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Iowa University Professor Addresses Spiritualists

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**Spiritualist Episcopal Conference
Features Dr. Marcus Bach.**

The Eighth Annual Conference, held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, September 17, 18 and 19, was considered by delegates and visitors to be the most successful in the history of the Church. Every minute of Conference time was utilized by the delegates and workers for the advancement of the Church and Spiritualism in general.

One of the Conference highlights was the banquet address given by Dr. Marcus Bach of the State University of Iowa. Dr. Bach pointed out the important place which Spiritualism holds in the general picture of American and world religions, giving each listener a feeling of personal responsibility toward that picture.

Jackson—The Host

The demonstrational meeting Saturday night was attended by 900 people who were privileged to witness some remarkable feats of mediumship. 300 attended the Sunday afternoon meeting and 500 were in attendance Sunday night.

At the Conference sessions, delegates laid plans for the expansion of the Church and its teachings and for continuing its work with the Eye Bank.

The Chicago church, Rev. William H. Jackson pastor, was a general and competent host. The Congress Hotel and Chicago city officials were most cordial in their reception and attention to the Conference.

New Officers Elected

Elections to the Board of Clergy were as follows: Rev. Ella J. Riley, Rev. Walter M. Marsh, Rev. Lytle K. Sensabaugh, Rev. Bernice Bennett, Rev. William H. Jackson, Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Rev. Ruth L. Walling, Dr. Meurice D. Russell, Noah Rice, Lawrence Elsser and Nan Hash. Elections to the Official Board were: Rev. Robert G. Chaney, Rev. Charles M. Ball, Robert B. Kieffer, Emma J. Shearer, J. Max Allen, Rev. Geneva Peet and Rev. Zada Rohr.

A new officer of Associate Minister at Large was created, and Rev. Nellie Curry elected to the office for a term of one year. Austin D. Wallace was selected as superintendent of the Library Department and editor of Golden Rays.

Camp Chesterfield, Indiana, was chosen as the site of the Ninth Annual Conference.

"Not A Spiritualist"



Psychic Observer

Dr. Marcus Bach, whose recent book "They Have Found A Faith" (Dale News, Inc., \$3.00) includes an entire chapter on his experiences in the seance room and his explanation of spiritual and psychic phenomena.

Here Is What DR. BACH Said:

"The most casual bystander along Church Street, U.S.A., will have to admit that large masses of people are on a serious spiritual quest. The seeking is not always by way of the traditional churches; often these days it is by ways of spiritual perception and personal religious experience wherever and however these may be found.

"In many instances the old religious procedure has transformed old doctrines which were once the determining factors of the entire system of faith. Fundamental tendencies are often relinquished, the principle of inwardness takes precedence over ecclesiastical teachings.

"But whatever the path and whatever the device, it all adds up to the fact that we are living in a peace-of-mind and a peace-of-heart age intensified by the social unrest, materialistic confusion and uncertainty of the times. Never before has the receptivity for religious knowledge been so keen, the state of faith so fluid, the desire for truth so wide-spread."

Frowned Upon

After graphically describing the American religious scene and defining it as "masses in search for truth wherever truth may be found," Dr. Bach said:

"I am not a spiritualist, but I have respect for the word and an appreciation for the work. In short, I am interested in spiritualistic philosophy and demonstration. I see no reason on earth why the study of heaven should be condemned by anyone. The word spiritualism has been frightening to many adherents to institutionalized religion.

"It has been put into a class with hypnotism, black magic and pagan esotericisms. Frowned upon by academicians, ridiculed by physical scientists, condemned by theologians, its path has been rugged, as every thinking spiritualist must realize.

"In the public mind it has taken the unhappy status of an idolon, not

of the kind that you have wished, but rather of a distorted fantasm . . . But it may be that spiritualism is today entering into a new era, a great era in its history.

"Hope for this better day lies in the fact that modern man is no longer bound by fear of research or taboos upon the unseen. He will go where truth is to be had, you can depend upon that. The age is realistic, fraught with uncertainty, compelling in its immediacy. Modern man will not commit himself to the kind of process described by William James when he said, 'His religion has been made for him by others, communicated to him by traditions, determined to fixed forms by imitation, and retained by habit.'

"Psycho-Eschatologists"

"Modern man is more inclined to agree with Kahlil Gibran when he declares, 'Your daily life is your temple and your religion . . .' In short, the seeking masses are on the hunt for a living faith, a religion tied in with life, imbued with the consciousness of a divine imperative.

"The future of spiritualism is a hopeful one. But how can the word be made acceptable, palatable, cultured? You know, hypnotism has come into its own only by hitch-hiking on the smooth-sounding, smooth-running cabriolet called psychiatry.

"Must spiritualism reconsider its semantic influence? Is the word an offense? Has it been too saturated with a bad nomenclature ever to be redeemed? Heavens! if it could only be tied in with some hi-falutin' term! Even psychical phenomena doesn't seem to be too bad.

"Hang a 'psychic' or a 'psycho' onto things these days and you are well away. If you were to refer to yourself as psycho-eschatologists, let us say, instead of mediums, chances are that people would begin to point you out with prompt respect. They would probably create a chair for you in any number of colleges.

Our Birth Pangs

"But perhaps you won't mind taking one more chance with the old word: Spiritualism. I mean the best that the word has to offer and the highest and most sacred that the word has to give. For that highest meaning is slowly, surely — not without struggle and not without opposition — coming into prominence.

"Unfortunately all that some people know anything about and all that some people have heard anything about are spiritualism's birth pangs and growing pains. All they ever see is backroom hokum under the guise of spiritualism, and trickery by discredited mediums. They have never heard that spiritualistic phenomena antedates by 4000 years the Rochester rappings; they do not know that spiritualism has spokesmen anticipated William Crookes by 4000 years; they have not been told that it has written credentials which were recorded 4000 years before Andrew Jackson Davis.

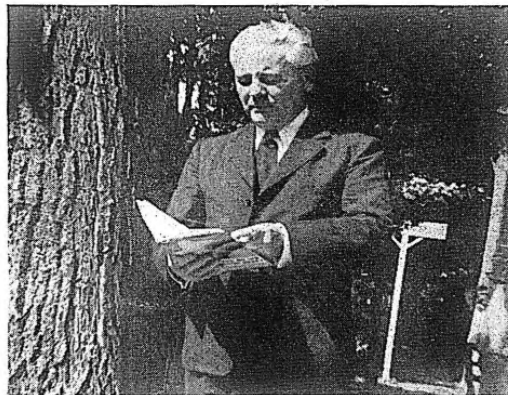
What Hastings Said . . .

"In short, I agree with the statement in the Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics (Hastings) which says, 'Spiritualism is of immemorial antiquity and universal distribution. It has always exercised an important influence on religions and philosophies and has affected conduct, though not to the extent which its theoretic importance would seem to warrant.'

"Now if spiritualism is to be brought to the place and position it warrants, it is necessary that the high-

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Spiritualism's Foremost Lecturer and Scholar



Psychic Observer

WILLIAM ELLIOTT HAMMOND, Cassadaga, Florida and Lily Dale, N. Y.; lecturer, teacher and profound student of spiritual philosophy . . . classed by numerous influential Spiritualists as being one of America's greatest living exponents of their religion.

For over 35 years, he has conducted classes during the summer season at Lily Dale Assembly. Some of the literature recommended by Mr. Hammond include all seven current Stewart Edward White books; "PERENNIAL PHILOSOPHY" by Huxley; "PATHWAYS THROUGH TO SPACE" by Merrell-Wolf; "MAN THE UNKNOWN" by Carrel and Evelyn Underhill's writings.

Schenectady Researcher Tests Brandt's Mediumship With New Device, The "Infra-Red Viewer"

St. Louis Psychic Is First Woman To Sit for Observation
By Novel Instrument.

Noted Research Chemist Submits
Report . . . Vouched For By Five
Other Persons.

By J. GILBERT WRIGHT

One of the many inventions that came out of the war effort, one of the most interesting and useful is the "Infra-Red Viewer." It is a device that enables us to see in total darkness. It was the product of many minds. Universities, government employees and industrial research laboratories contributed.

In a compact form it was adapted to rifles for the use of our snipers in the Eastern theatre for night fighting in the jungle. How our boys were able to shoot with such deadly accuracy in the dark was always a mystery to the Japs!

In the form in which it was adapted to the rifle, it was known as the 'sniperscope', but our G. I.'s soon changed this to 'snooperscope' and unfortunately for the peace of mind of many Spiritualists, the more sinister appellation has survived.

From the first it was evident to those of us interested in psychical research that we had here an instrument which could be used to enrich our knowledge of the physical phenomena of the seance room.

It was apparent, too, that it might be used to expose fraudulent mediums; hence it was seized upon by the comic strip artists with avidity and we were entertained or not as the cast case might

be by Kerry Drake and others exposing various nefarious members of the detested creed. Such non-creative activities never appealed to me. I am glad to leave 'snooping' to those who have nothing better to do.

None of the army instruments has yet been released for sale to the public, but the 'viewer' is still procurable from the Radio Corporation of America while the present stock lasts and means of constructing the source of infra-red radiation and other parts have been described in various technical magazines of the popular sort.

Instrument Ready to Use

Drawings are even available to enable one to construct a machine to use alternating current instead of direct, which was the source of power in the 'sniperscope.'

The writer was able to secure one of the 'viewing' tubes and was fortunately able to call upon expert help in having one of these instruments constructed. There were, of course, many setbacks but eventually the instrument was ready to use.

It was predicted by the enemies of the Spiritualist movement that no medium would submit to such constant scrutiny as is afforded by the 'infra-red viewer' as we shall henceforth call it, unless a more suitable name such as 'plas-to-scope' be proposed. Actually, from the first, no medium ap-

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A Pilgrim's Progress

BY

E. O. E. Somerville, Litt. D.

The following article is by the greatest living Irish novelist and short story writer, Dr. E. O. E. Somerville. Her short stories in "Some Experiences of an Irish R. M." etc. (written with Martin Ross) made her famous. And her book "The Real Charlotte" has been described by a well known critic as "one of the twelve greatest novels of the world." She is, therefore, an authority on the subject of prose style, and in the following article she agrees with Sir Oliver Lodge, the famous scientist, that "The Road to Immortality" must have been communicated to Geraldine Cummins by the late F. W. H. Myers (author and classical scholar) owing to the remarkable similarity of style, etc.

"A Pilgrim's Progress" originally appeared in the English periodical, "Time and Tide" about 14 years ago and is herewith reprinted by permission of Dr. E. O. E. Somerville in view of the reissue of "The Road to Immortality."

This is an impressive book. Sir Oliver Lodge had described it as "an important volume" and has contributed a very interesting preface. It is no small thing when a man of his experience and authority can say, as he does, "I feel at liberty to commend this book as a serious attempt to give information about a future life, and the stages through which earnest people have to pass."

Important we cannot but feel it to be, and impressive for many reasons, and not least for what Sir Oliver speaks of as the "transparent honesty" of the two ladies by whom it has been given to us, like the Scriptures, "for our learning."

Naked Facts of Survival

A more lucid and explicit introduction could not be asked for than that which Miss Gibbs supplies the reader, before introducing him (the pronoun must include both sexes) to the remarkable communications which have been received by her and her friend, Miss Geraldine Cummins, and form the main contents of this book. Caution and candour shine through it.

One finds, in her admirably clear account of how the book came into being, a broad-minded and thoroughly English determination to search for truth, and to accept it unflinchingly, if and when it can be captured.

Argument as to the naked fact of survival, and the resultant communications with the survived, need not, in this record, be looked for. This primary assumption, like the flowers that bloom in the spring, has nothing to do with the case that the book presents. Few, if any, of those who have exhaustively gone into the subject of Survival now question its authenticity, even though the nature of the power behind the manifestations may still be in dispute.

Myers' Famous Book

This book is a statement of the experiences of reliable witnesses. Its outstanding fact is that what, in the slang of Psychic Researchers, is known as "an entity," purporting to be the late well known and distinguished Cambridge Classical Lecturer, Poet, and President of the Society for Psychical Research, Frederic W. H. Myers, introduced himself to Miss Gibbs and Miss Cummins, and offered, with a certain diffidence (which seems to indicate that the change to another plane has a beneficial effect upon Cambridge men of learning) to communicate through them with the world he had left behind him.

The name Frederic Myers came as a complete surprise to these ladies, neither of whom had known him, nor had they read his tremendous book, "Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death." The present reviewer cannot claim to have done more than skim here and there its momentous paragraphs, but the style and flow of sentences suggest a common authorship, with the script we are considering, and we know that "Le style est l'homme meme," and establishes identity more surely than can be accomplished by many assertions.

Unique Mediumship

"The alleged Myers" — thus does Miss Gibbs speak of the communicator, with a conscientious caution that refuses to make assertions—introduced himself by saying that he and his friends, Sir William Barrett and Lord Balfour, thought the time was ripe for communication with the earth. "I felt," he wrote "that I must find new mediums. I had been wishing to find them for some time.

The two mediums, when they sat that night, had a rather bright psychic light. It was possible for me to perceive it, and though there was no link between us, I came to you and spoke. It was a little adventurous perhaps."

The special brilliance of that "Psychic Light" is not surprising when one considers Miss Cummins' marvellous gift of being able at will to surrender her brain, with its equipment of fine culture, to the bearer of mes-

sages from another sphere. What wonder is it that such a light as hers should act as a beacon to one, like Myers, who, without such a polished instrument at his command, has no power of self-expression.

In Miss Gibbs' introduction she describes the method of reception of these messages. Miss Cummins sits at a table, her right hand holding a pencil and resting on a block of foolscap paper. She covers her eyes with her left hand, and concentrates on "stillness." Soon she falls into a light trance, or dream-state, and, owing to the speed at which the writing comes, someone must sit beside her to remove each sheet of paper as it is filled with writing. Her hand is then quickly lifted to the top of the new page and the writing runs on without a break. Miss Cummins herself says—

Profound Subject Matter

"I have, at times, distinctly the sensation of a dreamer who has no conscious creative control over the ideas that are being formulated in words. I am a mere listener, and through my stillness and passivity I lend my aid to the stranger who is speaking."

Nothing, save the primary fact that such communication is possible, is more amazing than the speed at which the Automatism's yielded hand records the messages of "the Stranger." It is as though it were in the grip of some relentless machine, that swings it, without an instant of pause or hesitation, from line to line, covering sheet after sheet of foolscap, blunting the points of the battery of pencils that are drawn up, ready for action, before each engagement.

However profound and complicated the subject, the writing sweeps on, without breaks between the words, a writing that takes no heed of punctuation or paragraph, and rushes onward at a pace that defies the most sharp-eyed watcher to read it as it comes.

Difficult to Accept

But remarkable as is the manual speed, such allied speed of thought in delivering a lucid exposition of exceedingly abstruse subjects, is, I submit, beyond the power of any earthly scribe. A remarkable example of unhesitating statement is the explanation offered by "the alleged Myers" of his method of employing what he calls "the inner mind" of the medium, or, as he prefers to say, "the Interpreter."

A few sentences may be quoted. The passage is as follows, and, difficult as it is to accept, it seems to be as comprehensible an account as we are likely to get.

"The inner mind is very difficult to deal with from this side. We impress it with our message, we never impress the brain directly. That is out of the question. But the inner mind receives our message and sends it on to the brain. The brain is a mere mechanism. The inner mind is like soft wax, it receives our thoughts, their whole content, but it must produce the words that clothe it..."

A "Mystery Man"

It is time to move on from the question of their making to the contents of the book. Myers' temperate comment on what he proposes to say should, in justice to him and his interpreter be quoted, but a few of its sentences must suffice.

"In writing of that mystery men call the other world, existence after death, or Our Father's many mansions, I am, you will understand, limited by what I know,

The Star In The Night

BY

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At a time such as this, when the world is plunged into chaos, when the evil forces of Darkness seem to hold sway, when selfishness, greed, malice, and hatred rule in the hearts of most humans on this plane of expression, it is well that through the heavy shadows there is a bright Light shining to which all may turn for hope and guidance. *Spiritualism comes as a Star in the night.*

Yea, the Inspiration of Spirit comes to lead us upward and onward to higher and finer expressions of life, here and hereafter. In Spiritualism, untrammelled by dogma or precept, the earnest seeker after Truth gains that freedom denied by man-made denominations and learns that Universal Law is based on the expression of Spirit.

It is necessary, therefore, that occasionally we take stock of ourselves lest we become conceited and over-secure in the knowledge of our spiritual victories. For the forces of negativity and evil are ever watchful for crevices in the armor of Truth, and he who becomes satisfied with his progress or who is beginning to feel that there is little more that life can teach him, has already started to retrogress and to lose his momentum in the stream of progress.

So we should remember the humbleness of the Master Jesus and to emulate his qualities of modesty and tolerance. The bigot is quick to criticize, so satisfied is he with his own imagined superlativeness that he easily finds fault in others and hesitates not to advertise them.

To true Spiritualists, slander is one of the most base of attributes, for our Religion teaches us to regard our fellow beings with love and understanding. We should be reluctant to ascribe evil intentions or evil thoughts and quick to praise and encourage.

But observe how far from true Christian Principles the daily press goes. Millions of copies of newspapers flood the country every day, feeding upon the misfortunes of others, criticizing the conduct of men and their affairs, suggesting unpleasant motives for everyday action, trying to find flaws in their intentions and accomplishments.

Slander in all of its insidious forms is demonstrated in multitudinous ways around us. No worthy action, no great public service, no unobtrusive private enterprise seems to be beyond range of its barbed arrows of poisonous destruction.

It is, therefore, the duty of every Spiritualist to do what he or she can to alleviate these evils. It may not be possible to change, in a short time, the conditions and the desires of human beings, but each can govern and discipline his own reactions and endeavor to seek the good in all things with which he comes in contact.

Those who have nobility of soul will condole with the unfortunate individual in his disasters, and pity him for his folly and his misery. It is usually among those of small accomplishment and little experience where the greatest egotism is found, for great wisdom brings humbleness and much experience brings tolerance.

One writer has said, "To be modest and unaffected with our superiors is duty; with our equals, courtesy; with our inferiors, nobleness."

If each individual could be mindful of the privilege of serving Truth and oblivious to the faults of others, there would be no lack or limitation in the world, no starvation, no distressing labor, no neglected illness, little striving and suffering, for then would we be living well the fulfillment of the Philosophy of Modern Spiritualism.



Rev. Anthony Camardo

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limited by my own experiences. So I can only endeavour to write of the truth as I perceive it. . . . These stray remarks of mine are the expression of my own "other world" knowledge . . . many and varied are the conditions that prevail when the soul comes alive in this world, or in one of the states to which we are subject after death. I use advisedly the term "comes alive" in connection with the soul. For the soul seems to us as dead when it lives in its body of clay as we would seem to the average agnostic."

Without any intention of disparaging the many books that have been, and are daily being written purporting to recount the experiences of departed souls, I venture to place this record in a place by itself. Whether it is ac-

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SPIRITUALISM IN ST. LOUIS

Announcing Change of Meeting Time

Beginning Monday evening, Oct. 4th, and each Monday thereafter, *The Progressive Spiritualist Lyceum and Research Society of Saint Louis* will hold its weekly sessions on Mondays, starting at 7:45 p. m.

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Why . . .

Psychic Research Still Stands A Criticism of the S. P. R.

BY

BASIL SMITH, F. R. A. I.

Psychical research, which represents the scientific and non-religious approach to the investigation of Spiritualistic phenomena, is often criticized. It is criticized by orthodox science because it is thought to be too credulous. It is attacked by Spiritualists because it is thought to be too sceptical. Our contributor presents a fresh argument. He criticizes the Society for Psychical Research because, he says, it is not sufficiently imaginative.

For the last few years of the nineteenth century, psychical research was conducted by literary scholars who, finding official science aloof and contemptuous, determined to undertake for themselves a task in which scientists certainly should have collaborated with them. During that period, the subject made enormous strides. But in recent years, it has been largely in the hands of scientists, and, at least in this country, has made scarcely any strides at all.

Observational Science

Yet scientific method applied to other subjects, such as physics and physiology, is immensely fruitful. When that same scientific method is applied to physical research, we can say, with Horace, "The mountains are in labour, and an absurd mouse will be born."

There are two kinds of sciences: observational sciences, such as sociology, and experimental sciences, such as chemistry, Psychical research, if it is capable of

HE POINTED THE WAY



Dr. Richard Hodgson (1855-1905), one of the early pillars of the S.P.R. He was an Australian, trained in law at Cambridge. An early sceptic, he was finally convinced of survival after 15 years of investigating the medium Mrs. Piper. In his later year, he developed mediumistic powers himself.

scientific treatment at all, is clearly an observational science; the phenomena are almost entirely spontaneous; ghosts do not walk to order, poltergeists do not smash crockery at the bidding of professors of psychology, and rarely can a percipient be found who is able to predict the sequence of cards simply because he is asked to take part in an experiment in precognition.

Passion for Experiment

"The wind bloweth where it listeth." Yet modern psychical researchers insist upon treating the subject as an experimental science. Their purpose, of course, is to reduce the material to a statistical form, in which it is capable of objective proof — a praiseworthy object, which should scarcely be permitted to impede the progress of the whole science.

The chief result of this passion for experiment is to waste years in fruitless attempts to find parapsychically endowed people who are able to produce mediumistic phenomena to order. Occasionally they succeed. Then come frantic attempts to produce a repeatable experiment, the *sine qua non* of science.

Of course, these attempts fail. The dictum that what man can do, man can do, does not apply to the Occult, and so far no such repeatable experiment has been found. Meanwhile, the whole science of psychical research is very nearly standing still.

Scientifically Trained

If, however, we attempt to treat psychical research as an observational science, we are still faced with a difficulty. By the time an investigator reaches the scene of the "crime," phenomena have ceased, and he is forced, either to accept unverified evidence, or to relinquish the case.

In practice, being scientifically trained, he does the latter. By the time a recognitive dream has been fulfilled, there is usually no means of proving that it was ever dreamed at all. Consequently, a

mass of valuable material is constantly running to waste, and those few researchers who do in fact treat their subject as an observational science are making even less progress than the experimentalists.

The fact is that a vast field of the Occult is not, as yet, susceptible of the objective and cast-iron methods of science. If we try to experiment, we find that we are usually unable to make the phenomena happen, simply because we know so little about the laws that govern them. If we try to observe, we find that we do not know where to look, and that, while we are looking north, things are happening in the south.

Spontaneous Phenomena

No doubt we are entitled to hope that one day we shall be able to reduce the subject to the status of an experimental science, but, if we are to do that, we must learn more about the laws that govern it; and so the wheel has come full circle. How are we to advance?

Our primary purpose should be, at the moment, to tap, as far as possible, the great stream of spontaneous phenomena. If we cannot find enough corroborated evidence, we must use uncorroborated evidence.

A scientist may not know what to believe and what to disbelieve; a barrister, a police inspector, or a business man, would have no such difficulty in making up his mind. People of that type are trained to make up their minds rapidly, often upon scanty evidence.

Evaluation of Material

The Society for Psychical Research should try, as far as possible, to induce numbers of these practical people to enter its ranks,

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cepted as truth or romance, it has the rare distinction, among such scripts, of being Literature, the outcome of a mind, such as we know Frederic Myers's to have been, that is both poetic and highly cultured. The writer complains that in attempting to recall the memories of his past life, he finds himself detached from earthly things, and has to make what he describes as a special effort in order to record them.

"I cannot," he says, "find in the English language words to make my meaning clear, sufficiently exact. Memory may be likened to the sea. It is all about you, and as elusive as the water of the ocean. When we are alive we come to it like children with our small buckets, and fill them with the salt fluid. How little we carry away up the sands! How easily and swiftly we spill it upon the ground, yet, behind us is that vast area of water, booming end-

and they would very soon present it with an abundance of evidence on which others could work. But who should these others be?

Clearly, we need people with sound subjective judgment, and plenty of sensitive imagination, whether or not they possess a scientific imagination, whether or not they possess a scientific degree. In the evaluation of non-statistical material, the scientific mind is usually quite at sea, the whole training of science is against such methods of thought as are required. Undoubtedly the scientist with the best of qualifications is the physiologist, who is accustomed to eliminative analysis.

Possibilities Are Endless

In general, the type of mind most adapted to the analysis of subtle and obscure material is that mind which is trained to literary scholarship. This is the type of mind that dominated psychical research in its formative years, and what years of progress they were!

Myers, Sidgwick and Verrall were all men of this type, men of sound judgment, absolute accuracy of thought and expression, and, what is more necessary in this case, men of sensitive imagination.

Another way by which advances in knowledge of the occult might be made, would be to press into service every branch of learning which could possibly bear upon the subject: Physiology, mysticism, folk-lore, yoga . . . the possibilities are endless. This is the method of anthropology, just as the previously suggested method is the method of scholarship.

We Must Believe

By a combination of these two methods, therefore, psychical research would enter upon a period of rapid progress. Later, when the fundamental laws of the subject were better understood, the method of experiment could be resumed with more success.

At the moment, although it would be undesirable to relinquish the experimental approach entirely, it would seem more profitable to bring the chief weight of attack to bear upon our problems in the ways I have indicated.

lessly upon the shore. The sound of memory is now to me like the sound of the tide, as when in the olden days I listened to it through the summer evenings."

Naturally, in the case of communications such as these, it is by means of corroborated memories that we verify the identity of our friends. But the supreme interest of this book is not, chiefly, in being assured that its author is Frederic Myers. We must indeed believe that its messages come to us from one of unusual intelligence, who is across the Border, but it is the news that he brings, or sends, that holds our attention, even if it cannot, for all, command acceptance.

Some Reviewers Hesitate

The detailed account of the Planes of progressive existence after death, is of extraordinary interest. One thinks of the Spies whom Moses sent into the Promised Land, and who brought back to him "the fruit of the land," and the assurance that "surely it flowed with milk and honey."

Thus does this Spy, who has returned to give us news of what

The 'alleged' Myers awaits us,

bring us cheerful news and hopeful.

"Call death your friend!" he says to us, "Hail death as your deliverer. For the darkness and soil which is

in every love passes, vanishes with your passing."

The reviewer hesitates, wondering what fragment can best be wrested from a whole that is so continuously absorbing that quotation seems to be not only an outrage, but is also impossible.

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I close the book. Impossible with shreds and passages such as these to give any satisfying suggestion of its far-reaching interest for anyone who may believe, erroneously or otherwise, that he has a soul to be saved. From whomsoever the message comes, it is worthy of serious and respectful consideration.

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Bach's Message

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est truth about spiritualist philosophy and science be transmitted to the public.

"This, I think, can be effectively accomplished via three channels: (1) through its literature, (2) through valid demonstration, (3) through an accredited organization which will be the recognized body, the high tribunal, so to say, whenever and wherever spiritualism is discussed. "As to the first, I need not tell you that the public has never been informed about some of the great works on spiritualism. But you who are here tonight know what these works are. I am sure that you realize that a bibliography should be prepared on this subject and that special selectivity should be used to make known the living works on spiritualism.

"My reading meant nothing because it was a bit and miss affair in the realm of the novelistic and sensational. Then I found Arthur Findlay's THE PSYCHIC STREAM. And Findlay's other works. Then I met Lawson's DRAMA OF LIFE AFTER DEATH. Anr pretty soon spiritualism was taking on a new meaning and limited horizons were being pushed back . . .

"As to the valid demonstrations . . . I often hear it said that the philosophy of spiritualism is more important than its phenomena. Maybe so. But I have noticed that true prophets usually attested to their high station through miraculous works. When men lose the power of demonstration they take refuge in theology and polemics. A religion without miracles cannot live."

"If communication with the dead is a fact, then let it be a fact; and insofar as sympathetic investigation will not destroy the conditions necessary for a successful demonstration, why not have it, invite it, and bring to the altar of American faith the amazing proofs of identity and survival for which the human heart is thirsting . . .

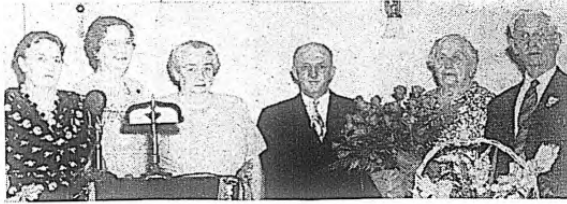
"Then, finally, an accredited organization. Maybe this is it, this group representing the SEC. Whatever group it is, it must be an integrated organization which will meet the challenge to spiritualism with these convictions: within its philosophy are the essentials of an adjustment to life's exigencies; within its demonstration and its eschatology are comfort for life's distresses and evidences of the continuity of life to come; within its mystical elements and its techniques are the highly desirable qualities of the healing art. . . .

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WRIGHT'S Experiment

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proached by the writer raised any objections.

On the present visit to Freeville Spiritualist Camp at Freeville, N. Y., I brought along the viewer with the hope that I might find a medium who might be able to give me a little time. Iona Brandt was more than fully occupied and I hesitated to approach her.

Mediums Not Predictable

I was about to return to Schenectady and await a more propitious opportunity when Arthur Ford, Ethel Corbin and a few others expressed a wish to see the instrument in operation. We were proceeding to the seance room when were overtaken by Mrs. Brandt who said she was equally curious and would like to join us.

We soon had the device attached to the sockets and everyone was delighted and astonished with the clarity of the vision in total darkness.

"Why not let us have a sitting for materialization right away," said Mrs. Brandt.

I wish to emphasize that this

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transparent vapor is rising. This, she says, is the first beginnings of the shell which the visiting spirit must enter and mold to his requirements. Curtain falls.

Tableaux 4. Rose Marie requests the curtains to be parted. Two spirit forms are standing side by side, those of Rose Marie and Dr. Karl. Dr. Karl addresses me in his deep masculine voice; Rose Marie, in her girlish, feminine one. Both at request gesticulate with their arms to show they are two distinct entities. Medium's form is obscured. Curtain falls.

Tableau 5. Rose Marie switches on the Gardner light and orders the curtains to be parted. I am then requested to enter the cabinet and feel the medium's hands. I can see quite well to do this. The medium's figure is clearly outlined. Her hands are like ice. I am asked to take her pulse. I can feel none on the left wrist but there is a feeble one on the right. I return to my seat. Curtain falls. Gardner light still on.

Curtains again parted and I am requested once more to come forward. Rose Marie, before invisible, is now beautifully materialized. She asks me to take her pulse. I cannot detect any. Incidentally her hands are nearly as cold as the medium's.

Ethel Corbin is now called forward by Rose Marie and she in turn is asked to detect a pulse beat. Mrs. Corbin reports that she does and Rose Marie explains that she has now joined her right hand with the medium's left and this act had caused the pulse action to resume. Curtain falls. Gardner light out.

Tableau 6. Rose Marie orders curtains to be opened. We see by means of the i-r viewer, Rose Marie fully formed, standing a pace from her medium who, now draped in white ectoplasmic material to render her more clearly discernable, is seen slumped and, I thought, somewhat shrivelled in her chair. Curtain falls.

Since only one person can see the viewer at a time, each scene had to be held until each participant could have a view. No one kept his counsel but reported to the others what he at that moment was witnessing.

It is to be regretted that we did not actually see the forms in the process of growth. Materialization is a birth process. Parturition requires darkness and a confined space. When full materialization is striven for, it is likely that con-

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finement behind the curtains is desirable, if not imperative.

Baron von Schrenck-Notzing reports having seen the emergence of hands and faces from the formless mass. Rose Marie possibly was too ambitious. The growth of a single hand from the amorphous would have been interesting.

Ford Present

In direct-voice sittings with trumpet, no cabinet is required so that in such a sitting we should expect no discontinuity in the observations.

Mrs. Brandt, out of trance, regretted that we had been unable to take pictures with infra-red sensitized film and black-out photo-flash bulbs. I had the means but the impromptu nature of this sitting precluded the setting up of apparatus. In future sittings, photographic registration will be used to supplement and confirm what our eyes have told us.

The undersigned testify to the truth of the above statements: Arthur Ford, 2326 S. W. 21st Avenue, Miami 33, Florida; Edmund Rice, same address; Ethel Louise Corbin, 1510 Park Chambers, 68 West 58th Street, New York 19, N. Y.; William A. Smith, Box 57, Johnson City, N. Y., and J. Gilbert E. Wright.

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Present, Rev. and Mr. Reed of Elkhart, Ind., and Rev.
Wallace V. Mallery and wife of Elkhart, Ind.

What She Said

March 31, 1948

In our stay, in our activities in human life, we strove as best we could to bring consolation and solace to broken hearts. We sought to prove our contention that there is a God, a God of love, a God of mercy, as well as of justice, and that all things work together for good for those who love, and that life here, even with all its misunderstandings and its trials, is a beautiful thing if it is beautified by love.

We sought, in our humble way, to persuade men and women, that death, while it is inevitable, is not tragic, but only a stepping-stone, only a threshold into a beautiful, glorified existence if we have prepared for that type of living.

In our poem, "Why Do We Call It Dying", I did not intend to glorify the thing of human living, nor to discourage the idea that death is not a shock, and many times a tragedy in human events, but if all the people intimately concerned with that particular tragedy were of one accord relative to the thing of Heavenly Bliss that must be established here in this earth existence, then the going away is a freedom, a freeing of physical pain and physical limitation.

And, we had a vision that a spirit unhampered by the limitation of the physical could unfold more God-like, more beautiful, and with greater rapidity than with physical limitations. I have not changed my mind relative to that in the least since coming across.

Beauties of Heaven

We recognize that human life is beautiful and necessary; the thing of experience, overcoming, the stewardship. That period of experience must be gone through or we could not become a well-rounded, a well-equipped individual for any mode of unfoldment. The beauties of Heaven, the joys of Heaven, have their dawning and their establishment, their stablishment, while still in the physical life.

A life that is harmonized to the Infinite, one with a clear-cut conception and unyielding faith and zeal and ambition to be good for good's sake, is a foretaste of unhampered existence, the unfoldment to a fuller degree than we can expect, if not so ushered in.

The prelude to happiness is first attunement, and then adaptability to finding peace. The mere

profession of faith is scarcely worth the effort, but a faith that is sufficient to bring forth, to call forth energetic action, is indeed so worth while and is beyond the scope of frustration.

We believe in men and we give impetus to their ability to do good. If you and I, if a group should concentrate upon the good action of any individual regardless, (just



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so they come within the scope of our activities) and we constantly, without faltering, held the thought they will accomplish good, they could scarcely willfully disregard our request.

In the natural realm, thoughts are things, and we send them forth on their golden wings. They go to untold realms of space and return to us again sometimes on raven wings, sometimes on a wing of peace. We get what we send out.

Love Defies Definition

The law of Compensation is so worth while. You know Jesus taught, "As a man thinketh, so he is", and if you and I are to constantly have our minds associated with things of good, then we must of necessity, accumulate to ourselves things that are worthy, worth-while, good.

Love, — Oh, such a boundless word. It defies definition. You would ask a young mother to give you a definition of her love for her first-born. She'd say this infant is my all, my heart, my pride, my very being. Yet that does not accurately describe the sensation that goes on in her bosom relative to her first-born. And she holds that thought, — love, and she nurtures the idea of peace, and her influence bears fruit in kindness around her first-born son.

But other influences too, of course come in. And we are creatures of environment and we come into the range of degrading thoughts until the human soul becomes a battlefield, a field of con-

Chauncey Jefferson Bloomer, R.F.D. No. 6, Box 114, South Bend, Indiana, was born April 29, 1878, in Fayette Co., Ohio. He was educated for the ministry and ordained in an orthodox church, but being addicted to asking questions and not finding the answers to many of them in the orthodox church, withdrew, and later became interested in Spiritualism.

He recognized that Spiritualism was not a perfect religion, but that it did very conclusively prove the continuity of life and the existence of God, the only religion to his knowledge that made any attempt to prove the philosophy of Jesus.

He developed mediumship under the tutelage of Rev. Sylvia Shafer of South Bend, Ind., and by sitting alone. He was ordained May 11, 1924, by the Independent Christian Association and was also one of the co-founders of Life Science Spiritualistic Association, of which church he was pastor for eleven years.

He has worked in a number of other churches throughout Michigan and Indiana, and conducted several development classes. He feels he has met with success in that endeavor, and has constantly sought to keep abreast of spiritualistic activities through the years.

Due to the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained a few years ago, he has not been quite as active as formerly, but is now sitting once a week for recordings.

His principal spirit collaborator is an Indian by the name of Jim. He was of the Crow tribe and lived in what he terms the "Sweet Water country." Jim was educated at Carlisle College, Carlisle, Pa., and is as well known among our friends as myself. It was through Jim's suggestion that Rev. Bloomer is making the series of recordings. Jim even suggested the day and the hour of sitting and insists on punctuality. He brings in the various personages whom he has previously contacted. He has a keen sense of humor, yet being an educated Indian, insists on most occasions on using the Indian vernacular. Jim insists that he is an Indian and would not have anyone construe him otherwise. On being asked if he is acquainted with facts, his answers are emphatic and positive. If there is any question in his mind, his answer will be: "That the way it look to Jim", or else, "Jim not know."

Rev. Bloomer has been conscious of Jim's presence for better than 30 years, but Jim says he has been with him longer.

quest, between good and evil; those that wish us well and those who hope for us, and those who would tear down.

Anger, jealousy, greed and hatred are the fore-bears of remorse and bitter tears and deep anguish to all concerned. "As a man thinketh, so is he", and you and I have no right to hold of ourselves a limited concept of our ability for good. And this, your endeavor to bring to the at-

Trance Medium



A Rev. Bloomer Recommendation from The First Church of Light

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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past several months we have been privileged to attend a seance held each week at the country home of the Rev. Chauncey J. Bloomer.

Rev. Bloomer is a trance medium, whose controlling spirit is an Indian named Jim. Promptly at 8:00 o'clock each Wednesday evening Jim takes control of the vocal organs of Rev. Bloomer, greeting each of the sitters by the names he has accorded them.

We have had talks from the first thirteen of the presidents of these United States, each in his turn giving a most complete record of his services as president, the dates of notable events during his term of office, with date of his birth, and also when he passed into spirit life. (These dates have all been verified by consulting history.)

We have also had talks from noted ministers of the gospel, such as T. Dewitt Talmadge and others, who have given much to the world through their religion, and without exception they have been unanimous in assuring us that their religious concepts have undergone a thorough revision since entering the world of spirit.

One of the evenings, we were introduced to a spirit who did not give his name, but who said he was one of the twelve disciples of the master medium. He related some of his experiences as a follower of Christ, telling us of some of His ministering to the needy which had not been recorded in the Holy Writ.

Our latest experience with Rev. Bloomer took place last evening in the little church of which I am the pastor, when Indian Jim took control of his medium before a large congregation, and introduced a speaker from out of the world of spirit who has been a control and helper of mine for a great many years. This lecture by Dr. Fairchild was a most instructive one, and one that will be long remembered. A wire recording was made by the Rev. Wallace V. Mallery, one of the sitters in the Wednesday evening class.

I cannot say enough in praise of the mediumship of Rev. Bloomer and Jim, his helper, whom we love and esteem very highly, for without them we would miss much knowledge and understanding which we have received through them.

Very Sincerely,

Lillian T. Reed, Minister.

and

Arthur E. Reed.

tion of minds capable of analysis is quite worth while and I foretell, I prophesy that it will bring results because you are putting dynamic force into the thought of attraction and it cannot be denied.

Thus, if a mind begins to think, to analyze, relative to the things of God, the works of spirit and the curiosity is excited to the extent of investigation, there is no limit. Man's mind yet has not analyzed to the depth, the power of Spirit. Spirit is all there is. All matter, all substances came into being through the work of Spirit.

All matter, to the tiniest particle, to the most gigantic car, is all the work of Spirit. And the only reason why there is evil in the world is because that men, in their minds, have conceived antagonism to the power of Spirit. They sought of themselves to dominate, and so brought about all the disaster that the world has known; all the suffering, all the death.

No Life in Vain

Sin, sin is but the misuse of good things, the misapplication of energy, energy going to counter-purposes with infinite harmony.

There is but one source of law, the law of Spirit; one source of strength, the strength of Spirit; one source of justice, the truth of Spirit, and you and I, in our humble way, can augment this power (to an infinitesimal degree, it is true), if we harmonize in tune to the very height of our capabilities of doing good.

No life is lived in vain which, if it but for a moment, seeks to alleviate some pain or suffering; who seeks to soothe some troubled heart. And no life so lived shall depart this world without leaving to it a heritage of brotherly love to all. And in that action you can never fail, you can never falter, never fail.

As you look out through the distance, out across that trail that leads to heavenly light, go on with all your energy, with all your might, and God will lead the way. And his Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God.

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Rev. Margaret Bright, now Rev. Carver, a medium new to me but known throughout the land and especially at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Penna. where she served as guest medium, was a visitor in Chicago by invitation from the First Spiritualist Episcopal Church.

At her first seance, all present recognized the extraordinary psychic power that prevailed. Credit, too, for the successful seances can be attributed to the harmonious group as well as to Rev. William H. Jackson, her cabinet tender.

Nothing, of course, could have been produced without the aid and guidance of spirit, including Rev. Bright's particular band. Her own daughter, Margaret, as guide, manifested in a vigorous manner. She not only made her appearance at the beginning of the circle as she discoursed with the group at some length but also she came forward in the room, swinging the curtains with outstretched arms, or drawing them out with her as she advanced.

Characteristic Messages

Sitting next to the cabinet with the free flow of the curtains, I felt a cool air (almost as if chilled by conditioner) and the room, too warm at first, became pleasantly cool as the curtains swung open and shut.

The introduction to the seance over, Margaret the spirit guide, retired to the cabinet and called each in turn by name as the sitters came forward to greet their own. Sometimes a whispered conversation attested to the intimacy of the message; other times, banter and frivolity produced sound as the spirit voices garnered their strength. Beautiful harmonizing by spirits, with the group singing, was also characteristic.

The variety of the manifesting spirits included relatives, friends, children, teachers, guides, healers, Indians and doctors. Brilliant jewels shone on many spirit robes. In the case of children, diminutive figures would advance, sometimes quite freely or at other times attached to the curtain.

All forms possessed a solidity that might readily be mistaken for figures in the flesh. However, their constant motion, their free flowing covering which a human form could not achieve, indicated the ectoplasmic quality of the manifestation. Sitting so close to the cabinet, often a wide sleeve or a side drape swept over my foot or knee.

Dignity of Spirits

With a group of 35 present, and a half dozen manifesting for each sitter, the names, characteristics, identifications, and other evidentials came forth unmistakably recognizable. But for two exceptions, all were total strangers to the medium. The ectoplasm flowed and draped over the sitters, and at the cabinet too, when the spirit raised an arm to touch or reach around a relative. One of the spirits, a Catholic sister, had a cape formed over her robe that gracefully reached half way down her back.

Flowers had been placed in

vases at either side of the cabinet. When my son Herbert manifested, he presented me with a flower, obtained, he said, from the bouquet. Another flower was presented to a sitter because it was her birthday. Messages and evidentials were re-

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vealed in intimate and prolonged conversation, whispered when required, or audibly spoken.

The spirits who manifested vied with each other to display their spiritual robes. All of voluminous quantity, represented and displayed folds of ectoplasm in artistic pattern. Several were crossed in the bias over the shoulders and back that might be the envy of any dress designer. In fact, a talented dressmaker and draper present commented to everyone's merriment on *so much yardage*, a scarce commodity in our day.

The dignity and deportment of Margaret, the guide, indicated her earnest desire to serve each to the best of her ability. Her presence throughout the seance, whether back of the curtain, or in the center of the room where she held a conversation at length, was evidence of unique power. This same satisfying quality also prevailed in the sermon and message work at the Sunday night worship service.

Cabinet Examined

Rev. Margaret Bright is a highly-gifted medium who aims to serve everyone. That she fulfills this urge is evidenced by the number of oldtime friends who knew her during her residence in the city a number of years ago. She is related to Rev. Bessie Woodworth and Rev. Charlotte Birkner by marriage. In addition to her mediumship she is a jovial, witty, cultivated and talented person.

Another seance held on class night was distinctive in its demonstration. Before the circle got under way, two class members selected by Dr. Best, Rev. Jack-

son's spirit teacher (because of their particular development and capacity for materialization) were called to the cabinet in turn. The medium was already entranced. These two students were asked to enter the cabinet. An extra chair had been placed within.

Personal Reactions

They were instructed by Rev. Bright's guide to seat themselves upon it. The curtains were lowered and each privileged to observe how the white ectoplasm was withdrawn from the solar plexus of the entranced medium and how it increased until it covered her. Each described their personal reaction to this demonstration as a sort of pulling and drawing upon their bodies. The increase of the ectoplasm was quite visible they said, even until it completely covered the medium from head to toe.

Then the class, as a whole, witnessed the demonstration as the curtains were held aside. All could see the formation personally. The meeting was devoted to a unique explanation of ectoplasm and its formation which was enhanced by the visible demonstration.

I was greatly pleased to avail myself of the opportunity of a private sitting with Rev. Bright. Clairvoyantly given, the evidentials were marked. Names, messages, identifications came through plentifully and fulfilled my expectation of a satisfactory reading.

Ectoplasm Seen

Still another seance, unusually instructive was offered through Rev. Bright's mediumship. A small group—fifteen in number—none of them novices at materialization, were privileged to witness demonstrations and explanations rarely obtained in a seance.

We were surprised to find an extra chair in the cabinet. Two members of the circle were designated through the teachers to participate. They were called to the curtain and told to draw it aside on each end. The medium was observed, asleep, in her chair. Through her doctor the

THE VALUE OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA

BY

Hereward Carrington

We live in a sceptical, materialistic age. The scientific man, particularly, wants evidence. Before believing in a future life he wants evidence of that too, and he says in effect, "Provide me the evidence and I will believe!"

Now, it must be admitted that, aside from these ridiculed and despised psychic and spiritual phenomena, there is no evidence. For centuries theologians and philosophers have labored to show that some form of future life exists, and the net result of their endeavors has been (scientifically) nil. . . . The practical mind of today wants evidence in support of any belief it may hold, and, lacking that evidence, refuses to accept it.

The only concrete evidence which can conceivably be forthcoming is the proof of personal identity continuing to exist post mortem—the proof that individual human consciousness can and does continue to persist in the absence of a material brain.

It is precisely this evidence which psychic and spiritual phenomena seemingly furnish, and, so far as we can judge, it can be obtained in no other manner.

group was advised to notice how the ectoplasm developed from her solar plexus until it was plainly visible. Later it was withdrawn and observed within the medium until no white was evident upon the black robe in which the medium was clothed.

Healing Service

Later, as the curtains were parted again, the guide—daughter and namesake, stood visibly beside her in full form. As the seance got under way the spirit stepped from the cabinet. She appeared solidly built. The seance progressed and as each was called to the cabinet in turn, half a dozen or more spirits manifested, each characteristically individualized. There was singing, in one instance in German, to a group who joined in the familiar song.

A healing service was rendered by a teacher to one who had mentally desired it. The motions used were similar to those employed at spiritual healing. The full ectoplasmic robes of all spirits were extraordinarily white and made for visibility. Meaningful messages reached those needing guidance and special consolation.

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Science, pure science, has attained world selfhood: its true exponents labor for all; its benefits are for humanity-at-large. Art, particularly in music, literature, and color and line, has long since overflowed the barriers of nations to uplift the heart and intellect of man in harmonious accord. Socially, modern transportation, radio, and the cinema have made peoples of once distant places of the earth neighbors. Following a second devastation of mighty conflict, leaders among men again seek to build political and economic co-operation throughout the world.

So it is that in nearly all phases of life save religion, humanity has made definite and worthwhile strides towards solidarity through unification. But here, in the religions of men, which is the basic fibre of human culture as manifest in "the things of the soul," the pattern is one of chaos and discord, woven all too clearly upon the loom of intolerance. Yet, even in this sphere of life, there are the beginnings.

Growth of Modern Spiritualism

History records the efforts of some religious groups to spread the faith through the power of the sword and the agencies of fear, and others through missionary activities substantiated by political and economic pressures. But down through the centuries little effort has been made to propagate any one religion through service and understanding—until the advent of Modern Spiritualism!

In this relatively young movement it is found that its one mighty core doctrine of demonstrated survival has traveled to the widely separated regions of the globe, and is now supported by those of divergent religious backgrounds. This it has accomplished not by power prestige, which it has neither sought nor attained, but through the strength of its spiritual truth which is fundamental to religion itself.

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AND A Bright Future

By
Richard Zenor

For centuries, prophets of one kind or another have predicted the end of the world. Now at last there are many of us who feel sure the end of the world is at hand, the end of the world as we have known it.

The signs of the end of the old world are every day more apparent, but while scientists and politicians shower us with a frenzy of warnings that man may completely end his material world forever by bombing himself into oblivion, the Master Teachers of the indestructible spiritual worlds tell us that no such unnatural calamity will be allowed to occur.

Instead, they promise a glorious "Golden Age" of material progress and spiritual advancement. Such is the bright future which the Teachers paint. But there is a darker side, and that aspect is the reason why those who are celebrating the first one hundred years of Modern Spiritualism must be prepared for a leading place in the world of transition.

They must be prepared by their understanding of the continuity and divinely ordered importance of individualized life, not only to protect themselves materially and spiritually from the impact of the turbulence around them, but they must also be ready to help and inspire others whose understanding and perception of the ultimately bright future do not enable them to adjust easily to the great changes.

Signs of The Dawn

We are now going through a period which the Teachers call the "black wave", when evil (confusion, misunderstanding, and disruptive clashes) seems to have the upper hand. It is a time of great disasters, man made and nature-made, earthquakes, fires, floods, famine, pestilence, tidal waves, explosions, wrecks, volcanic activity, the sinking and rising of land—all painfully symbolic of the convulsions of the changing earth.

When can we expect to see signs of the Dawn? According to those Wise

Direct Your Thought Power

By FRANCIS SANDWITH
whose articles on Mysticism are an inspiration to many readers.

Since spiritual progress depends on "right thinking," just how does one set about it? Of course modern psychology gives invaluable help. But there are times when reference to psychological prin-

humanity, in positions high and low, and this coloring increases in every land as the light of civilization grows brighter.

Of greater and more definite import is that the signs indicative of the coming of WORLD SPIRITUALISM are evidenced within the corporeal structure of the Movement itself. Take heed to what is going on, as it were, in the present development of the international organization of Modern Spiritualism.

In 1911 the International Federation Spirite Internationale Council of Spiritualists was organized at Geneva, but due to World War I the enterprise was short lived.

Following the cessation of beligerances, a new attempt for an international organization of

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Superb Trance Medium



Psychic Observer

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Beings who observe the cycles of world unfoldment as we observe the tides of the sea, the time of crises is here, and the time of the dawning is within this century. Within two to five years after the turn of the half-century, the climax of the era of troubles could be passed. Thereafter, more obvious progress of the world "coming of age" should be observable, until the time of the Great Dawn around 1965.

Watch for the Sign!

Beyond that date, man's material and spiritual advancement, his understanding of himself and of the universe, his mastery of his society and his environment and his achievement of peaceful prosperity without sacrifice of his right to learn and understand according to his individual development, should promote a true measure of "Heaven on Earth."

So say the Teachers of Light.

Naturally I am proud to be an instrument for their message of promise and hope. Since I was four years old, I have been a connecting link between this life and the after-life world. The materialistic approach to the problems of the near future how the spiritual approach, the inspired humanitarian approach, the true religious approach, will make itself universally evident.

Watch for this sign, says the Teachers: The very young shall begin to ask profound questions, and many of the new generation shall be wise beyond their years and beyond their elders, both in science and philosophy.

ciples seems a little bit arid. We must be careful of becoming too grim.

So, although we should keep that rather gloomy fellow, Mr. Pleasure Principle, well in mind, there is no reason why we should not make a less academic approach to "right thinking," the first step on the Noble Eightfold Path.

First, though it may not appear particularly relevant, I want to tell you about a little adventure of mine on the Sussex downs. It was a perfect summer day, and I sat, munching my sandwiches, beside a dew pool that reflected in its ancient calm great billowing clouds and the swift passenger of gulls. Suddenly, from some dark shelter in a patch of gorse, there slipped a grass snake into the cool quiet of the pond. Its sinuous passage sent a ripple, smooth as steel, towards the shore. A charming scene that glows in my mind, a thing of beauty and refreshment. But does it serve no other purpose? Always Nature holds a message for us, and perhaps many

of us would find more content if we observed and pondered more.

So for a long time I ruminated over the meaning of this scene. For meaning I knew it had; some analogy that would add to one's little stock of understanding. Something beyond Freud. Then, one day, its significance, so absurdly simple that I wondered that it had not occurred to me before, dawned luminously, like the secret of a koan, on my searching mind. The patch of gorse, dark and prickly, was the jungle of the material world. The snake symbolized the errant, mischievous thought gliding into the pool of consciousness; ruffling the surface, creating tensions. The gorse, the snake, the pool. A trinity that held immense significance.

Modern Psychology

A pretty enough analogy, you say. Though lacking in novelty, for eastern philosophy contains many such analogies. Nor does it seem relevant to modern problems except that some may think it a pity that so much snake-power should go to waste. But it is intensely relevant.

Now modern psychology doesn't always help us to cope promptly with the problems of everyday living, the sudden temptations that arise and the irritations that destroy our calm. Suppose you forget the academic definitions of mind and contemplate it as a pool, a lovely dew-pond on the downs. It is easy enough with the exercise of a little imagination. But it doesn't remain placid for long. From the gorse on the edge of consciousness glides the snake of indulgence, the fox of acquisitiveness, and the rabbits of day-dreams, perhaps harmless enough though rabbits soon foul the grass.

Patrolling Consciousness

In short, your pool is no longer serene, a mirror reflecting the sky; it is a turgid mass of ripples reflecting nothing but your frustrations and discontents. This simply will not do. It becomes your job, for it is really rather like a game, not only to prevent these creatures fouling your private pool but to track them back to their lair and destroy them with the power of our own reason and commonsense. It is not a bit of good driving them back into the gorse and leaving them there, for their cunning will prove more than a match for your weakness and they will only come out again. You've got to be tough and ruthless; as "quick on the draw" as any gunman.

What it amounts to is that you become a gamekeeper, patrolling the downland of consciousness and keeping a wary eye open for trespassers. It is a job to which you can "direct" yourself, and, although it may seem a little difficult at first, it soon becomes quite easy and extraordinarily helpful. Why not try?

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REINCARNATION, AND KARMA AS A LIGHT AND TENET OF MODERN SPIRITUALISM

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Consider for a time this all important subject—important to us as Spiritualists and all those earnest seekers after truth.

Feeling an earnest affection from early childhood for this belief, an eternal urge for its future has always enveloped me. With this in mind and no other motive than the spreading of these eternal verities, I ask you to consider these additional points of doctrine that I predict will become a tenet of modern Spiritualism.

It is my hope that the various organizations under the Spiritualistic banner will give due consideration to this paper for reasons of which I give the following:

- (1) The purpose is to establish the fact of the existence and repeated rebirth of the Soul by an appeal to logic and reason.
- (2) Modern theology other than Spiritualism has made no advance in the interpretations of Bible doctrines.
- (3) Other denominations have not received fully of the gifts of the Spirit.
- (4) Science today is very near discovery of spirit communication and survival and the Laws of Reincarnation and its allied twin, the

Law of Karma.

This is not a new belief; no one can lay exclusive claim to this wisdom. It has always been truth taught by the Masters of Wisdom. It was taught by the *Essenes* and *Coptics*, the order to which Jesus the Christ belonged. This knowledge fits in perfectly with Spiritualism.

Why do not those who have gone on speak of it? Because it is as simple as this: They did not understand, some never having heard. It is beginning to come through by trance mediumship and in trumpet seances.

(6) Spiritualism now should adopt the principles as a church doctrine, and they will surely lead the way for millions who will be seeking these next few perilous years that are now approaching.

Read I Cor. 12: 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. No church can lay claim to such an array of God-given talents of the manifesting spirits, save one—and you know what that church is. Why not go the rest of the way and embrace and teach to the oncoming generations the whole truth.

Popular Doctrines

There are many passages in the Bible which directly or indirectly refer to reincarnation, and it is referred to in a manner that leaves no doubt as to Christ's familiarity with the doctrine and His belief in it. The fact that the doctrine is not elaborated upon nor explained in detail in the Bible is not a reason for concluding that it was not a popular doctrine or was one that was not acceptable to Jesus and His disciples.

The doctrine had no important place which Jesus brought to the world, and there was no need for its presentation of the details of the doctrine for the reason that there is nothing incompatible with the doctrine expounded by Jesus

RARE PSYCHIC PICTURE



As a result of an unusual phase of mediumship, known as "Spirit Painting by precipitation," possessed by "The Bangs Sisters," dozens of psychic pictures, received through their power, are on exhibit throughout the United States.

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man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned nor his parents, but that the word of God should be made manifest in him."

You will note that the disciples distinctly stated that the man was born blind and they were puzzled as to the cause of blindness. If his blindness had come about later in life through accident, injury, disease or mistreatment of the eyes, or through various causes of blindness, there would have been no problem about the case. If the parents had sinned, disease or accident might have been responsible for the man being born blind, but in what manner could the man himself have sinned to have brought about blindness before birth?

Jesus Rebuked . . .

Only by having sinned in a previous life, and by bringing blindness upon himself as a karmic condition. The very nature of the question itself indicates that the disciples were familiar with the law of karma and re-birth, and that they knew that Jesus was familiar with re-birth and karma as universal laws. Jesus answered that the condition had come upon the man in order that God might teach a lesson and manifest a principle—a further refining of the self through trial and error through preceding lives.

In this, Jesus never missed an opportunity to correct or rebuke His disciples when a wrong principle was apparent. In John 3:3-9 we find another incident which refers to the re-birth of the soul. Here Jesus is telling how important it is for a man to be born again. Nothing is said as to how many times or how often a person must be re-born in order to purge the being of sins and attain purification.

Re-birth of Elias

But in the 8th verse the spirit or soul of man will come and go as the wind, and no one can tell how often or in what direction or in what manner it will come and go. This is an allegorical statement of the birth and re-birth of the soul and the entire process of purification and redemption.

Another very pointed reference to reincarnation is found in the 9th chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 11th verse. We find Jesus again discussing confidentially the important doctrines of life with His disciples. They ask Him why the Scribes were saying that Elias must first come. Jesus answered them and said that truly enough Elias would come first and restore all things but, He added, Elias indeed has come.

The question as to the coming

of Elias referred to his re-birth and to his coming again. In the 11th verse of the 17th chapter of Matthew, the answer given by Jesus is amended slightly to include the fact that although Elias did come again as had been expected, the public knew him not, and therefore disbelieved in him and mistreated him.

In all of the references to Elias throughout the Gospels, we find that the re-birth of Elias was expected. No where did Jesus correct His disciple for expressing such an idea, but on the contrary, answered their questions and remarks with perfect compliance to the intimated principles of reincarnation. We find this reference to the re-birth of Elias in one very remarkable verification of the doctrine of reincarnation in the Bible. I refer to that outstanding event recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke.

What the Public Believes

The 16th chapter of Matthew, we find that when the disciples were alone with Jesus again, He wondered regarding the attitude of the public toward His life and mission. He knew that they had expected the re-birth of Elias and that every great avator or Son of God was considered a re-born son of divine appointment.

Therefore, he wondered which of the expected reborn holy men the populace thought He was. So, He turned to His disciples and said, "Who do men say that I, the son of man, am?" In other words, he said to them, "Now that I am being discussed and talked about as a Messiah, who do they say that I am since I am a son of man and am performing miracles and proclaiming these new teachings?"

The question can refer to nothing else than the commonly discussed subject of re-birth and reincarnation. The public believed that He was a son of man and that Joseph was his father, or had accepted Jesus as his son. There was no question who Jesus was in his physical form.

A Common Belief

Furthermore, Jesus would not have been concerned with such matters and would not have asked such an inane question as whose son do the people think I am.

In the 14th verse the disciples replied, "Some say thou art John, the Baptist, some Elias, others Jeremias or one of the prophets." Observe that the answers of these disciples referred to persons who had been anticipated by rebirth and who were expected to be re-born again, and who were being looked for by the populace as re-born prophets and leaders. Their

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When dear ones have gone on before and only sacred memories remain, when the road of life is very lonely and the future is shrouded in darkness, silent, invisible help is with you always. You are never alone in your struggles, however difficult they may be. Never allow yourself to feel that you are. Nothing brings failure more quickly.

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Go often to your favorite church for spiritual comfort. Your Guardian Angels will be there. If more of us realized the invisible help we receive when we pray in the silence of God's House, countless more millions would be numbered among the devout. . . . In the inspiring stillness of His-Hallowed-Home we always reach new depths of spiritual power.

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Reincarnation and KARMA

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whole reply is an expression of their belief in re-birth, and a reflection of the common belief in reincarnation.

Jesus had an opportunity here to rebuke or correct His disciples for their expression of reincarnation principles but He did not do so. He seemed to agree with their beliefs as He did in every other instance. Where the principles of reincarnation were stated in His presence, His very answer is an acceptance of their statements and an acceptance of the principles implied.

For He turned to His disciples and said, "But who says ye that I am?" In other words, He said to them that, after having been associated with Him and hearing His doctrines, and having been taught the secrets of His mission and place in life, who did they understand that He was.

Books of Mark and Luke

It was here that Simon Peter made his reply, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus accepted this statement and charged His disciples with keeping his divine identity a secret and allow the multitudes to look upon Him as any one of the former great characters as they pleased to do.

Practically the same words in the 8th chapter of the Book of Mark, and the 9th chapter of the Book of Luke. The same terminology is used in the three books, and this is not an incident of little importance.

In the 9th chapter of Luke, beginning at the 7th verse, Herod heard of the wonderful work of Jesus and he was perplexed because it was commonly reported that this new teacher was none other than John re-born while others claimed it was Elias or one of the other prophets come to life again to live through incarnation of activity.

To What Do They Object?

Surely, when the rulers of the country and the public generally held such beliefs and they were discussed with Jesus, and He did not correct them, but answered their questions with a sympathetic understanding of their beliefs in reincarnation, we cannot claim that these doctrines were unknown or new in His time.

Taking the foregoing quotations as typical examples, we find that whereas nowhere in the statements of Jesus as contained in the Bible is there any remark on His part that is incompatible with the belief in the doctrine of reincarnation or any statement that man is born but once or that after transition he never returns

to earth again; yet on the other hand, many quotations show that Jesus and His disciples believed in the rebirth on earth.

So we can only say that those who object to the doctrine on the basis of incompatibility with Christian beliefs are misled by the statements made by modern Christians who cannot find authority for their statements in anything that Jesus said.

We want to call attention to the fact that it was thoroughly understood among the Jewish people that the sins committed in a previous incarnation would bring about some form of retribution in this life. A quote from a paragraph of the Jewish doctrine of the time: "If a truly pious suffers, it is only and solely because of sins committed in a previous incarnation, a form of purgatory for evil deeds in a former life." This quote was from an eminent Jewish Rabbi.

What Causes Sin?

These Scripture verses should convince Bible students that these principles are consistently with all fundamental truths as are taught in the Bible. There are many reasons why they have been excluded. We will not go into them at this time.

Why are some wise in childhood and others foolish in age?

What caused sin and death in the world? The church says it is the will of God. Science says that it is the law of nature. Philosophy maintains that all of these conditions are the growing pains of an immortal soul.

George Foote Moore, American clergyman, Bible scholar and Orientalist, in his work *Metempsychosis* writes, "A theory which has been embraced by so large a part of mankind, of many races and religions, and has commended itself to some of the most profound thinkers of all times, cannot be lightly dismissed."

What Goethe Thought

Voltaire, the satirical French philosopher and author summed up the matter of reincarnation with the remark, "It is not more surprising to be born twice than once. Everything in nature is resurrection."

Benjamin Franklin writes, "Finding myself to exist in the world, I believe I shall in some shape or other always exist, and with all the inconveniences human life is liable to, I shall not object to a new edition, hoping that the errata of the last may be corrected."

In the *Heroic Enthusiast*, a work translated into English by L. Williams, Bruno's Philosophy is summed up thus: Nothing in the universe is lost, everything changes and is transformed: the soul transmigrates and drawing round itself atom to atom, it constructs for itself a new body.

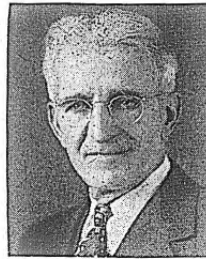
Von Goethe, the great poet, expressed his belief in this: "The soul of man is like water: From heaven it cometh, to heaven it mounteth, and thus again it must return to earth. Forever changing."

Emerson's Views

Isaac D'Israeli wrote: "If we accept the belief of a future remuneration beyond this life for suffering virtue and retribution for crime, there is no system so simple and so little repugnant to our understanding as that of metempsychosis. The pains and pleasures of this life are by this system considered as a recompense of the punishment of our actions in another state."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, America's great philosopher, says: "We must infer our destiny from the

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apparent. We are driven by instinct but have innumerable experiences which are of no visible value, and we may resolve through many lives we shall assimilate or exhaust them."

Dr. E. B. Taylor, acknowledged the father of anthropology, acknowledged his acceptance of this teaching with this statement: "So it may seem that the original idea of transmigration was the reasonable one of human souls being reborn in new human bodies."

Radindranath Tagore and Gandhi are two of our greatest men who have believed in reincarnation. Their lives have been established on these great laws.

Transmigration

In Paris, Mme. Laure Raynaud distinctly remembered that she had lived before and was able to give an accurate description of her previous home, Genoa where she was buried, her relatives, describing in detail, which were afterward checked and found to be authentic.

In an article on transmigration appeared the following: "In Buddhist countries it is no very unusual thing to have children claiming to have such and such a name and to have lived in such and such a place in their previous lives, and can mostly be substantiated. Such children in Burma are called winzas."

"These children are taken to the scene of their former lives, when it is said that he or she can generally identify his former dwelling and friends and can state facts known only to the dead person and one other living man. These winzas are so frequent in Burma that their existence is commonly taken for granted.

"This power of remembering past lives is stated to disappear as the child grows, although we have met adult winzas who also of a surety remembered their past lives."

An Attorney Vouches

The case of Shanti Devi given publicity about ten years ago in the press, is outstanding since it was authenticated by Gupta, Editor of a leading paper in Delhi, N. R. Sharma, leader of National Congress party of India, and close associate of Gandhi, also T. C. Muttur, a leading attorney of Delhi. These men with many others, conclude that the story of Shanti Devi is genuine and is the most remarkable record of the

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At its very timely and significant birth, Modern Spiritualism was not greeted amidst fanfare nor loud public applause. On the contrary, this greatest of all human benefactors of modern times was looked upon as a subtle, insidious prank of the devil. But the indomitable courage of those who could foresee the Light of a New Age dawning led a steady forward march throughout these many years.

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In spite of a growing avalanche of stupid ridicule and contemptuous cynicism, progress was made. The advance in the beginning was slow, and the cross was indeed heavy to bear. But a Truth, bearing such world-wide significance, could not be crushed by any army of falsely informed adversaries.

Modern Spiritualism had been born, and born to stay. Since that memorable day in 1848, many millions of sad, disheartened souls have found joy and comfort while listening to the voice, or seeing the presence of a departed one. No other scientific nor religious discovery during the past century has made such a steady advance nor given more peace of heart and mind, than has this greatest of all present benefactors of mankind.

These are not vain words uttered in selfish conceit—not at all Modern Spiritualism is based upon indisputable facts, scientifically proved, verified by seers, sages, and investigators throughout the years.

"Not by Night"

That Modern Spiritualism was "born unto the need of the day" is evidenced by the place and prestige it now so proudly holds within the rank and file of the ablest leaders and thinkers in all walks of life. The material, as well as mechanical strides man has made during the past one hundred years, are apparently not sufficient to solve the human problems of this day and age.

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The Curtain Lifted

This is because, basically, it is a definite Science as well as a Philosophy of a LIVING, EVER-EVOLVING, ETERNALLY-EXISTENT UNIVERSE OF SPIRIT AND SPIRITUAL SUBSTANCE. It is because Modern Spiritualism proclaims that the "highest conception of man and God is contained in the fact and based upon the truth of the indestructibility and eternity of both."

Upon these verities rests the security as well as the well-being of every living Soul. Deprived of the right to live, and live forever, and lacking the joy of visitation and the ecstasy of communication, existence here as well as hereafter becomes dull and drab indeed—"all life doth lose its meaning."

Thus has the curtain been lifted; hence, not only do Spiritualists everywhere, but every man, woman and child of whatsoever race, creed or color—all, ALL owe an enduring gratitude to the host of self-sacrificing, consecrated pioneers, who have blazed the way, carried the torch throughout this century of years.

Once the barriers between this every-day world and the world of the Spirit have been removed, then truly can it be said: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have they entered into the heart of man, the things which God (Spirit) hath prepared for them that love Him."

Shanti Devi insisted on visiting the town, Muttra, where she said she had lived in her previous life. For a time she refused to tell the name of her former husband because of the native custom of modesty. Her uncle, Bishan Shand promised to take her to Muttra if she would whisper the name of her former husband.

Shanti was at the time eleven years of age. She whispered the name of Kedar Nath Chaubey. A letter was sent to this man to the address given by Shanti Devi, and to all concerned there was amazement. This man lived at the address, and he sent a letter in return verifying all the facts stated by Shanti Devi.

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September of 1948, the Centennial year of Modern Spiritualism, marked another Congress Meeting in the persistent effort on part of the *International Spiritualist Federation* to build toward **WORLD SPIRITUALISM**.

Concilium Sanctum Mundi

Another very important organization working toward the development of **WORLD SPIRITUALISM** is the *World Spiritual Congress*. At its meeting held in Brussels, August, 1946, the Congress adopted a **SPIRITUAL CHARTER OF HUMANITY**, undoubtedly the first of its kind in the world.

The Congress is founded upon

broad lines of spiritual culture, seeking to build strength through **UNITY** with which to stem the devastating flood of materialism and to place civilization upon a sure foundation of spiritual truth. Thus it is the larger, the *universal* expanse of Modern Spiritualism that is emphasized by the Congress which has not closed its door upon other denominations sympathetic to its Cause.

As set forth in its constitution, the Congress consists of the "affiliation of all churches, denominations, organizations, and institutions of learning, which have as their aim the study of the problems of Religion, Philosophy, Science, Sociology, and the Arts, in their spiritual aspects."

The international business sessions of the Congress are held annually under direction of its governing body, called the *Supreme Council*. In July of 1947, the meeting convened in Paris, France. Among its officers are Mgr. John van Ryswyk, president; Maitre Fr. Wittemans, general secretary; and M. Henri Regnault, director of the French section.

Confederacion Espirita Pan-Americana

A great international organization laboring toward **WORLD SPIRITUALISM** is the *Pan-American Confederation of Spiritualism*, with its headquarters now located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. With the *Confederacion* there is no one fixed place of headquarters, which moves to the seat of the particular country wherein is held its Triennial Congress. In 1949 this is to be in Brazil.

Though formed recently, the *Confederacion* gives promise of a strong and constructive body. It has well-established and powerful member organizations in just about every country in South America, and includes others in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Thus the *Confederacion* UNITES nearly all Spiritualist Societies throughout the length and breadth of the Western Hemisphere south of the Rio Grande into one mighty organization for mutual benefit each to the other, and all for the advancement of Spiritualism-at-Large.

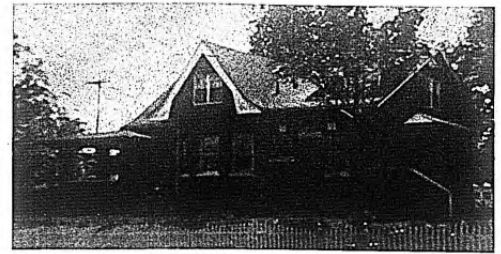
Of all the international Spiritualist organizations of the world, the *Confederacion* alone has its official organ, a splendid twelve-page printed magazine, Jose S. Fernandez is president and Luis Di Cristoforo Postiglioni is secretary-general.

Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations

In the United States of America and Canada there is a *Spiritualist Federation*, the membership of which consists of some three hundred individually legally established church societies, educational institutions, healing groups, clubs, rest homes, publishing houses, and associations (parent-bodies). This *Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations* is in organization for the purpose of building **UNITY**: unity, for the protection of the members of the Spiritualist Ministry, and unity for the protection of the Movement-at-Large.

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