

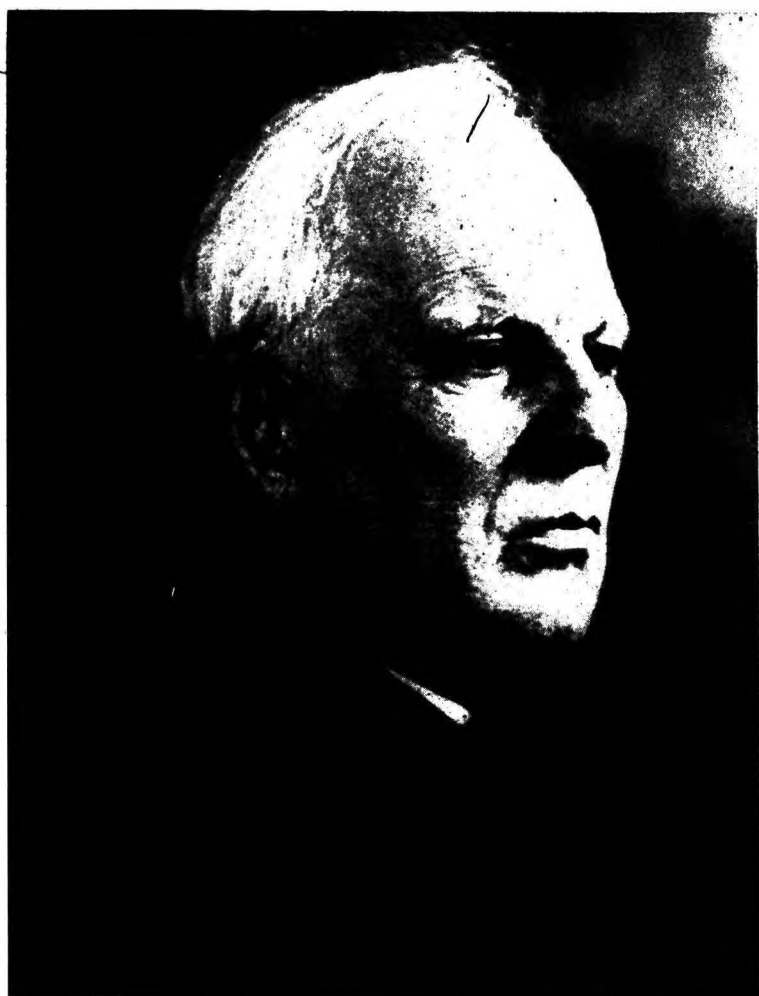
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ADVENTURES IN SPIRIT LIFE

Experiences, Observations and Conclusions

By OWEN R. WASHBURN

THE HUMAN CRY: WHO WILL ANSWER?

In the "Psychic News" published in London, England, on August 27th, 1938, appeared the following letter, which makes definite a demand felt by millions of people, for assurances as to what becomes of a person after his body is dead.

"I, a lonely elderly woman, single, have just been bereaved of an idolised sister—all I had in the world.

"I am heartbroken. My religious beliefs have been shattered by 'Christian' wrongdoing.

"A friend passed me some Spiritualist literature. If the fact is that my beloved one is not dead, but is in reality still near me, I could bear my loss. Can anybody holidaying in my part of the country, Padstow, Cornwall, call on me and comfortingly convince me of Survival and assistance from the Beyond?

"My name and address are given to the Editor of this paper. Somebody please help me in my agony of grief."

"A Distressed One."

Cold-hearted men may assert that to answer this demand of sorrowing, and despairing womanhood; to dry the mourner's tears and give knowledge for doubt and comfort in place of grief, is not in accord with religion or with the will of God. Jesus of Nazareth did not think so. He endured an avoidable crucifixion as a part of a plan to teach a true religion, immortality and the power of spirits to communicate and manifest themselves on earth. He demonstrated with spirits of great fame, even with Moses and Elias, prophets long dead, the power of spirit people to appear and to converse with us. The denial, which, in practice, the clergy of most churches make, of the plea of this woman of Cornwall and those suffering the most bitter anguish the heart can know, constitutes a denial of the futility of the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and a manifestation of hostility to Christian teachings; a denial disgraceful for its stupidity, and cowardly in its fear of saving truth; unworthy of any man or woman. Such denial is not demanded by true religion or by reason. No one should ask that any one shall believe that this woman can be comforted by proof of immortality unless that proof has been created by evidence. But it is demanded, by all that is Christ-like in man, that when it is asserted that immortality and communication can be proved by observation of phenomena and that assertion is made by many men of high ability and character, that the non-religious materialists and the materialistic followers of the Christ, shall come out of their shells of bigotry, prejudice and that consensus of opinion called Orthodoxy, and make a fair examination as to the facts. To deny without fair investigation persisted in with thoroughness, is not within the rights of a Christian or of a scientist.

UNSCIENTIFIC SCIENTISTS

In the same issue of "Psychic News" which carried the letter (Continued on Page 2)

U. S. FLYER SAVED FROM CRASH BY SPIRIT MESSAGE

By VIRGIL SIMMONS

Government Approved Flying Instructor, Air Corps training Detachment, Spartan School of Aeronautics, Municipal Airport, Tulsa, Okla.

It must never be said that I failed to offer a word of helpfulness to the needy or to express my heart-felt gratitude to my Teacher and beloved Spirit Guides. That is the reason this story is written.

I am a Government Approved Civilian Flying Instructor employed to train Flying Cadets for the U. S. Army Air Corps. This training of our college bred young men is being conducted on a magnificent scale and is based on the need for adequate air defense of our beloved homeland. But I would not be holding this Instructor's position today, in fact, I doubt if I would be living in the body, had it not been for the unfailing help of my Spirit People and the constant guidance, instruction and prophecies of my earth plane Teacher, Rev. Florence S. Becker, of San Francisco, California.

For the last twenty-one years my duties in military and civil flying have taken me everywhere. This experience has afforded unexcelled opportunity to study Life and what results could be expected if one lost that Life (meaning the physical body). And believe me I have been within an inch of losing my physical life on more than one occasion, while flying through "impossible" weather or when the engine would suddenly fly to pieces in mid-air.

"I met A Medium!"

As the years went by I learned to trust my "hunches" while flying. But one Sunday evening about five years ago I wandered into the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, in San Francisco, and learned the Truth about those "hunches". Rev. Florence S. Becker, the Pastor, gave a lecture on the Fundamentals of Mediumship which just about took my

breath away; where had she learned those charmed words so full of Spiritual Power — words which, since early boyhood, had seeped into my inner consciousness and had made me tremble. But when this Medium, whose capabilities are well known to audiences throughout the United States and Canada (but a perfect stranger to me) gave me a message from a former "Buddy" of mine—I knew at last the True source of my inspired "hunches" while flying.

I do not hesitate to give the name of this Spirit Pal, with whom I enjoyed many an air race in the early post-war days. His name is Eddie Stinson, called by all fliers the "Dean" of airplane pilots. How well I remember the first plane which he built at Detroit in 1926. New, high speed Stinson Planes, based on Eddie's original design, are much in favor today with those who enjoy the fascinating game of flying. But I sense your question: What has he been able to do for you, now that he is in the Spirit World? And, what method of contact did you use to achieve such satisfactory results? I will try to answer these questions to the best of my ability.

"Study Psychic Science!"

Students everywhere, who are fortunate enough to obtain competent instruction in the Psychic Sciences, Individual Development and the Science of Being, will understand my expression of gratitude and Spiritual Affection which I have for my Teacher. Wherever you may be, New York, London or Calcutta, I am sure you feel a deep, inner, "thanks" to the wise one here who is able to illuminate the pathway ahead for us.

Complicated problems connected with my Government flying in the last three months seemed to rise up almost daily, like giant gorgon heads out of the mist. Physical, mental and flying tests stared me in the face from one day to the next. Certainly if I was ever to be tested with fire, to see if I could "take it" or melt away, this was

Admits Spirit Guidance



VIRGIL SIMMONS, Government approved Civilian Flying Instructor, employed to train Flying Cadets for the U. S. Army Air Corps.

His book, a flight manual, "AIR PILOTING" is a direct product of Spirit Guidance.

the time. Of myself I could do nothing, I knew that, so I called upon my Teacher, Mrs. Becker, as many another student has done from the far places on the earth. She responded immediately! She disrupted her heavy schedule of appointments to enter into the "Inner Chamber," there to gather the essential essences of Strength, Power and Will, for me — so I could win the battle before me. What can a student ever do to repay such patient, self-denying labor as that?

Spirit Co-ordination

But I could feel the "Power," even though I was at an Army Post in Texas and my Teacher in San Francisco. The "Home Station" kept on sending daily quotas of Power until all tests, progressive as they were in difficulty, were passed. Naturally I had to co-operate fully with this flowing stream of Spiritual Energy by applying myself diligently to each daily assignment in order to bring Spirit Power into manifestation. We should all be familiar with that part of the Law.

Regarding the way Eddie and I work together, I can just say, he is my Pilot. If I should be able to fly for another fifty years and successfully complete progressively difficult courses of training, I still could never equal him in piloting skill. I am proud and downright lucky to have him as a Guide. We have worked out our technique of co-operation in the seance room, through the physical phenomena and direct voice mediumship of Mrs. Becker. I have learned to respond to his impressions and believe me when he impresses me that a certain plane is unsafe—I don't fly it! Often, when I have refused to fly a plane, the next pilot that flies it cracks it up. A ship that might be unsafe for me to fly seems to burn my fingers when I touch it; not a physical heat but a magnetic vibration—a warning!

"I Heed Advice"

Earlier I stated that I probably wouldn't be in the body, doing my appointed work to the best of my ability, except for Spirit Guidance and specific instruction from (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Pilgrimage Group "OLD BARRETT HOMESTEAD"



Friends and members of The National Spiritualist Association celebrate the Harrison D. Barrett Pilgrimage to the Land of Canaan in Maine. This picture shows a group assembled on the porch of The Barrett Homestead. The man with the straw hat (left center) is Honorable Arthur C. Smith. To the right of Mr. Smith (black tie and glasses) is Palmer Emerson. To the right of Mr. Emerson (black bow tie) is C. Harrison Engel, President of Etna Spiritualist Association, Etna, Maine. To the left back of Mr. Engel is Joseph P. Whitwell, President of The N. S. A. Maude Kline can be seen (back row) near the third post (black polkadot dress). Between Maude Kline and Mr. Engel is Edna Knowlton, President of The Maine State Spiritualist Association. Directly back of Mr. Smith is Mary Drake Jenny, Secretary of The Etna Spiritualist Association.

'I HAVE SEEN A MATERIALIZED FORM - AT THE SAME TIME I TOUCHED THE MEDIUM THROUGH WHOSE POWER THE FORM MATERIALIZED'

By JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

I have had a glorious experience. My earnest desire, expressed in prayer, has been answered. I have seen a materialized form and, at the same time, I have touched the medium through whose power this same form materialized.

The New Testament records the visible appearance of people who were thought "dead" — Jesus, Moses, Elias and many others. The appearing of materialized forms has been proved by photographs taken by such scientists as Sir William Crookes, and testified to by men of integrity. I have witnessed many materialization seances. I believed, but somehow I was somewhat of a "Thomas." I had always longed to touch the medium and see the materialized spirit at the same time.

I had read accounts of others having done so. My zealotness to spread the truth of spirit return perhaps caused the "heavens to open" for me.

White Eagle Camp

About twenty people assembled in the seance room at Frank Decker's Camp White Eagle to witness a materialization seance given by Bertie Lilly Candler of Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Candler requested that we examine the cabinet. Several of the women, myself included, made a thorough examination of not only the cabinet, but the medium who graciously removed her shoes and opened her house coat, ever willing to prove that God's power can manifest in materialized life-like forms.

Thorough Examination

I did not request these examinations. The spirit world grants our desires when we make our approach in faith and love.

Geraldine Pelton, Miami medium, and Frank Decker, acted as cabinet guides. The room was lighted by the usual red lamp.

Approximately twenty forms emerged from the cabinet—men, women and children.

One of the most touching scenes

Miami Medium



BERTIE LILLY CANDLER

that I've ever witnessed was when a young boy came to greet his mother, father and grandmother. They were gloriously reunited. Such meetings transform a life of loneliness to one of happiness—just to know "My son liveth."

A very graceful spirit Tulabelle (who had previously manifested at another seance) came forth, radiant, bright and happy. She manipulated her ectoplasmic draperies in an amazingly artistic manner. We were delighted to greet one who could well be called "a goddess of grace and rhythm."

A Real Experience

The little cabinet guide called out, "Mr. and Mrs. Pressing come to the cabinet." She then told Mrs. Pelton and Mr. Decker to open the curtains. Behold! there sat Mrs. Candler, the entranced medium. Standing beside her was the fully materialized, somewhat ethereal form, of the spirit guide, who said "Put your hand on the medium's head." Both of us did touch the medium.

The guide then requested that we stand aside and permit every one present to come to the cabinet "in twos" to view the medium

and the spirit. All present had this blessing, but only Mr. Pressing and I were permitted to touch the medium.

Many Materialize

After this demonstration a number of forms came out to various sitters. One very dear little spirit "Sun Flower" came to one gentleman. He requested that she walk with him the full length of the circle. She was quite shy, but so adorable. My own mother usually materializes, but I was told later that she was assisting the guides to build the forms.

Probably many who read this account have never attended a materialization seance. In that case, the naturalness of the phenomena should be described. Families are lovingly reunited in friendly conversation. The guides and teachers give out much philosophy that carries deep conviction. When one actually sees, hears and touches a living vibrant spirit, one knows the truth. When one knows the truth, one strives to live a life of service and love.

God is spirit. Under the proper conditions with a good medium, who has materialization power, one can even in this fast moving Twentieth Century witness the same manifestations that are recorded in the Bible.

I know because I have witnessed.

Earnest Prayer

I frequently receive letters from readers asking me why they have never had similar experiences. I simply do not know. I have earnestly studied and prayed for illumination. I have tried to develop my inner powers. I conscientiously sit in the silence. Perhaps scores of others have done likewise. One day the "heavens will open for you."

I know that the angel world is encamped about us and that God's ministering angels are eager and willing to serve humanity. Why then not permit them to help you too?

Psychic science eventually makes plain all the "mysteries and miracles" of the Holy Bible.

California Medium



FLORENCE S. BECKER

just before we took off, that a psychic friend of mine had predicted a forced landing before we got back. He laughed and said he didn't believe in such things. We'll see in a moment that he should have remembered something of the philosophy of the person who has the "last laugh."

Saved From Crash

We made the hop to Chico in fine style. The student was a good pilot and knew the country like a book so I just sat there in the rear cockpit as a "safety." But I remembered the warning and picked out good emergency fields all along the course. After a lay-over of 2 hours at Chico we took off again for Oakland. About twenty minutes flight from home I thought, "We are almost there, maybe we will get through without any trouble." Right then it happened! I seemed to hear a sound of fine quality but so high in pitch as to be almost beyond range of mental perception, then it began to descend the scale un-

til it reached a depth so low it seemed to shake the earth, 3,000 feet below. Then it rose steadily to its former high pitch and on that instant, as though to complete a cycle, the motor blew up! With a clatter and clang the propeller came to a stop in the air.

The student turned his head quickly, "well, it's all yours now." I took control instantly. The work of gliding to a safe landing in a sheep pasture was easy for I had the field picked out some minutes prior to motor failure. (Instructors usually keep their eyes "peeled" for emergency fields but I was especially alert, on this occasion, due to the special warning—which I knew by bitter experience must be obeyed or else!)

Seek For Yourself

After the plane had stopped rolling and we had climbed out of the cockpits, the student turned upon me suddenly with wide eyes, "Lieutenant Simmons, would you please give me the name of that friend of yours who can call forced landings like this?" It was my turn to laugh now, but I did so softly and understandingly!

Spiritualists and friends of Spiritualism will be traveling to the great Fair and Exposition on Treasure Island, in San Francisco Bay, from all parts of Canada and the United States. I as a member of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church and with the specific permission of its Pastor, Rev. Florence S. Becker, wish to extend the hand of welcome to all seekers after Truth, who may be journeying through California. It is her hope to personally meet old friends and new who desire to sup at the fountain of Spiritual Life.

PAINTED BY "SPIRIT" ARTIST



NADJL, A HAPPY SPIRIT

This lady, a spirit born in Egypt, of English and mixed ancestry, lived a happy, kindly life on earth; dancing, engaging in travel and spending years joyously. She sat for her portrait for Francis A. Coll, of Wilmington, Delaware, who, under the influence of a spirit artist, painted her portrait; representing her as she appears now. Mr. Coll has seen her frequently.

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above quoted appeared an article as to the subject from which the following passages are taken:

"Orthodox science in this country is one of the mysteries of modern times. When the British Association for the Advancement of Science meets in Dundee, next year, we suggest that a useful subject for debate would be, 'Why orthodox science has persistently ignored all evidence for the survival of life beyond "death".'

"The British Association, which seems to have a weakness for things that concern the Middle Ages, does not appear to have heard of the spiritual revolution that has been taking place all over the world during the last ninety years.

"It does not know that millions of people possess knowledge that removes the survival of the human soul after death from the province of faith into demonstrated certainty.

"If a materialized spirit walked into one of the crowded lectures of the British Association, and gave proof—scientific proof—that he had indeed come from another world, of which the assembled scientists had no knowledge, what would be the reaction?

"Doubtless every one there would immediately close his eyes and stop his ears and try to convince himself afterwards that it was a collective hallucination.

"What is the standard by which contributions to the scientific thought of the nation are judged? What is more important than the proof of another life beyond this—or is it more necessary to discuss 'Problems of winter life in Swedish Lapland'?

"The only people really interested in the problems of winter life in Swedish Lapland are those who have to spend winters there—and they know the problems, anyway.

"But in the existence of the spirit world everyone is interested, except scientists—and even scientists have to 'die' some time."

THE LIFE CELESTIAL

The following statements as to the conditions of the spirit world as seen by a spirit of good development as to his spiritual powers, was given to the author of these articles by a resident of the Better Country.

"We of the spirit country live in interior ways as well as in exterior ways but the outward may be described. We dwell in various stages of development and in various regions that harmonize with the development of the inhabitants. Our bodies are what persistent thought makes them to appear. Fat or thin; rounded or not, they are as we desire and concentrate our thoughts as to them. We cannot make them beautiful in the sight of wise spirits, if our lives and thoughts are not beautiful. We can take our choice of many dominating motives and combine them, and by thoughts produce outward and bodily changes.

"The attractions and passions which work in the bodies of earth people glow more intensely in us. But the manifestations of these are not necessarily the manifestations these attractions and passions produce on earth. Among advanced spirits the physical forms of manifestation give way to mental forms. Desire is less resisted by the inertia of the matter of which spirit bodies of people are composed, than is the case with those desires when the spirit wears an earth body. We have greater power to control our moods. Fear and hope work more quickly here than on earth. We are warned more quickly and thus escape many blunders which are common to those living on earth. We are more quickly aware of the dangers of excess in our emotional or mental lives.

A SUBSTANTIAL SPIRIT WORLD

"In general our environment is as solid to us as is the earth environment to you. We walk on ground, among trees, by waters. We receive our strength, not from food, but from waves of forces which our spirit bodies absorb automatically as the spirit needs power. Gradually those adept at living their lives wisely here, may lose their digestive organs and other unused parts that correspond in the spirit body to the systems in the earth body that are used for assimilation and elimination. These slowly disappear. But they can be regained by concentration of thought; though no one ever does regain them, as they have no indispensable use. We have no aches or pains here; any more than you who live on earth have aches or pains in your

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my Teacher. Here is the proof: The first of May, this year, saw headlines across the nation's newspapers, "Airliner Crashes — Pilots Killed." But for a definite warning from Mrs. Becker I probably would have been one of those pilots. The company I was working for purchased a large Trimotor Plane for forest patrol. When it came time to go to Chicago and fly it back to Oakland Mrs. Becker phoned me and said that a new plane of ours was defective and might meet with serious trouble. She didn't even know we had purchased a new plane. It is possible that I would have gone to Chicago for this ship had I not received this warning. On the hop westbound, over the high mountain peaks of Utah, they had gas trouble, tried to make a forced landing, right wing struck a tree and the big ship ploughed into the earth. The passengers were saved but the two pilots were instantly killed; I could have been one of them but for Mrs. Becker's timely warning.

Here's another: One warm, sunny afternoon in June of last year, one of my flying students asked me to accompany him on a flight to Chico, California. Just a short hop of 160 miles from our base at Oakland Airport. Before leaving I called Mrs. Becker to cancel an engagement which I had with her. Imagine my surprise when she said, "You are going to have motor trouble and a forced landing on this trip; Dr. Briggs (her Trumpet Guide) says to go ahead but keep on the alert at all times." I told my student,

To fabricate an untrue statement at the expense of a man who is not alive to defend himself would be a despicable and contemptible action on the part of any person. When that person happens to be a gentleman of the Christian cloth, such an action is even more deplorable and even more reprehensible.

A BABYLONIAN "SPIRIT" TEACHER



A WISE MAN OF THE EAST

This prehistoric Oriental, who lived on the outskirts of Babylon, came, after some forty years of frequent communications with Rev. Owen R. Washburn, the author of this series of articles, to John Edward Phelps, a young artist of Northfield, Mass., that Mr. Phelps might paint his portrait for Mr. Washburn. This he did, in oils, coloring the picture as it appeared to his subjective view. The background of the original is dark green, the circle around the head a dark blue, the turban a bright red, the robe purple, the undervest white, the hair and beard black and the eyes brown. This spirit is the one who gave the author an account of the effects of weather in spirit realms.

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clothing.

"We, if well developed, have more delight in agreeable company than you do; for conversations by mental means give us a much more rapid interchange of thought and we thus get a greater degree of inspiring or exciting delight; when we are in just that right company of people. In harmony of mind or emotions here has an effect like that which a cold wind has on your plane of life: preventing constructive work or pleasant exchanges of thought.

"The mind here is not dependent for efficiency upon diet or bodily conditions but upon determinations, harmonious adjustments to environments and to other spirits, and upon the adjustment of the faculties to the tasks of thinking and knowing. For this reason some spirits dislike to communicate with the always more or less disturbing earth people. But the spirits having higher development endure the earth conditions and occasional interruptions of their happier state in order to minister to earth people more efficiently. Perfect unselfishness is necessary to perfect felicity, here as on earth.

SPIRIT GEOGRAPHY

"As to houses we have no weather problem but houses isolate us from others, or shelter us with those whom we love: provide a definite point for the gathering of equipment of a material character. Each dwelling is as beautiful as the character of the maker of each house makes it to be.

"The boundaries between the states of being in our spirit realms are definite yet they are not exact. As upon your earth people with poor lung expansion cannot go to the tops of high mountains yet are not stopped at any definite point if they climb upward, so the boundaries here are not exactly fixed. Any one who can endure the levels where the more developed spirits live may journey there. It is their unpreparedness which keeps some from association with the loftier souls, save as the more advanced in growth return to them. The coming, as visitors, of spirits from the higher to the lower, more materialistic, less brilliantly lighted, levels, is constant. Materialistic men of selfish earth lives are visited by wives and parents and friends from more advanced groups. The most erring spirits may aspire to the highest environment; to life associations with the most advanced persons. By growth and the manifestations of the highest faculties of the soul, in good will, adaptability and attention, they can gain their desire."

GLORIOUS GARDENS

The duplication of the works of man, as needed, is possible. Spirits communicating with me have told me that books published on earth are not available to them, personally, but that they can consult any book by the aid of higher spirits, who, by psychic methods can communicate from the higher realm the contents of early books, as requested. Advanced spirits who have communicated with earth agree that there are superior conditions for the use of forces and colors in the higher phases of the life to come. Communications from these ranges of life state that there it is possible to have cottages with walls that are transparent: walls that indicate the character of those spirits who design, create and inhabit them. They are substantial walls, as much so to spirits as brick walls are to those who have not died. Gardens surround such homes and in them exist a multitude of fadeless flowers. In these may stand pillars of pure colors. Fountains in beautiful basins reflect a light never seen on earth and the drops from them are as splendid jewels: as fair as the sunlit frost-work of earth on a winter morning. Small streams of blue waters; lakes of other than earthly hues, are there. Groves, flowers and a matchless sky satisfy the souls who have longed for inexpressible beauty. But these surroundings are for those who have a love of beauty of mind and spirit as well as of environment. Those who do not care for uplifting harmonies of color and of form: who have not progressed from a love of grosser conditions, pleasures and forces, are unable to create or to use the forces from which these harmonies originate.

WEATHER IN THE SPIRIT REALMS

About forty years ago a spirit who had in this life lived near the

PILSUDSKI - A SPIRITUALIST?

Hannen Swaffer, while visiting Poland several months ago, learned that Marshal Pilsudski, the emancipator of his country, frequently sat with a Waysaw medium, and that he accepted the idea that he was being guided in his work for the rebuilding of Poland.

Marshal Smigly-Ridz, his successor, is also said to accept at least part of the Spiritualist case.

Swaffer spent, in Kracow, an evening with Professor Lutoslawski, the veteran philosopher, who declared he had read 1,000 works on Spiritualism.

Although a Roman Catholic, as are most Poles, the Professor accepts "spiritism," as he calls it, although he does not counsel its practice.

He is the author of "Pre-Existence and Reincarnation," in which

he believes as a worthy basis for his philosophy.

"Fancy reading 1,000 books on Spiritualism," declared Swaffer, when he heard, "Why do so many people write books? You should join a home circle. Then you would soon realize the value of spirit communication."

And he told him of the work of Parish, the healer, and the evidence that poured, in England, through hundreds of mediums.

Swaffer, "fortunately," was not able to wait in Warsaw for a sitting with Stephen Ossowiecki, the medium with whom Geley sat, and who tells the contents of sealed envelopes.

A woman medium, by the way, recently gave Professor Lutoslawski a convincing message from Cardinal Mercier.

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site of Babylon, began to communicate to me various interesting facts. I was sitting with a man of unusual mental and emotional excellence when this unseen man first spoke to me. The spirit introduced himself as one who might be called a Persian and gave me interpretations, given in a later chapter, of the meaning of the passages in the Old Testament which give impossible ages to various people named. He recited some of the poetry of an age and nation now long lost to the world and began a friendship which still endures with increasing interest. He has visited me from time to time since then; always with an inspiring and informative influence and conversation.

While gathering reports from spirit sources as to the nature of the spirit spheres I visited a medium, Mrs. Josephine M. Simon, of Hartford, Connecticut, and asked for a description of weather conditions in the spirit world; leaving it to spirits present to select one of their number to reply. This Persian friend announced himself; saying that as during his earth life he was an astrologer and interested in conditions relating to the visible earth and heavens, he had been designated, he did not say by whom, as the one to answer my questions. He began by saying that it is quite impossible for any spirit to give an earth-dweller any really adequate reply as to my inquiry, as the spirit spheres have conditions that earth people cannot understand. Having been in the spirit world while his original home building and those near had been destroyed or decayed and another city built above them, and while this process has been repeated until now the remains of four cities bury his former dwelling place, he had, he said, progressed into a sphere of life having a greater intensity of vibration than the spheres in harmony with earth conditions. As the soul of man develops, he said, it dwells in an environment having conditions more in harmony with mental activities. These conditions the minds of advanced spirits can control, so as to form objects. His communications to me, he asserted, were made from a point in space far from the Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts, camp-ground cottages where I was talking with him. He said that to reach me at all he communicated with a spirit living in a sphere less unlike the earth than is his own. Apparently he controlled this co-operating spirit, who was communicating to me through Mrs. Simons, the medium.

FADELESS SPIRIT FLOWERS

On the planes most in harmony with earth; among those spirits dwelling in the first, most material, sphere, he said, the discomforts or pleasures of earth people from rain, storms, cold, heat and dampness are felt by the spirits through their sympathetic relation to earth people who are meeting earth's weather conditions. The more fully developed spirits are possessed of new powers, and they adjust themselves so that they suffer neither heat nor cold. Rain does not fall in spirit realms, and is not needed, my Persian informant said, but there is no lack of right conditions for living flowers, and for all forms of earth life. Calling attention to the difficulty of making an earth person understand, he said that all the flowers that seem to die on earth, pass to spirit realms, that there the real flowers are more beautiful than on earth. The conditions of the higher realms of the spirit localities are perfect for the revealing of their beauty. There is no death of anything there; nor any decay. As far as I could understand what he was trying to teach me, the mental element is supreme in the higher spheres. A decaying flower on earth has its materiality fall away but its real self is spiritual and remains unchanged.

I asked my Persian friend to explain to me the circumstances accompanying his passing from the higher to the lower spheres of spirit areas. Reminding me that he did not have to personally go to spheres of a less mental, or less rapid vibration, in order to communicate with earth people, he described the experiences when he did go as unpleasant but not greatly so. In proceeding to a more earth-like realm he felt uncomfortable during the descent only at the moment of passing into the lower neighborhood. In descending to less rapid vibrations there is at times, a feeling of uncomfortable coldness, at times of unpleasant heat. This is especially true when he passes into the sphere most like that of earth; inhabited by the less advanced spirits. He described it as an experience like that of a bather jumping from a spring-board into a lake, here on earth, and striking with a "slap" instead of entering the water smoothly, and added that the sensation was much like that which a swimmer on earth making such an imperfect dive would feel if the water was uncomfortably cold. There is a shock on all such occasions, disagreeable to a developed spirit. He especially emphasized the statement that he landed with a "slap."

This Persian friend has told me that he had a part in the development of my psychic powers; when I was a young man.

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Visits Milwaukee



Mary Murphy Lydy, Chesterfield, Indiana, internationally known direct voice medium "In The Light," will serve the First Psychic Science Church, Inc., 2755 N. 3rd St., Milwaukee, during September. Mrs. Lydy served successfully the British College of Psychic Science — London, England, in 1935. At that time she gave a test seance with her lips sealed with — "Adhesive Tape," and voices were heard by several hundred people.

Hart To Begin

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Spirit Came Back To Reveal Lost Will

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

"Give me one concrete example which will prove that any psychic manifestation cannot be the result of the combined mental force of people who bend their minds towards one object, remembering always that we are only on the verge of discovering the full potentialities of mental force."

BY HANNEN SWAFFER

The Christian case for Survival is based on four accounts, by the four gospels, of the so-called "resurrection" of Jesus, so contradictory that Sir Hall Caine, a professed Christian, dismissed them, after thirty years of study, as unreliable and self-condemned.

About this "resurrection," Christians, who have no evidence which can be tested, still argue and quarrel.

The Spiritualist case for Survival, ignoring the contradictory statements of theologians who can prove nothing, is based on the fact that, continually, the so-called "dead" return to their friends, and the knowledge that this can be tested by anyone.

A test-proof case is that of James L. Chaffin, a North Carolina farmer, who appeared four years after his "death" to his second son and disclosed the possession of a will, written entirely in his own hand and unwitnessed, which he had hidden in the family Bible.

No one except himself knew of the existence of this document.

The case came into court. The will was proved and probate was granted after all the material witnesses had been carefully examined.

Telepathy Ruled Out

In North Carolina, a will written in the testator's own handwriting is valid, even if it is not witnessed. Because it was unwitnessed its existence was known only to the testator, so that the theory of "knowledge in the subconscious mind of some person still on earth" is ruled out.

On November 16, 1905, James Chaffin made a will, duly attested by two witnesses, leaving his farm to his third son, Marshall, whom he appointed sole executor. The widow and the other three sons were left unprovided for.

Thirteen years later, no doubt dissatisfied with this disposition of his property, on January 16, 1919, he made a new will as follows:

"After reading the 27th chapter of Genesis, I, James L. Chaffin, do make my last will and testament, and here it is. I want, after giving my body a decent burial, my little property to be equally divided between my four children, if they are living at my death, both personal and real estate divided equal; if not living, give share to their children. And if she is living, you all must take care of your mammy. Now this is my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal.

James L. Chaffin,

This January 16, 1919," Having written out his will, he placed it between two pages of an old family Bible, turning the pages over so as to make a sort of pocket. The pages so folded were those containing the 27th chapter of Genesis, which tells how the younger brother, Jacob, supplanted the elder one, Esau, and won his birthright and his father's blessing.

The sole beneficiary under the first will was a younger brother.

Then, telling no one about his second will, the farmer went to the inside pocket of an overcoat belonging to him, and stitched up in it a roll of paper, on which he had written the words, "Read the 27th chapter of Genesis in my daddy's old Bible."

On September 7, 1921, James Chaffin died as the result of a fall and his third son, Marshall, the executor and sole beneficiary, obtained probate of the first will two



HANNEN SWAFFER

or three weeks later. The mother and other three brothers did not contest this will, for, whatever they may have thought of its injustice, they had no valid reason for doing so.

Well, four years later, James Chaffin, the "dead" farmer, returned to his second son, James Pinkney Chaffin, in a dream and told him of the existence of the second will. Apparently he had meant to speak of the second will on his deathbed, but had not done so.

Now all the facts stated by me are taken from sworn testimonies, made by the various witnesses and vouched for by a North Carolina attorney, J. M'N. Johnson, who was instructed by a representative of the Society for Psychical Research to probe into all the details.

Told In A Dream

James Pinkney Chaffin swore how he had never heard of a second will until 1925, when he began to have very vivid dreams of his father appearing to him at his bedside. At first he made no verbal communication but, some time later, appeared to him dressed "as I have often seen him dressed in life, wearing a black overcoat, which I knew to be his own coat."

Then James Pinkney Chaffin's statement goes on as follows:

"This time my father's spirit spoke to me, he took hold of his overcoat this way and pulled it back and said, 'You will find my will in my overcoat pocket,' and then disappeared. The next morning I arose, fully convinced that my father's spirit had visited me for the purpose of explaining some mistake.

"I went to Mother's, and sought for the overcoat, but found that it was gone. Mother stated that she had given the overcoat to my brother John, who lives in Yadkin County, about twenty miles northwest of my home.

Confirmation

"I went to my brother's home and found the coat. On examination of the inside pocket, I found that the lining had been sewn together. I immediately cut the stitches, and found a little roll of paper, tied with string, which was in my father's handwriting, and contained only the following words: 'Read the 27th chapter of Genesis in my daddy's old Bible.'"

"At this point I was so convinced that the mystery was to be cleared up, I was unwilling to go to Mother's home to examine the Bible without the presence of a witness, and I induced a neighbor, Mr. Thomas Blackwelder, to accompany me; also, my daughter and Mr. Blackwelder's daughter were present.

"Arriving at Mother's home, we had a considerable search before we found the old Bible. At last we did find it in the top bureau drawer in an upstairs room. The book was so dilapidated that, when we took it out, it fell into three pieces.

"Mr. Blackwelder picked up the portion containing the Book of Genesis, and there we found two leaves folded together, the left hand page folded to the right and the right hand page folded to the left, forming a pocket, and in this pocket Mr. Blackwelder found the will which has been probated.

"During the month of December, 1925, my father again appeared to me, about a week before the trial of the case of Chaffin vs. Chaffin, and said, 'Where is my old will?' and showed considerable temper. I believed from this that I would win the lawsuit, as I did. I told my lawyer about this visitation the next morning.

"Many of my friends do not believe it is possible for the living to hold communication with the dead, but I am convinced that my father actually appeared to me on these several occasions, and I shall believe it to the day of my death."

Sworn Statement

Chaffin's story of the finding of the second will was vouched for in a sworn statement by Thomas A. Blackwelder.

Well, the second will, found by a spirit's guidance, was tendered for probate. The son Marshall, who had proved the first will, had died within a year of his father's death, so his son, R. M. Chaffin, was made a defendant in the suit to prove the second will.

When the case came on for hearing in December, 1925, a jury was sworn in the morning, and then the court adjourned for lunch. When the hearing was continued one of the lawyers announced that, during the interval, an amicable settlement of the issues had been arrived at and that the new will would be admitted to probate without opposition.

The official judgment lies in front of me as I write.

Case Settled

When the trial began, Marshall Chaffin's widow and son had been prepared to contest the second will. When shown it, during the interval, together with the statements of ten witnesses who were prepared to swear that the second will was in the testator's writing, the widow and son immediately withdrew their opposition. The public, who had crowded the court in the hopes of watching a bitter family feud fought out, retired disappointed.

Now the only possible anti-Spiritualist explanation of this return of a "dead" man to put right what he thought was an act of injustice is either that the second will was a "fake" or that subconscious knowledge of it was in the mind of some living person.

The fact that ten witnesses were prepared to swear that the second will was in the testator's own writing and that Marshall's widow and son, after seeing the document, admitted its genuineness, decisively destroys the hypothesis of a "fake" will.

Moreover, J. M'N Johnson, to use his own words, was "much impressed with the evident sincerity of these people, who had the appearance of honest, honorable country people in well-to-do circumstances."

As for the other explanation, he said, "I endeavored with all my skill and ability, by cross-examination and otherwise, to induce some admission that possibly

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The three directors whose terms had expired—Messrs. Everett Britz, F. W. Constantine and Sarah Wenige Cushing were re-elected without a dissenting voice. Harmony existed throughout the convention. Buffalo was selected for the 1940 convention.

there was a sub-conscious knowledge of the will in the old Bible or of the paper in the coat pocket that was brought to the fore by the dream; but I utterly failed to shake their faith.

Non-Spiritualists' Evidence

"The answer was a quiet, 'Nay. Such an explanation is impossible. We never heard of the existence of the will till the visitation from my father's spirit.' Clearly, they none of them had any conscious recollection, at the time of the testator's death, of any mention of a second will, or they would not have allowed the first will to be proved without opposition."

Now I could quote a dozen cases which rule out the argument, "the result of the combined mental force of people who bend their minds toward one object."

The Chaffin will case is one vouched for by non-Spiritualists, who were not trying to support any doctrine or pre-supposed idea, a lawyer who dispassionately examined all the evidence—and the judgment of a Superior Court.

Psychic News

Not only those interested in Spiritualism and Psychic Science but hundreds of others attended a representative spiritualist service at the New York World's Fair. A day (June 26th) was set aside by The Fair Association as "GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SPIRITUALISTS DAY."

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Many National Spiritualist Association representatives were in attendance—Rev. Anna K. Rose, Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a group to the meeting, having chartered a special coach from her city.

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William Hurlburt

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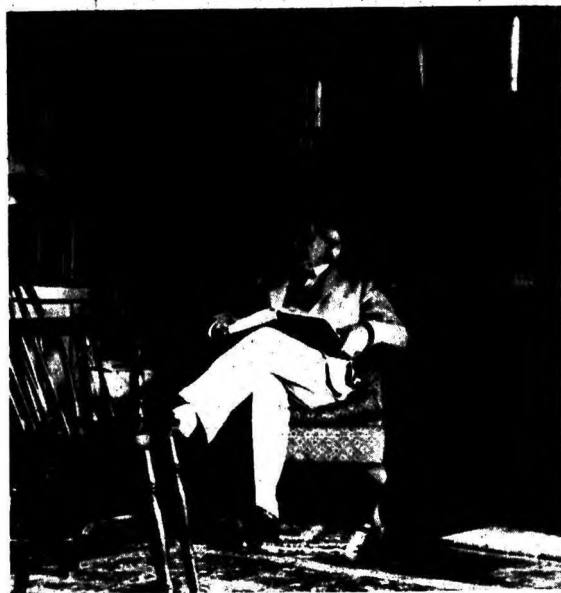
A few years ago a man named Parent brought to his attention the accumulated evidence of Mrs. Parent's mediumship, dating from some twenty years earlier; Mrs. Parent having died. This medium—an unlettered woman—had been able to find, through "visions" some fifteen hundred ancient metal crosses buried at most inaccessible spots over a great portion of Southern California. The record showed that the crosses had been found over a territory 600 miles in length and half as wide. The Parents were too poor to own an automobile so their neighbors would take them, usually on Sundays—their only free day, to the wild canyons where Mrs. Parent's "voices" directed her.

Arrived at the place she would point out the exact spot to dig, the exact boulder to lift; and in the places indicated the skeptical men, who had good humoredly come along with spades and crow bars, would unearth these ancient crosses. The exact number of crosses to be found under, for example, a great boulder, would be foretold. In this manner fifteen hundred of these objects were found: the collection is now in Mr. Garland's possession.

Led by Medium

Some of them were imbedded in what appeared to be rocks, but which were actually hardened substances that had been formed of "dobe" mud mixed with some primitive oil which had seemed to harden the mixture, acting as a kind of cement. In appearance these rocks were like the natural rocks amongst which they lay. Mrs. Parent, however, would point out those to break open and there, imbedded within, would be found just what she had said would be found: in one case a decaying leather sack containing dies used in impressing letters into the molded crosses.

More astonishing than the metal crosses is the fact that quantities of money were found in the same manner; to the extent of several thousand dollars, small amounts at a time, but enough at last to build the Parents a house. A first suggestion is, skeptically, that the crosses had been planted (although such a hoax is ruled out



HAMLIN GARLAND in His Study in California

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through the evidence), but assuming such to be the case with the metal objects then the planting of thousands of dollars in genuine money must also be assumed.

These things are verified today through those neighbors and friends who accompanied the medium and assisted in recovering the crosses and money. These witnesses have been interviewed by the indefatigable Hamlin Garland.

So far the story lies in past years and is dependent for its authenticity on checking back and on its own records. But the astonishing development occurs that Mr. Garland, during the past three years, has himself found several similar crosses under similar circumstances; one in a canyon so over-grown with cactus that no person could have preceded them to plant the objects; the cactus having to be hacked away before the party could approach

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Rev. Smith is a trance lecturer, healer and clairvoyant. (A photo taken of their church interior will be published in next issue.)

"Dead" Boy Soloist Sings To Mother At a Seance

Billie Graff was a 12 year old soloist at the Episcopal church in South Pasadena, California. Three years ago he "died" in an epidemic of spinal meningitis.

All the nurses at the hospital had loved the little fair-haired boy with the beautiful soprano voice. The young mother was crushed with grief. After a few weeks, I wrote and asked her if she would read a Spiritualist book which I thought would help her. I sent her many books and some of my friends loaned her others. Her husband told me he believed the books had actually saved her reason.

My cousin and I attended a seance in Los Angeles with Margaret Bright as medium. Suddenly a child's voice said, "Hello, Auntie Ina." This was what Billie called my cousin, though she was not his aunt. He told us he wanted to talk to his mother and asked us to bring her. He said he was going to sing to her so that she would know it was really he.

A Child Returns

We promised and soon after we brought the mother to another sitting. We were surprised when the guide, who is Mrs. Bright's daughter, after greeting us, said, "Hello Marie." She likes to call people by their first name and I had purposely not given Mrs. Graff's name. I asked how she knew what name to call her. She replied, "Billie is here and says, 'That's my Mama and her name is Marie.'" When Billie tried to talk to his mother he began to cry. She was brave and calm and told him not to have any tears. He said "I'll be all right in a minute. Let me cry and be done with it."

Soon he started one of his songs and when half-way through he said, "Help me, Mama." She joined in and together they finished a song that he was learning before he became ill. Then they sang "Holy Night" and my own

Camp White Eagle Closes

September 17th marked the closing of White Eagle Spiritualist Camp, according to Frank Decker, President.

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boy came and told me that all day Billie had been singing, getting ready for his mother's visit. After finishing the song Billie asked about his little brother and his father and said, "I miss my Daddy and I love my Daddy."

"Coming Home"

A few weeks ago we went again, taking the father with us. The guide told us Billie was there but was so excited because Daddy was present that they were trying to quiet him before he spoke. Twice other voices were heard talking and Billie's voice called out "Hello Daddy." When told it was his turn, he said, with much feeling, "I'm not dead, Daddy, really, I'm not." He told us what his whole lesson for the day had been, finishing it with a decidedly satisfied, "There."

When Mr. Graff said Billie had told them one day, at the hospital that the next Thursday he was coming home, instead of coming to their home, he had gone to his heavenly home, Billie said: "Daddy, I was just repeating what Grandpa said. 'He said I was going home then.' I guess I was half gone already." I've learned the grandfather had told them this. Billie asked what year it was and then figured out which year he was born and how old he would be now.

Christmas Demonstration

His mother spoke of Christmas and he told her that last year when they were all standing around the tree, he heard her say, "If Billie were only with us." He added, "And I was there, I knocked a big blue glass ball off the tree to show you I was there. I've done that both years and I'll do it again this Christmas." Mr. and Mrs. Graff assured us that this happened both years. The mother and father went home thrilled, and happy in the knowledge that Billie still lives.

Note—This story was written before Christmas. A letter from Mrs. Graff written in January states that two blue balls were knocked off the tree on last Christmas eve.

E. E. Campbell,
Hemet, California.

Churches Continued

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

NEW CASTLE—The Spiritualist Church of Truth, McGown Hall, East Washington St. Agnes E. Guthrie.

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

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

PHILADELPHIA—Victor's Psychic Science Center, 3609 Frankford Ave. C. E. Blanchard.

PHILADELPHIA—First Association of Spiritualists, N. E. Corner of Master and Carlisle Sts. Mamie B. Schulz.

PHILADELPHIA—Spiritual Unfoldment Society, 618 W. Preston St. John Dunkerfeld.

PHILADELPHIA—Third Spiritualist Church, 1421 N. 16th St. William Elliott Hammond.

PHILADELPHIA—Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church, 3012 West Girard Ave. Anna K. Rose.

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. Lingenhoe.

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.

WEST PHILADELPHIA—Spiritualist Church, Arcturus Hall, 263 S. 60th St. Marie Troxell.

WILKESBARRE—First Spiritualist Church, 58 Public Square. Eliza Yeager Pryal.

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

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N. Y. DELEGATES ELECT JORDAN

The 4th annual convention of the International General Assembly of Spiritualists convened on Sunday, June 25, at the Pythian Temple, New York City, with Fred Jordan presiding.

The reports from various state organizations and Missionaries were read, and wonderful growth is being shown.

The election of officers for the coming year follows:

Rev. Arthur Ford, Hollywood, Calif., Honorary Pres.

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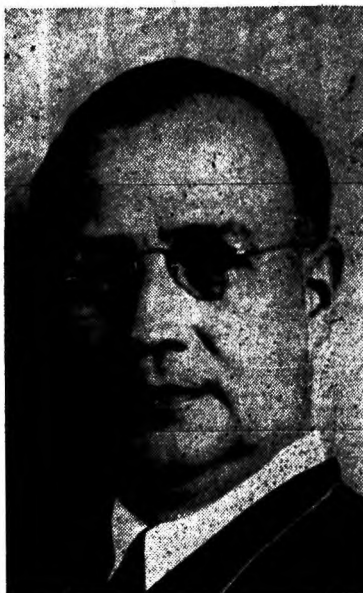
Rev. Cyrus E. Bartholomew, Miami, Fla., Director.

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Mr. Jordan stressed the importance of unity, peace and a determination to place Spiritualism as a recognized religion before a disturbed world to prove God's desire to guide all mankind into a permanent peace.

Opens New Church



DR. W. E. DENTINGER

Founder and Pastor of the Mother Church, The First Survivalist Science Church of Rhode Island, which opens in Providence, September 24, with Rev. Mary Ellen Goodling of Baltimore officiating at the initial service.

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