determined to write a play in terms of what I conceive to be actuality, dealing with the return of the dead."

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ute picked up the paper with a sensible, straightforward message of twenty to fifty words, fairly written thereon . . . Yet I am quite confident that none of the persons present who were visible to mortal eyes wrote it."

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Are haunted places; thro' the open doors
The gentle spirits on their errands glide
With feet that make no sound upon the floors,
We meet them at the doorway, on the stair;
Along the passages they come and go.
The stranger at my fireside cannot see

The forms I see, nor hear the sounds I hear.
He but perceives what is, while unto me
All that has been is visible and clear
The spirit world around this world of sense
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