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## MOLLY FANCHER - A Remarkable Psychic Story

Blind, Crippled and Bed Ridden.

IN COMA 8 YEARS

Leolyn Inn, at Lily Dale, N. Y., the famous Spiritualist camp, has some remarkable psychic exhibits. Here not only hang some of the spirit paintings produced through the psychic powers of the Bangs Sisters and the Campbell Brothers but also tapestries embroidered by "The Brooklyn Enigma."

By ARTHUR MYERS

In the great parlor of the Leolyn Inn, Lily Dale, are many examples of the physical phenomena which helped to startle the world into realization that man was endowed with a power greater than that of which he was fully cognizant.

Chief among these are the now famous Molly Fancher curtain tapestries, deep red plush hangings, heavily embroidered in silk chenille, intricate in design and arresting to the eye.

These tapestries are exact duplicates. A flowered design in multiple shades of tan and brown commands notice for its beauty alone; but it is the history and the story back of these tapestries which holds the greater interest, not only to the casual observer, but especially to the Spiritualist.

The tapestries were embroidered by Molly Fancher, the blind medium, under spirit control. Known to the world as "The Brooklyn Enigma," Miss Fancher was visited by many famous physicians, who strove to explain the reasons for her "conscious coma" and the various personalities she assumed.

Because of this inability to discover the cause of her phenomena they dubbed her "The Brooklyn Enigma," and as such she is known to the medical world to-day, even though her physical form is lost and gone.

These worthy physicians refused to give any credence to the fact that her remarkable powers were due to spirit control. However, anyone familiar with psychic law recognizes at once the presence of a disembodied conscious personality who was able to operate through Miss Fancher's diseased and crippled body.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, eighty years ago, she lived a normal, healthy life until her twelfth year, when she was the victim of a runaway accident while taking a pleasure ride.

As a result of this accident, she became totally blind, one arm (her left arm) was crooked stiffly back of her head.

For the remainder of her life, forty-eight years of earthly existence, she was hopelessly bed-ridden in a specially constructed bed to fit her misshapen body.

During these forty-eight years Miss Fancher passed, at various times, into a state which physicians called "conscious coma." At these periods, various personalities seemed to take charge of her body and direct the activities of her household.

Her Spirit Controls

The personalities were easily recognized by the family and came to be known by their names. One, a child, was happy and buoyant.

### THE "BROOKLYN ENIGMA"



Molly Fancher as she appeared at the expiration of nine years after her injury

Another was fretful and petulant. One, an older person, conversed of daily life, current events, etc., and the fourth did remarkable embroidery.

This fourth entity chose her own materials and did her own designing, planned her color schemes and produced remarkable pieces of art work, even though Miss Fancher's eyes could not see, and her stiffened arm forced the

needlework to be done back of the head instead of in front.

This particular phenomenon arrested the attention of many physicians who examined her, but could find no explanation for her remarkable work.

In their close study of Miss Fancher, the physicians discovered that she passed into a state of "conscious coma" for long periods. For hours, and even days, her

mind was apparently a blank until suddenly one of these personalities appeared, coming and going at will.

#### Eight Years' Coma

One period of "conscious coma" lasted eight years, during which time she took little nourishment and was totally inactive, except at the times when the "personalities" took charge of her body.

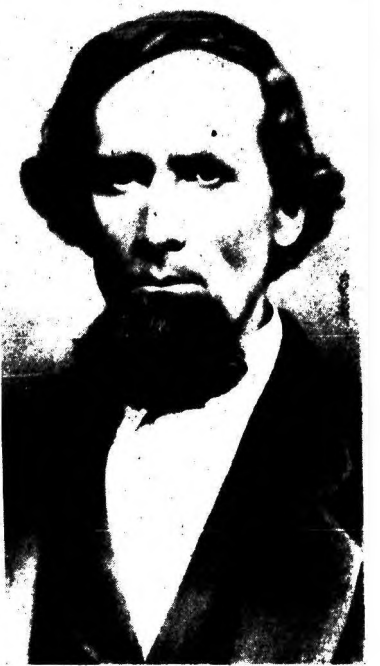
During such a period, her mother passed away and also her physician. The family also moved. Yet Miss Fancher did not realize these changes until the period of "conscious coma" had passed and she once again returned to her normal faculties.

The tapestries at the Leolyn Inn were done by Molly Fancher during one of her prolonged "conscious comas." They are a remarkable example of what can be accomplished through spirit control.

While physicians and scientists refused to accept her work as supernatural, Spiritualists immediately recognize her artistry as the finest example of spirit direction accomplished through natural law by one whose powers were greater than those of the medium.

Miss Fancher undoubtedly lived more in the etheric than in the physical. Even though con-

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CHRISTIAN CEHRES, one of the "Spirit" Counselors assisting the Editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER.

Mr. Cehres has communicated through the mediumship of Hugh Gordon Burroughs, Washington, D. C., and James Laughton, Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana.

On both occasions, encouragement was given to the editors of this paper. "Carry on," he said. "We will see to it that you receive assistance and guidance in all financial matters." Mr. Cehres is Mr. Pressing's grandfather.

### PSYCHIC PAINTINGS AND TAPESTRIES DISPLAYED HERE



In this spacious parlor of The Leolyn Inn, Lily Dale, N. Y., hang one of the sets of tapestries completed by MOLLY FANCHER, "THE BROOKLYN ENIGMA." Not only do these tapestries hang in this parlor but also four of the famous "spirit" paintings made possible through the mediumship of THE BANGS SISTERS and THE CAMPBELL BROS. During the summer season, July and August, thousands of visitors from all parts of the country journey to Lily Dale to view these remarkable exhibits.

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## ANOTHER CRISIS COMING But...NO WAR

Dictators To Make Trouble in September.

"Hitler and Mussolini have been making very complete preparations for war in connection with the Mediterranean and Danzig. But it is the greatest bluff of all. They won't fight, but most people will believe they are going to fight in September possibly. Remember, no war!"

This prophecy was received through Geraldine Cummins, the famous automatic writer, a few days ago. It is published in a booklet, "The European Crises," compiled by E. B. Gibbs and describing the many verified prophecies that have been written through Miss Cummins relating to the crises in Europe.

#### The "Hidden Crisis"

These prophecies concern the annexation of Austria and Czechoslovakia, the violation of the Munich Pact, the acquisition by Germany of Memel, the crisis of March of this year, the trouble over Albania, the advents that followed the fall of Madrid and a "hidden crisis" in May of this year.

But throughout there is the insistence that England will not be involved in a war for several years at least—the communicator confessed he could not see further ahead than that.

Germany it is emphasized, is in no position to wage a war, and could not maintain one for a month. And it is stated that both Hitler and Mussolini know that war would mean revolution in their own countries.

The value of these prophecies, for propaganda purposes, is

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## "THE LITTLE PROPHET"



—Courtesy Nanticoke Daily Press

## Faith Hope Charity Harding

"THE ENTITY" speaking through the instrumentality of Little Faith, Truckville, Pa., prophet, requests an International Peace Appeal. The Editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, who have agreed to co-operate with Mrs. Harry Harding, mother of the child, have been requested to direct the procedure and contact THE PRESIDENT and Broadcasting Companies to the end that an International Peace Appeal be made. Contact has already been made with one closely associated with the President.

## THE HARVARD MESSAGE

Among the dozens of public and private messages and prophecies received through the instrumentality of Faith Hope Charity Harding, this communication, called "THE HARVARD MESSAGE" has been most astonishing—seeking a correct interpretation of the message, a copy was sent to Harvard University.

Readers of PSYCHIC OBSERVER are requested to submit their interpretation.

The message follows:

"AND THINE servants have turned virgin soil, and they have harrowed the land, and the seeds have been sown. But there was one servant whose eyes became blinded by the moisture from his brow, and the seed fell not in the furrow, and the harvest was plucked as weeds, and the furrow became barren. Nay, as ye measure unto time, so was the furrow barren four-score and three. And some sayeth 'The ground be barren and balketh' and the square layeth ugly in the sight of the watchers from the hilltop. Yet sayeth the husbandman 'Thou speaketh not of the square, but of a furrow; one in number. Hath not the rest yieldeth. Nay, the furrow yieldeth not to the seed for it has been sown in season.'"

"THEN COMETH one unto the husbandman and sayeth 'Not that the furrow be barren, not that the servant worketh not with purpose, but the seed fell not in the furrow and the harvest was plucked for weeds, lying not in the furrow. Now the seed of the furrow has been scattered and layeth unto lands wherefore it hath been scattered by the winds. But it flourished unattended but by a few who guardeth it jealously and in care. For soon they knoweth that the servant cometh unto the husbandman and unfoldeth that of the barren furrow. And the husbandman became enangered that

his seed be so taken from the furrow and sayeth, 'Nay, I will not seek out the seed of the barren furrow. We have abundance of the last harvest and so shall it be sown and the watchers forgetteth the furrow for it covereth up the barren from their sight, and the distance deceiveth them and they shall call me a good husbandman for then shall the square be arighted in their sight.'"

"BUT THE ONE who cometh unto the husbandman bearing light upon the barren furrow, smileth at the childish reasoning of the husbandman and sayeth, 'Thou art the keeper but yet shall the furrow be barren and yet shall it yieldeth not even unto the seed of thine planting, for thou hast not the seed which was scattered by the winds, now guarded.'"

"AND THE SEASON yielded not a harvest unto the barren furrow and the seed. And the whole harvest of the other furrows became stunted and yielded not in bundance. And the watchers from the hilltop were not deceived, but sayeth they 'The husbandman is stubborn; he is not a good husbandman for the harvest yieldeth not and the barren furrow hath received not the seed.'"

"AND THEY who guarded the seed knoweth that a new husbandman cometh unto them for the true seed. And they knoweth that the barren furrow shall yet flourish unto time, and the harvest be sought throughout the world. For the furrow shall yieldeth more abundantly than the whole square. Unto he who cometh, bringeth with him the seed of the barren burrow. And the founders of the square rejoice that the seed be found. For so hath they worked, that the seed be guarded and returned. For unto their care was it given, even unto the beginnings of the square and its foundation. For it is a true seed unto the furrow. And it flourisheth unto the light and to time. Seek ye it, that barren furrow, marketh unto the sight of the watchers of the hilltop.

Dictated by Faith Hope Charity Harding—July 23, 1939."

If you see anything in any publication dealing with Spiritualism, please cut it out and send it to us. Kindly give name and date of publication.

## INTIMATE HAPPENINGS IN A PUBLIC PSYCHIC MEETING

By EVAN SHEA

I have completed over twenty-five years of public mediumship. Since I was eleven, I have been a medium. During all these years I have been taught by my beloved spirit entity, Hannah. I will always be grateful for her constant and kind guidance. Through the years I have learned to depend on her sage advice and profound wisdom—completely. Without question! Such is my faith and belief.

I have been in error many times—but, never Hannah.

I recall an incident that happened some years ago at one of my meetings in Carnegie Hall. In this incident Hannah helped me in a rather different way. She aided me to avoid a situation that may have been distressing and difficult.

At that time, I was holding one meeting a week in a rented studio. These meetings were quite large—at times hundreds attended. On this particular meeting night the hall was filled.

I had noticed, just before the services began, an elderly, distinguished-looking gentleman sitting in the front row. I could not help but speculate about him as he seemed so intelligent and sophisticated looking. I admired him!—and was pleased that a human could grow old so nicely and pleasantly. I learned to my sorrow, later, he was 'possessed' and subjected to a very dominant 'exhibitionist' complex.

I started the meeting—things were going along nicely and easily. The congregation seemed happy and comfortable. Hannah assisted me—I was at peace. All was exceedingly serene.

Suddenly, in the midst of a message to another, the old man stood up and with much grunting and groaning said, "I am Chief White Feather. I come to give messages." With eyes tightly closed, the old man seemed to look around the room, defiantly. There was immediate confusion in my audience—naturally. Many were startled by the unexpectedness of it all—some were frightened. I had a sickish, sinking, feeling inside me. I wondered just what to do! I was certainly "on a spot."

THEN—Hannah, my spirit guide appeared! She smiled casually, and in less time than it takes to write these words, she explained to me he was an "exhibitionist," a mental case, and explained how I should "handle" him. I was no longer on a spot! With Hannah's words in mind, I confidently, raised my hand in salute, and said: "Welcome—big chief. You will consider yourself our honored guest. BUT, remember—this is MY tepee. If you want to give messages you will go to your own tepee." Still following Hannah's advice, I continued on with my messages. The old gentleman sat down and as he opened his eyes I looked down and asked, "Are you alright, now, sir?" He grunted a rather surly "Yes" and I finished the meeting without any further difficulty.

This incident is somewhat unusual in view of the fact it is common to have some medium or student who wants to deliver a message from spirit. They ask permission and the permission is always granted without question. There is, or should not be, any selfishness on a spiritual platform. It is a privilege to give—and the opportunity to give is (and must be) always granted. There should be no obstacles on a true medium's platform.

After the meeting was over several ladies in the meeting confirmed Hannah's quick analysis. They told me they were acquainted with the old gentleman and how he had almost ruined a meet-

ing—they had attended the previous week.

It seems, at another lecture (during the open forum) this same man asked to take the speaker's platform for a few minutes. The kind speaker, probably pleased by the interest shown, (and the appearance of the man), allowed it. The old man raved so long about inconsistent and jumbled subjects it was necessary to have him FORCIBLY removed from the rostrum!

Hannah analyzed the situation correctly! She knew it was a "mental" case rather than a spiritual truth. Her quick sizing up of the man probably saved me from a difficult ordeal. Hannah was vindicated!

In writing this story, I am trying to bring to the public the many difficulties that constantly attend mediums and psychics. The slightest error—or mishap—may cause them loss of their prestige, to say nothing of their following. The public is fickle.

Every time a famous (or infamous) murder or kidnapping story "breaks" in the papers, we spiritual workers are generally subjected to unkind ridicule. The constant lurid details, in the newspapers and on the radio, arouse the emotions of many people. Quite a few of them start having "dreams" or "premonitions" and immediately write to the persons or authorities involved. They write in by the thousands, hampering the work of the authorities and torturing the bereaved parents with false, misleading hopes. Most of these people who write are "mental" cases but they all make it a point to refer to a "spirit" message or "spiritual guidance." In the final analysis this causes all of us to be painted with the same brush—"unbalanced." Naturally, this is most unfair, yet, one can hardly blame the authorities. After all—they must try to do their work peacefully.

During the Lindbergh case, I met one of the newspaper reporters assigned to the case. The reporter did NOT know I was a psychic. We met through a mutual friend and I was introduced as Dr. Shea. During the course of the evening he mentioned "every NUT in the country was writing Mr. Lindbergh telling him how to solve the case, etc., etc." The reporter laughed loudly at the idea! He also "painted us with the same brush." I listened—saying nothing. Why bother? Why try to convince an unkind and prejudiced skeptic? Why bother? After

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twenty-five years of actual spiritual work I believe I have passed the "test" period.

These two incidents serve one purpose. They endeavor to bring to the foreground the trials of a medium—and the unkindness directed towards them. It teaches us (or should) the simple fact we MUST protect ourselves. We must learn to separate the material and mental—from the spiritual. Truth from fraud. That is OUR obligation—and duty. We spiritualists MUST find some way to weed out the right from the wrong—for our OWN protection. This is our responsibility. Our responsibility to those who believe in us. These faithful followers must be protected.

We must find some way to divide the "mentalist" from the "spiritualist!"

If we don't—well, WE must. Kismet???

## THE DISCOVERED COUNTRY

by Owen R. Washburn

The author, himself a gifted medium of an unusual kind, gives an account of his numerous personal experiences, extending over a period of more than forty years, in the exercise of psychic faculties by mediums and others for whom he can vouch. There is much that is interesting and novel in the information he has gathered as to the transmission of messages from the other side and the experiments now being made to facilitate communication between this world and the next. \$1.50.

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## NO WAR

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strengthened enormously by the fact that most of them were published before the events happened.

Describing the manner in which the automatic writing is received, Miss Gibbes writes:

"Miss Cummins sits at a table, covers her eyes with her left hand, leaving her right hand resting on a block of foolscap paper. After a few moments she falls into a light trance or dream state and her hand begins to write.

"In order to remove the paper when filled with writing, I sit beside her, asking questions very softly when required or replying to those written down on paper by her. In this manner 'communication' is maintained between the living and the so-called dead."

## MOLLY FANCHER

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fined to her bed, she was able in spirit to visit homes of friends, listen to symphony concerts, describe works of art at various museums, and direct household duties to her servants.

But it is her remarkable needlework that she has left as a heritage to future generations, proof positive that there is a fund of knowledge in the etheric far greater than that conceived by mortal mind.

Miss Fancher passed to the higher plane of life in 1917. Her wonderful work will long be remembered and her contribution to the field of Spiritualist phenomena is perpetuated in the now famous Molly Fancher tapestries, mute emissaries from that land across the Rainbow Arch.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE MASTERS

By EDMUND BARKER

Belief in the existence of Master Occultists has been held by students throughout history. At different times they have been called by various names, such as Initiates, Adepts, Great Yogis, Rishis and Mahrishis. In recent years the names chiefly employed in the western world have been Masters of Wisdom or Mahatmas.

The Theosophical Society was mainly responsible for introducing these latter designations and this led to the belief that Madame Blavatsky had invented both the names and the Masters themselves, which was very far from being the case. Mahatma means "Great Soul," but it is not altogether a happy name, for it is sometimes used as a courtesy-title to people who are not Masters in the occult sense.

The true Masters are highly evolved beings who regard themselves modestly as the "elder brothers" of mankind. They have attained to a state of spiritual development where they are no longer subject to the delusions of the senses. The pleasure and pain of the world do not affect them, although they may be living in the world and are able to observe and judge the actions and reactions of mankind, in all its phases, from a detached point of view.

**Astral Travel**

They are able to travel as they wish through the various astral planes and higher spheres, leaving behind their physical body entranced if they are living in a body, and leaving the astral counterpart behind temporarily on the astral planes whilst they take their consciousness to more celestial spheres.

These journeys to other states have definite reasons: perhaps to help a certain soul who is striving to reach higher spheres without the knowledge of how to attain to them; or possibly to aid another to return to the earth for a fresh incarnation that would be of great use to the world, but which is being unduly delayed owing to the ego's entanglement, through lack of knowledge, in some other state. It is impossible for a mere student to attempt a list of these duties, but they are all to one end: the helping and uplifting of humanity.

To say that a Master does not experience any emotion would be incorrect. There is a happiness that comes from the knowledge of the spirit within, of the consciousness of closeness to the Absolute-God, and of being in harmony with the divine plan.

We have all experienced this happiness in some degree at some time or other; perhaps when we have been reading a book containing a high philosophy, during meditation or prayer, or maybe when we have just been about our daily duties we have come for a fleeting moment into harmony with our own true, immortal self.

That state of happiness the Master does experience, but it comes from within, not from without.

It is indeed, the only happiness that is lasting, for all the impressions, whether of pleasure or of pain, that we receive from the outside world through our sense organs, become jaded with constant repetition.

The first time we experience a pleasant new sensation it thrills and pleases us immensely; the second time it is still very nice, while after we have experienced it, say, fifty times, it may still please us, but well we've done it before. After, perhaps a hundred repetitions it begins to tire and eventually we become bored to death with the very idea.

**Free From Desire**

But although now immune from desire and delusion, these great souls have passed through the same stages that mankind is passing through today. They are the supermen produced by an earlier race and civilization, and they have trod the path that you and I are treading now. One day, in a dim future age, we too shall reach the state of Masterhood.

Proof that these exalted beings do exist is forthcoming to the sincere student, but he must study enough to realize that their existence is possible. Very few have been privileged to meet a Master in the flesh and know his identity, though many have contacted them unknowingly and apparently accidentally, whilst others, having reached a certain stage in their spiritual evolution where the Master knows that his presence will help, have met him on a higher plane during sleep but without being able to bring the meeting into consciousness.

**How To Contact the Masters**

A Master will certainly never be found on a public platform; neither are any books published bearing their names. They work behind the scenes. The exception to this occurs once about every two thousand years when a Master—one of the highest initiates, in fact—appears in the world in person, marking the commencement of a new cycle.

How can we contact them? There is only one way; by living a selfless life dedicated to the service of humanity. We do not have to give up all our worldly possessions or to be weak and effusive in any way, indeed quite the opposite qualities are needed.

**The Secret of Adeptship**

A strong, determined, but kindly character must be developed, whilst our financial affairs should be run properly according to our position, but without greediness or selfishness.

Service, then, is the keyword; we can only evolve if we realize that we are not here to obtain all we can for ourselves at the expense of others, but that the reason for our existence in the world of matter is to unfold spiritually and to assist mankind to do likewise.—"Prediction."

Long Island Spiritualist



WILLIAM GEIGER

LABOR A PSYCHOR MESSAGE

By WILLIAM GEIGER

The American labor movement is one of the four leading factors in production, the other three being land or material, capital and Government. The A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. are the two major general representative organizations of the thousands of labor unions and societies of the United States. The combined paid-up memberships of all associations is said to be over seven millions.

About seventy years ago the United States adopted a high protective tariff to aid our "infant industries" and pay higher wages than abroad. Today we have restricted immigration intended to curb importation of foreign labor and to help minimize any unemployment of skilled labor brought about by labor-saving machinery.

Labor Day is a legal holiday by state enactment only and is observed on the first Monday in September when the ranks of labor organizations suspend operations and parade on the streets of the principal manufacturing and industrial centers.

Early this year in Lansdale, Pa., an A. F. of L. union signed an agreement that provides "the employer and union agree that members of the Mennonite or other religious faiths, whose religious beliefs prohibit them from joining labor organizations, may be employed and retained without becoming members of the union."

Who will say that Labor organization and Spiritualistic organization have not identical problems when it comes to organizing?

PRAYER

By MARCELLA DECOU HICKS

Prayer, or Aspiration, is that vehicle by means of which the finite mind contacts the Infinite. Prayer, whether spoken or silent, creates a light-shaft or light-ray between the individual and God—a love-ray over or through which inspiration, comfort, soul help travel back to the seeker from ministering spirits—angels, if you will discernate intelligences on higher planes of thought.

God hears prayer, if spoken in sincerity, and answers it if to do so is compatible with our karma or life plan—a life plan worked out for us with our co-operation by highly evolved spirit mentors before our advent on the earth plane for our present earthly tenure.

**God Is Just**

You wonder why trial, tribulation, trouble and tragedy dog your footsteps here. Sometimes you come to believe that God is cruel and unfair punishing you as you do not deserve withholding rewards and blessings which you have earned and do deserve refusing answer to your prayers. You think all these things because, when you came down into mortality, you forgot, according to a spiritual law, the program mapped out for your life here—the program that was to give you problems, suffering, obstacles, necessary to your spiritual development along specific avenues of evolution, in which you, yourself, concurred before your advent here in a new embodiment. Had you retained knowledge of that plan with its attendant circumstances and purposes, your reactions would not have been spontaneous, and therefore useless as a test of soul-mettle evolving, or as a measuring stick of spiritual progress. You prove what growth you are achieving spiritually by your attitude toward life's vicissitudes, good or bad. Life's experiences make you either better or worse. You either learn the lessons you came here to learn, and progress to other things, or you do not learn them and must of necessity come back again and again until you do; for, make no mistake about it—you cannot cheat in the school of spiritual progress. Lessons must be learned as given, before one may graduate to other things—to other phases.

You have seen people grow sour and bitter under sorrow, pain, or affliction. Such as these are not learning their lessons and must come back for more until they learn to use the hard things of earthly life as stepping stones to greatness of spirit. They must learn not to impede their spiritual progress toward Perfection which is the ultimate goal of all Spirit.

**Strive For Perfection**

You have seen other people patient, sweet and cheerful under the most bitter lashings of earthly circumstance. Such as these are learning the lessons that earth life was meant to teach them and need never experience their particular kind of tribulation in subsequent lives.

Now, do you see why God does not always answer prayer? He knows the lessons you were to work out when you came here and were He to take from you the afflictions from which you ask to be relieved, He would be interfering with your karma—retarding your progress and doing you harm in the ultimate, rather than blessing you. "Thy will be done," are not idle words. Were God to withhold from you the trouble through which your soul seeks development, you would have to come back another time and endure similar affliction until the particular lesson involved had sufficiently impressed your consciousness in a way to make for progress.

**Soul Tests**

If God, in His infinite wisdom and mercy withholds answer to your prayers, know that the things you suffer are part of your life plan and rejoice in the affliction that is bringing growth to your soul. Rejoice that you have been deemed worthy of great trials. Soul tests are a privilege through which you are able actually to demonstrate your spiritual worth. Do you understand the truth of it all now?

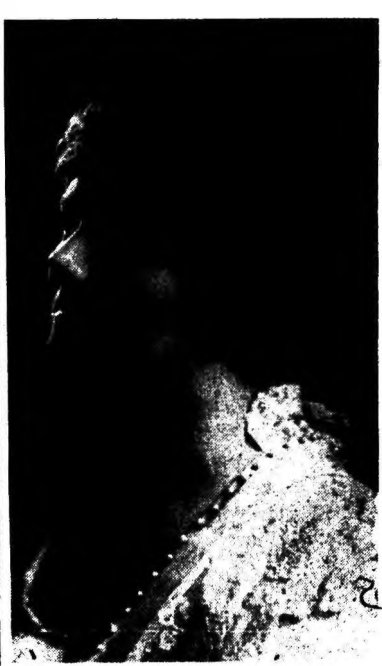
The person who is wisest is the one who accepts conditions, makes the very best of them, tries to improve them if unsatisfactory; who uses life's hard knocks, tragedies and disappointments as a means of spirit culture and development of soul structure, and who never permits himself to be defeated spiritually.

Prayer, more than anything else, will help him to rise superior to every adverse condition, because through prayer he can get the ear of God and although God may not see fit to relieve him of his burden, He will breathe into his consciousness courage to go on and give him peace and quiet.

**Prayer Eases Affliction**

Prayer itself—the habit of tranquil, prayerful aspiration—is healing to the soul, makes quiet the turbulence of life, eases affliction and lifts the mind to God. And although seemingly not one of your prayers for the lessening of your human woe or personal burdens be ever answered through out the span of your earth life, remember it is because to answer them as you wish them to be an-

Philosopher-Writer



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answered, would interfere with karmic adjustments and with your own soul-developing plan of earth life and do you an infinite unkindness and injustice in the ultimate.

Out of the ether years ago there came to me this little prayer:

Dear God, I do not ask that Thou shouldst spare Me anything that others have to bear.

But only give me strength that any blow May not embitter me—but help me grow.

I do not ask for riches or for fame. But that there be no shadows on my name.

Dear God, I do not ask for happiness.

But rather, that in living I may bless Others—with a life of usefulness. For hard and dreary tasks. Oh, give me grace.

That I may do them with a smiling face.

Then, when my journey and my tasks are done.

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**WHY USE ABSURD PARAPHERNALIA?**

Hanner Swaffer, asked by Cyril James, of the "London Daily Mirror," to answer ten questions, put as a challenge to Spiritualists, here replies to the first, which was:

"Why does Spiritualism drag in absurd paraphernalia—trumpets, luminous crosses, ouija boards, ropes, seals, special apparatus, tapping tables, infra-red photographic plates—all things abhorrent to many of the personalities who are supposed to use them as media of communications?"

By HANNER SWAFFER

All this is misunderstood.

Ropes and seals, special apparatus and infra-red plates have nothing to do with Spiritualism. They are the means by which skeptics probe into our case, with our permission, for, unlike an Orthodoxy which preaches, "You must have faith," we allow any honest examination of our claims.

I have known the medium and the sitters to fill their mouths with water to prove that the "direct voice" did not come from them. They themselves did not suggest it. It was the skeptic.

When Frank Decker submitted himself to the most rigid of tests by New York detectives and magicians, he was so tied up that he was practically strangled. He did not object. He merely said, very bravely, "Give me the works."

When, as Art Editor of the "Daily Mirror," for which Cyril James now writes, I sent a photographer to take pictures of the beatification of Joan of Arc in St. Peter's, Rome, nobody sneered and said, "What has a camera to do with religion?"

Yet, because the infra-red rays enabled a camera to see what happened at a dark seance, of which skeptics said, "Oh, anything can take place in the dark," well it is now held against us instead of being a proof of our honesty.

I have never roped a medium or half strangled him. Fatheads do that—and then blame us.

"Why use trumpets?" I am asked.

Well, if spirit voices are faint and the trumpet, by keeping within itself whatever psychic power there is, and then magnifying the sound, enables to be heard a voice that otherwise you could not hear, why laugh at the trumpet?

If the Prime Minister of England calls up the King to say, "There will not be a war," no one sneers, "Oh, the King had a silly trumpet at the end of his telephone." They cheer, and say, "How wonderful!"

The greatest orators in the world use microphones to make their messages heard, and no one mocks. They applaud the eloquence.

As for luminous crosses, are they any funnier than Westminster Abbey, with its crucifix, its crozier when the Bishop goes, and the pomp and majesty with which it pretends to preach the Gospel of a Man who had nowhere to lay His head? Are they funnier than the Pope's crown, or a Cardinal's robes?

**Salvation Army**

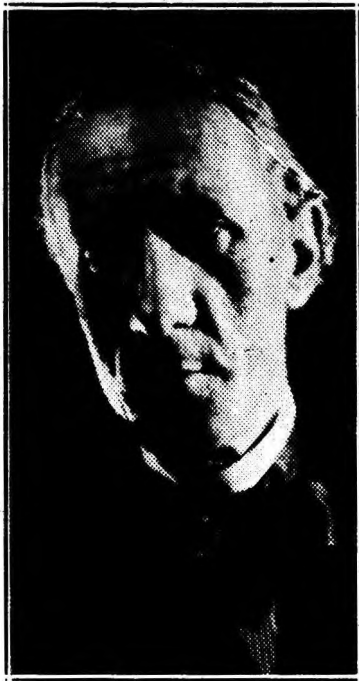
In the early days of Spiritualism, I suppose there happened to be in a seance room, one day, a tambourine which, being light and noisy when it was moved, was an easy means of proving supernormality. So, next time, they put a tambourine in the room.

Tambourines, by the way, are very seldom used. But are they funnier than the tambourines carried by the Salvation Army? Why is it only comic when we use them? Once, Salvationist tambourines were mocked at. But now the Army is thought "respectable." So people say, "What wonderful work General Booth does!"

A ouija board is used because it moves easily. It would be no good trying to use the organ in St. Paul's Cathedral for the same purpose.

The earliest writers probably

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scratched with a piece of flint on a stone. It doesn't matter what you use if you get a result.

Why, they say that God wrote the Ten Commandments with His finger on a tablet of stone. Moses apparently did not say, "How silly of God to write with His finger on a lump of clay."

Millions of people still believe that this is how the Decalogue came to earth. All the Fundamentalists do, for they believe literally every word of the Bible. There have been even members of the Cabinet who have accepted this without question.

By means of a ouija board, thousands of people have been consoled by messages from their "dead" relatives. Why laugh at the ouija board, if you do not laugh at the message?

I am dictating this article to a secretary who is using a silly, thick, clumsy pencil to take it down. Then she will type it on a machine that wants mending and should be scrapped. Her shorthand is even worse than mine, and no one can read it but herself. But the English which I dictate, and which she takes down in her own way, is easily understood. It conveys my meaning and arguments which are unanswerable.

**They Would Like It**

Why should an infra-red plate be "abhorrent," say, to Isaac Newton, or even Galileo? They would say, if they saw one, "What a remarkable invention! Why, they can photograph in the dark. We couldn't."

You must remember, too, that while we Spiritualists are utterly unimpressed by, say, the movement of a table, the levitation of a tambourine, or the carrying by supernormal power of a luminous cross across the room, this is the sort of thing, which, more than any other phenomenon enralls the scientists. He says, if he sees it, "Why, the law of gravity has been defeated!"

The law of gravity, by the way,

is said to have been discovered when an apple fell on Isaac Newton's head. Yet I never heard that, because Newton discovered the law of gravity in this way, any scientist said, "How silly to learn anything from a falling apple!"

On the contrary, Newton's discovery changed the course of Science.

The most remarkable inventions have been discovered because of some simple happening in a laboratory or a workshop. It was the discovery that mattered, not the means.

I regard with scorn all the pomp and trappings of orthodox religion, its futile ceremonies, its silly show. I regard it as stupid that, when a bell rings, Roman Catholics believe that bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. That, to me, is a childish invention. Indeed, Rationalists say that, if it is true, Christians are cannibals. But the ceremony goes on, and millions almost faint with ecstasy when they take part in it.

The Irish bombers protested, not against their sentences of twenty years, but because Mass was refused them in gaol!

The ex-King of Spain believes in Transubstantiation. The Duke of Norfolk believes it. Lord Halifax, being an Anglo-Catholic, believes it. All three are intelligent men. Yet, if I said to the Pope, "Prove it," he would merely answer in reply, "My son, you must have faith. It is a sacred mystery."

**Sick of Mysteries**

The world is sick of mysteries. It wants proof.

And Spiritualism gives proof in the best way it knows. Believe me, the spirit world is not concerned with how it proves itself. It is concerned with the message, and it insists on the proof.

And may I add, in conclusion, that Shelley and Keats and all the greatest poets wrote in immortal words of the beauty of love and its mystery, love and how it transforms lives and regenerates the world.

Love and childbirth, which is the fruit of it, are regarded as the most sacred things in life. The birth of a child is thought to be the most beautiful expression of Nature. Yet I defy Cyril James to print, in plain words, in the "Daily Mirror," exactly how a child is born.

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**TEXAS CONVENTION**

The forty-second annual convention of The Texas State Spiritualist Association is scheduled to be held at The Dresskill Hotel, Austin, Texas September 7, 8 and 9th.

Lecturers and message bearers listed on the official convention program: Rev. A. Cervin, Rev. Alma Johnson, Mrs. Lee Westlund, Rev. Jennie Cervin, Mrs. Nell McLane, Rev. Lillian Benedict, Rev. Isabella Powell, Mrs. Aganita Thompson, Rev. Lena VeVoe, Mrs. Mae Redford, Mrs. Gladys Webb, Mrs. Nina Bradley, Mrs. Maude Pugh, Evelyn Muse, and Rev. Sadie Halstead.

**KANSAS CONVENTION**

The thirty-ninth annual Convention of The State Spiritualist Association of Kansas will be held in the Colonial Room of Hotel Lassen, Market at First St., Wichita, Kansas, September 7, 8 and 9th.

Lecturers and message bearers listed on the official program: Rev. Maud K. Gates, Rev. Dollie E. Seybold, Grayce Diller, Rev. Neva Durham, Rev. Mary Nichols, Rev. Betty Palmer, Rev. Mary Rogers, Dr. Van Zandt Rowe, Rev. Eva Benzinque, Rev. Letha Cook-Mosher, Rev. M. E. Perry, and Rev. F. E. Blunt.

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LUCILLE MILLAR

Rev. Lucille Millar, Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church, Dubuque, Iowa, was a recent visitor at Lily Dale. Rev. Millar is President of the State Spiritualist Association of Iowa and reports that their annual convention will be held in Marshalltown September 9th and 10th; headquarters Hotel Tall Corn.

**ARTHUR FORD CARRIES ON**

By FREDERIC HARDING

Those who observe psychic matters in America have been aware in recent months, among the host of personalities appearing in our psychic press, of the absence of one of our outstanding mediums.

Into the conversations at Spiritualist camps, at churches, and in seances, comes the question: "I wonder what's become of Arthur Ford?"

It is with genuine pleasure that I can answer this question. While in Los Angeles recently my wife and I had dinner with the Fords—spent the evening at their home in the hills of Hollywood and yielded to their insistent kindness that they drive us thirty miles to our ship at its dock at Wilmington, thus seeing us off for Hawaii at midnight.

Arthur and his charming wife, Valerie, have bought a magnificent home fifteen hundred feet above the level of the Pacific, which is only twelve miles away.

Surrounded by a billiard-cloth lawn and brilliant garden, the Ford home is decorated and furnished with a tasteful elegance which reflects the discernment of its mistress. As a hostess, Mrs. Ford was graciousness itself. Arthur is a most fortunate fellow and evidently realizes it, for I never saw him happier or looking as brisk and in such good health.

He told me with enthusiasm of his busy days, never having had a more persistent demand for private manifestations of his mediumistic powers. In his spacious drawing room, he holds two classes weekly and in Los Angeles gives demonstrations in a hotel auditorium. Writing a book of psychic instruction occupies much of his time. His plans do not seem to include any active participation in camps or church services.

Surely Arthur Ford has worked well and long in the fields of public service and his friends will be happy to think of him in his nowadays restful harmony at home, well and full of cheer.

During the evening, he telephoned Felice Crossley Peterson. We enjoyed chatting with this splendid woman, whose able mentality has so importantly supplemented her clear clairvoyance. Unfortunately, she has not been well and consequently less active in her spiritual work.

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# W. T. STEAD'S TALISMAN

"Astral Conditions" Which Brought Ill-luck

In December 1911, exactly four months before William T. Stead, the famous journalist and pioneer of spiritualism, sailed on the S.S. Titanic, he came into possession of a crucifix, said to have at one time belonged to the Empress Catherine of Russia, and to have disappeared mysteriously during her lifetime. It was made of ebony and silver and was about three inches long. At its foot was a skull and cross-bones in silver, believed to symbolize Christ's triumph over death. Behind, at the intersection of the arms, was a silver rose, thought to represent the Rose of Divine Love.

Stead greatly prized this supposed relic of the Imperial Catherine, so much so that for a time he carried it about in his pocket. One Wednesday when attending a circle at Wimbledon, he showed it round, and Mr. King, the medium, detected very unpleasant "astral conditions" with the crucifix and strongly advised Mr. Stead not to carry it about with him any more. Stead shrugged his shoulders and smiled. He did not believe in what some called the power of black magic, and he remembered the words which the spirit of Julia Ames had written through his own hand: "I know of no magic but Love and Prayer."

### Strange Premonitions

However, some curious untoward occurrences followed. Although Stead dismissed from his mind the idea of "exceedingly harmful influences" coming from his talisman, as he was told, within a day or two he became the



W. T. STEAD

victim of quite unusual intense depression. The strange thing was that the distressing symptoms at once disappeared when the crucifix was taken away from Mr. Stead to be "demagnetized" by someone who was versed in magical rites. Stead then laughingly admitted: "There might be something in it!" though he added: "It sounds like nothing but the most fantastical nonsense."

There was no suggestion, or sensing by the mediums that the Empress Catherine was in any way responsible for the malefic conditions connected with the crucifix. On the contrary, it was stated that it had been associated with the sacred days of her youth

and innocence. The "demagnetizer" made a mediumistic statement that the cross had belonged to an illuminate either in East Germany or Russia, and then got into wrong hands and was used for the Black Mass.

Before the crucifix was "de-charged" one of Stead's friends, who carried it about for a short time, met with a sudden and totally unexpected reversal of fortune. One or two other persons, who came in contact with it, became ill. Just at that time Miss Felicia Scatterd, the well-known medium, happened to be in Egypt and she wrote home saying that she felt some troubled condition surrounding Mr. Stead's circle.

### Stead's Curiosity

Miss Edith K. Harper, who recorded the story in her book, "Stead the Man," and knew Stead well, never felt any harmful effects from the crucifix. She concluded this particular chapter with the words of Dr. Dillon, Russian special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph:

"Our last meeting took place on the 3rd of January. He (Mr. Stead), my secretary, and I, lunched together at the Holborn Restaurant. During lunch he told me a thrilling story of an apparition of Catherine the Great, and the sudden appearance of a talisman from Poland, which brought ill-luck to everyone who possessed it. 'I have it now,' he went on, 'and I am curious to see whether any mischief will befall me, and what form it will take. Is it not thrilling?' Before lunch was over, it was a question of my keeping the talisman (which I never saw) for a time, to test its fatal potency. But I declined. That was the last I saw of W. T. Stead."

— "Greater World"

# SPIRITUALISM IN ICELAND

By HORACE LEAF, F.R.G.S.

September 11th, I sail for Reykjavik, the capital city of Iceland. While there I shall lecture on Spiritualism and psychic science, and demonstrate clairvoyance and psychometry. It should be an interesting and by no means difficult undertaking, as I know from experience Icelanders take very readily to Spiritualism.

In the summer of 1929, I spent a week among the Icelandic colony in Wynyard, Saskatchewan, Canada, and I learned to appreciate them very much. Their sympathetic, unassuming dispositions and their intense desire to learn all they can about spiritual matters, convinced me that they are naturally adapted to understand and properly evaluate supernatural phenomena.

During my stay at Wynyard, I had ample opportunity to see how well they face up to the difficulties of life, and their faith in God. The beginning of July was rich with promise of a bumper harvest (Icelanders in Canada are almost wholly devoted to farming), everything favored a rich return for their months of arduous labor. Suddenly cold winds sprang up and reduced the crops to the poorest grade. Everyone had practically lost the results of his work and outlay.

### Interest Not Shaken

It was a terrible blow. Although only a visitor to Canada, I could not help feeling the deepest distress for these indefatigable men and women, who had to face a severe winter with practically nothing. Yet there were no bitter complaints.

Nor did it affect their interest in Spiritualism. The service which I conducted, at the invitation of the Pastor and the Church Committee, in the little Lutheran Church, was attended by as enthusiastic a body of people as I have ever been called upon to address.

There was nothing like mere sentimentality about their attitude towards Spiritualism and psychic science, a fact shown by the way in which they criticized

a materializing medium who had preceded me by a few months. I concluded that their quiet, spiritual attitude towards life was well-tempered with a big dose of commonsense.

I hear that Spiritualism is practically the state religion of Iceland. Although little is known about this country as a rule, it being off the beaten track of the big ocean-going liners, its people rank among the most advanced races, if by advancement is meant the general standard of education, and the morals of the people. Iceland is practically without a policeman. There can be no better testimony to the high development of the people than that.

### Spiritualism Popular

While other nations have improved in general behavior in proportion to the increase in their respective police forces, Iceland has maintained a standard of rectitude which has called for no increase in that limb of the law.

The size of the country is great compared with the population, which is not more than one hundred and thirty thousand. Yet, I have been assured that hundreds of them will attend my meetings. I must confess to being surprised when I heard this. They will trek in from outlying parts under no small difficulties, for Iceland is notorious for its poor roadways.

The famous Icelandic Sagas show that from the beginning Icelanders believed in the unseen, and there are some remarkable stories of ghosts which have become everywhere accepted as true. These stories are not always pleasant, as for instance, the "Saga of Grettir the Strong."

One occasionally hears of individuals being spirited away by "nature spirits," and more than one part of the barren interior is said to be inhabited by some of these malicious spirits, who deeply resent any interference of their solitude, by human beings.

"The Lava of the Evil Deed" is among the most sinister of these spots.

### Icelandic Scientists

The purely Spiritualistic point



HORACE LEAF

of view grew apace about thirty years ago, through the mediumship of the son of a farmer. His mediumship was investigated by such capable men as Mr. Einar Kvaran, the founder of the Icelandic Society for Psychical Research, and Professor Neilsson, head of the Theological faculty at Reykjavik University. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Neilsson several times during his frequent visits to London, previous to his passing to the Higher Life, and on one or two occasions I acted as medium for him.

His influence will always be felt among Icelandic Spiritualists, owing to his brilliant advocacy of the subject. He was virtually the founder of Spiritualism in Iceland. He made it a point to interest his theological students in the subject, as I found when in Wynyard. The presiding Lutheran minister there was one of Mr. Neilsson's converts.

During recent years mediumship has not been so impressive in Iceland, although circles have been regularly held, and some efficient mediums developed. Needless to say, I am looking forward to meeting them, some of whom I met in Wynyard, from whence they returned to the native land.

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## "It Has Taught Me Tolerance With The Feelings of Others"

Questions often asked me by people who are just beginning to be interested in our subject are: "What does it mean to you? What does it do for you?"

When one has grasped the tremendous truth behind the evidence for Survival which a study of Spiritualism can very soon bring, it gives one courage to face existence.

The realization that those whom we have known in their earth lives, loved and trusted, are still living and able to contact us (though we may not often be aware of it at the time), and that they wish to help us just as they would have done were they still in the physical body, is a tremendous incentive to do the very best one can with one's life.

It seems to me that when one accepts the facts of Spiritualism, and the existence of another plane or condition of life, it helps one to make a much better job of this one.

In the rush and strain of modern life it may not be easy for everybody to obtain conclusive evidence through the development of their own psychical powers, though I always maintain that a certain degree of psychic awareness may be attained by anyone

## SAYS GLADYS OSBORNE LEONARD

### Lodge's Medium"



Gladys Osborne Leonard, often referred to as "Sir Olive Lodges Medium." She has been a medium for 28 years and has earned world-wide fame. She is author of the book "The Last Crossing."

who has sufficient patience and desire to do so.

### Second-hand Knowledge

But they can read and hear of others' experiences, and accept

them in the same way as they would take the word of an authority on foreign travel for the evidence of the reality of a country they had not seen for themselves.

There must be many important matters about which one is unable to obtain personal experience.

And the wonderful thing is that even a "second-hand" knowledge can give hope and courage to face and make the best of whatever comes, not with the long face of unwilling martyrdom, but gladly and cheerfully.

As J. S. Blackie put it: "My rule of life is with sure plan to work, To trust in God, and sing a cheerful song: To search what gem in each cold day may lurk, And catch a side advantage from a wrong."

### When Pain Is Left Behind

Yes, that is the point—to "catch a side advantage from a wrong"—to see the light behind the shadow, reunion behind the parting, and to realize that those whom we loved and whose earthly sufferings may have torn our very heart strings, are now in perfect health in that other life, never more to be faced with physical pain and distress.

In my few excursions into that Other World I have been impressed with the look of radiant

energy, perfect health, which manifests through everyone, and their evident desire to bestow some of it on us if we will only open ourselves to it, and to them.

Contact with the Other Side has also taught me tolerance with the failings of others, because "They" have taught me that one cannot on earth always distinguish the narrow line that divides failure from success, whereas "They" seem to regard the effort to overcome as success itself, even when one apparent failure follows another.

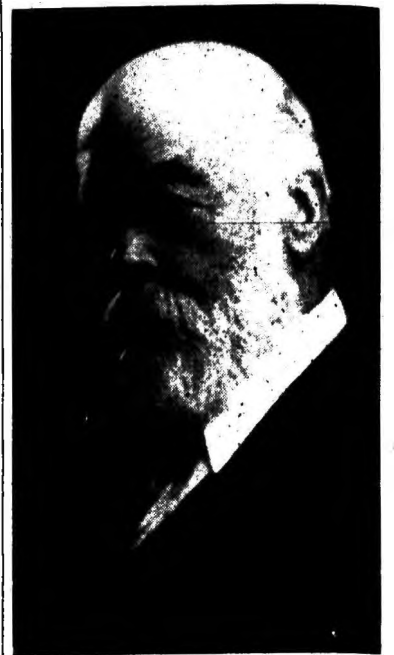
A few days ago I opened a little book called "The Bond of Sympathy," and came across these words:

"Thank God for failure, shattered hope, lost aims, And ungained garlands, for He knoweth best; 'They also serve who only stand and wait.' Perchance they also win who seem to fail, God's eye sees clearer than our earth dimmed sight."

There are many people on earth whose earlier hopes have been shattered, aims lost, and who would feel hopeless indeed if they felt that this existence was the end of everything. Through communication with wise and helpful entities from the spirit world, we learn this is only the beginning, the preparation for a fuller and happier life.

After 28 years of the study and

## Eminent Spiritualist



SIR OLIVER LODGE

practice of Spiritualism I thank God daily for it. It is the backbone of my existence, and has brought me to an appreciation of Truth and Beauty in all its forms.

If it does not do this for all who study it, I think it is because they are seeking too personal satisfaction from it, or limiting themselves to the phenomena alone (wonderful and helpful indeed in themselves), and not reaching out to the philosophy and teaching which can be theirs for the asking, and spur them on to service to others, and a happier, broader view of life here—and hereafter. "Psychic News."

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# CONTEMPT PRIOR TO INVESTIGATION

It has been widely asserted by men of great standing and world-wide reputation that certain phenomena occur which to many establish the hypothesis of a soul and its survival of bodily death.

As a matter of record these investigators have only been convinced after long and careful research and it is equally a matter of record that the denial of the phenomena comes from "arm-chair critics" who have never made any impartial and thorough examination.

## "Scientific Prejudice"

The history of every branch of science shows, at times, a great disinclination to accept new findings.

Galileo's fellow scientists denied that Jupiter had any moons and refused to look through Galileo's telescope on the ground that they could not exist since they had not been mentioned by Aristotle.

When Benjamin Franklin brought the subject of lightning-conductors before the Royal Society, his paper was not admitted to the "Philosophical Transactions."

The Edinburgh Review called upon the public to put Thomas Gray into a straight jacket for maintaining the practicality of railroads.

Sir Humphrey Davey laughed at the idea of London ever being lighted with gas.

## Scientist and "Know Nothing"

Medical men ridiculed the stethoscope when it was first discovered. The same profession derided the claims of the early hypnotists and Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood.

Galvani said, "I am attacked by two very opposite sects -- the scientists and the know nothings. Both laugh at me -- calling me 'the frog's dancing master.' Yet I know I have discovered one of the greatest forces in nature."

Chladni in his work of Fiery Meteors, published in 1819 said, "When my work first appeared the majority of my colleagues declared the whole contents to be foolishness. It was said in the German General Library that my assertions were unworthy of refutation." J. A. de Luc said that if he had seen a stone fall at his feet he would have said, "I have seen it, and yet I do not believe it."

And so, many who scoffed at the possibility of psychic phenomena were led to investigate and finally affirmed.

## Some Investigators

The late Professor William James, a world-famous writer on philosophy and psychology, decided to have a sitting with Mrs. Leonore Piper in order to disprove her mediumship to his wife who had previously visited this medium. Professor James was ultimately convinced that Mrs. Piper, in trance, knew of facts relating to deceased people which facts she did not know and had no possibility of knowing in her normal state.

It was due to Professor James that his medium was thoroughly investigated over a long period of years by the English Society for Psychical Research.

Sir Oliver Lodge affirms that Mrs. Piper, in trance, told him of facts quite unknown to him which had happened during the boyhood of an uncle of his.

## Morselli -- Not A Spiritualist

Professor Morselli was another who derided prior to investigation. Joseph McCabe, the well-known Rationalist lecturer and author, in his Biographical Dictionary of Rationalists says of Morselli, "... He translated some of Spencer's works into Italian, and wrote the preface to the Italian version of Haeckel's Riddle of the Universe ... He despises Spiritualism but believes that mediums like Eusapia Palladino have abnormal natural powers." Despises is too strong a word but it is a fact that

Morselli was not a Spiritualist.

It is suggested that Morselli's evidence is of great weight coming as it does from a Rationalist of great standing who, prior to investigation, dismissed as quite absurd the possibility of the phenomena which he subsequently affirmed.

## Alfred Russel Wallace

One of the most eminent of English Naturalists -- Sir Alfred Russel Wallace -- was a Spirit-



**EUSAPIA PALLADINO, internationally known medium. She repeatedly submitted to severe tests of her psychic powers before groups of skeptical scientists.**

ualist. He, too, is claimed as a Rationalist in McCabe's Dictionary. It was the joint paper of Darwin and Wallace which established the belief held by scientists in evolutionary processes. This paper was read before the Linnean Society.

Wallace says, "I was so thorough and confirmed a materialist that I could not at that time find a place in my mind for the conception of spiritual existence, or for any other agencies in the universe than matter or force. ... The facts beat me. I was compelled to accept them as facts long before I could accept the spiritual explanation of them." Wallace later gives a list of eminent men of his generation who affirmed psychic phenomena, and he said:

## Are They Honest Men?

"I presume it will be admitted that they are honest men. If, then, these facts, which many of them declare they have repeatedly witnessed, never took place, I must leave my readers to account for the undoubted fact of their belief in them as best they can. I can only do so by supposing these well-known men to have been fools or madmen, which is to me more difficult than believing they are sane men, capable of observing matters of fact, and of forming a sound judgment as to whether or not they could possibly have been deceived. A man of sense will not lightly declare, as many of these do, not only that he has witnessed what others deem absurd and incredible, but that he feels morally certain he was not deceived by what he saw."

## Mediumistic Fraud

Mediumistic fraud cannot be effectively discussed in a few words. Every psychic researcher who affirms the existence of genuine phenomena also affirms the existence of fraud. But so it is in all walks of life. The sceptic, however, affirms that the occurrence of fraudulent phenomena proves the non-existence of genuine. That is illogical. In many cases mere allegations of fraud are made and these are often accepted by the sceptic as proved. The true researcher holds that such allegations must be subjected to the same rigid process of proof as he accords to other phenomena before pronouncing them to be genuine.

## Professor James

The sceptic would do well to remember that one positive proof is sufficient to set aside one hundred negative results. In the words of

Professor James, "To prove that all crows are not black it is only necessary to produce one white crow." With psychic phenomena there is a mass of evidence which cannot be validly impeached.

Eminent conjurers of high standing could be quoted to the effect that the phenomena are quite impossible to reproduce under the same conditions by means of their art, but space forbids.

## Investigation Suggested

To those tempted to deride, prior to examination, the words of the English philosopher, Herbert Spencer, may be commended:

"There is a principle which is a bar to all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance; this principle is contempt prior to investigation."

# Harrison D. Barrett Pilgrimage

By C. HARRISON ENGEL

Paralleled with the Master of old, in the new Land of Canaan, a great leader and prophet has been honored. In the Harrison D. Barrett pilgrimage to Canaan, Maine, on August 21, and in the services of the day, a sweetness pervaded as perfume heaven lent. Tender words spoken by men and women who had known him in this life; towns people who had known him since childhood, regardless of creed did homage to a beloved native son. Statesmen and Spiritual leaders alike spoke words of love for Harrison D. Barrett, our first National president who gave all of himself in organizing and perpetuating The National Spiritualist Association that the truth of man's survival after death might prevail.

A morning service was held at Camp Etna where he was an early President. Mary Drake Jenne, Camp secretary, (and an old friend), Honorable Arthur Smith, Camp Director, classmate of Barrett and his nearest surviving friend, spoke memory words that will long live in the hearts of all listeners. Many leaders responded with sincerity and earnestness. The motorcade pilgrimage from Etna to Canaan through beautiful countryside was made in less than one hour. State Police guards piloted the entourage.

Near the town and Land of Canaan, local townsmen were at the roadside giving welcome and led the pilgrimage to the beautiful old Barrett homestead. High on a bluff and overlooking the town and countryside and under the sheltering arms of great elm trees planted by Harrison D. Barrett's hand the main service of the day was held. One was awed by the beauty of scene and the loveliness of spoken words. Our own National President Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell, as the presiding officer of the day in his sincere and kindly manner gave a message long to be remembered.

The words of one great leader in tribute to another, bearing a fortitude and a promise that shall make it easier for us all to carry on. From the home, the pilgrimage proceeded to the village cemetery and there with fitting words, President Whitwell laid a wreath at his tomb. Two hearts throughout the day's program were especially touched yet happy. That of Mr. Barrett's only surviving sister, Miss Lucile Barrett of Auburn, Maine, and a cousin, Miss Grace Graffam of Dinuba, California.

With the sun falling into the western horizon, the pilgrimage wound its way back to Camp Etna. We had learned that day that heaven must rest in the heart of man, by good work well done. From out the skies, Harrison D. Barrett's soul must be singing and his message to all of us to hold the flag of truth high.

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# THE CASE FOR ABSENT HEALING

For the benefit of our readers, we place on record this evidence for DIVINE HEALING. Mr. L. Swartz is prepared to vouch for this case of "Spirit Healing" which took place through his own instrumentality and the cooperation of the Higher Forces. He submits the following statement:

I called upon a friend living at Kitchener, Ontario. I missed the younger member of the family -- a boy ten years of age. I enquired about him and was informed that he was sick in bed with rheumatic fever.

At the time of my visit he had been in bed one week. Before leaving I felt impressed to see the child, and immediately led the way to the sick room. Greeting him as I entered, the child asked me not to touch him -- stating that every joint in his body and limbs was very sore.

The father followed me to the room and as I conversed with the child, stood behind me. He asked me to try and help the boy and I promised that I would remember him.

I might add that the father had had several treatments by me for various ailments and knew the potency of Divine Healing.

Before leaving the room I took the child's hand in mine, momentarily, and told him to be a good boy and in two or three days he would be alright. I then returned home. This was on a Saturday afternoon. That evening at my home -- thirty-six miles distant, I fervently sought aid for the child through the co-operation of the Infinite. The following morning, I did likewise, and at different intervals during the day whenever my thoughts were drawn to him.

The following Monday morning on my way to my office, a thought occurred to me that the child was very much better and I wished that I could be informed of his condition. Immediately upon my arrival at the office, I wrote a short note to the father asking him to be kind enough to inform me of the child's condition as somehow I felt he was very much improved.

Before he received my letter he wrote as follows:

"You will be interested no doubt in learning that Kenneth has shown a marked improvement ever since you left here last Saturday. He has had no temperature for three days and his pain is over. We are keeping him in bed for a rest and build up. He eats well and sleeps naturally.

"No one can tell me there is nothing to Spirit Healing and I am convinced he has received a great deal of help from your interest and kind thoughts, giving credit, of course, to your band of helpers. Our reasons for saying this is that the stubbornness of the diseases makes it hard to handle and the change began to be noticeable the morning after you were here and had promised to lend your assistance. Improvement was then constant."

I am very grateful that I am permitted to be used in this way for the alleviation of the suffering of my fellow men. I give all praise and honor to The Source of All Good.

One reason, as I see it, why this child recovered so speedily was due to the fact that he was practically an infant, and there were no doubts or cross currents to interfere with the work.

Yours very sincerely,

L. SWARTZ,  
501 Pigott Building,  
Hamilton, Ontario

August 14, 1939

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FRANK DECKER

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## CALIFORNIA

**ALHAMBRA**—Pyramid Spiritualist Church, 326 South Atlantic Blvd. Irene Wood.

**FRESNO**—Universal, Educational Religious Society of Divine Science, Inc., 744 Mildreda Ave., Edna Kelley.

**HOLLYWOOD**—Spiritual Scientist Center, 1615 N. Martel Ave. R. Leo Gaynor.

**HUNTINGTON PARK**—Spiritual Church of Flowers, 2474 Randolph St. Rev. Victoria M. Freutel.

**LOS ANGELES**—Church of Natural Science, 2537 West 12th St. Anna Strack.

**LOS ANGELES**—Science of Soul Church, 1108 West Manchester. Estelle Orser.

**OAKLAND**—Church of Eternal Life, 2205 Brush St. Rose Smith.

**OAKLAND**—The Spiritual Church, 748 21st St. Margaret Foley.

**OAKLAND**—First Temple of Spiritualism, Woman's City Club, 1428 Alice St. Etta S. Bledsoe.

**SAN DIEGO**—Trinity Spiritualist Society, 3689 Fourth Ave. Nevada DeVoe.

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**SAN FRANCISCO**—Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, 240 Golden Gate Ave. Florence S. Becker.

**WEST HOLLYWOOD**—Temple of Immortality, Marquis Theater Bldg., Melrose at Doheny, Katherine Von der Lin, 5921 Dornington.

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**CALGARY**, (Alberta) — First Spiritualist Church, 7th Ave. and 3rd St., Est. Alice Rushton.

**HAMILTON**—The National Spiritualist Church, 187 James St. Mrs. A. E. Aylett.

**HAMILTON**—The Church of Spiritual Brotherhood, Edinburgh Hall, Ottawa St., North. Mrs. F. Dillon.

**LONDON** (Ontario)—First Spiritualist Church, 118 Dundas St. Thomas Smith.

**MUSKOGA**, (Ontario), The Springdale Spiritual Park Association, A. D. H. Campbell, Sec'y.

**OSHAWA**—Church of the Guiding Star, 204 King St., West, I. O. O. F. Hall, Margaret I. Arkle.

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**TORONTO** — Springdale Spiritualist Church, 693 Bathurst St. A. D. H. Campbell.

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**WINNIPEG**—Inspirational Church of Truth, Army and Navy Hall. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Northmore.

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**HARTFORD**—Spiritualist Temple, 758 Asylum Street. Esther Acker.

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**WASHINGTON** — Christian Spiritualist Church, Grafton Hotel, 1139 Connecticut Ave., N. W. Otto Penter.

## FLORIDA

**DAYTONA BEACH** — First Spiritualist Church, 606½ Main St., Katherine Windle.

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**MIAMI**—Church of Spiritual Harmony, Indiana State Community Hall, 2170 N. W. 17th Ave. Miss Dorothy Hale, Sarah W. Cushing.

**MIAMI**—Spiritualist Temple of Truth, 1621—S. W. 6th St., James F. Riley.

**ORLANDO** — First Spiritual Church, Roger's Hall, 107 E. Pine St. Nellie Cherry, Florence G. Libby.

## ILLINOIS

**CHICAGO**—First Church of Spirit Healing, Lily of the West Temple, Monroe and Paulina Sts. C. A. Burgess.

**CHICAGO** — Arion First Polish Spiritualist Bright Star Church, Center No. 69, 5009 S. Keeler Ave. Nellie Ruth.

**CHICAGO** — Progressive Spiritualist Church, 3224 N. Clark St. Wm. R. Cunningham, President.

**CHICAGO**—Psychic Science Church, Garlick Building, 64 West Randolph St. Office Room 604—Telephone FRA 9766 —Bessie Woodworth.

**CHICAGO**—Sunbright Spiritualist Church, 818 Altgeld St. Edith Irene Jadwin.

**CHICAGO**—Arion St. Jude Research Society No. 97, 406 E. 51st St. Rev. Archie Johnson.

**CHICAGO**—First Spiritualist Church of Divinity, 6146 South Ashland Ave. Freda Brown.

**CHICAGO**—Arion Psychic Research Association (Christian Spiritualist Auxiliaries) Great Northern Hotel, Dearborn and Jackson Blvd., Room 1025, Janette E. Erion.

**CHICAGO**—Arion First Italian Psychic Research Center No. 39, 1353 W. Taylor St. Anthony Camardo.

**CHICAGO**—United Bible Grace Spiritualist Church, 1622 North Clybourn Ave. Grace Iona Kane Conrad.

**CHICAGO**—Spiritualist Church of Wellcome, 5 North California Ave. Helen Novak.

**CHICAGO** — First Roseland Spiritualist Church, 138 East 114th Place, Inez Dexter.

**CHICAGO**—Spiritual Church of Truth, 3349 West North Ave. Theo. Siera.

**CHICAGO**—Arion International Psychic Research Society No. 93, 1004 South Oakley Blvd. Jeanette D. Gerace.

**CHICAGO**—Occult-Psychic Federation of America (Protective Association, Inc.), National Headquarters, Kimball Bldg., Suite 1312, 25 E. Jackson Blvd. Nannie V. Keeler, Nat'l President.

**CHICAGO** — Arion International Divine Healing Society No. 98, 612 North Green St. Mrs. Mary Salami.

**CHICAGO**—First Polish-American Spiritualist Church, 3940-48 Fullerton Ave., 2nd floor. Rose Chuipek.

**CHICAGO**—Century Spiritualist Church, 1157 Belmont Ave. Mabel Seley Nichols.

**CICERO** — Arion International Psychic Research Society No. 73, Branch 2, 1331 South 57th Court, Anthony Camardo.

**CICERO**—First Spiritualist Church, 5033 West 25th Place, Lena Drews.

**DECATUR**—First Spiritualist Church of Truth, 215½ N. Water St. Rev. Grace W. Bowman.

**EAST ST. LOUIS** — Spiritualist Science Church, 16th and Cleveland Ave. Goldie Rayburn, Sec'y.

**IRANITE CITY** — First Spiritualist Church, 20th and Cleveland Blvd., Pythian Hall, Jack Lang, President, Mrs. Lloyd Wallace, Secretary.

**EAST ST. LOUIS**—Divine Christ Spiritualist Church, 656 North 79th St. Etta Williams.

**JOLIET** — Heap Memorial Spiritualist Church, 361 Union St., Ella R. Heap.

**ROCK ISLAND** — United Spiritualist Church, I. O. O. F. Hall, Margaret Meissner, 333 4th Ave., Moline, Ill.

## INDIANA

**BEDFORD** — First Progressive Church (Spiritual Science), 1702 "L" St. P. James Simpson.

**CHESTERFIELD** — Spiritualist Camp, 1939 Season, July 1st to Sept. 4th. Mable Riffe, secretary.

**HAMMOND**—Unity Spiritualist Church, 5454 Hobman Ave., K. of P. Hall, Ruth Coyle.

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Spiritualist Church, 890 Massachusetts Ave. John F. Van Meir.

**LAFAYETTE** — Progressive Spiritualist Church, 810 South St., Tannie Solomon.

## IOWA

**DES MOINES**—Psychic Science Center, 1068—12th St. Hazel Browne.

**MARSHALLTOWN** — First Spiritualist Church, 128 West Main St. Mrs. Clara Cook.

## KANSAS

**PITTSBURG**—First Spiritualist Church, 116½ West Fourth. M. E. Perry.

**WICHITA** — First Spiritualist Church (N.S.A.), 121 S. Main St. Dollie E. Seybold. (N.S.T.)

## MARYLAND

**BALTIMORE** — Temple of Wisdom Church, Paca and Saratoga Sts. Elizabeth H. Dennis.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**BOSTON** — Alliance Christian Church, Spiritualist, 683 Tremont St. Rev. Claude Spence.

**BOSTON**—The Psychic Study Club, Hotel Vendome Salon. John E. Reese.

**BOSTON** — Spiritual Science Church, Hotel Westminster, Copley Square. First and third Sundays, 8 p. m. Rev. Evan Shea.

**CAMBRIDGE** — The First Spiritualist Temple, 631 Massachusetts Ave. George W. Rogers.

**LYNN** — Spiritualist Association, Joyce Building, 86 Market St. Bernard Edmons.

**QUINCY**—First Spiritualist Church, 4 Maple St. Mary Raymond.

**SOMERVILLE**—Temple of Truth, 170 School St. R. E. Ruggles.

**SPRINGFIELD**—First Spiritualist Church 33-37 Bliss St. Hattie Reed.

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## NEW YORK

**BATAVIA**—Church of Spiritual Truth, 9 Jackson St. Stuart F. Meyers.

**BAYSIDE**—Universal Spiritual Church, 3560 215th Place. Beulah Thompson Haas and Dr. George C. O. Haas.

**BINGHAMTON**—Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, 93 State St., Elsie Butler Bunts.

**BROOKLYN**—Cosmopolitan Church, 431 State St. Mary E. Murphy.

**BROOKLYN**—Child of Grace Spiritual Church, 598 Pacific St. Grace Rapsarda.

**BROOKLYN** — W. D. Gressinger Memorial Spiritualist Church, 41 Pilling St. Katherine Gressinger.

**BUFFALO** — Golden Rod Spiritualist Church, Trinity Temple, 34 Elam Place. Rev. Rose K. Glasser.

**BUFFALO** — Golden Rule Spiritualist Church, Highland Park Hall, Leroy at Fillmore. Mr. McDonough.

**BUFFALO** — Hyland Park Spiritualist Church, Glenwood Ave. at Purdy St., F. W. Mitchell.

**BUFFALO** — Unity Spiritualist Church, 796 Ellicott, Near High. Isabell Reed.

**BUFFALO** — Cold Spring Spiritualist Church, Schwegler Hall, 1445 Jefferson Ave. Alice Swift.

**BUFFALO**—Center of Psychic Science and Church of Spirit Communism, Chinese Room, Hotel Statler. Raymond E. Burns.

**BUFFALO** — Temple of Understanding, 526 High St. Lucy A. Walker.

**BUFFALO**—Harmony Spiritualist Church, 126 Harriet St. Joseph G. Wind.

**CORTLAND** — Spiritualist Temple of Truth, 22 Homer Ave., M. Merritt Cortright.

**ELMIRA**—First Spiritualist Church, 463 East Church St. Eva M. Bostwick.

**ELMIRA** — National Spiritual Science Church of Truth, 112 Baldwin St., Mabel Merrill.

**FULTON**—Spiritualist Church of Truth, American Legion Hall, Oneida St. Helen B. Warner.

**LOCKPORT** — Lock City Spiritualist Temple, 26 Locust St. William H. Bickett.

**NEW YORK CITY**—16th Branch of the Spiritual Science Mother Church, 1947 Broadway, Tues., Wed., Thurs., 8:30 p. m., Message Service. Evan Shea.

**NEW YORK CITY**—Spiritualist Church of Psychic Science, 208 West 79th St. Conrad Hauser.

**NEW YORK CITY**—W. T. Stead Memorial Center, 41 West 88th St. Mrs. N. S. Themellis.

**NEW YORK CITY**—Eighth Spiritualist Church, 43 West 66th St. Janie Wright.

**NEW YORK CITY**—United Spiritualists' Church, 257 Columbus Ave. (72nd St.). E. L. Thorne.

**RIDGEWOOD** — Mispah Spiritualist Church, 5803 70th Ave. Charles Walters.

**RIDGEWOOD**—Spiritual Church of Magdalena, 69-69 62nd St. Marion Miller.

**ROCHESTER** — Plymouth Spiritualist Church, Plymouth — Troup Sts., Robert J. Macdonald.

**ROCHESTER**—Church of Divine Inspiration, 251 Hawley St. Frances Adam.

**ROCHESTER** — Open Door Spiritualis Church, 128 N. Union St. Leota B Maxwell.

**ROME**—Golden Circle Spiritualist Church, 703 W. Court St., Julius Steinemann.

**SCHENECTADY**—Progressive Spiritualist Church, Lillian Weir, 6 Myndraa St.

**SYRACUSE** — Spiritual Science Church, University Bldg., Washington and Warren St. Alva Johnson, Adaline Cooper.

**UTICA**—Christian Spiritualist Church, Woman's Civic Club, 289 Genesee St. Rev. Mabel R. Hammel.

## OHIO

**AKRON**—Christ Church and College of Psychic Science, 415 Everett Bldg. Evelyn Barnstorf, President.

**AKRON**—Home Spiritualist Church, Pine and Chestnut Sts., Mattie P. Failor, son, N. J.

**AKRON**—Spiritual Temple, 100 South Broadway. Lyda Hoeler.

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

## PATERSON

**PATERSON**—First Society of Spiritualists, 142 Carrol St., at Broadway. Emma Garner.

**PATERSON**—West Broadway Spiritualist Church, 176 Broadway. William C. Donovan.

**TRENTON** — First Spiritualist Friendly Church, S. Clinton and Yard Ave. Albert E. L. Bennett.

**UNION CITY**—The First Spiritual Church, of the Resurrection, 510 48th St. Rev. M. Shiffka.

**UNION CITY**—Divine Psychic Mission of Consolation (Spiritual Church) 328 Bergenline Ave. Rev. Anna Doerner.

## CANTON

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

**CINCINNATI**—The Temple of Occult Science, 3026 Woodburn Ave. Dorothy Staschen.

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

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

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

**COLUMBUS**—First Spiritualist Temple, E. State—Sixth Sts. Clara B. Knost.

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

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

## OKLAHOMA

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

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

## OREGON

**KLAMATH FALLS**—Psychic Circle, 2412 Wantland. Class Mon., Tues., Wed., 8 P. M. Anna E. Rath.

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

## PENNSYLVANIA

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

**BRADFORD** — Memorial Spiritualist Church, 66 Elm St. Lou E. Lerch.

**HARLEROI**—First Spiritualist Church, 933 McKean Ave. C. P. Diaz.

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

**PHILADELPHIA**—Psychic Science Center, 3609 Frankford Ave. C. E. Blanchard.

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

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

**PITTSBURGH**, (North Side)—First Spiritualist Church of Allegheny, 100 East Ohio St. Elizabeth Graff, G. J. Lingenhoel.

**READING**—Spiritual Temple of Truth, Berkshire Hotel. Mary M. Stuart.

**READING**—Friendly Church of Truth, I. O. O. F. Temple, 8th and Franklin. Dorothy Graff—Ruth Schatz.

## RHODE ISLAND

**PROVIDENCE**—W. T. Stead Spiritualist Church, 32 Haskins St. Eugene R. Letourneau.

## TENNESSEE

**NASHVILLE** — Spiritualist Temple of Truth, Hotel Maxwell House. M. De Nicholas.

## TEXAS

**FORT WORTH**—Light of Truth Spiritualist Church, 306½ Main St., Lena DeVoe.

**HOUSTON**—First Spiritualist Church, 611 Calhoun St. Jane Collier.

**SAN ANTONIO** — First Spiritualist Church, Crockett Hotel, 112 Macgdoehes St. Ananita Thompson.

**SAN ANTONIO** — Spiritual Christian Church, 503 Trenton Ave. V. R. Cummins.

## WASHINGTON

**BELLINGHAM** — Psychic Research Society, 2508 Park Ave., Mrs. John F. Cornett.

**SEATTLE**—Church of Spiritual Unity, Arcade Bldg., (Evergreen Hall). Bertha Watson.

**TACOMA**—Rising Sun Spiritualist Church, 608 Fawcett St. Margaret Hine.

## WEST VIRGINIA

**CHARLESTON** — The First Spiritual Church of Light, 230½ Capitol St., culaah Brison.

## WISCONSIN

**LACROSSE** — First Spiritualist Church, 506½ Main St. Fred J. Grolowsky.

**MADISON**—First Spiritualist Church, 118 Monona Ave. Melvora West.

**MILWAUKEE**—First Spiritualist Church, 15th and Wright Sts. F. Lorenz Lamping.

**WEST ALLIS**—First Spiritualist Church, 2000 South 73rd St. Anna Heusser.