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EXPLANATION

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Traveling Clairvoyance

AND

Independent Voice

I first met Maude Kline over 20 years ago. During that time I have witnessed many phases of her mediumship—at public services and in private seances.

The real significance of Maude's contribution to Spiritualism lies in the fact that she has traveled thousands of miles to almost every state in the union, kept appointments with all sorts of groups, served various societies, conventions and propaganda meetings and all possibly to as great an extent during this century as any other medium in the U.S.A.

Many have called her a trouper, and trouper she is. I recall distinctly the time I booked Maude in various parts of Florida. After traveling hundreds of miles, Florida is an immense state, I remember how she would pant into meetings scarcely more than five minutes ahead of a scheduled service. She prided herself on the fact that she never broke an engagement,

accident or serious illness excepted.

These experiences alone have proven to me that Maude is, indeed, a great medium. Meaning just this. When I booked her for propaganda meetings, I simply stated the time and, in every instance, she would be



Maude Kline

Look at her record

there. She had no way of knowing one soul in the audience. The preliminary arrangements for the meeting had all been made.

Sometimes, either the spon-

sor of the medium or myself had already directed the audience how to write their billets, then when everything was in readiness, Maude would barge in, rush to the platform, and let Mayflower, her spirit collaborator, take over.

That's Not All

This should settle, to a degree, the criticism hurled by those who talk about prearranged messages, those who talk about her seeing down over the corner of her nose and all that rot. Theories are not facts and I suppose there will always be critics. The fact remains that Maude Kline is today one of America's outstanding blind-fold-billet readers.

And that is not all. She has many more phases, but, due to the fact that greater numbers know only of her public blind-fold-billet work, and the fact that her reputation has been built on this phase, accounts for the reason why many think that this gift and this alone encompasses her psychic abilities.

On this score, I go back 15 years. The place, Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp, Cassadaga,

The "HOW" AND TECHNIQUE

Florida. At the time, Maude's mother, the late Mrs. Myrtle Cash of Chicago, held direct-voice (trumpet) seances in Harmony Hall, an apartment house provided by the camp directors for visiting mediums.

In those days, Maude, too, was a splendid voice medium, but to my knowledge, did very little about it. Her time seemed to be taken up, for the most part, by her public lecture and billet work.

It was during those days, that I first talked with her faithful Indian collaborator, Idaho, whose healing ministrations helped many and now I find that much of the medium's time is devoted to spiritual, psychic and mental healing. Both Idaho and Dr. Gray collaborate with

The Mediumship of MAUDE KLINE

Maude in this phase of her work.

It was through Maude Kline, who played an important part, that an experiment in "mental telepathy" was conducted at Cassadaga under the supervision of Arthur Ford. (see *Psychic Observer*, October 25th)

Maude's superb mediumship attracted scores of people from all parts of Florida. Her private consultations—a combination of trance, independent voice and healing, were manna to those hungry souls whose actual conviction of survival, many times, originated at their first sitting.

The Great Need

And so, since those days, Maude has carried on. The road has been rough. She has literally fought her way to the top until today she finds the demands on her time becoming even greater. Sometimes, I wonder where all the vitality, all the vigor and all her enthusiasm comes from and yet, I know. Yes, and everyone knows that mediums, those who sacrifice everything, are sustained by what we choose to glibly call spirit power . . . that power which sustains all of us but, in my opinion, a power that flows to a greater degree through mediums because of its indefinable sustaining force plus the great need for their service to mankind.

A Swell Job

And so I say again, Maude carried on down through the years, just as she does today—as a missionary for the National Spiritualist Association. Her latest jaunt, another thousand miles or so, took her from Long Beach, California to San Antonio, Texas, where she was a featured medium at the recent N.S.A. convention.

Records show that in the point of service, Maude has done a "swell" job for the N.S.A. and as she says: "From the top of my head to the soles of my feet, I live, breathe and give my very being for our organization."

This doesn't mean that Maude is bigoted, narrow-minded or unreasonable. Rather, she has

a broad viewpoint for she has served other organizations when the need was there because, in the last analysis, the importance of the message overshadows allegiance to any Spiritualist organization.

It All Came Out

So much for the history of Maude's work. What of the present? What is she doing today? Well, just recently, accompanied by her husband, Bob Belfrage, she visited the home of *Psychic Observer* at Jamestown and after hashing and rehashing all the news and rumors, etc., associated with the movement, an old Spiritualist custom, I prevailed upon Maude to hold a little seance for the American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., and she did.

It was at this time that I was able to assemble, from first-hand experience, enough data to, in a small way, describe what in my opinion are the two most outstanding phases of mediumship possessed by this remarkable woman (i.e.) traveling-clairvoyance and independent voice.

Credit the Guides

Letters were received from California during recent months from John W. Gregory, Ph.D., Assistant Administrator of the Kabat Kaiser Institute of Santa Monica and Maude's psychic research manager; C. Paul Edwards of Pomona; and other noted doctors and lawyers residing in that section. All these letters described in glowing terms the diversification of psychic gifts expressed through Maude Kline.

In particular, mention was made of traveling-clairvoyance. I had a vague idea as to the "modus operandi" of this phase of mediumship, but was anxious to witness the demonstration first-hand. When the opportunity arose, I was careful to take sufficient notes so I would be able to describe what actually took place.

The medium, herself, as is the case with many others, was not able to explain the "how" any more than we today, are able to understand the "how"

of many spirit manifestations, but the results are what count.

In short, traveling-clairvoyance demonstrations take place when the sitters or persons in the audience either write or call out an address. In my case, I named a street number and town. Almost immediately, Maude described the city, the street, the surroundings, the approach to the residence, the rooms, what was in the rooms, etc. She imparted to me sufficient proof and did it in such a way that I am satisfied she was given access to this information by her own guides who were able to make an "on the spot" survey at the address given, pick up descriptions and other details, then relay this information to her (via clair-audience).

This, in part, was and still is, my explanation. It is reasonable, feasible, and logical and in most cases, I am sure this is just what happens.

On the other hand, according to the medium, clairvoyance enters into the picture. After the guides have obtained the facts, the medium then sees, objectively, the places associated

with the address given and describes what is visualized.

That, too, is quite logical and no doubt, it sometimes does happen that way, but before I can expect any person to agree with me, that person must make a similar quest.

No Abstract Theory

And when all is said and done, people will find that before conditions can be set up for guides to project any vision before a medium, the guides themselves will have gained "on the spot" information in the twinkling of an eye, and then project the discerned picture before the very consciousness of the medium who through certain psychic powers can pick up the picture. The description follows.

It is all very well to deal in an abstract way and say that thus and so happens, but it has always been my hope and desire to try to explain the naturalness of it all in the simplest language.

And so in almost every instance, somehow, some way, I find that it is A SPIRIT OR

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Unusual Phase of Mediumship



The picture above was submitted by the Rev. Robert G. Chaney, member of the official board and the board of clergy of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. When asked for an explanation, Rev. Chaney submitted the following: "The Rev. Ruth L. Walling, seated above, is giving flame messages in our church. The photo does not show the dramatic quality

of the demonstration, for during the actual service, the lights were turned off and there was no light except that given by the burning muslin and candle.

"Those attending the service are given a three inch square piece of white muslin," says Rev. Chaney, "and told to keep the cloth in their possession until after the lecture, then the muslins are collected just as billets are. As Rev. Walling gives her messages she selects pieces of cloth at random from the basket, places them on a long fork, dips them in alcohol and sets them afire over a candle. She then uses the resulting flame as a focal point of concentration while giving the messages.

"Observers have noted unusual manifestations in the flame itself. For instance, when Rev. Walling is giving a message about a physical problem the flame nearly always burns red in color. When dealing with mental and spiritual problems the flame usually is blue."

Rev. Walling was recently elected Associate Clergyman-at-Large for the Spiritualist Episcopal Church.

GROUP OF SPIRITS who are responsible for every single phase of phenomena expressed through mediums . . . and why not?

I realize that psychologists, psychoanalysts, psychiatrists, psychic researchers, Christian Scientists, Truth Seekers, Divine Scientists and all those who choose to claim that these things take place via their own ego, cosmic consciousness, God within, soul radiation, mental telepathy, etc., etc., will take exception to my statement. So be it. But let them present a logical and well-defined analogy, not a lot of platitudes, that will break down this simple explanation and I will be the first

one to reorient my thinking even up to the point of changing my mind.

And now about Maude's other phase of mediumship—independent voice, which I heard during this same sitting. These voices were heard after the concrete demonstration of traveling-clairvoyance. They were heard distinctly and definitely apart from the medium. (12 to 14 feet). None savored of the medium's personality, intonation, expression, tone or any other characteristic that could possibly be linked with the medium. The voices were clear, not faint whispers; identification as to name was given; and the actual text of their conver-

sation made sense and brought conviction.

At no time, should independent voice be confused with what some choose to call "solar-plexus" voice. In the latter instance, the description of this phase, boiled down, simply means that the solar plexus is used as a sort of a sounding board, a focal point, from which the spirit operators are able to generate voice sound.

Not So Complicated

These solar plexus voices are not separate and apart from the medium in the sense that they originate apart but rather they emanate from the region of the solar plexus.

Not so with independent voice. The voice tone is independently generated from an ectoplasmic sound-box, separate and apart from the medium, although there is no doubt in my mind but that the connection is etheric, meaning that the psychic power is relayed over an etheric cord to a focal point generated at a distance from the medium.

We have only to read the literature at hand. It has all been photographed and as Sir Oliver Lodge once told me, it is all available to those who will take the trouble to search for the books, many out-of-print, in which this data appears.

And now that I have tried to analyze and put in words my candid opinion regarding the superb mediumship expressed by that tireless, selfless worker for the cause of Spiritualism, Maude Kline, may her work continue down through the years.

Book Reviews

"Your Dynamic Inner Power" by John D. Treadwell; Psychic Observer, Inc., \$2.50.

Thousands of books have been written in an attempt to outline to the student ways and means by which they can accelerate their psychic intuitiveness, spiritual unfoldment, etc. In essence, these books can simply outline certain conditions which of necessity must be set up in order to open the way for this soul development.

No teacher, regardless of how great his qualifications may be, can do it for you. Each makes an attempt to explain, in his own way, the necessary approach; the job itself is up to the student.

In Treadwell's 200-page book, favorable comments are made by the Rev. John Gatlin Coulson, Detroit, Michigan; the Rev. Raymond Charles Parker whose morning Sunday services in New York City attract immense audiences and the Rev. J. Murphy.

According to the author, "Your Divine Inner Power" is not merely one more book on psychology. Rather, he says, it is the serious study and search for numerous ways and means whereby man may learn to recognize, appreciate and love the "One Presence" within him.

In language of the Spiritualist, "One Presence" simply means the presence of what we choose to call spirit power—that power which flows through each individual to a greater

or lesser degree depending upon the individual's awareness and his desire to do something about it.

By means of a searching analysis of a selected number of Bible narratives, the author attempts to bring to light certain metaphysical prayers and techniques which are most necessary to "Divine spiritual living." The latter in the Spiritualistic parlance means that spirits out of the body are fully able to impress individuals when earth students are conscious, to a degree, of their ability to receive these impressions, in the form of inspiration, clear enough to be relayed by the spoken word.

And where there is inspiration, there must be an inspirer, one who can relay through the consciousness of the individual, certain teachings for the betterment of man.



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Explanatory Note: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Luhrs, Honesdale, Pennsylvania, both natives of Jersey City, left Honesdale in their own plane for New York on July 21st last. On returning that afternoon they struck a storm. For several days, they could not be found in the dense woods of Jersey. An intense search was made over a wide area for several days before the bodies were discovered. The death of the parents left two young children orphans, boy and girl age 11 and 9 years.

ANXIETY OVER CHILDREN ENABLED CRASH VICTIMS TO PIERCE THE VEIL

*When the need is there
Spirit Messages get through*

PENNSYLVANIAN DELIVERS DRAMATIC MESSAGE RECEIVED THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF . . . **ARTHUR FORD**

Due to sudden death caused by the crash of their plane, the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Luhrs, Robert and Barbara became orphans. Their parents who are now alive and living in a new world, the one in which they found themselves after their plane crashed, must be concerned in some way about their children for the parents

By
G. EDGAR OWEN

recently found a way to send a message and this message came to me in a strange way.

But many things come in strange ways — in places and under conditions where those we call dead tell us what may be preventing them from being happy in their new state of life.

My story unfolded at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania when I attended a Spiritualist meeting to have what Tennyson called "An hour's communication with the dead."

In some way, unknown to some, both Mr. and Mrs. Luhrs were present at this service on that August Sunday afternoon. Not only were they present, but they were able to relay a message and this message was picked up and transmitted to me by the Rev. Arthur Ford.

Assurance Needed

Inasmuch as there was no one else in the audience who even knew them, I was used as an earth intermediary.

Evidently, they (the Luhrs) had to tell Fletcher, Ford's spirit collaborator, that they knew me, that I was from their home town and that I was the only one present at the meeting that would understand what they wished to convey.

At this point, Ford described in detail the recent plane crash. He said that their bodies had not been found for several days and that they left two children.

After placing the message, the communicators were described to me and it seems that the real reason, aside from proving that they still live, was that the parents wanted to be assured that their children would have the best care . . . and this was the message I promised to convey to those who have Robert and Barbara in their custody.

I have asked the medium some questions about the message, but Ford had already taken some time placing the message and relaying the details.

All I can say is that he was correct and that the message took me by surprise. That the audience was impressed, goes without saying.

Mind you, the message was not meant to indicate that the children were not having proper care, but in their confused condition, it is possible that the parents had not as yet been fully aware of it. It seems that sudden death by accident leaves many spirits in a confused state. After an airplane crash, it is reasonable to believe that those affected know that something has happened, but in most cases, they do not know where they are or how to get about.

Those who understand survival are seldom confused, but

rarely so with those who enter in a new life unprepared. Adjustment to life in the spirit is governed by law and who is to say how this law functions. Hence, the confusion about the children and their message to me.

It is but natural that some readers, those unfamiliar with the philosophical side of communication, may wonder why I was chosen to contact the parents of the children. To me it was a natural law in operation having its parallel in everyday affairs. If we have a message to deliver, we seek out the quickest and the best way.

Sometimes, I think that a psychic bomb should be dropped right in the center of this modern world of ours—the explosion to take place in the middle of all the self-efficient minds whose deadly scientific complacency has caused them to be indifferent to the significance of psychic phenomena.

After 60 Years

Yes, a bomb might wake the material scientist from a deep slumber induced by his feverish activity to promote the purely physical side.

A bomb of this kind might end mistaken quests and perhaps save this age from the chaos ahead. All the improvements perfected by modern day science only seems to intensify our troubles. It was pointed out in his review of Hereward Carrington's book, "Psychic Science and Survival": "Despite all the overwhelming evidence of survival after death, psychic science is just where it was sixty years ago . . . if the scientists of our time do not wake up in time, there is no hope for us."

It Happened at Camp Silver Belle

Mr. and Mrs. William Luhrs (below) knew nothing about survival. Their plane crashed. Both were hurled into a new life. Their first concern—what about the children? Imagine their joy upon being able to relay a message to them.



WHY YOU ARE IMMORTAL

STUDENTS! Don't Dare Miss

this Article

"Some regard the indwelling spirit as a wonder, whilst some speak and others hear of it with astonishment; but no one realizes it, although he may have heard it described."
—Bhagavad-Gita



By John Boone Romiser (*)

AFTER sleep you return to wakefulness. You lose all consciousness for a few hours, and then you come back to mental and physical awareness. It is this process of sleep and wakefulness which is, in miniature, a reflection of eternal existence, based on the fundamental law of continuous cause and effect.

Thus it is logical to assume that you are born again after death, since you are an essential part of the universe, and so must continue to obey the cosmic law that is manifested through and permeates everything.

Animals and plants have being, pass and are reproduced; dust is turned into rock, and rock into mountains; rain fills the rivers and oceans only to be transformed again into vapor and clouds once more. In this way the cycle of life and energy repeats itself eternally.

Accepting the law of transformation as basic in human life as well as in other branches of natural phenomena, you can visualize yourself as a reincarnation of many forms of physiological matter, mental consciousness and spiritual sensitivity.

This accounts for your com-

plexities. You really are composed of many types of characteristics, qualities, radiations and other complicated parts. That is why you often feel identified with different people, events and cycles.

Is Time Dimensional?

The real universe does not consist solely of what is seen at any particular moment. It is comprised of the sum of all its various and changing conditions. It would be contrary to astronomical fact to say that a planet traversing the heavens came into existence as it rose above the earth's horizon, and ceased to exist as it disappeared at the other end of the celestial arc.

Or that a bright new star flashing in the heavens to fade soon to dimness manifests itself simultaneously with our mundane cycle of days. Its light, traveling 186,324 miles a second, had been on the way for years.

In June, 1918, a new star arose near Altair, in the constellation Aquila, which surpassed briefly all but Sirius in brightness. This star had really flashed forth and faded back into insignificance, perhaps, before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620.

Even so of a planet in an astrological sense. Waxing in intensity it emerges from the past to wane in radiation when approaching the future and causes momentarily in our experience a mere aspect of its governing influence.

Thus it transits the zodiacal path, on its way leaving one set of circumstances, which it has already created for us, to an endless new chain of others. The totality of that planet's influence may never be known to us. But it is this immeasurable sum-total that identifies it with us for all eternity.

To a being placed on some far-distant orb, whence light would occupy thousands of years to wing its flight to us, there would be presented — if he turned his gaze upon the earth and if his vision were adequate to tell him of its appearance — the picture of events which through thousands of years have really occurred upon its surface.

For the light which left the earth at that time, traveling through space with the information of those occurrences, is now returned as swiftly as it departed. But its field of illumination is amid regions of space removed from us by a light-journey thousands of

years in duration. And thus, to the observer on the distant orb, the events which happened in those far-off years would seem to be actually in progress.

"When" Do Things Occur?

Among the events which have taken place during those years are the thousands of revolutions of this earth around the sun and the more than 365 times as many rotations of this earth upon its axis. Then add to the cosmic scene the ceaseless travel in space of the Moon and the planets coincident with the earth's orbit.

To a person four hundred light years away from our Solar system, a conjunction of the Moon and Saturn, for instance, would have occurred, accord-

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(a) Author, lecturer, test medium; passed into the Higher Life last August. Inasmuch as he was esteemed highly by his friends, co-workers and followers, I feel his inspiring message of golden hope may also find ready response with the readers of the PSYCHIC OBSERVER.

I knew Mr. Romiser for fifteen years. He was a gifted medium and sincere worker. His belief, knowledge, integrity, and ability made the UNKNOWN certain to many.

I officiated at his funeral services. The forces of wisdom, enlightenment and encouragement seemed to inspire me as I uttered the final words over the physical remains of a great soul.

Rev. Beulah H. Brown
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ing to our standard of time, in the year 1542 A. D.

To a person ninety light-years away, and who desired to use an ephemeris to find the position of Neptune, he would not find it in Libra, according to our transit calculations for 1949, but would find it in the Sign Pisces as would correspond to 1859.

The past, therefore, by a mere shifting of a point of observation in space has been transformed to the present. Should this person in the distance be able to see more closely the inhabitants of the earth, he might recognize Abraham Lincoln sitting in his law office in Illinois or witness the trek of caravans across the prairies during the California gold rush.

Magical Progress

While all these things are but memories of the historic past to people on earth today, they would be present realities to an observer in the far-flung reaches of the cosmos.

Indeed, suppose that person at the moment of his birth had been transferred instantly by some magical process to a sphere ninety light-years away from the earth—when ninety light-years of our time had elapsed he would be a witness to his own nativity.

Observations made at a distance of one hundred and fifty light-years might disclose the birth of his own grandfather.

Thus it becomes clear that if you open the ephemeris, say, for the year 1999, you might discover that certain planetary configurations portend your death. It seems to be so fated. But is this true?

Wait a moment. Reflect. Perhaps it is not true. Just suppose that you really died a long time ago. In fact, even though this be only 1949, you assume you are beyond the year 1999.

"When" Do We Die?

There is Neptune in 1999 and Uranus in Aquarius squared by Saturn and Jupiter in Taurus. Now, was that no an extraordinary experience? How foolish to have forgotten all about it!

But now think again. Look up at the sky. See that bright star? If there are any people up there who could look down here through a powerful telescope, they might see millions of our earth inhabitants, yet they would not see you.

They will have to wait a great many more years because to them you have not been born. Even having lived your life and died, many years would have to elapse before your death could be made known to them.

No Divisibility

Therefore, the question may be asked, in terms of universal duration, "When did you die?" Try to think of a point in space three million light-years away from the earth. Then try to conceive of the terms past, present, and future that would exist in the consciousness of an observer at that distant point as compared to your own deductions.

Time in the mind of the observer has the effect of distance, but in universal and eternal duration the past, the present, and the future are here now. Duration has no divisibility. Divisibility into cycles of time produces an illusion. Time deludes our understanding.

The habit of measuring everything by a relative standard of time has robbed mankind of its ability to attain a state of consciousness where all wisdom, knowledge and true vision can function.

No Awareness

Consciousness without a sense of time can be experienced, as between dreaming and waking, prior to falling asleep, or perhaps during a fainting spell. These states may be compared to an interminable blankness. What you ordinarily encounter in wakeful experience has disappeared, or has been transcended.

The field of your consciousness is temporarily as abstract and spacious as the Universe. In such a state there is no awareness of the movements and changes of objects to combine with your psychological interplay of reactions.

What Is Time?

There are two sorts of time. One is a diversified and alterable now. The other is a permanently established and immutable now. Birth, death and all eventualities are not sequential occurrences. They are states of consciousness.

Your outlook on life has changed since you were a child. You may then have shed tears over a broken toy which you would not think of doing today. Your self of yesterday and your self of today are quite different.

Tomorrow or five years from now, you may develop into an entirely new personality. But



Rev. Frank McCarthy (*)

basically you are aware of your unchanging identity, the "I am I and nobody else."

This fundamental awareness is co-existent with a different sort of time than the time you experienced when you were a child. Time in those carefree days may have passed smoothly and pleasantly. Since then, you probably have experienced time in a variety of accelerations and retardations.

Anxiety and worry cause time to slow down. Enthusiasm and felicity cause it to move faster. Even the clock will not agree with your various feelings about time. So why should this standard bearer that ticks off

(*) Lecturer, mental medium and writer. His new series of articles: "The Spiritualist's Notebook" is scheduled to appear shortly in the columns of this Journal.

The Rev. McCarthy was a close friend of the late John Boone Romiser, whose spiritual work he proposes to carry on at his center, 224 West 72nd St., New York City.

insignificant seconds, minutes and hours correspond to the undulations of the great cosmic span of eternity?

Your real self does not comprise merely what you sense or experience momentarily. It consists of all its transformations and transmutations. It is a fallacy to state that an individual comes into existence at the time of physical birth and ceases to exist at the time the body dies.

The Real You

The various orders of time prove that, in reality, the body never dies. An indestructible image of it is preserved somewhere in this universe. The eternal duration of that image is co-eval with the light of the cosmos along whose rays it is carried.

What you have been in the past and what you will be in the future are permanent states which you encounter in your progress from one experience to another. It is inevitable that there will be a recurrence of these states but in the future you may react to them differently.

Life, in one incarnation, may be a harrowing experience. In another, though basically of the same trend, you will be able to shuttle through it gracefully and understandingly. Thus does the real YOU progress simultaneously, with the Infinite. Fichte in his essay, "The Vocation of Man," defines evolution in the same manner—as "an eternal procession of God's self-development."

You and Eternity Are One

Spirit - Consciousness, the Light Divine, that dwells in all living things is, then, co-existent with Eternal Duration. The passage of time in all of its ramifications and modifications is known and observed by your various and different mental states as they are aroused to meet each feeling and sensation that you experience in the physical world. Time is not arranged for you by a higher cosmic power. You alone are qualified to create the tempo of all actions and intervals.

The Sun, Moon, Pluto, Nep-

tune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury each co-relate with a different degree and kind of time. The more you allow the influence of one of these to dominate your existence, the more will your life proceed at equal pace with the vibrations generated.

"Noiseless Foot of Time"

There are many descriptions of time that correspond to the astrological characteristics of the planets. The Sun regulates all phases of nature in their own season, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter.

The Moon modifies the influence of the Sun and is often identified with timeliness or the "opportune moment," as is readily understood by all farmers who do their planting, pruning, harvesting, killing and other duties under the Moon's different phases.

Pluto represents that which comes in due time, or what may appear inevitable as described by Spencer:

"And sing to thee until that timelie death By heaven's doome doo ends my earthlie daies."

Neptune is the "noiseless foot of Time" which with slow measureless stride moves from one abstraction to another.

Uranus stimulates keeping abreast of the time as in our

modern era when time seems "out of joint."

Saturn discloses the ravages of time or may be called Time's enemy, or the scythe of Time. Another of its qualifications is endurance.

The time of Jupiter moves more happily and quickly. The "hard times" of a Saturn cycle are brightened by the "good times" of Jupiter. Jupiter brings prosperity and freedom, as when Tennyson wrote of "the spacious times of great Elizabeth."

Mars is the rushing onslaught of time, the time-fuse that bursts into a whirligig of flame flying in all directions and destroying everything physical in its path.

Dreamless Sleep

Venus is the time of leisure and convenience, the pleasant interlude and respite.

Mercury denotes the time-server who obsequiously complies with the general trend of events, the customs of the day or the fashions of the hour.

Therefore, as now manifest astrologically, time is ten-fold. However, in one, and in only one of these phases of time are you able to function at any specific moment of life. To do otherwise, that is, to experience two or more phases of time at once, it is necessary for you to

withdraw from the world of physical observation.

To experience timelessness your faculties must be turned inward, and merged completely with one another. This occurs in dreamless sleep or in the waking state when the consciousness is concerned only with its formless and infinite self. In your dream state the succession of events often appears jumbled and unrelated because in those experiences you are functioning on two or more planes of life or states of consciousness.

Unusual Ability

After your so-called death you will be afforded the opportunity of making as many time combinations as you desire. *Then time exists as conceived by the soul, not as perceived by the five physical senses.* The vibrations of Neptune intermingle with Mars as may be heard in Wagnerian music themes.

But in the after-death state the Wagnerian devotee would not be inclined to characterize them as Martian and Neptunian. Rather it would be a combination of two, a *metapsychic* experience that thrills through and saturates the consciousness with exaltation and glory. In such an incorporeal state, you will not indulge in speculations as to the lapse of time.

Certitudinous Complacency

Furthermore you will be afforded such experiences only in proportion to the psychic impulses you generated while living your life on earth. If you loved, were unselfish, ambitious for something better, desired to see others happy and successful, all of these longings will be fulfilled before your spiritual vision as a heaven-kissing *summum bonum*

Great will be the variety of your experiences, which you will view with certitudinous complacency, knowing that all is well with yourself, your loved ones and the world. Time, the (Continued on Page 9, Col. 1)

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The Rev. Anna A. Redlack, 1237 Jackson St., St. Paul, Minnesota (left) is congratulated by the Rev. Robert G. Chaney and the Rev. Ruth L. Walling, both of Eaton Rapids, Mich., on the occasion of her ordination. The ordination of the Rev. Redlack was conducted recently in the Spiritualist Episcopal Church at Eaton Rapids by the Rev. John W. Bunker.

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"Without a doubt, the materialization seance of Bertha Eckroad, Aug. 30th, was perfect in every detail—the first public materialization by her at Camp Silver Belle! Everyone was delighted at the beauty and grace of all who happily came to prove their identity through her wonderful mediumship. Their voices, gaiety and happiness to come by one so deserving, was a joy to sitters. One thing that pleased me was the fact that we were allowed to come forward alone to meet our loved ones. We knew we were trusted not to touch them and the feeling was such a friendly and beautiful thing. Bertha will go far, as she deserves, in her quiet sincerity. God bless her always."

Lillian Reed Kelly.

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"This evening, I witnessed the materialization held at Camp Silver Belle by Bertha Eckroad. It was her first here. It was outstanding in every way. The clearness of each spirit form and strength of each voice, made it an experience to be cherished."

Emily Agnes Large, M.D.

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"I was very happy to be present at the materialization given by Mrs. Eckroad at Camp Silver Belle. My daughter, Sarajane came to me, spoke clear and sweet, then walked down the room to say 'hello' to those present. She was dressed beautifully and all present were delighted."

Annie Hoddinott.

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"My mother, Marie E. Eckert, my daughter, Carolyn, and I were fortunate enough to be invited to attend Bertha Eckroad's first public materialization seance held at Camp Silver Belle.

"My beloved maternal grandmother appeared dressed in flowing white robes—trimmed in black. She seemed very strong and, in a firm clear voice, expressed her love and blessed us. My little girl's spirit guide, Eunice, also appeared. As she is about the same age as my twelve year old daughter, and attends school with her in spirit, there was much talk between the two little girls about working together in school.

"As I sat quite near the cabinet and could see all appearing figures plainly, I could not cease admiring the completeness of detail in the robes and clearness of the voices. Everyone attending agreed it was a most successful debut for Mrs. Eckroad and that her future as a materialization medium is unquestionably assured."

Margaret E. Mickee.

About twenty persons attended a materialization seance at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, August 30th last.

The medium was the Rev. Bertha Eckroad of Baltimore, Maryland, who, for the past ten years, has been a staff medium at Silver Belle during the summer months.

Hundreds witnessing the Rev. Eckroad's mediumship during those years remember her as being a splendid lecturer, clairvoyant and direct-voice medium but few know that the rare gift, known as materialization, has been developed to a degree where her spirit collaborators are ready to cope with the ever-critical public.

Experienced Sitter

According to a report received from the Rev. James M. Parrish, one of the directors of the camp, no one in attendance expressed dissatisfaction after having witnessed her first materialization seance. When Rev. Parrish was asked for an opinion, he said: "I have sat in many seances of all types and with many mediums in both Europe and America and I would say, from my personal experiences in the past, that Rev. Eckroad's materialization seance was an unusually fine one. It was the first she ever

"Tuesday evening, August 30th, I was invited to attend a materialization seance given by Rev. Bertha Eckroad. This was her first public materialization.

"The spirit forms were recognizable and accepted as their own loved ones. The reaction of the people was that the spirit chemists had done an exceptionally fine job and should be given all due credit.

"I, myself, was moved by this fine showing of phenomena and can rightly say Bertha will be one of the best before long."

Dennis Threlfall of Canada.

held for a public group at Silver Belle.

"The forms were definitely fully materialized. The light was, in my opinion, too bright but still they (spirit forms) came out with, what I would call, rapidity—well-formed and easily recognized by all. Most forms emerged from four to ten feet from the cabinet.

Statements Signed

"While one of the first forms to materialize was out on the floor, three faces definitely appeared, seemingly projected on or through the cabinet curtain. This was something I had never witnessed before."

When the seance was over, the sitters were asked to submit, in writing, their opinions of the seance. Of the twenty persons in attendance, ten issued signed statements. (See statements this page).

Those in attendance: Vivian Shaw Kennedy, John H. Snedaker, James M. Parrish, Louise Gallo, Dennis Threlfall, Emily Agnes Large, Emma M. Munch, Lillian Reed Kelly, Ida M. Harrington, Mary H. Natt, Emily Snedaker, Louise Yengling, Isabelle C. Waters, Carolyn Mickee, Marie E. Eckert, Margaret E. Michel, Winifred Weisbecker, Annie Hoddinott, Louise McMahon and others.

"On the evening of August 30th, 1949, it was my privilege to have been included in a group seance with the Rev. Bertha Eckroad for her first materialization. The spirits numbered approximately twenty-one or two, and materialized most beautifully and perfectly. Several times, I saw two forms completely built up just inside the parted cabinet curtains, while another was on the floor. Rev. Eckroad's materialization was indeed a success and her sweetness and humility only added beauty the more to a lovely experience."....

Ida M. Harrington.



Rev. Bertha Eckroad

"She will go far"

"I attended Mrs. Eckroad's first public materialization and thought it a wonderful seance. Mrs. Eckroad's guide, Bright Star, worked very hard and reached everyone. May Mrs. Eckroad continue her good work."

John (Jack) Snedaker.

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"I was one of the fortunate ones permitted to sit in Bertha Eckroad's first public materialization at Camp Silver Belle. My mother materialized (for the first time) and her mannerisms were exactly the same as in life. Being English and reserved, she was not given to public demonstration of affection. My mother was just the same at Mrs. Eckroad's seance and this I think was a good test."

Emily Snedaker.

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"It was my privilege to attend the public materialization seance by Rev. Eckroad at Camp Silver Belle. The manifestations were complete in every detail and I wish her the best with her spiritual gift."

Louise S. Yengling.

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"On August 30, Rev. Bertha Eckroad gave her first public demonstration of materialization. My mother came through to me. To give a test, she spoke about my church, gave me her blessing, recited a few words in my own dialect (Italian) and concluded that she was more than happy to come through. This gave me a great deal of pleasure to be one of the first to witness and attend this demonstration by Rev. Bertha Eckroad."

Rev. Louise M. Gallo.

metronome of your earthly existence, gives way to the sublimity of the "music of the spheres."

Yet you are the sole creator of all this spiritual splendor. You are happy because you deserve it. If, as a parent, you visualized your child as a successful and esteemed person, this becomes a pulsating reality to you though you may not have lived to see it on earth.

From your sincerest wishes are fabricated in your imagina-

tion the consummation of all that you desired concerning your child. Even though he be "hanged from the highest tree" for some infamous crime you will be so wrapped in thought in your supernal state seeing him otherwise that you will never be aware that such a tragedy ever occurred.

The faculty of love governed by Venus while you occupied your physical body becomes a towering pillar of spiritual strength in the fusion with

other transcendent planetary time factors after death. You merit the gratification and serenity you experience because under the jurisdiction of Venus during your stay on earth you loved and wanted to be loved and were self-sacrificing for the cause of others.

These qualities are indestructible. Time can never efface them. You will keep them for eternity. For as the *Bhagavad-Gita* tells us:

"The spirit is not a thing of which a man may say, 'It hath been, it is about to be, or is to be hereafter'; for it is without birth and meeteth not death; it is ancient, constant and eternal, and is not slain when this its mortal frame is destroyed . . . The weapon divideth it not, the fire burneth it not, the water corrupteth it not, the wind drieth it not away; for it is indivisible, inconsumable, incorruptible, and it is not to be dried away; it is eternal, universal, permanent, immovable; it is invisible, inconceivable, and unalterable: therefore, knowing it thus, thou shouldst not grieve."

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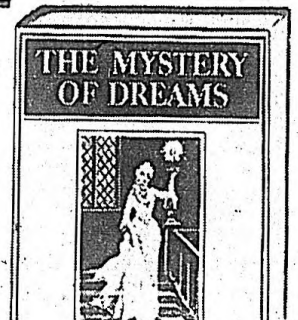
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Grace Moore Schumann-Heinck and Brown Landone

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Can you imagine anything more thrilling than to be seated in a seance room and be privileged to hear the deep contralto voice of the greatly beloved Madam Schumann-Heinck burst forth in Brahms' "Lullaby"?

This happened last August when a group of about 15 people attended one of the Rev. Homer Watkins' seances. This splendid direct-voice medium is associated with the Spirit Communion Church of Detroit, Michigan.

Usually, after obtaining tickets for a concert, at a high price, only one great singer is heard but on this unique occa-



Rev. Homer W. Watkins
He was the medium

sion, we also listened to the high soprano voice of Grace Moore who sang an aria from "Romeo and Juliet."

Over a period of years, I have overheard a number of *side* remarks — some praise, some criticism. Some like to be non-committal. Others feel that, during most seances, we only receive trivialities and little "honey" expressions from somebody's Grandma.

In many instances, such com-

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munications do take place, but during my years of experience with mediums, I have heard some of the world's greatest opera singers, preachers, actors, doctors and renowned teachers. . .

Most instances, they did not deal with trivialities, but gave renditions or profound discourses on various subjects pertinent to their talents and professions during earth life.

Naturally, Madam Schumann-Heinck could not establish her identity to me in any manner because I did not know her personally. However, I have many times listened to her magnificent voice by transcrip-

sky, one evening, Mr. Pressing said: "I believe I will call Landone" and almost the next moment, he was talking to Mr. Landone at Winter Park, Florida. (See picture page 24).

During this seance, Landone remarked "It is good to talk to you again over long distance. Do you remember our conversation shortly before I passed into this plane of life . . . that evening you and Ralph telephoned me at Winter Park?" I replied: "Yes, I do remember we had a nice conversation with you. We have often talked about this 'phone call and I feel Ralph was impressed to make it so that we could have

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tion and can simply say that I am personally satisfied that I did, indeed, hear her voice in the seance room . . . the same is true of Grace Moore.

Another man, a personal friend of mine, a man well-known and greatly beloved, also spoke through the mediumship of Rev. Watkins. He was Brown Landone, the Florida philosopher, who has contributed many articles to *Psychic Observer*.

In his case, the means of identity was comparatively simple. He merely recalled to my mind the telephone conversation we had two days before he passed away.

To this day, I do not know what impressed my husband to phone him, but out of a clear

our last earth plane chat with you."

And then, not waiting for him to reply, I continued: "Have you noticed that we are now having for sale your favorite Christ picture, 'Light of Lights'?"

Breaking down the theory that some think spirit people have infallible memories and are cognizant of every breath we take, Landone replied: "I am not aware of the picture being sold, but I am very glad to know that people are now able to obtain my favorite photograph of Christ."

Those familiar with the literary contributions made by Brown Landone during his lifetime, those who visited his sanctuary at Winter Park,

Florida and those who were students of his philosophy, can understand why he would have such a tremendous interest in things of the spirit. His hobby to collect various pictures of the Christ was known to only his closest friends.

I shall always remember our conversation, over seven hours, when we sat in his sanctuary, he, at his desk, and Ralph and I on the davenport. Time had wings that evening and many times during the course of conversation, he would turn in his chair, gaze at the picture on the wall, then turn to his former position, face us, and continue his conversation . . . and during these moments, not a word



Grace Moore
She sang an aria

was uttered from his lips. (see picture this page).

Now to return to my account of the seance. Everyone seemed intrigued with my conversation with Landone and being assured that the time was not being monopolized, I asked Mr. Landone if he had a message (Continued Page 24)

The Mediumship of HOMER W. WATKINS

DREAMS AND VISIONS

The origin, meaning and portent of dreams and visions have for long ages baffled the mind and intrigued the imagination of mankind. Many and various theories have been advanced in an endeavor to explain these strange phenomena which comes within the experience of each individual.

The absolutely healthy human being does not dream, for, so long as that condition of complete normality prevails, sleep is, for him a perfect health begins to suffer, even in the smallest degree, his sleeping hours are peopled, occasionally at least, by phantom folk who speak and act in so realistic a manner as to be

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mistaken for real, living breathing people.

As the physical health of the individual declines, his sleeping hours become more and more crowded with incidents and adventures which usually appear to have no connection whatever with his ordinary, everyday experiences. At other times, he is utterly unable to free himself, in sleep, from the worries and problems which have been engaging his attention during his waking hours.

Mental States

Following him to bed, these mental states persist, so that even when sleep has claimed his body, his mind still grapples with these everyday affairs, but in such a way as to make confusion worse confounded. When this happens a semi-conscious condition is produced in the sleeper in which he vainly strives to free himself from these disturbing reflections. He is unable to do this because his physical condition is such that the proper balance and equilibrium between mind and body is lost.

One thus afflicted rises from his bed more weary in body and depressed in spirit than

Abnormal physical conditions produce dreams, but visions are akin to the psychic faculties of clairaudience and clairvoyance

when he sought it the night before. Should this unnatural condition continue over a long period, nothing can save him from a severe nervous breakdown. The nervous system is kept in an almost continuous state of tension, for in sleep such as this, there is no possibility of a real relaxation of either mind or body.

The one acts and reacts upon the other until the whole organism becomes keyed up to breaking point. Unless some means can be found of relieving this abnormal condition a broken body and an unsound mind must be the final outcome of it.

Dreams are the outcome of an unhealthy condition of body, or stress of mind, and have no significance whatever apart from it. Visions, however, are of a different nature altogether, and concern the partial development of a faculty which is little understood as yet.

The mental phenomena of these two trance states are as widely distinct and different as the sun is different from the moon. Dreams are of value only as they enable metaphysicians to gauge the mental states of their patients in order to diagnose correctly their physical abnormalities and suggest a remedy. Visions are of the nature of life itself for, being of the spirit, their truth and reality is beyond question.

The pictures which flash across the screen of one's conscious mind during disturbed sleep find their way there through an abnormal activity of the brain cells. In sleep of this kind no true state of coma is achieved and, therefore, real rest and refreshment of body and renewal of spirit is impossible.

The perfect trance condition of sound, dreamless sleep precludes the possibility of even partially awakened conscious-

ness. For *whenever real slumber claims the body the spirit is withdrawn from it, not as a mere matter of choice, but in strict accordance with natural law.*

When this happens the spirit gravitates to its own particular sphere and receives there such nourishment as it is capable of assimilating properly. In the complete unconsciousness thus engendered the bodily organs function as usual because that ethereal substance which binds body and soul together is still intact.

Once this life-cord is interfered with in any way, the



V. May Cottrell

Her views may upset you

coma deepens until, in extreme cases, it becomes impossible to summon the spirit entity back into its physical envelope. For, with the actual severing of the life-cord, body and soul part company forever and no power in heaven or earth can reunite them.

The waking consciousness of the average human being retains little of his real experiences during sleep, or similar trance conditions. This is entirely normal and natural. It is only those individuals in whom super-normal faculties

are waking to active life, who are able to see and hear clearly and accurately without the aid of their physical organs of sight and hearing. Neither is the trance condition entirely necessary for the exercise of these faculties. For, in very many instances, those who see and hear thus, may be wide awake and fully conscious of themselves and of their surroundings whilst doing so.

There is nothing either mysterious or uncanny about this, for, once the matter is fully understood it will be found to be as natural and normal to certain individuals as the physical act of breathing is to all.

Still Evolving

Mankind is still in a state of evolution, and so long as this condition continues new developments must be expected and old powers and faculties be revived from time to time. The spiritual faculty of inner vision, which includes mental contact with spiritual forces, is as old as life itself.

It is the prophets and seers of all ages who have led their brethren, by slow degrees, up out of the mire of a brutal and debased consciousness. Progress is, and always has been, difficult and the reverse many. This is because of the vast numbers of those who are so steeped in materialism as to be impervious to the promptings of good, both from within and without.

But alas! all those in whom the spiritual faculties of clairvoyance and clairaudience are well developed are not worthy of praise. Neither are all either fit or competent to lead and instruct their fellows.

Some really gifted seers use these powers entirely for their own ends, even whilst fully realizing the danger attendant upon this course of action. Others again, because of a lack of purity in their thoughts and aspirations, contact evil and mischievous spirit entities who use them to further their own evil desires.

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This Article Tells How to Overcome Imaginary Mental Weaknesses

The dominant attitude of so many people is sadness, not many of the sons and daughters of men being at peace, but lonely. They worry and they fear: there is a feeling of inferiority, an inability to cope with circumstances. The sick habit rides them like the old man of the sea.

Do people like to indulge the sick habit? Do they really want to be healthy and care-free? A distinguished psychiatrist, Dr. Earl A. Henninger, gives an emphatic no to that question as to whether people want to be healthy. Ridiculous as it may seem, most persons, according to Dr. Henninger, want to be sad. He thinks there is a death instinct. So many persons are what the psychiatrist calls psychogenic.

The Sadness Complex

But the thesis that there is a death instinct is wholly without foundation. All our instincts are for more abundant life, although, admittedly, there are many persons who cultivate death rather than life, searching for unhappiness, getting pleasure out of the sick habit.

The sadness complex keeps man in fetters; they shut out life; they grope in the tombs. A positive conclusion as to the causes of this complex has not been reached by either physical scientists or psychiatrists. They merely point to the fact that people fear, worry, feel inferior, are lonely and sad. But a few savants of psychical phenomena have reached odd though plausible conclusions as to why people become mentally ill. They assert that earth-bound entities are earthly forces surround them.

Among the distinguished number who have held to such a belief was Carl A. Wickland, M. D., member of the Chicago Medical Society, the Illinois

State Medical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, who explains his theory in a monumental and astonishing book called "Thirty Years Among

By

DORTCH CAMPBELL

the Dead." Doctor Wickland accumulated much proof of his thesis during many years of psychical investigation. His work was largely among patients of institutions for the mentally ill.

Such persons undoubtedly have established the sick habit



"The Wicklands" (*)

to a degree that has largely affected reason. They are sick in mind and soul. All control of their moods has been lost.

The learned physician, after painstaking investigation of cases of psychasthenia, involving a neurotic condition of obsessions and phobias, declared: "In many cases there is remarkable evidence that discarnate entities are offending causes of aberration."

(*) Dr. Carl A. Wickland and his wife spent a lifetime in their chosen field. Hundreds of obsession cases were cured through certain mediumistic technique described fully in one of Spiritualism's greatest books, "Thirty Years Among the Dead" (Psychic Observer, Inc. \$3.50). Dr. Wickland's book has been studied and followed by some of America's greatest psychologists and psychiatrists.

Homer, Plato, Socrates and Plutarch and other great souls held to a similar view regarding obsession. Dr. Hereward Carrington gave material support to the Wickland revelations.

But the fact remains that none should stress so-called evil forces but only what is good. All attention should be placed on powers that make for good and happiness, not the least of which are assuredly angelic messengers who seek to surround loved ones with God's love and protection.

Habits CAN Be Changed

Modern Christianity, unfortunately, shows no inclination to emphasize the potent factors of well-being that the angels bring although Jesus of Nazareth said that this good was constant and unailing in the life of every individual.

There is a power for good, you should know, that overcomes all evil. Early Christians also made known this fact. Among the number Saint Anthony wrote that although men and women are "in the midst of demons who give evil thoughts," or the sick habit, we also "walk in the midst of good angels," who give us love and power.

None should excuse his derelictions. Weaklings place blame for failure on everything and everybody except themselves. The sick in mind should realize that they are made of God-substance; that their evils originate in their own conscious mind: for we are not underlings at all, controlled by forces beyond our ken, but by our thinking, feeling and living.

Habits, manner of living, can be changed. Our part is to change the pattern — change the manner of living, and we can, for we are indeed gods in embryo.

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Opinions vs Facts

Those familiar with articles carried in Spiritualist journals throughout the world will remember the "No War Prophecies" published by *Psychic News* several months before Britain became a part of the hostilities.

One of the most difficult problems to analyze in the field of Spiritualism is the *whys* and *wherefores* of prediction and prophecy.

Those who understand, even to a small degree, the difficulties confronting all spirits, regardless of through whom they manifest, know that all prophecy transmitted through mediums is merely the opinion of the spirit given from their wider vision.

These opinions are based on an accumulation of facts which in essence embody the cause. The results of these causes, namely the effect, turns out to be the foundation of prophecy. Knowing the causes, then they have merely to relate the effect. The error lies in the interpretation of the effect derived from the causes which in any case may be many and varied.

Sources of Information

Today, Spiritualist journals are confronted with a like situation. Prophecies received in seances and through various spirit guides continue to vary mainly because the points of view vary as well as do the sources of knowledge tapped.

On at least three occasions, information has been received recently to the effect that war was inevitable and when the spirits were asked: "How do you know?" elaborate explanations were made in an effort to substantiate the statement.

Just recently in New York City, one of America's foremost mediums stated publicly that "War was not inevitable." This

medium did not say that this information was given by his own spirit collaborator, but rather that it was a consensus of opinion among many in spirit that peace would indeed reign for some time. And now a clipping from the "Glendale News Press" in California states: "Glendale psychic saw Russ rocket." and that a vision revealed Russia's possession of the A-bomb quite some time before Truman's public announcement.

What We Printed

The story was written by John T. Walts who says he interviewed Margaret Dudas, 1920 Idlewood Road, Glendale 2, California. The article does not state that war is inevitable but elaborates upon Mrs. Dudas' psychic qualifications.

The Glendale article sent to us by the same Mrs. Dudas was accompanied by a letter to Mrs. Pressing: "I wish Spiritualists would come to Christ. How different my revelations are from those published in your paper. I recall reading an article published a short time ago wherein it was stated: *'The situation with Russia will be somewhat eased in the public mind and in the press.'*" And then she says: "Look at the paper!"

A lot of water has gone over the dam since last March and there is no question in my mind but that the situation has been eased not once, but on many occasions.

Not a Spiritualist

Under no condition could the statement be interpreted as a "war prophecy" and then Mrs. Dudas goes on to say: exact spelling) "I do not sit in dark rooms. Christ can come to me in the daylight. Please don't quote me as Spiritualist, I never belonged to any Sn. Church, because I never found Christ in them. Spiritualist can do won-

derful work if they don't hang on money, but on Christ."

If by "Christ," Mrs. Dudas means Jesus comes to her in daylight, then she is indeed a highly evolved medium. And I don't believe she would find the man *Christ* in any church regardless of denomination, but she might find Christ's teachings. Jesus would have a busy time visiting all the churches in the land in person on Sunday night. God bless Mrs. Dudas and may her great revelations bring her peace and happiness.

Another Phase

"After investigating psychic phenomena over 50 years, I find I know nothing as compared with what there is to know." Although not the exact words, this is, in substance, what Sir Oliver Lodge said before he passed on.

Indeed, each day new technique used by spirit collaborators comes to the fore. A case in point is described in the article, "She Took Photographs With Her Foot," submitted to us recently by Mrs. C. L. John, 1311 Illinois Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Our correspondent describes how her investigations began during her friendship with Anna Louise Fletcher, wife of the U. S. Senator who championed Spiritualism over thirty years ago.

In describing this unusual phenomena, Mrs. John cites Rose Helm of Utica, who took an unexposed film, had it test-wrapped in light proof black paper and then wore it in one of her shoes for several days. At the end of this time, the film was removed and developed—bearing spirit "extras" of relatives and friends. Many, in due time, were recognized.

The Hymn Problem

In a recent issue, one of our readers, a Spiritualist who was also a member of the Unitarian Church, was quoted as saying: "We should not sing orthodox hymns at Spiritualist meetings."

A subscriber, Athur M. Custer, 1308 S. McDonell Ave., East Los Angeles, California, differs for he says: "Despite the objections of a former member of the Unitarian church, it

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Christmas Bazaar

Many people ask: "What are the contributing factors in conducting a successful Spiritualist church?" It must, indeed, be "factors" because many things must be considered. Being a splendid lecturer is not enough; being an outstanding mental medium is not enough; being a good physical medium is not enough; a pleasant personality and the willingness to call upon members of the congregation in time of need is not enough; whole-hearted cooperation of a smooth running board of directors is not enough; a church building is not enough; but all of these dovetailed together afford ample assurance of ultimate success.

The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco, California, rates high as to the above qualifications. The minister, the Rev. Florence S. Becker, recognized as one of this country's outstanding mediums, is responsible for this high rating which is based solely on the past success of her church — a church she has served faithfully and earnestly for over 30 years.

And now, in an effort to close the last essential connecting link — the need for a new church — a determined drive is being made toward a building fund. The GGSC annual Christmas Bazaar is set to open Friday evening, December 2nd, 7:00 P. M. and to continue through Saturday, December 3rd.

A mimeographed announcement dated September 19th has been sent to all church members and leading Spiritualists throughout the country. Their plans include requests for towels, pillow slips, embroidery, canned fruits, novelties, candy, handicraft and needle work.

The idea is not new and hundreds of churches have followed similar plans to raise money. The announcement closes with a quote from the minister: "It is fun to even think of having a new church. It will be a pleasure to raise money for the building fund. I (Rev. Becker) can almost see it now, a beautiful church home and right over the door, 'Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, Welcome'."

The announcement is signed by each in their own handwriting: Carl Nielson, general chairman; Frances Moe Millan, fancy needlework; Irvan Henderson, candy; Ivora McKendry, refreshments, Bill Bushnell, gift shop; Carrie Henke, canned

fruit, Mary Vaughn, handkerchiefs.

As further evidence of their progressive program, each week a mimeographed program of church activities is released to its members. The latest release lists: Chairman, Samuel H. Allison; expression group led by Frances Jannish; spiritual healing services by Ivora McKendry; healing ministers, Rolla Haddiek, Elon Burns, Charles J. Harshbarger, Jessie Bishop, lecture, Rev. Clyde A. Dibble; spiritual



Rev. Florence S. Becker
"I can almost see it now"

greetings, the Rev. Florence S. Becker. Others taking part in the services, Alice Baillard and Thomas Wright.

London, Canada

There is a new church in London, Ontario, Canada, according to a letter received from secretary, Sarah J. Marsaw 345 Wharnclyffe Road, North. This sanctuary, the Memorial Christian Spiritual Church, is affiliated with the International Constitutional Church. On the first Sunday of each month, communion services are held at 11:00 A. M. Regular Spiritualist services are scheduled each Sunday at 7:00 P. M. and discussion groups and message services are held every Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. Alice Whale, pastor of the church, plans to hold special message services every Saturday, 7:00 P. M. She will be assisted by Elizabeth Upton.

New Haven Church

The Alliance Center of Inner Vision, 1923 State Street, New Haven, Connecticut, announced opening of services every Saturday at 7:45 P. M. The Rev. Dorothy

Russell Johnson, founder of the Center, was the featured mental medium at the summer sessions in Lake Pleasant, Massachusetts. She was sponsored by the International Spiritual Alliance whose charter the New Haven Church holds. This notice was submitted by the secretary, Pearl Pavone.

Russell At Springfield

A report from the Rev. Della Kingsbury, president of the Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp, Brady Lake, Ohio, cites large attendance at their autumn (September) services conducted by Theodor C. Russell, "America's Premier Psychic."

A note from Mr. Russell, who resides in Buffalo, New York, briefly outlined his fall schedule: four weeks at the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, pastor; and a special two weeks engagement in Worcester, Massachusetts. Sometime in December, Mr. Russell plans to visit the home of *Psychic Observer* at Jamestown.

"The Voice of Lillian Dee"

More and more, day by day, churches and organizations en-

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would be disastrous to the cause of Spiritualism if its members decide to ban all congregation, choir and solo singing of religious music (orthodox hymns) in their churches."

Mr. Custer gives as his reasons: "First, the friends and relatives *over there* are familiar with the old tunes and the quickest way to attract them is to sing the hymns they love to hear.

"Second: A great deal of congregational singing appeals to those *still in the body* and if they heard no music, they may not return to the church services.

"Third: Many of the hymns can be adapted to our belief. I, myself, have changed the last verse of Fanny Crosby's immortal, 'Rescue the Perishing,' by changing the words, '*has died*' to '*still lives*.' I also suggest another change: '*safe in the arms of spirits*' instead of '*safe in the arms of Jesus*'."

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CHURCH NEWS

deavoring to do their job for Spiritualism have come to realize the importance of good reporting.

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If these jobs, purported to be for the cause of Spiritualism, are worth doing, they are most certainly worth good reporting so others will know what is actually taking place in the Spiritualist movement. A case of splendid reporting has come to my attention. No less than three articles have been received as a result of the enthusiasm expressed by those attending the Ninth Annual Conference of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church at Chesterfield.

I have before me a seven-page, splendidly typewritten article, entitled, "Hi-Lites" written by Lillian Dee, a professional in the field, whose job it is to cover all types of conventions.

This report was received too late to publish in detail yet it proves my point. Mrs. Dee, whose radio programs carry the title, "The Voice of Lillian Dee," is a Spiritualist. She lives at 3727 Sixth Street, South, St. Petersburg, Florida, and finds time in her busy world to do secretarial work for the Peoples' Spiritualist Church, 1011 Ninth Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, where services are held under the direction of the Rev. Clifford L. Bias and the Rev. Nellie Curry.

Her report covers the splendid work done by these two mediums at the S.E.C. convention. In addition, she cites the splendid work done by Rev. Robert G. Chaney, Rev. Marta Mallory, Rev. John W. Bunker, Rev. Mabel Riffle, Rev. Charles Ball, Rev. Harold Taber, Rev. Fred Felix and Rev. Blanche Quigley. Others mentioned for their good work are the Rev. Beulah Brison, Rev. Bernice Bennett and Rev. Ruth Walling.

In true reporter fashion, Mrs. Dee also was careful to include the results of the election of officers: *Board of Clergy:* Rev. John Bunker, Lansing, Michigan; Rev. Ella Riley, Owosso, Michigan; Rev. Walter Marsh, Indianapolis, Indiana; Rev. Lytle Sensabaugh Wheeling, West Virginia; Rev. Clifford Bias, Chesterfield, Indiana; Lawrence Elsesser, Holt, Michigan; Rev. Robert G.

Chaney, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; Rev. Charles Ball, Kansas City, Missouri; Rev. Anna Redlack, St. Paul, Minnesota; Rev. Nellie Curry, Chesterfield, Indiana; Rev. Noah Rice, Flint, Michigan; and Mrs. Ada Schaeffer, Charleston, West Virginia.

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Rev. Marion Miller
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Mediums Are Busy People

I had a long chat with the Rev. Marion Miller at Camp Silver Belle at the close of last season. She has served this camp for the past 14 years, and I was particularly impressed with her eagerness to propagate the cause of Spiritualism.

For over 20 years, she has been sustained by her spirit collaborators whose remarkable home circle work has attracted many to her direct-voice classes which are held regularly at her West Hampstead, Long Island, Church Sanctuary located at 559 Henry Street.

Rev. Miller, also a remarkable clairvoyant, is pastor of the Spiritual Church of Magdalena where hundreds assemble every Saturday and Sunday evening to take part in religious services.

Her schedule of church activities includes special services, 10:30 A. M. and 2 P. M. Thursday and a message service, Wednesday at 2 P. M.

S. E. C. Notes

Under the direction of Rev. Clifford L. Bias a test demon-

stration of various phases of mediumship was presented at the Ninth Annual Conference of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church at Chesterfield, Indiana recently. Nearly 600 persons witnessed the demonstration.

The first presentation was a demonstration of direct-voice by Rev. Mable Riffle. A small cabinet on the platform was examined by a dozen volunteers from the audience, then Rev. Riffle entered the cabinet and soon the voice of Dr. Henry Williams was heard over the loud speaker system. Dr. Williams spoke of the aims of the church and greeted delegates and friends.

Rev. Charles M. Ball followed with a demonstration of card writing. 3x5 inch cards were passed among the audience for the examination, then returned to the platform for the demonstration. About 30 cards were filled with evidential messages and drawings of various symbols.

Rev. Fred L. Feix gave a demonstration of blindfold billet reading in a very evidential manner during the time allotted him. Many billets were returned to the writers for confirmation.

Rev. Clifford L. Bias gave a demonstration of trumpet in light. He held the trumpet aloft and many spirit voices were heard by persons who had never attended such a demonstration.

The next demonstration was a precipitation of spirit pictures by Rev. Harold Taber. The names of a dozen persons were drawn at random, these persons came to the platform and received drawings of their loved ones in spirit.

Next on the list was an apport demonstration by Rev. John W. Bunker. In red light, with his hands held by two persons from the audience, Rev. Bunker's mediumship served to produce a dozen or more apports. While the apports were appearing, Dr. Gonzales, his Spirit Collaborator, spoke through him and told to whom the articles were to be given.

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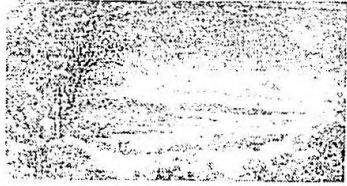
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DUNNE

J. W. Dunne, author of "Time Travel" and "Experiment With Time," passed away last month according to a London report.

KENNEDY

Mattie M. Kennedy (80) passed away at her home in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The Rev. John F. Van Meir officiated.

PERRYMAN

Rev. Jesse C. Perryman, after an illness of three years, passed away at his home in Elgin, Illinois, where he served four years as pastor of the First Spiritual Church. He was affiliated with the Fraternal Brotherhood of Spiritualism of the National Federation of Spiritual Science Churches.

ROMISER

John Boone Romiser, medium and champion of the truths of Spiritualism, passed away in New York City. The Rev. Beulah H. Brown, pastor of the Little Cedar Spiritual Church, New York City, officiated. (See article page 5.)

THURLOW

Rev. Albert Thurlow (64) pastor of the First Spiritual Alliance Church, 21 Belmont Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, passed away recently at his home, 727 Burncoat Street. He was born in England and in 1911 came to Worcester where he served the cause of Spiritualism during the latter years of his life.

WOOD

Dorothy Wood, pastor of the Psychic Center, 7 Manhattan Street, Stamford, Connecticut, passed away September 10th. This information was submitted by Franklin F. Bearce, 18 Comet Street, same city.

Church News

(Continued from Page 17, Col. 3)

Rev. Nellie Curry gave one of her usual fine demonstrations of clairvoyance. She reached between fifteen and twenty persons in the audience with remarkable messages of very evidential nature, giving names, descriptions and incidents which only the spirit people could have given her.

The last demonstration was a materialization by Rev.

Blanche Quigley. In bright red light, so as to be visible to every person in the audience, eight or ten forms walked from the cabinet, came close to the light, and spoke to persons in the audience. The last form to appear, that of a young man, sang the Lord's Prayer in a strong, melodious voice that could be heard above the softer singing by members of the audience.

This demonstration has been a regular feature of the last several Spiritualist Episcopal Conferences.

Under the chairmanship of Rev. Ella J. Riley, the following workers were presented: Speaker, Rev. Lytle Sensabaugh. Message service by Rev. Beulah Brison. Rev. Ruth L. Walling, Rev. Bernice Bennett and Rev. Nellie Curry.

A Sunday morning devotional service was conducted by Rev. Robert G. Chaney, speaking on the subject "Who and What Do Spiritualists Worship."

Plans Lecture Tour

At the Ninth Annual Conference of the Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Rev. Ruth L. Walling, 517 Clark Street, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, was elected Missionary-at-Large. She is one of the outstanding mental mediums of the S.E.C. and plans to visit churches in all parts of the United States.

Rev. Walling and her husband will travel through the West and the Southwest to help not only S.E.C. churches, but all who desire her services.

Spiritualist University

For the past six months, the directors of a newly organized movement to launch "the Spiritualist University" in Chicago have been busy formulating plans. Their second meeting was held in the Sheridan Plaza Hotel on North Sheridan Road in the city of Chicago. News regarding their success in raising funds for this project will be published from time to time in this journal.

The Rev. Floyd Humble, one of the directors of the university, plans an extensive trip during the winter months. He will explain to the various Spiritualist churches and organizations what is needed and how they propose to launch this worthy project.

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for his many friends on the earth plane. He replied: "Yes, I believe I have" and continued: "A spirit of inquiry, a spirit of restlessness envelops the entire world at the present time. Be not disheartened. Groping, searching humanity will some day find the solution to its woes. There will be further suffering and sorrow. The oneness of all mankind must be understood. The same spirit power, the same spirit life motivates everything in creation. This divine life is the life that the Master Jesus spoke of when he said, *'I and my father are one. You are your brother's keeper.'*"

After a brief pause, Landone continued: "Personally, each man must unfold in consciousness to be able to understand his mission in life. In my mind, a new hope will come to stay only when the shackles of ignorance are torn away thus permitting the great flood of

Divine Wisdom to be released. When man realizes that all is spirit, all is life and that it is impossible to kill, wars will cease and the kingdom of heaven will come to earth.

"Again, I say, be not discouraged because a new birth of spiritual understanding is

coming to the world. The earth is waiting for the sunrise. Give my blessings to my friends and students everywhere."

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How true this is even of us upon earth. When we are away from a person, we think of a hundred things to say, but when we get together, in the happiness of the reunion, we become so emotional that all we can think to say is: "Oh, I am so happy and glad to see you!"

Yes, wait till you are spirits, then you will find how easy or difficult it is to communicate. **JUST WAIT!**



The late Brown Landone seated in his library at Winter Park, Florida. This picture was taken several months before his passing. Note his favorite picture of *The Christ*, on the book shelf, upper left.

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