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STROMBERG'S HISTORIC STATEMENT PROVES

*that material science has taken a long step forward
in direction of complete acceptance of the possibili-
ties of spirit communication and the fact of personal*

CONSCIOUS SURVIVAL

In the past, scientists who have bothered with the subject at all have spent a good deal of time trying to "explain away" the psychic manifestations which have been brought to their attention.

Now, however, according to Dr. Stromberg, they have a theory which can help them explain these things in their own terms. And even if they do not accept the evidence at its face value, at least they can now understand in their own terms how it might be true.

Theoretically Possible

What was lacking, said Dr. Stromberg, was a basic theory which would account for the manifestations. That theory was expertly defined and analyzed in his two books *The Soul of the Universe* and *The Searchers* but its direct application to spiritistic phenomena was reserved for a later time.

That time turned out to be recently when I asked Dr. Stromberg to write a brief foreword to my new book *Telephone Between Worlds* (the story of a remarkable case of medium-

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the sixth and final article in a series written especially for the *Psychic Observer* by James Crenshaw, Los Angeles newspaperman, on the general subject of science and psychics. In the following article, Mr. Crenshaw reveals how Dr. Gustaf Stromberg, the noted astronomer, acknowledges that science now has a sound theory which can be applied to explain — but not explain away — psychic phenomena.) (Copyright by James Crenshaw, 1949)

ship, that of the Rev. Richard Zenor of Los Angeles, through whom has been given some very clear explanations of the after-life and of life in general).

While not endorsing mediumship or even acknowledging the final proof of communication, Dr. Stromberg in a sense went further: He said that communication between the worlds of the here and the hereafter, whether proved or not, should at least be theoretically possible — that such an idea would not be contrary to the laws of nature.

This is what he wrote:

"The question of the possibility of communicating with departed spirits has been the subject of much controversy. Spiritualists claim that they have

direct evidence of such communications in the 'spirit messages' they have received through mediums. It can not be denied that these messages often involve specific facts known by a particular departed person and by no one else, and that the medium often exhibits an ability which he normally does not possess.

Messages Not Absurd

"The majority of people, however, regard such messages as absurd and due either to fraud or to self-deception, and probably of the same nature as dreams and hallucinations, which are generally regarded as manifestations in our consciousness of subconscious mental activities. The primary reason for this attitude is probably a conviction that spiritualistic phenomena violate the laws of

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nature as recognized by modern science.

"There can be no doubt that many *alleged* spirit messages are the result of activities in the mind of the medium himself, without the co-operation of other minds. Mental activities are to a large extent unpredictable, and the causal relationship involved cannot be established. A medium is ordinarily in a kind of sleep, and his conscious reasoning power is lost or greatly reduced.

Clairvoyance Proven!

"The medium has no means of distinguishing between 'voices' originating in his subconscious mind, on the one hand, and those which originate in the minds of other people, on the other hand. It should be obvious that the existence of manufactured, inconsistent or nonsensical messages does not preclude the possibility of a medium expressing ideas of a profound meaning.

"During the last fifty years, extensive studies have been made of psychic phenomena, partly by the Societies of Psychological Research and lately by universities of high standing in the United States and Europe. A mass of evidence has been collected which, among other things, has proved that the phenomena of telepathy and clairvoyance are certainly real and involve a direct communication between the minds of different people.

Facts Defy Science

"The reason why the reality of such phenomena has not been generally accepted, lies — and this is an interesting commentary on the way of thinking in the modern world—not in any inconsistency or incompleteness in the evidence itself, but in the absence of any scientific theory which could account for the observed facts. The same applies in an even higher degree to the reason for the general disbelief in a spirit message, particularly since the evidence here is less convincing.

"In recent years some progress has been made in the development of scientific theories for the explanation of psychic phenomena in general. One of these theories was developed, not to explain psychic phenomena, but to give a satisfactory explanation of the high degree of organization in the living world and of the relationship between our nervous system and our mental activities.

"The basic assumption made was that the fields of force, which govern the motions and the configurations of particles and atoms in inorganic as well as in organic matters, represent our way of picturing energy patterns of complex structure

to remember past events. These and similar mental qualities all belong to a non-physical world, and when our nerve cells are stimulated by one means or another, we become consciously aware of their existence.

"In the living world are organizing fields which determine the structure and functions of all living organisms and their organs. These fields are well defined. They expand during embryonic development, reach their full size at maturity, and at death they contract to a point and disappear into the non-physical world from which they originally came.

"All our memories are 'engraved' in our brain field,

vive at death without any loss of memory and if our mind is able to communicate with a non-physical world in which it is rooted, it should, at least in principle, be possible to contact the minds of departed persons.

"The theory indicates that the mechanism involved consists in a stimulation of specific nerve centers, which we all probably possess, although they may be little developed among most people and highly developed among others. Since we can expect that the 'intensity' of the stimulation is of great importance, specific abilities of the person 'on the other side' should play an important role in the establishment of communication."

With this statement, historic in its import, science has, in my opinion, taken a long step forward in the direction of complete acceptance of the fact of survival and of the possibilities of communication.

Had any other person outside the realm of science made the statement, it probably would not have much significance, but Dr. Stromberg's solid background of scientific accomplishment makes it significant. Scientists, it seems, are no longer in a position to dismiss the evidence of survival as inherently unreasonable and unbelievable.

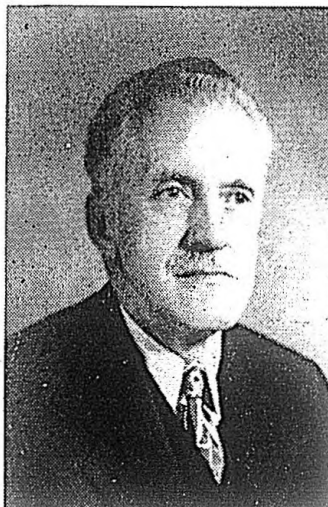
Though there may be differences of opinion concerning the appearance of the other world, scientists need no longer shudder at the idea of trying to explore it, for it has become more than the "never-never land" of superstition; it has acquired, even for material scientists, a respectable standing as an acceptable reality.

So it may well be that Dr. Stromberg's bold approach — the truly scientific approach — may turn out to be one of the most important departures from outworn tradition in our time, setting a pattern and showing the way for other great scientists willing to sift truth from superstition.



James Crenshaw

He fired the questions



Gustaf Stromberg

he answered them

which themselves were regarded as the physical manifestations of activities of another type.

"According to this theory, our nerve cells, nerve systems and brains have properties somewhat similar to our radio receiving sets. They are of cosmic origin, and through them we can establish a direct communication with pre-existing mental qualities in a non-physical world.

"Our nerve cells have their 'roots' and their origin in a world transcending that of the physical world of space and time, and they make it possible for us to become aware of colors and sounds, of feelings and emotions, of will and idea, and

which has a definite electrical structure with the aid of which it determines and stabilizes the structure and functions of our brains. When at death our 'memory field' contracts and disappears from the physical world, it retains all its mental element in unchanged form. In this way we can obtain a scientific picture of the phenomena of life and death, and we even arrive at a theory for the survival of the soul with a retention of all its memories.

"Many of the electrical manifestations of these so-called living fields have recently been studied at the Medical School of Yale University.

"It is clear that if souls sur-

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MODERN MATERIALIZATION

To cross the ocean three thousand odd miles to a city of complete strangers, there to see and touch and talk with your "dead" son is surely a wonderful tribute to the astounding powers of Hazel Herrejon, a New York materialization medium.

My wife and I experienced this not long ago, and it convinced us that our expanding world demanded a new vocabulary.

To use the only term we knew, and call what we saw that evening, a host of ghosts would be grossly primitive, for there was nothing phantom or eerie in the figures that walked and talked amongst us.

They were real enough to take by the hand, even to kiss!

Hazel Herrejon confounded my ignorant conception of the typical medium. She is a fine, pleasantly handsome woman with a jolly manner, and she chuckled when she invited us to inspect the seance room.

Medium Explains

This was plain and simple, probably no more than ten by twelve feet with a shallow closet at the far corner by the outer wall. I looked into it. A black sheet hung at the back. I poked it vigorously and felt the solid wall behind. The hat shelf and clothes-hanger rod were still in place. The walls were of bare plaster, and a large pouffe provided a seat.

Stretched diagonally across this corner was a lightweight black curtain in two or three sections. Around the plain painted walls of this bare room were arranged a dozen seats. The floor was of solid hardwood.

Hazel showed us all this in a full strong light. Only my sense of courtesy restrained a bolder exploration. I could have stamped and probed and thumped as much as I liked for Hazel left me there to my own devices whilst she invited my

wife to satisfy herself that there was no "cheesecloth" concealed about the medium.

There were ten sitters, all strangers to us. We went into

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the seance room amidst a babble of light chatter.

Hazel gave us a friendly little talk. Were we familiar with the procedure?

She explained that she settled herself for trance in the little



Hazel Herrejon

Ten witnessed the phenomena

closet whilst we opened with the Lord's Prayer, then a prayer commending ourselves into the hands of the Master and the spirit folk.

We must speak to and welcome the forms when they came. There was nothing to be afraid of, for they could not and would not harm us.

The Conditions

One person had been a holy terror at first, yelling with fright at the manifestations. Now she was a model sitter; but there were still others who were sometimes scared dumb by what they saw, rendering the materializations fruitless.

She "rambled on." Not my

term, but the giggled remark of Marion, a girl sitting at one edge of the curtain. At the other edge sat Mario, a young man. I judged them to be Hazel's permanent helpers, acting as ushers.

Hazel settled herself into the closet. We disposed ourselves in the chairs around the walls. Off went the main light leaving us dimly visible in the glow from the red lamp over the doorway. The door remained wide open to the half-lit passageway.

Dolly Appears

We said the Lord's Prayer, and another, giving ourselves into spirit hands. We sang hymns and songs and anything occurring to us.

Several times the singing lagged, and two women, with powerful voices took it up with snatches of opera. Marion said she thought it too loud, and we wandered off into whatever fragments of song we could remember.

Very little time elapsed before a fresh, girlish voice piped up behind the curtain. A few moments later there glided forth a radiant, ethereal figure, unearthly yet not spectral.

It was Hazel's guide Dolly. She moved around airily and noiselessly for several minutes speaking to us all, calling us by name, and laughing gaily at various sallies.

Etherealization

The very naturalness and happiness of her voice and manner soon calmed the quickened beating of my heart.

This was no insubstantial wraith. I thought I could make out dark plaits of hair showing against the gossamer cloud of white robes. I could make out no features, yet there was the impression of a happy, laughing face.

"There are a lot of apports tonight — the spirits will take longer to build up," she said.

The Mediumship of HAZEL HERREJON

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She danced and swayed prettily, then withdrew into the curtain.

More singing impromptu and erratic.

Then other figures came. Some glided purposefully to the person they wanted, then retreated to near the curtain with their friends, following to stand and talk earnestly with them for several minutes.

Sometimes the conversation was of such private nature that Marion asked us to sing quietly while they talked.

Marion herself seemed to have emotional and personal difficulties. A St. Theresa came to her, a large black cross clearly visible against the white robes.

She spoke earnestly and beautifully and comfortingly in tones too subdued for us to catch, but we could sense the deep peace of her personality and its effect on Marion.

Other figures came, all types and ages, in endless variation with voices ranging from the young and robust to the weak and quavering tones of the very aged.

There was even a pronounced "Oxford" accent. The young girls came dancing lightly, their arms visibly swaying their graceful draperies.

Partial Materialization

A vigorous male spoke humorously of his being in a swell get-up, complete with hood and stole. He gave sage counsel to Hazel's healer assistant, and it was explained afterwards that he was an English Doctor Hutchinson who had passed over very many years ago.

Between each appearance there was cheerful chatter from Dolly who said:

"Uncle Clifford, there's another Clifford here—little Cliff. My—he's a lovely boy. I've got my eye on him!"

But one or two other figures came first. It seemed to my curious eyes that they came through the material of the curtain, though sometimes they seemed to sweep a parting with their arms.

Marion and Mario rose to

greet them as they appeared. Marion did the speaking, welcoming them in a very sweet and gentle voice.

Sometimes she had to ask them who they were, who they wanted. She also acted as teacher, showing the people how to touch the form. This was either on the arm or the hand, fleetingly, lightly.

It seemed to me that the forms were nervous of this contact, withdrawing at the first touch, allowing no lingering caress. Marion explained that anything stronger would injure the medium.

Then our son came!

Bewildered Indecision

Joan, my wife, rose to greet him. Marion called to me also, and we stood perhaps a foot away from him, half lost in wonderment, yet striving to get every detail. Something glittered on his head.

Joan asked him if he were happy.

Yes, he was very happy. He wouldn't come back to earth even if he could.

"That was a nice little man last night—he was very good—who was he?", asked Cliff.

We had to switch our thoughts back to remember that Cliff had spoken to us through the trumpet mediumship of Mr. Skidmore at the W. T. Stead Memorial Center the previous evening!

The fact of seeing our son materialized was so staggering that we had the greatest difficulty in making rational conversation.

Again I was forced to think of two long separated friends tongue-tied by their anxiety to make the most of a long-distance telephone call.

I asked Cliff what we were to do about our problem—of deciding whether we were to remain in America.

"Is it so much of a problem?" he asked.

I said that time was getting short, that we were in a state of bewildered indecision.

"I don't think it is so much of a problem. Why not use

your own brains — they are quite good enough!"

In all the conversations I noticed this marked tendency for the spirit folk to minimize the urgency of practical problems.

They brought sympathetic listening, and great spiritual comfort, but seemed to avoid detailed practical advice other than urging them to have greater reliance on their own powers.

I thought I could also read the unspoken lesson that these

"It opens," he said as he placed it in her hand.

Joan said that when she passed over she wanted to be the first to go.

"Oh!—but that is selfish," said Cliff. "Isn't there a poem something about surviving you by one hour to save you the pain and grief . . .?"

All this time I was studying the voice intently. It was cultured; more mature and staid than the Cliff in life, yet in personality it was still Cliff.

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mundane problems were rather less important than we were inclined in our material concern to rate them.

"We used to be the same height," remarked Cliff, "but the medium hasn't built me up quite right!"

It was quite obviously impossible for anyone there to have known this intimate detail.

He produced an apport for his mother in the form of a tiny rectangular locket.

I was certain I had heard its like before, and I was suddenly thrilled to realize that it was the exact voice we had heard at the second direct voice sitting with Leslie Flint over 3,000 miles away in London.

Under Marion's guidance we were allowed to touch his arm. It was the briefest touch. I felt something smooth and cold; it could have been flesh but most definitely was not. Then he kissed his mother on the forehead.

"Men don't kiss I suppose," he said to me, but he placed his hands with feather lightness on my head and touched me on the forehead.

It could have been a kiss, but with my head lowered I could not tell. Nor could I see eye to eye nor face to face. I could sense but not see the features, yet it was fully the sense of Cliff.

"Now I must go, but you can come again, I believe."

I could determine nothing of his going except that he disappeared silently back into nothingness.

Spirits Don't Complain

Dolly took up the conversation from behind the curtain.

"He says something about 'Grams'".

"Oh!" said Joan, "That would be dear old Grampa:—my husband's grandfather!"

This staggered us. Only a few days previously we'd had news of his passing. I was certain that no one else in America knew of it.

"What does Cliff mean by saying he has the best of the deal?" asked Dolly.

We could only suppose that he was satisfied with his fate.

At a second sitting he told us this directly. It is difficult to remember everything that is said.

One always intends to study and remember, but somehow the strangeness stops you—or perhaps some other force blurs the memory.

No Human Hand . . . !

But I vividly recall that on the second occasion he said "I think I could shake hands with you, Daddy."

He seemed then to lean half way back into the curtain, apparently to get permission, for as he re-emerged I heard him say "I promise," to Dolly.

"Put your hand out here." (my right hand slightly to one side of me, vertical.) He placed his right hand the same way, possibly 18 inches from mine, and very carefully brought them together.

There was a quick, solid

grasp; my fingers were still wrapped round the warm, dry hand, when suddenly it was gone! No human hand could have so disengaged itself, with my fingers still meeting in their curved grip.

Other figures came and went.

"Your mother is here, Uncle Clifford," said Dolly.

My mother came out. She called for me and for Joan saying: "I love her as my own daughter!"

She had an apport for me, an English penny! It was cold to the touch. "Something from the old country," she remarked as she dropped it into my hand.

I asked her what she thought of our visit to America. "A very good idea."

"Will we remain?"

"Well, do you want to — there's plenty for you to do here."

Dematerialization

I said I really didn't see how we were going to make it possible.

"You know what I always wanted to do," I said.

"Oh yes—you always wanted to *write!* What about those people you met the other day, the people with the newspaper?"

"You mean the Pressings . . .?"

"Yes . . ."

I think this was our clearest single piece of evidence. I *did* want to write. I *had* recently met the Pressings.

She kissed Joan. When she kissed me it was again with the hands placed gently on the head and the kiss the merest brushing touch. I looked up again quickly and watched her go.

She seemed to glide back half a pace, then disappeared into the solid floor at our feet. Not sinking bodily through the boards, but dwindling to nothingness!

"Not many going out like that tonight!" remarked Dolly.

When my grandfather came, it was the briefest appearance.

"I'm not used to this,!" he said with a rueful awkwardness, and was gone again.

Some of the figures seemed

to swirl up from the floor, to build into walking and talking entities before our very eyes. Others seemed to float up from under the curtain, and to go out the same way.

Towards the end of the sitting, a slight figure came out very timidly. Marion rose to greet her in her gentle manner. She seemed to sense that she needed help.

"Welcome dear — you're very welcome: who are you?"
"Dorothy."

Toledo - St. Louis



Two lecture dates in the Middle West, have been set for Juliette Ewing Pressing (above). These include Toledo and St. Louis.

October 30th, she is scheduled for an afternoon and evening appearance at the First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, 636 Western Avenue, at Field, Toledo, O., according to arrangements made recently with president, Haskell Siders. The Rev. Felix, minister of the S. E. C. will introduce Mrs. Pressing. For further information, write to Rev. Fred L. Felix, 2023 Harlan Road, Toledo, Ohio.

November 20th, Mrs. Pressing is scheduled for an appearance at the Unity Science Spiritual Church, Blue Room Roosevelt Hotel Delmar and Euclid Streets in the city of St. Louis where she will be introduced by the resident pastor, the Rev. Emma Bell Roney, 5052 Waterman Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Pressing just returned from Binghamton, New York, where she was principal speaker at a mass meeting sponsored by the Spiritualist churches in that city. She was introduced by the Rev. Mae Merritt-Snyder, noted healer and medium of that city.

No one seemed to know her. "Who do you want, dear?"
"Mr. Burbridge."

My astonishment almost prevented my rising to greet her. I suddenly could place her as someone I had never seen but with whom I was familiar as the passed over daughter of a very close friend in England who did automatic writing.

Land of Opportunity!

Dorothy came to her often in her writings bringing Cliff with messages for us. She said she had been talking with Cliff and was disturbed to hear that we thought of returning to England.

"We don't think you should," she said. "They want people of your stamp in this country. There are lots of things for you to do here. There's a position for you in a publishing house"

Very eagerly I asked her which one. But that she could not tell me.

Dolly took up the subject with youthful enthusiasm. She didn't like to see us go back either, and I was to go and see someone who had to do with a publishing house and he might be able to help me.

But I had no opportunity of verifying these names and facts, for we sailed within a few days and matters crowded in to prevent my following up the lead.

Memorable Experience

The last manifestation we saw was an arm materializing out of the curtain. It moved vaguely, then disappeared, and the sitting was finished.

When Hazel Herrejon came out to us five or ten minutes later, she looked pale and exhausted. She had a headache, but it was soon dispelled when her healer friend placed soothing hands on her forehead.

Everyone was excitedly discussing the sitting. It had been a memorable experience, and we sought in vain for words adequate to express the heart-felt depth of our appreciation.

It moved us to send to her a very dear friend of ours, and I

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dium who has, for a number of years, demonstrated her rare mediumship at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. Rev. Harwood will arrive in Jamestown, Friday, November 11th and be booked for special seances and services November 12th, 13th and 14th.

Piano In Seance Room

Dr. H. F. Miller, Odessa, Texas, will visit Jamestown and attend the Harwood seances. A piano will be placed in the seance room so that his daughter Helen, in spirit, will have an opportunity to play as has been her custom at Chesterfield.

It has only been on rare occasions that this medium has made public appearances in this part of the country and, with the exception of Rev. Carroll, they have only been available in this vicinity for private seances once or twice during the past 15 years.

All reservation for these seances must be made by letter. Regular members are being notified and those desiring to join the Foundation are invited to write Juliette Ewing Pressing for details.

In the past, speakers and mediums serving the Foundation were: the Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler, Rev. Fred A. Jordan, Rev. Sarah W. Cushing, Rev. Ethel Squier and Rev. Arthur A. Myers.

All Welcome

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quote here from her grateful letter:

"Mrs. Herrejon is a very unusually fine materialization medium. My mother, whom I resemble, showed her features so plainly to me that I could see her own earth countenance as I remember her last.

"What amazed me was that the souls who materialized did not have to vibrate back and forth like those of some other mediums, but stood perfectly still.

"Strange as it may seem, they were breathing, and their breath was that of new born babes—very pleasant, indeed.

"As though reading our minds the medium's collaborator then asked the attendant to pull back the curtain so we could see the medium in there.

"It is truly remarkable how different some mediums are trained to work.

"This woman had her door open, and during the sitting one of the sitters had to make an early train, so the attendant escorted her to the outside door and turned on the light for just a moment during which time another woman was talking to her materialized mother.

"This mother placed her hands on her daughter's arm so the medium wouldn't receive a shock, she said.

"One of the ladies had a piece of candy in her mouth when she went up to the cabinet—the guide asked her for it!

"A man by the name of Abdul Atif (Latif) came to me, placed his hands on my head and said a prayer over me in his native tongue which we were all able to hear. The medium is not familiar with this tongue or any other foreign tongue we heard that evening."

SPIRITUALISTS ARE BUSY PEOPLE



The Ladies' Work Committee of the Progressive Lyceum and Research Society, 4349 Manchester Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, are directly responsible for this doll collection. The committee, headed by Mrs. Robert C. Kroll (above) plans to present a part of this collection to "Lyceum Spotlight" at the October National Spiritualist Association convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Members of the committee who co-operated with Mrs. Kroll in making this doll collection: Mabel Dayton, Kathryn Cross and Mrs. Beryl Robinson.

At left, on the pedestal, is shown the new silver cup trophy to be presented to the "National Spiritualist," official organ of the N.S.A. The lower cup was awarded to the P. L. R. Society at the 1948 N.S.A. Milwaukee convention.

The society, according to Mrs. Kroll, also participates in various civic activities helping to create good will for the cause of Spiritualism. Its work has full endorsement of the N.S.A. Lyceum superintendent, Clyde Dibble.

If you like to believe that the dead are asleep in their graves, and must sleep there until the Resurrection Day, then DON'T READ THIS ARTICLE.

She Still Lives

The amazing success I had (See *Psychic Observer*, September 10, 1948) in contacting my half-sister, Lillie Belle Spracklen, on May 23, 1948, after she had passed into the Spirit World the previous day, caused me to make a similar request of the same spirit friends after I had made a telephone call to the Esther Petersen Nursing Home in Joliet, Montana, and Mrs. Petersen had told me that my sister, Mrs. Bertie Lavell, might pass away at any time.

This was on Saturday evening, March 19, 1949, and I said something like this:

"Dear Ivy and Madge: Will you please look out for my sister Bertie when she reaches your world, and then let me have some word about her as soon as you can."

The next evening I attended the Spiritualist Church of Two Worlds in Washington, D. C., of which Rev. Hugh Gordon Burroughs is minister. He knew nothing about this matter.

While he was delivering greetings from relatives and friends "over there," he turned to me and said: "Your friend Ivy and your sister Belle want me to tell you that your sister Bertie has arrived in their world."

When I reached my home that evening, a telegram from Joliet, Montana, had just arrived, advising me that Bertie had passed on at 12:45 that

and
So
Will
You

By
JAMES MALCOLM WHITE

afternoon. You will observe that my unspoken request to friends in the Spirit World had brought me similar information through the mediumship of Rev. Burroughs in less time than it took for the telegram to reach me.

I later made an appointment with Rev. Burroughs for Wednesday, March 30, and Miss Marion J. Demond, a stenographer, was present to take down what was said. They spoke as plainly as human beings would have spoken in ordinary conversation. You will note that I asked questions of, and received answers from, the speakers in the Spirit World quite as naturally and satisfactorily as if they had been fellow mortals.

The first speaker from the Spirit World was my former friend on earth, Ivy Seaton Davis. We had been employed in the Office of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C., for some ten or twelve years before May 2, 1920, when I resigned. She passed on in 1932. She said: "Good morning, Mr. White. This is Ivy. Well, we (meaning herself and Madge knew her) did pretty well.

Mr. White—"I was telling Mr. Burroughs that you folks picked up my mental request to look out for Bertie and got

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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS DRAMA:
Left to right—Lillie Belle Spracklen, James Malcolm White and Bertie Lavell (nee White).
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or what our beliefs may be, at the last moment to abolish fear. There are very few of the friends of earth who battle and fight when the moment comes for passing.

How the Law Works

"There seems to be something that happens — we don't know just exactly what it is — but there is that letting down and then, graciously, the great Law has made it possible for something to happen at that moment which enables the coming spirit to make adjustments before the complete break or separation. So you see, those things are beautifully taken care of with very few exceptions. There are not many who struggle compared with the thousands of people coming over. The percentage is very small indeed."

Mr. White—"I suppose that you and Madge and her mother had been with Bertie enough so that her mental attitude was one of acceptance."

Ivy — "Yes, they were all there and your father too, you and she having had the same parents. So you see, everything was beautifully taken care of, and we were in no hurry, especially, for you to arrange for this meeting, because we wanted her to make her adjustments and be ready for it. What we would like to get to you now is a story to be published in the paper (Psychic Observer — JMW) which will be a fit following for the earlier story we gave you about your half-sister Belle. You have the general idea now of what was happening.

"Madge and I were there because you had sent out the call for us to surround Bertie during the time she was in the comatose state. We were watching carefully for the moment not interfering with the karmic action of hers, however, but standing by preparing the way for her. As soon as we knew definitely that the time was growing short, we assembled your father, mother, and Bertie's half-sisters

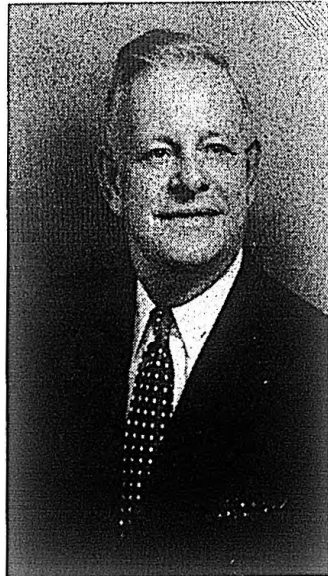
Belle and Mamie, and they were all there to receive her and she was then taken from her human body.

"Now, in the time that elapsed between your telephone call to Joliet and your receiving the telegram, Bertie had passed on. The message we were trying to get to you through Mr. Burroughs, and which you received, was all right and was correctly given.

"On the Beam"

"You found it was complete and correct when you read the telegram at home, because we said, 'She is already with us.' Lawrence, your son, tells me that he was there also.

"So you see, we were all on



Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs
Superb Clairvoyance

the beam or firing line just as we were with Belle when she came over last May — Madge and I, Lawrence, and your father and mother. Of course, she is with us now and she and Belle are coming along very nicely. Here is Bertie now."

The next speaker was my sister Bertie. Here is what she said: "Good morning Malie. Well, well, well, how marvelous it is to greet you this morning. Now, my dear brother, you need have no fear in any way about my being frightened in coming over. During my illness, as the little lady (Ivy) was trying to say, something took place and I had a vision of mother and father and your Lawrence, and

these two ladies (Ivy and Madge).

"Of course, I did not know them until after I was released, but then I found that you had asked them to take care of me. I HAD NO PAIN IN COMING OVER; NONE WHATEVER.

How Spirits Influence

"In fact I seem to have been over here two or three days before I was released from my body. I have had no special interest in my body since I came over, and will not have. I am not able to reach the folks directly, but I can influence them (by impressing my thoughts upon their minds — JMW) so that there is not going to be too much adjustment to make.

"I am perfectly happy and content, my dear brother, and ALL IS WELL WITH ME. I am with the folks and we are all happy together.

Mr. White — "When you look back on the earth, would you like to return?"

Bertie — "I hardly know how to answer that just now, but I rather think I could definitely say 'No.' Because of my newness here, I can't give you much of a description of this world that I am in."

Mr. White—"Have you met some of our old schoolmates and friends over there?"

Bertie — "Yes, I have and will meet many more. This I will do as I make further adjustments here. It is a marvelous experience through which I have passed. Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful, and I am being helped and am SO GLAD IT IS OVER. It is much happier and nicer here. I ALREADY BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE OF WHAT ETERNITY MEANS.

"I am so glad to come as I have been preparing for this visit with you, and that is the reason I am doing so well. So you have the story now and just say it in any way you

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want. It will be very interesting."

The next speaker was my half-sister, Lillie Belle Spracklen, who passed over on May 23, 1948. She said: "Good morning Mallie, Well, isn't this wonderful? Of course, we all met Bertie and all things were taken care of, as you have already been told. Her experience was marvelous and, of course, she was just one more to come. I am getting ready for the great reunion which may take place in just a little while.

"We met her and took care of her but, as your friends have already said — the two ladies (Madge and Ivy) whom you asked to assist her — they took charge and brought about a quick release from the physical body. HER LIFE WAS SUCH THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE TO DWELL ON THE ASTRAL PLANE. SHE WENT RIGHT THROUGH ONTO THE MENTAL PLANE DIRECTLY, EVEN BEFORE SHE HAD LEFT HER (MORTAL, HUMAN) BODY. Here is our mother."

How Teachers Help

The next one who spoke was our mother, Martha Jane White, who has passed over on July 31, 1922. She said: "Good morning Mallie. We have one more with us now. They are all coming. I can add nothing to what has already been said, my boy, because of the simple story. It

is so simple, isn't it? But how wonderful it is to hear!

"All of us met Bertie and, you see, you were the connecting link, my boy, because you were the pivot on the earth plane to gather the forces to help her before she came over. Your teachers were there and helping; checking the atmosphere, as it were, so she could come directly to us — consciously, you understand.

"WE CONTACTED HER BEFORE SHE LEFT HER (EARTH) BODY. SHE HAD ALREADY SEEN US AND KNEW TO WHOM SHE WAS COMING, AND WHERE. So, when she left her body, IT WAS NOTHING MORE

BECAUSE SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN WITH US.

"So you see, the table was set for the banquet and we were just waiting until the "silver cord" broke and released her (Eccles. 13:6,7). However, she had been with us a day or two before she left the (human) body — I think three days in the comatose condition — so you see, SHE WAS ALREADY WITH US."

The next speaker was Bertie's father and mine, James Malcolm Fagan. He made the change called death near Paris, Texas, in 1876 and we children were afterwards known by the name of our stepfather.

He said: "Good morning, my son. I am glad to be here. We are getting our family back. You are the only one left on earth of our first family. You are going to be here, but your mother has told you all about Bertie's coming and so has Belle.

"So, we have just gathered one more home, but, as your mother said, BERTIE HAD BEEN WITH US AT LEAST TWO DAYS BEFORE THE RELEASE AND SHE HAD SEEN US SO THERE WAS NO FEAR. SHE SIMPLY CLOSED THE DOOR ON THE OLD WORLD AND OPENED ANOTHER INTO THE NEW WORLD. We are

SPIRITUALIST EPISCOPAL INSTITUTE

Thirty-six students, representing twelve states, enrolled for classes held at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana. This school, known as the First Spiritualist Episcopal Institute, held classes September 13th, 14th and 15th under the supervision of the Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Dean and the Rev. Marta Mallery who specialized in the Esoteric significance of the Bible. Dean Bias presented a survey of Psychic Phenomena and the Rev. Robert G. Chaney conducted a short course in public speaking.

Left to right, front row, sitting: Rev. Bias, Chesterfield, Indiana and St. Petersburg, Florida; Rev. Mallery, Syracuse, N. Y.; and Earlyne and Rev. R. G. Chaney, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Second row: Mina W. Foard, Memphis, Tennessee; Murial G. Falter, Memphis, Michigan; Ethel Koch, Port Huron, Michigan; Mary Jane Roberts, Lexington, Kentucky; Ruth Hannah, St. Louis, Missouri; Lena M. Smock, St. Petersburg, Florida; Ethel Simmons, Chicago, Illinois; Freda (Mrs. Ben) Harrison, Centralia, Illinois; Ben Harrison, Centralia, Illinois; and Hazel Rath, Jackson, Michigan.

Third Row: Alvin J. Falter, Memphis, Michigan; Zeta Bourns, Chesterfield, Indiana; Mabel A. Weaver, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Frances Lauletta, Duluth Minnesota; Estyl Fuller, Canton, Ohio; Goldie Brown, Chesterfield, Indiana; Grace Walker Olson, Duluth, Minnesota and Clara Metcalf, Chesterfield, Indiana.

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Class members not in picture below: Mildred Schulz, Mrs. F. D. Kershner and J. Walter Hardesty. Taken September 14th, 1949.



Norman Cook, Anderson, Indiana

taking care of her and she will progress with us and we will all be together."

The next one to speak was my son, Lawrence, who was born January 29, 1902 on the Frank Spracklen ranch near Big Horn, Wyoming. He was drowned near Buffalo, Wyoming, July 16, 1903. The first message I ever had from anyone in the Spirit World came from him in December, 1905 through a medium in Omaha, Nebraska. She was blindfolded and a total stranger to me. Her only contact with Lawrence and me was what she could get from holding my pocket knife, which I had placed in a hat as it was passed by me.

Hard To Convince

When she picked up that knife, she could not have known who owned it. As she held that knife in her fingers, she said: "I see the form of a little child beside me. He gives the name of Lawrence and he wants to reach James White."

She asked if anyone recognized it and I said, "Yes." Then she said: "I feel that he passed out from choking or strangling for I have that kind of a feeling in my throat." She, a total stranger, had given his name and my name and a good description of what caused his death.

Did that make a Spiritualist of me? I should say it did not. I was sure there had to be some trickery about it. A mind reader had once done a good job of reading my mind, but he required me to be thinking about the very thought he wanted to get from my mind. This medium did not ask anything. I was not thinking about any of those details and I was sure that mind reading was not the explanation. Even then, I was sure that a dead person could not talk.

Keeler Proves . . .

But a still higher hurdle was not long in arriving. Early in 1907, I had my first experience with Pierre L. O. A. Keeler in Washington, D. C., an internationally known "slate writing" medium. He permitted me to bring my own slates

and to fasten them together in any way I chose.

His only requirement was that there be a small piece of slate pencil between the two slates. I bought two new slates and a slate pencil. I broke off the point of the pencil; laid it on one of the slates; and put the other slate on it. Then I wrapped and tied them together securely with strong tape: dropped melted sealing wax on the knot; and pressed a Spanish coin on the warm wax.

It would, therefore, have been impossible for Mr. Keeler, or anyone else, to do any writing between those slates to deceive me. He did not ask for, nor make any move to obtain the slates and they were not out of my possession for a single instant. We were in open daylight, and we were alone in the room.

After the sitting, I cut the tape. Not only was the inner surface of each slate well covered with medium sized writ-

ing and a picture, all done with a slate pencil, but a short message signed "Lawrence M. White" had been written in four different colors, in printed letters such as would have been quite natural for a child of his age — about five years — to use.

And here is the most remarkable thing, those colors, which have been washed many times, do not come off. The message reads: "Papa, I love you. I am glad to come. I love you. Lawrence M. White." The name was written in yellow and the misspelled word, WITE, was crossed out in red. I now have that slate.

It was beyond me to account for that writing ON MY OWN SLATES, WHICH I HAD TIED TOGETHER, KNOWING THAT THERE WAS NOT A SINGLE COLOR OF ANY KIND BETWEEN THEM.

But I still felt sure that no person who was dead had done it. I had yet to learn that

man, created in the image of God, cannot die and perish.

Lawrence's words, as taken by the stenographer on March 30, 1949, were: "It is mighty nice to see you, Dad. We have taken care of your sister all right and that is simply beautiful. It was time she was promoted and, when this thing strikes, it is not the Law to combat it, and she didn't want to very much.

"As we think of the karmic law. IT HAD COME TIME FOR HER TO GO, TO COME OVER HERE, and so we again got the little story and there it is in a nutshell."

Another speaker from the unseen world was Madge Forte Crofut. She, in 1933, convinced me that she could and did "come back." I had known her for several years before she passed on in 1930. She was satisfied.

Slates Convince Me

One day she made this proposition: "Let's agree that the first of us to pass away will try to come back and write to the other through the mediumship of Pierre L. O. A. Keeler." and it was so agreed. Some three years after she had left this world, I learned that Mr. Keeler was in Washington and I made an appointment by telephone without giving him even one word about what I hoped to get.

In fact, he never asked such questions. The date fell on a delightful sunny afternoon, and in the note I addressed to Madge, which I folded tightly and it was not unfolded by anyone, I asked how she would like to take a buggy ride. At the same time, I addressed a note to my son, Lawrence, and asked him how he liked my friends, Madge and Ivy, who had passed over about a year later than Madge.

In the reply I received, and which I have now, Madge said: "I am so glad you remember me even if I am out of sight. Don't say a word to me about buggies. I wish I could materialize an old mare and a buggy, then we, just you

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Pierce Memorial Spiritualist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.



Less than a year ago, a group of enthusiastic Spiritualists organized the Pierce Memorial Spiritual Church—dedicating it to the memory of the late Dr. Carl Horton Pierce. Wholehearted co-operation with their pastor, the Rev. Vivian Davis, resulted in well attended services from the very beginning until today the church officers report ever increasing crowds at their regular Sunday evening services held at 15 Harwood Place in the city of Buffalo, N. Y.

Church secretary, the Rev. Juanita F. Davis, says: "Under the guidance of our pastor, who has been a medium since childhood, students of psychic science and fundamentals of Spiritualism are rapidly progressing in the sense that they are receiving a better understanding of the higher teachings and responding to help and guidance received in the classroom where many report success (i. e.) spiritual unfoldment and psychic development."

Board of Directors, left to right: Treasurer, Rev. Olive McCanna; Ass't pastor and President, Rev. Gertrude Townsend; Pastor, Rev. Davis whose painting (background) is the result of spiritual inspiration; Trustee, Sophia Newmann; Sec'y, Rev. J. F. Davis; and Vice President, Donald W. Minekime.

What I Observe by R. G. Pressing



Mulberry Bush

"If telepathy has been established, and I believe it has, then such a revolutionary discovery should make us keep our minds open to the possibility that there may be much in living things and their evolution, much more than our science has hitherto led us to expect."

These words were uttered by Professor A. C. Hardy of Oxford according to the New York Times.

Professor Hardy, who accepts the evidence for telepathy, spoke at the 111th annual meeting, Newcastle, England, on behalf of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The learned professor closed his address by saying that he believed no one who examined the evidence of telepathy with an unbiased mind could reject it, particularly in view of the evidence that has passed severe tests when applied in normal scientific technique.

It seems that scientists operate in confusion. They use high-sounding words and meaningless logic. They are forever going around the "mulberry bush" in an attempt to be scientifically respectable. Time does not change them.

Even Old Man Experience does not jog them so I suppose they will have to remain in their intellectual doldrums until they can work up enough courage to attend a good seance. It is in the seance room and no other place, that they can become conscious of the spirit hypothesis, yea the spirit personalities who, in the last analysis, are usually responsible for that thing they call mental telepathy.

These same scientists would rather settle for the mind jumping from pillar to post than they would a "lowly" spirit acting as the intercommunicator between two persons.

Scientific tests of this fact, and it is not a theory, have been

carried out many times. An experiment of this kind that impressed me most was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Ford. He was assisted by two trance mediums, the Rev. Hilda Hope Langford of Long Beach, California and the Rev. Maude Kline, who incidentally was a visitor at the office of *Psychic Observer* just recently. Maude has returned to California where she will continue her association with the Central Spiritualist Church of Los Angeles.

To get back to the experiment which took place over ten years ago. Both mediums, by ar-



Rev. Katherine Fidell-Kane
For over fifteen years

rangement, were entranced, each in a separate building, at Florida's Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

For Spiritualists, the procedure was elementary. Each medium was controlled by her spirit teacher and these teachers merely relayed to each other and then through their mediums descriptions of objects placed before them. It was as simple as that.

Mind you, this does not account for many experiments labeled mental telepathy but to me, this experiment makes more sense than to explain telepathy tests by the use of a lot of platitudes and a conglomeration of words taken from the dictionary in an effort to describe what they think happens.

Furthermore, when some of these wrinkled-browed scientists come across unsolved problems and fail to find the proper words in the dictionary or even in encyclopaedias, to describe

their dilemma, they conjure up new words in an effort to catalogue the phenomena.

By so doing the unsuspecting public is led to believe these great minds have discovered something whereas, in reality, the newly coined words are actually used to cover up their confusion and, at the same time, lend sort of a scientific flavor to their research.

Spiritualism In Pittsburgh

I was initiated into Spiritualism exactly 47 years ago. We were living in a Pittsburgh North Borough at the time and I well remember treks I used to make with my mother, the hard way, by streetcar. We traveled over twelve miles to East Liberty where the First Spiritualist Church of Pittsburgh was and still is located at 256 Bouquet Street.

These treks were taken every Thursday afternoon when mother was a member of the church's Ladies' Aid, a group of old-timers whose efforts helped sustain the financial obligations of the church.

Those were the days of John Slater, Maggie Waite, George B. Warne, Cassius Stevens and dozens of others whose names and fame are now history.

Sometime later the Bouquet Street church was supervised by the late Rev. C. V. Morrow, who, for many years, was president of the Pennsylvania State Spiritualist Association. The good work of these pioneers continues under the direction of the present Board of Directors.

There is another Spiritualist church on Pittsburgh's north side, known as the Spiritualist Church of Revelation, where services have been held, for the past 15 years, at 114 Federal Street by the Rev. Katherine Fidell Kane. On numerous occasions during the past ten years, I have visited the Rev. Kane's church, attended her private seances and find that she, too, is doing commendable work.

This north side church is affiliated with the United Bible Spiritualist Association and many times, their annual convention has been held there. The Rev. Kane is well known

SHE STILL LIVES

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and I, could go out this sunny afternoon. Lawrence includes Ivy, but I don't want anyone to go but you."

Lawrence wrote these words on the margin of the same card: "Dad, be careful. Don't like too many girls. — Lawrence."

Madge's answer, in connection with the agreement we had made, removed all my doubts about the continuity of life beyond the grave and about their ability to "come back" to us.

It satisfied me that no mortal has any basis for not accepting these words of Jesus at their face value: "... though he (any person) were dead (according to human belief) yet shall he live" (John 11:25):

"... because I live, ye shall live also." (John 14:19)

Madge's remarks about Bertie were as follows: "Good morning. Ivy has told the story and so I cannot add anything to it for it was told very accurately. She and I were, more or less, the influencing factors until your mother, father, son and sisters took over.

"We were both there and so you will see that all is quite well and we tried to carry out all of your meditative desires. Just know that you have deserved all that we have done, or we would not be with you; we just would not be there. We would be sort of like the "Thin Man" — the man that wasn't there. So it is beautiful to come and so holy."

in the field of Spiritualism. She has served churches in the East, Middle West and Florida. For the last 8 years, she was a featured lecturer and message bearer at the Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp during the month of July. She is a great friend of T. C. Russell who, on numerous occasions, has served her Pittsburgh church. At present, she is a state representative of the U.B.S.A. of America, an organization she has cooperated with for over 18 years.

Students' Column?

We are always anxious to carry out suggestions made by our readers. The latest, received from Mrs. Carl W. Smith, Joliet, Illinois, asks why we do not have a Students' Column and feature writings from younger mediums. She says that it is very difficult to hear lectures of the proper type unless she travels great distances.

This is all very fine, but there are several catches to it. In the first place, try to get the younger mediums even to write a letter, let alone an article.

Our correspondent also feels that we should publish some of their lectures. If she means that these mediums should write out their lectures, well I do not think I would live that long. However, if it were possible for some of our good mediums and speakers to have their discourses wire-recorded, then transcribed, I believe this would solve the problem. The expenses could be taken care of by the church or interested parties. The suggestion is good and I trust that something will come of it.

Strath-Gordon In Canada

For over seven years, I have been trying to locate Dr. A. E. Strath-Gordon and just today, I received a communication from C. E. Tildsley who states that Dr. Gordon had been quite ill, that he has been discharged from a hospital and is now slowly recovering from a cardiac condition. Friends may direct communications to Dr. A. E. Strath-Gordon, 401 W. 15th St., Vancouver, Washington.

New Hampshire

Favorable reports have been received relative to two mediums in the state of New Hampshire — Elsie Gertrude Crawford and Lawson Crawford who reside in the little town of Center Effingham and receive their mail at post office, Center Ossipee, N. H.

The Crawfords, wife and husband, have been associated with Spiritualism for 18 years. They conduct classes and group seances and their students are enthusiastic over the results obtained through their mediumship (i.e.) trance, automatic writing and spiritual healing. Uncanny predictions and healing testimonials are credited to Mrs. Crawford's spirit collaborators, an Arabian known as Tahanas and an Egyptian known as Senorita Eyzetta.

Decker Back Again

Frank Decker's work at Camp Silver Belle during the summer months has received many favorable comments. Letters have been received expressing great joy over the fact that this splendid test medium has again definitely taken up his spiritual work, 95 Christopher St., New York City.

The latest comment on Decker was received from Clair Fellows, Frederick, Maryland who says: "I had a wonderful seance with Frank Decker. My mother's voice was plain and natural and I would like to use a wire-recorder when I come to Jamestown to visit you."

We have extended an invitation to Mr. Decker to serve the American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., and trust that a definite date can be arranged in the near future.

Emma Hardinge Britten

We have just received a communication from W. H. Wallis, 8 Oak Avenue, Elsternwick, Victoria, Australia, who says that the area about the grave of Emma Hardinge Britten has been cleared of the accumulation of many years of debris. Mr. Wallis says: "I expect to obtain photographs of the gravestone showing the names of the persons interred."

Egyptian Court

What can be classified as a real victory for Spiritualism is included in a report sent to us recently by a Mr. Nassif, Egyptian Spiritualist living in the States. His contribution: "Spiritual Healing and Medicine Before the Egyptian Court," cites an incident where a favorable decision was handed down in a case for spiritual healing.

The facts, printed in all the daily newspapers, stated that the Primary Tribunal of Cairo, Egypt, declared that a certain



Elsie Crawford
For eighteen years

girl "was cured by means other than those known to the medical world." The case was brought to court by a nerve disease doctor on the Cairo faculty of medicine. This doctor claimed that a well-known lecturer on psychic science had injured his reputation and damaged him, to the extent of \$5,000—simply because his name was mentioned in a public lecture as being associated with spiritual healing. The doctor lost.

S.E.C. Institute

Thirty-seven students attended the three-day Spiritualist Episcopal Institute at Camp Chesterfield, Indiana, September 13, 14 and 15. The Institute, under the direction of Rev. Clifford L. Bias, was a special service of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church, a training school

for anyone interested in serving Spiritualism or improving themselves.

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Vesper services were conducted each evening, the first by Rev. Geneva Peet and Rev. Chaney, the second by Rev. Bernice Bennett and Rev. Bias, and the third by Rev. Lytle Sensabaugh and Rev. Ella J. Riley.

A party was held at Rev. Bias' home September 15 at the conclusion of the Institute sessions. Because of the enthusiasm of the students for the classes and purposes of the school, an enlarged Institute is already being planned for next year, according to Rev. Bias.

"We have found," he stated, "that there are many in Spiritualism who wish to improve the quality of their sermons, their church services and their own spiritual growth. The Spiritualist Episcopal Church will make every effort to help these people attain their desires."

Thorne At Chicago

Ever since the Rev. Edward Lester Thorne passed over two months ago, reports are being received at the office that he is manifesting through numerous mediums in various parts of the country. The latest was received from a member of the Cosmic Science Church of Chicago, stating that Rev. Thorne delivered a lecture through the mediumship of the Rev. Rice R. Massey, Tuesday evening, August 23rd.

Just like Thorne. Now he is all over the place, and must like it especially after having confined himself to his spiritual work for over 15 years without

sufficient time off to become acquainted with his fellow workers. It is my opinion that he is having the time of his life.

Why Kill Them?

We can never tell how people will be impressed when they visit Spiritualist camps. Included in his glowing report of spirit demonstrations witnessed at Chesterfield, Russell Ain states that he would like to see greater kindness shown toward the squirrels seen in and about most of the summer camp grounds.

Mr. Ain says: "I want to feel that Spiritualism will stand the acid test of time and trust that it will always embrace truth and love. Especially, I want to emphasize kindness to animals. While at Chesterfield this summer, I overheard a lady remark that all the squirrels in the camp should be shot. I was shocked because I feel that Spiritualist camps should be a place of refuge for the wild life that inhabits it." (No squirrels have been shot.)

Time For A Change

Mrs. Charles Berquist, 622 Boon Street, Cadillac, Michigan, feels that something should be done about the choice of hymns not only during Spiritualist church services, but also in the seance room. She feels that there is a great need for adherence to the strictly spiritual songs, those that do not savour of the orthodox phraseology.

Her reasons for making this statement are based upon her experiences in the seance room where she says, almost without exception, the songs rendered by the Spiritualist invariably remind her of a "Seventh Day Adventist" tirade.

Alice-In-Storyland

A branch of Vera Brown's metaphysical book club has been established in Long Beach under the direction of Anne Lahde, 328a Linden Avenue. This book club is affiliated with "Alice-in-Storyland." Another Vera Brown club is located at Pasadena, 245 S. San Marino.

Subscriptions for *Psychic Observer* may be submitted to either of these clubs.

"I Talked With Them"

I have just received a letter from an outstanding Spiritualist and investigator of psychic research who hails from Minnesota. He is O. A. Flagstad, 3328 Tenth Avenue, South, Minneapolis.

Several months ago, he sub-



O. A. Flagstad

Not to be bound by "strings"

mitted a manuscript for publication. It was too lengthy for our journal and now he has decided to publish his work in book form.

Mr. Flagstad's recent letter is most interesting. He says: "I

am not a 'professional researcher' into Spiritualism and its phenomena, but I began 'investigation' of the science in the 'nineties' . . . Studied its background, and proofs adduced by such scientists as William Crookes, Oliver Lodge, et al., at that time.

"At the end of my college years, 1902, I gave up going into any of the professions—law, medicine and theology as I was not to be bound by any sort of 'strings' in any one of them; wanted basic facts in healing; ethics, and beliefs. Carried out some personal experiments in telepathy, universal mind substance with resultant response from the unseen universe.

"Talked with Dr. Hodgson in broad daylight — six present, and as to 'proofs' of survival, will say the same thing as Sir Oliver Lodge did when he was here in Minneapolis many years ago. 'How do I know that the dead live? Because I have talked with them under test conditions.'

"In the beginning of the century I was well grounded in the science of the human mind, and the constitution of it through original research into its heterogeneous faculties which activities, in their combined action, under supervision of consciousness, 'fuses' into the composite individualistic traits we call human personality.

"So, in my research into analysis of human personality, we immediately meet with the factors involved in individuality, (i.e.) it is evolved through diverse activities of the acutriments (mind faculties of the consciousness) of the ego. So, of course, in spirituality and belief in spirits, and belief in God, or Universal Infinite Intelligence, the 'belief' is a direct result of activity of the specific mind faculty through which the consciousness (the eternal 'cell' ego allocated to

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man from or by his creator) manifest in that sphere as there can be no activity without an affinity acting behind the manifestation. So from analysis of consciousness and mind, we find that faith and belief, in other words religion, are not 'gifts' from God, instead it is a permanent 'fixture' or 'fixtures' in the human personality when allowed to function, and not cowed or atrophied by outside false concepts.

"So we find then, from such analysis of man, his mind and

itualism as a normal expression of the personality based upon its skematic structure as created by God. In the latter years we have done a lot of meta-physical work, in group, in line of setting aright again twisted mentalities, getting them back to normal consciousness after they passed into the astral environment ('died'): freeing them from the erroneous, false concepts which had become complexes while they lived in the physical life. To this work and human idiosyncracies with

tographs and says in his letter dated September 6th: "Unfortunately in Germany, no photographs of our scientific sphere are to pick up. The photographs you are seeing in the "Okkulte Welt" are given us by British friends but these do not possess more pictures than the published ones. We beg you to leave us any photos from the archives of your periodical, the *Psychic Observer*. Chiefly we would request you to send us photos from ghosts (extras). At the moment, we do not need portraits. We were obliged to you, if you will send some pictures by air-mail."

Should you care for the address of "Okkulte Welt," here it is: "Okkulte Welt." (20a) Hannover-Kirchrode, Bunteweg 26, Germany.

"I Will Carry On"

A recent chat with the Rev. Mary Langley Beattie at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp disclosed the fact that she has no intention of giving up her work for the cause of Spiritualism. Her record for the past 50 years speaks for itself and during that time, she has earned recognition as being an outstanding physical medium: apport, materialization, slate-writing, card-writing, independent-writing and billet reading.

"No, I have no intention of retiring," says Rev. Beattie. Her residence at Chesterfield, being too large to care for, was recently sold to "the Chaney's," who are now year-round residents of the camp. "The Beatties" will spend the winter months at New Madison, Ohio, and each summer she will return to Chesterfield to carry on her work in new quarters.

Seances Please Her

A letter from Ella Geverts, Cincinnati, Ohio, describes evidential seances attended at Chesterfield last summer: apports through the mediumship of the Rev. John Bunker; evidential materialization through the mediumship of the Rev. Dollie Clark and remarkable spirit photography received at a private sitting with the Rev. Robert G. Chaney.

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consciousness, that Spiritualism, with respect to its phenomena, is the basis of all 'religion,' and that a human being without the belief in spirits; Infinite Intelligence (God), is not a normally developed mind and consciousness—that is incontestible mental and spiritual law.

"For fifty years then, I have, so-to-speak, 'synchronized' Spir-

respect to facts and truth, I partly refer in my book."

"Okkulte Welt"

A new Spiritualist newspaper is now being published in Germany. It's ten pages are made up in type and style much like an American daily. The page size is 14 by 20 inches.

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DORTCH CAMPBELL

in accord or agreement as to what they desire the Nazarene said "there am I in the midst of them." That mutual understanding and purpose is His Name.

I study with interest the outworking of that law as revealed by Florence Marryat in her intensely interesting book, "There Is No Death." It all happened, she explains, at the home of Mrs. Volckman in Victoria Road near London. They were all gathered together in mutual respect and understanding and they were told to *desire* something. They unanimously asked for flowers but that asking was mostly with the heart or soul. It was the middle of December and it was cold and there had been a hard frost that day.

Yellow Butterfly

"Simultaneously," explains Mrs. Marryat, "we sensed the smell of fresh earth and were told to light the gas again, when the following extraordinary sight met our view. In the middle of the sitters, still holding hands, were piled up on the carpet an immense quantity of mould, which had been torn up apparently with the roots that accompanied it. There were laurestinus, and laurels, and holly, and several others, just as they had been pulled out of the earth and thrown down in the midst of us."

Those there were now told to each desire something, and Mrs. Marryat desired a yellow butterfly, knowing it was December, and as she desired there came into her hands a little

cardboard box, and when the box was later opened in the light she found therein two yellow butterflies.

I wonder if those who want flowers — flowers of happiness — realize that it is possible to get them by fulfilling the law as explained by Jesus of Nazareth, who said, "that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask," that is desire, "it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

What Blocks Phenomena?

Stupendous psychical phenomena is possible when two or three agree as to what is desired—what shall be manifest or materialize. Jesus did not say that any miracle of receiving will result from the love and



Florence Marryat
"There is no death"

desire of a crowd. A congregation can easily block psychical events.

Always specific, the Master promised power as a result of obedience to the cosmic law if two or three gather together in His Name. The letter of the law must be fulfilled. Why not a crowd? Will not added numbers give power? It seems not. Best result are obtainable from a small number. This is be-

HOW TO GET THE FLOWERS OF HAPPINESS

cause that when there are many people there is much doubt and disbelief.

Psychic phenomena is thwarted by disbelievers. Numbers need to be weeded down to a few. The circle must be controlled. When only two or three or more are gathered together there is a synchronizing of hearts and minds to gain one supreme purpose. The promise is that they shall get what they ask for.

The Disciples Yearned

Jesus, when he went to the Mount of Transfiguration did not take the multitude though all doubtless wanted to go that they might laugh and jeer. Peter, James and John, who were in perfect accord with him, were taken to the high mount of Hermon. They went afar from scoffers and doubters to a little circle of mutual love and understanding.

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Jesus said to Lazarus as he came forth from the tomb: "Thy life is given back to thee which is within me and within Mary, thy sister," Mary of great love, understanding and faith.

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Recent Visitor

On many occasions, the Rev. Edith Sandy, has visited *Psychic Observer's* Jamestown headquarters where, accompanied by her own class members, an opportunity was



Rev. Edith Sandy

Her parents knew . . .

afforded to attend private seances sponsored by the American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc.

The Rev. Sandy is pastor of the John Carlson Memorial Spiritualist Church, 95 Johnson Park, Buffalo, N. Y., where services are held every Wednesday and Sunday. She also conducts special classes every Thursday afternoon and evening, and training in England and America under Horace Leaf, coupled with years of study, qualifies her to teach the science, philosophy and religion of Spiritualism.

When asked how she came into the work, she replied: "My father was a navy man. I was brought up to know of Spirit Guides. Every sailor knows they (spirits) guide ships through storms at sea. I always knew, when a lady with silver hair came to my bedside and smiled at me, that a storm had passed and my daddy was safe.

"As I grew up, very much alone, I relied on my *silver-haired lady*—asking questions and talking to her. Always she would say: 'You will see, you will see!' As I grew up, I saw many people that had passed away, but was afraid to speak of it—afraid my people would laugh at me."

When asked about her church activities, the Buffalo medium replied: "Our church is large enough to accommodate visiting mediums who have time through the week for private readings or circles. Our aim, is to have, at all times,

enough qualified mediums to serve the public."

Federation Convention

At the annual convention of the Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations Inc., held recently at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Denver, Colorado was chosen as the host city for 1950.

The newly elected officers for the Supreme Council are: Rev. Catherine F. Varner, Detroit and the Rev. Floyd Humble, Chicago. They replaced the retiring members, the Rev. Anthony Camardo, Chicago and the Rev. V. R. Cummins, San Antonio, Texas.

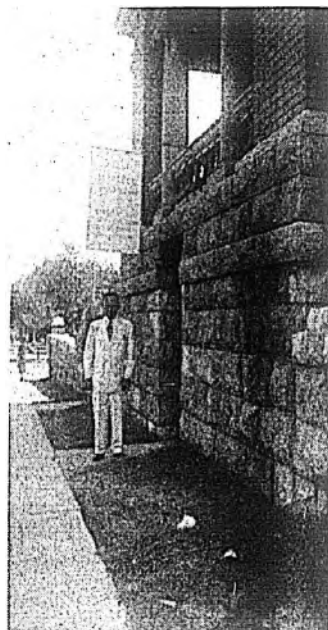
The Rev. Billy R. Hill, Joplin, Missouri, was appointed president of the Federation. Other officers: vice-president, the Rev. J. Bertram Gerling, Rochester, N. Y.; secretary, the Rev. A. Mae Baxter-Gruener, Escondido, California, trustees: the Rev. Fred Jordan, Portsmouth, Virginia, and the Rev. Bertha Mann, Chicago, Illinois.

The Supreme Council appointed Rev. Cummins as business manager. He will maintain the Federation headquarters office at 611 Travis Building, San Antonio 5, Texas.

During the convention, it was disclosed that the membership of the organization included 391 affiliated churches and associations. All chartered Spiritualist churches or societies are welcome as members.

El Paso, Texas

The First Unity Spiritual Science Church (above), 519 North Santa Fe St., El Paso, Texas, was founded by the Rev. Dr. G. Nelson Williams



(standing at church entrance) who

was recently elected National President of the above named church organization which he has served for 24 years.

This picture was submitted by Dr. H. M. McHenry, National secretary who reports their President's extensive plans for a lecture tour during the fall and winter months.

Home Circles Popular

Spiritualism is making rapid strides along the highways and byways of this great country. Hardly a day passes when we do not hear about a new medium—some have



Rev. Minnie McHugh

"I will do my part"

organized classes and conduct home circles, others have opened little churches in their out-of-the-way communities.

The First Violet Bell Spiritualist Church comes in the latter category. It is affiliated with the International General Assembly of Spiritualists. Its minister, the Rev. Minnie McHugh, was ordained April 24th last.

The church, located at the Four Corners in the village of Orangeburg, N. Y., reports good attendance at Sunday services and daily classes conducted by Rev. McHugh, a mental and developing physical medium.

I.S.A. Convention

According to the Rev. George W. Jewett, president of the Independent Spiritualist Association and a visitor at the recent convention of the Federation of Spiritual Churches at Detroit, the next annual convention of the I.S.A. will be held June 9th, 10th and 11th at the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

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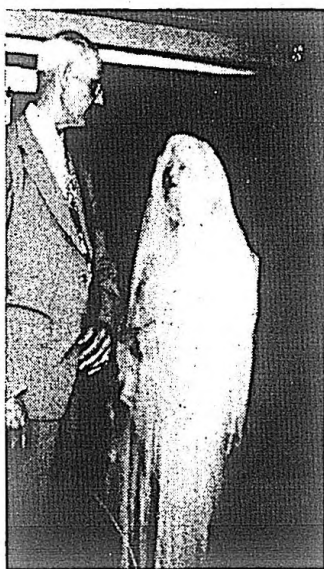
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CHURCH NEWS

New St. Louis Center

According to Dr. Charles Rohlfing, all classes and Spiritualist services conducted by the Rev. Emma Bell Roney, 5052 Waterman Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, will be held at 5705 Chippewa Blvd., in the same city. These offices will also be occupied and used by Dr. Rohlfing for his chiropractic headquarters.

Seance In Denver



The picture above, a flash-light photograph of a materialized spirit, was taken in Denver, Colorado, July 5th.

The experiment took place when the Rev. Emma Bell Roney, a materialization medium, visited the Rev. Pearl B. Ashbrook. The phenomena occurred in Rev. Ashbrook's seance room whilst the Rev. Roney, entranced, was in the cabinet. The photograph shows Dr. Charles Rohlfing of St. Louis, talking to his "dead" wife, Frieda.

They Vouch . . .

Attesting to the demonstration's authenticity: Billie O'Connor, 939 Ogden Street; Adesta Blanchard, 1257 Corona, and Alic Lindburgh, 3034 Couth Corona, all of Denver, who one July 5th endorsed the following statement: "The undersigned state that they were present at this meeting, and that they examined Rev. Roney and her clothing in the cabinet, and also inspected the cabinet and state that there was nothing in the cabinet except Rev. Roney and the chair upon which she was sitting."

Another statement: "The following persons were in attendance at this meeting and saw the picture made. They signed their names as witnesses to the fact," was signed by: Harry O. Hilton, Lowry Field;

Edna Carnes, George L. Carnes, Billie O'Connor, Allen J. Miller and Alice A. Miller, Lucille Pearson, Adesta Blanchard, John W. Larson and Pearl B. Ashbrook, all of Denver.

Church Dedicated

The Rev. Janet Stine Wolford, president and minister of the Spiritualist Church of Revelation, Inc., reports the recent dedication service of her new church building, located at 1306 North Irwin Street, Hanford, California.

Harmony Grove

A busload of Spiritualists, led by the Rev. Jane M. Sipes, pastor of the Spiritual Fellowship Group of Los Angeles, attended the September 4th service at the Harmony Grove Spiritualist Association recently.

The program featured lecturers: R. J. Benrose and Rev. Sipes. Those taking part in the message service which followed: Jack Flemington, the Rev. Edward Barney and Rev. Sipes.

Twenty-five members of the Spiritual Fellowship Group joined the Harmony Grove Association. The meeting closed when the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: president, William Turner; vice-president, William Kelly; secretary, Rev. C. E. Goodell; financial secretary, Nerna Pickering; treasurer, Alice Brown. Directors appointed: Mr. Ott, Mr. Foster, Mr. Smith and the Rev. Harold P. Courtney, president of the C. S. S. A.

News From Madison

The Rev. Billy R. Hill was featured at the First Spiritual Science Church, 1710 Winnebago Street, Madison, Wisconsin, during the month of September according to Rev. Amelia Pope, pastor and president. Capacity crowds attended to hear lectures and demonstrations by the Rev. Hill.

The F. S. S. church was dedicated September 4, 1949. Those taking part in the service: Rev. Irene Pike, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rev. Martha Housley, Chicago, Illinois; Dr. G. Edward Armstrong, Danville, Indiana; Rev. Mary Armstrong, Danville, Indiana; Rev. Valeria Horvack, West Allis, Wisconsin; Reverends Fred and Emily Ludman, Chicago, Illinois and Dr. Vessa Hoffman, Fawny Devotte, and Rev. Billy Leach, all of Des Moines, Iowa.

For over 30 years, the Rev. Pope has served the cause of Spiritualism in Wisconsin where she is recognized as an outstanding speaker, healer and medium. Her present class for psychic study and spiritual unfoldment has met with marked success, fifteen new members having joined during the last month.

The Rev. Pope says: "It is just two years last September that I founded the church. I feel very happy over the progress we have made especially so because of the fact that we now have our own little church. When I think of how hard I worked in other organizations for 26 years, I am so thankful that I was guided into the present path."



Rev. Amelia Pope

Gives thanks for guidance

U.S.S. Board Elects

A letter from the national secretary of the Unity Spiritual Science, Inc., states they have enrolled 89 Unity churches in the past twelve months and been responsible for 28 new church buildings. They also report a substantial increase in church membership.

At a recent meeting in Los Angeles, the following officers were elected to the National Board of Directors: president, Dr. G. Nelson Williams, Dallas, Texas; vice-president, Dr. Robert W. Richardson, San Francisco, California; treasurer, Dr. Roy W. Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; chairman, Rev. William S. Kelly, Toledo, Ohio; other directors, Dr. Frank Daudet, Zanesville, Ohio; Rev. Arthur W. Lynch, North Hollywood, California; Dr. Walter Fairchild, Kansas City, Kansas; and Dr. Frank J. Devlyn, Houston, Texas.

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Way Memorial

A report has just been received from the secretary of the George W. Way Memorial Spiritualist Church, recognized as being one of the finest edifices of its kind in the Middle Atlantic States.

Fall services opened early in September featuring the Rev. Lytle Sensabaugh of Conneaut, Ohio.

This is one of the few churches



Rev. Lytle Sensabaugh
Entrusted to carry on

in this section devoting time and effort to the instruction of children. Over 78 persons were in attendance at the opening of the lyceum, one of the main activities sponsored by the church during the past 20 years. A new plan has been inaugurated whereby regular church services are held immediately after lyceum.

Each visiting minister is afforded a modern three-room apartment located one block from the church. The Rev. Sensabaugh is at present acting pastor and will serve in that capacity through the present year.

Those acquainted with the late George W. Way know that he organized this church which has always striven to live up to a high standard of mediumship and proper presentation of its philosophy—its rightful heritage.

U.S.S.M. Conference

A commemoration service was held recently for the Rev. Lottie Mosley, pastor of the 29th Sanctuary of the Soul Temple. This service was conducted by the Rev. Janette Eldora Erion, founder and president of the Universal Sanctuary of the Soul Ministry of Chicago. Those taking part: Rev. George Massie, Edna Clark, Rev. Clara Wheat, Rev. Ray

L. Chambers, Rev. M. DeSkeete, Rev. Ida Brandon, Rev. M. C. Metcalfe, Rev. Peter Harnack, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Rev. N. Clayton and Rev. M. Birdsong. The 44th Anniversary and Conference of the U. S. S. M. Inc., was held October 1st to the 3rd.

Russel At Brady Lake

The Rev. Della Kingsbury, president of the Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp at Brady Lake, Ohio, reported good attendance at the recent lecture and message services held at the camp under the supervision of Theodor C. Russell, "America's Premier Psychic," September 18th to October 2nd, inclusive.

Denver Chosen

The next annual convention of the Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc., will be held in Denver, Colorado, sometime during the latter part of 1950, possibly September according to the newly elected Federation president, Rev. B. R. Hill of Joplin, Missouri. The invitation to the Federation was made by Rev. Lois B. Washburn, a Denver delegate to the convention.

Married

The Rev. Florence A. Gillespie and Carl V. Sutley were married recently by the Rev. Richard O. Erzkus. The ceremony took place at Lily Dale, New York, July 15th, last.

In attendance: Louise Gardner, Buffalo, N. Y.; Drucilla Cope, Lily Dale, N. Y.; John Ames, Erie, Penn-



Rev. Florence Gillespie-Sutley

sylvania; Betty Marie Smith, Buffalo, N. Y., and many others. Rev. Sutley was ordained in 1920. During the past thirty years, she has conducted spiritual work in her summer home at Lily Dale and for the past 15 years, she has held services during the winter months at the Reed Hotel, Erie, Pennsylvania, where the Sutleys will be at home, 116 West Fourth Street.



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Another remarkable demonstration of Spirit Photography, under test conditions, at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania. The medium was J. Edward. Note spirit extra of the late Frederick W. Wiggin, upper right center and Mary Gross, extreme upper left hand corner — positively identified.

The six other spirit extras have not been identified with the exception of the extra, right center (profile facing left) which was tentatively recognized by Harry Herron as his mother, Rebecca Herron.

If other extras are recognized, please write immediately to this journal.



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