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THINGS THAT MAKE US KNOW



Laura Pruden

Doyle and Swaffer knew her

In writing an article about Laura Pruden, my very dear friend, I could not do better for the introduction than to copy this one from her own pen. It was written for her friend, Lida Keck Wiggins and appears in her fine volume, *The Mysteries of Life* or "The Revelations of Faces, Figures and Fortunes"

"I cherish them as a special gift from the Giver of all Good"

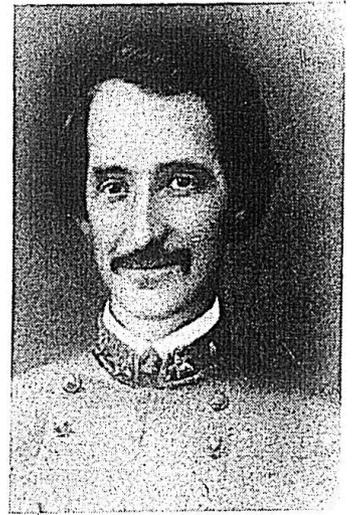
Margaret Taylor Gingrich

in which she handles every form of active work coming under these headings.

In the chapter headed *Spiritism*, the authoress writes: "Laura Pruden, Cincinnati, Ohio, widow of a noted jurist, is recognized as a legitimate and highly cultured medium. So well known and successful is Mrs. Pruden that she was invited to go to England as guest of the late Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle at their country place, Crowborough, near London. In response to a request, Mrs. Pruden sent the following

personal contribution to our book:

"So much has been crowded into my life that I would hardly know where to begin or how to end it. As to the length of time actively devoted to public demonstrations, I will admit it covers not less than 50 years. This might be some indication of my age, which will remain unrevealed for feminine reasons. In fact, I do not intend to stop and count the years until there's nothing else to count. Besides, I think Oscar Wilde was right when he said: A



"Wilbur"

The spirit they couldn't trick

woman who will tell her age will tell anything.

"One of my parents was a strict Methodist, the other a strict Baptist. My early religious training in Louisville, Kentucky, was of orthodox nature. I never heard of any suggestions of things psychic un-

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A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

May tolerance and kindness prevail to the end that a greater understanding of the truths of survival shall sweep the world.

The Editors

As a door swings in to give a glimpse of a room about to be entered, even as the familiar setting of the room one leaves is still apparent, so January presents a peek at what is to come at the very moment when the picture of the past is complete and incisive. A year has ended, and its joys and sorrows are still fresh in the mind. A new year is beginning, and in its hopes are glowing and forceful even though actual events are still vague. The very air of January speaks of "a destiny that shapes our ends." The clear, cold days are followed by long dark nights, and the comfort of the fire-side and the congeniality of friends and family are at the zenith of their attraction to the human spirit. Compassion

1950

The New Year

is born out of the bitterness of the weather, and a lonely bird pecking a few scattered crumbs from the snow-covered ground evokes determination to show more consideration and thoughtfulness toward all of God's creatures. January is the month of resolutions. The desire to profit from the mistakes of the past year fills the hearts of all, and new faith arises from these ever lofty intentions. The wind loses its moaning sound and becomes a battle cry — an alarum to the courageous to prepare for the coming trials and triumphs. The white drifts of snow which cover roof and ground are like the clean pages of an unused notebook, on which are to be written the descriptions and events of a new story.

Frank J. McCarthy.

til a few weeks after the death of my mother. I was crying in my bedroom when, lo and behold, I heard her voice. She had come to comfort me in my sorrow and to give assurance of her guardianship for all the remaining days of my life.

Dominating Activities

"I spoke to her in the ordinary way and received answers clairaudiently. Of course, I could not understand the modus operandi of her communications but knew it was my mother. However, when I told my father about them, he thought they resulted from imagination superinduced by my grief.

"Development of clairaudient powers is slow. When I

was 14 years of age, only a word or two came to me in the first instance; then gradually communication increased with greater volume. A little later on, my mother suggested a plan for communicating with me by what is now commonly termed independent slate-writing—meaning writing made by a little pencil-point within the folds of a double slate.

"At first, the writing could only be done in a darkened room and then, after a short period of development, I was able to demonstrate in broad daylight, although it was always necessary for darkness caused by folds of cloth or other covering enveloping the

slates . . . just as a photographer must exclude light from a portion of his camera. In other words, light bearing directly upon the slates seemed to dissipate the psychic power.

"Raising a family and keeping pace with my husband, Judge Pruden, in the horse and buggy days, claimed a large portion of my time. The dominating activity of my life was always my spiritual work confined almost exclusively to independent slate-writing, although this was daily interspersed with demonstrations of clairaudience and clairvoyance.

"Occasionally, for my convenience, I indulged in writing automatically. My clientele was

mostly thinking people, and included many noted personages afar, and near Cincinnati, which was my home for many years.

Sir Artuhr's Guest

"Since Judge Pruden's death in 1900, I met the urgent requests for visiting friends away from home, particularly in New York, Florida and California. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his family, prevailed upon me to visit them in Chicago, and later he sat with me in my own home. Afterwards, I was their guest near London and spent several weeks with members of the Science College who had not witnessed this phase of phenomena.

"Many social affairs were arranged, and Sir Arthur saw to it that preference was given to his intimate friends, including Lord Dewar, Hannen Swaffer, Estelle Stead and H. Dennis Bradley. In my limited stay abroad, I was only able to see a small number of the persons requesting appointments, and I have since received many letters urging me to keep my promise to make another trip there. Sir Oliver Lodge had previously visited me here in Cincinnati.

The "Modus Operandi"

"I find professional men in all lines are becoming more interested in the phenomena than formerly. The way independent slate-writing is done is rather simple and easily understood by my patrons. If they wish to bother with the inconvenience, I permit them to hold the other end of the folded slates. The writing, made by contact of the pencil on the inner slate folds, is plainly audible.

"No sane person can convince himself that there is any human contact with that tiny pencil point and the slate folds that are written on. At each sitting the slates contained intelligent communications upon subjects of interest to the inquirer. Matters of present, or future material interest were discouraged but if enlightenment on spiritual or philosophical subjects was required,

Juliette Ewing Pressing's January Metropolitan Lecture Engagements



Juliette Ewing Pressing

JANUARY 15th (Sunday) Services: 2 and 8 P. M. at The W. T. Stead Memorial Center, 41 West 88th St., New York City. Lecture: Juliette Ewing Pressing; Independent Clairvoyance by Rev. Bertha R. Marx, minister.

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JANUARY 17th (Tuesday) 8 P. M. at New York Psychology Forum, Studio 608, Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th St., New York City. Lecture: Juliette Ewing Pressing, subject: "My Casebook For Survival," actual experiences with mediums throughout the U.S.A. and Britain. Director: Ann Koernig, 64 West 9th St., N.Y.C. (11), N. Y.

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JANUARY 20th (Friday) Evening Service — 8 P. M. at the Spiritual Church of Divine Guidance, 517—37th St., Union City, N. J. Lecture: Juliette Ewing Pressing; Message service by the pastor Rev. Sophie E. Busch, 199 Cambridge Ave., Jersey City (7), N. J.



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January 15th



Ann Koernig
January 17th



Rev. Sophie E. Busch
January 20th

Things That Make Us Know

a ready response came from master minds to reward their efforts?"

His Lordship Sits

"The gifted English journalist, Hannen Swaffer, writing in *Everybody's Weekly*, London, said, after a visit with Mrs. Pruden: 'A much more evidential sitting which I had with Lord Dewar, took place in the Savoy Hotel probably a year later, after I had become convinced of the fact of psychic phenomena. This seance, Dewar told me afterwards, was by far the most convincing he had ever attended. Mrs. Pruden, a slate-writing medium, had come from Cincinnati and Lord Dewar and I sat with her. Mrs. Pruden then brought to him a message which he seemed to regard as genuine. Dewar wrote a message on a piece of paper, which he folded up and laid on the table in his sitting room at the hotel where we were.

She Couldn't Have Known

"Now Lord Dewar had lost a great friend called Douglas, who died in Paris six weeks before; so he wrote a message to him, which the medium did not see or touch. Soon afterwards, there came on the slate, writing which we could hear being made by the scratching of the pencil, although Mrs. Pruden had one hand on the table and was holding the slate with the other. The message, signed Jack Douglas, read: 'My dearest and best of friends. I am here and happy indeed to come through this avenue between the two worlds. This is an unseen country from whence, as many opponents would have the world believe, no traveler returns, but this great truth brooks no argument. I love this world better than Scotland or Canada, but my life now is a fulfillment of the plan.'

"Now could Mrs. Pruden write these messages herself? She held one end of the slate under the table and Lord Dewar and I held the other in turn. We could feel the writing and noticed a firm tug when the message was finished.

When we desired it, we had complete control, except that the slate was under the table, this being necessary, we were told, for a condition of darkness. Anyway, Lord Dewar was satisfied."

I met my dear friend Laura Pruden in 1922 after my husband passed over to the other side. I resided for years on Price Hill, where Mrs. Pruden lived, but I never knew her or anything about her work. The Judge was a friend of my father's but they were both

gone to spirit before she and I met.

I started right in after my shock of loss to have a meeting with her for I turned to her as an old friend. I was not sure how to approach these things and gave my married name because friends told me she might know all about me if I gave her my maiden name.

Couldn't Get Rid of Me

Well that was a real monkey-wrench for all it did was to make her wonder who I was in

my persistence of trying to reach her. After a whole year, she decided that to get rid of me she had better see me. We had many mutual friends all of whom were trying to arrange a sitting for me.

During that year, I read everything I could find on *Spiritualism* and, when I finally was allowed to go to her at her arrangements, I learned she had me down for three other meetings that same day . . . all arranged through friends!

I shall never forget her living room which in time to come was to be such a peaceful haven. The atmosphere was so beautiful and homelike as if to say: "We have been waiting for you to come to us!"

How She Found Out

At the very beginning of our sitting, she asked me about the name of "Gingrich," for she had never heard it. I told her it was "Pennsylvania Dutch" and that Mr. Gingrich was from a mennonite group. She sat holding her slate under the card table which was covered with a heavy cloth over an opening large enough for the double closed slate. The small pencil in the slate could easily be heard by anyone in the room. She stayed in her rocker and, except for her right hand and forearm, everything was in bright sunlight.

We had such fun talking and I felt I had known her for a long, long time. All of a sudden, she said: "Why here is one of my old Price Hill neighbors! How do you do, Mr. Taylor?" Then she said to me: "Why you are Margaret Taylor who lived on the hill there!"

I had a letter written to my father in my purse on the table across the room and after I had an answer from my husband, I was going to ask her if I could try to reach my father. Clairaudiently he answered everything that I asked him in that letter! Wasn't that wonderful?

She was then and still remains the most fascinating, cul-

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tured and charming woman I ever met. I never changed my mind on that, even after she went through the deep waters of condemnation and distressing circumstances which we were helpless to prevent.

Time for the Change

Now about Mrs. Pruden's wonderful mediumship. I happen to be a person who was always more interested in the mental messages than phenomena. But, I have some very wonderful stories of her phenomenal physical mediumship. For instance, I went with a friend who was to have a sitting with Mrs. Pruden. I was out in the car waiting and when their meeting was over, they called me in and told me this tale.

The friend had stopped in the city to pick up her husband's gold watch chain which was left at the Jeweler's before her husband died. It was in a sealed white envelope and Mrs. Pruden did not know a thing about it. The slate was under the table ready to start writing and it gave the tug. In this way, Wilbur used to tell Mrs. Pruden that it was time to change slates. She opened it and the gold chain fell out on her lap startling us both very much.

Philosophical Teachings

I knew of this happening to two different friends of mine. Sometimes just a sentence appeared on the slate and Wilbur would write them on the outside without a pencil. He said no pencil was used but that the grooves left by a pencil were just scraped out—leaving the letters!

As a class for development and the privilege of listening to philosophical teachings, we met for over 15 years, only missing the weeks that Laura was away. One summer, I drove her up to Camp Chesterfield. It was Saturday and on Monday we (Laura, her little Pomeranium dog, "Chinko" and myself) drove home for dinner and our regular Monday evening circle.

One time, she invited five of

our circle to her home for dinner which she cooked and served herself. No one was allowed to help; she was well over 70 then, and just imagine the turkey dinner, from soup to nuts, was eaten with solid gold forks!

I shall never forget how all through the dinner, we were in stitches listening to her stories. Then, too, I have never seen or heard anyone more at home on a platform! completely at ease and well poised. When asked a question, she went calmly on with her story until she decided what she wanted to say. I heard her lecture in large



Rev. Margaret Hauth

"I will carry on the work"

An official pastor had not been appointed to take over the duties of the late Rev. Isabelle Reed at Buffalo's Unity Spiritualist Church until just recently.

That honor was bestowed upon the Rev. Hauth October 23rd last year when she was ordained and installed by the Rev. Leota B. Maxwell, trustee of the General Assembly of Spiritualists.

halls. She always spoke without any notes or seeming preparation.

She was invited to give a talk on her seances in London; we were all prepared to hear it, but she switched and told about her trip across, the rides through the English countryside and other lovely experiences . . . nothing about herself.

I was always able to get more out of her own articles,

especially the story concerning Lord Dewar. Her mail would have delighted any news reporter. She had letters from well-known people from all over the world and I happened to see a few just as she opened them. She never seemed overawed when letters were received from famous people.

Much Was Lost

I remember one letter from Minnie Madern Fisk who begged her to come for the summer and visit her mountain cottage for the rest so she could give readings to friends—a favorite custom of rich people, but she just brushed it aside and got into my car.

She was truly self-effacing and humble in every way. With Wilbur as the wire and Laura as the telephone, my messages from Charley really fixed me; found an apartment where we all enjoyed getting advice from Wilbur himself. We were each, and not exactly selflessly, seeking what we needed in our devious outlooks of life generally. Although we did our best to understand, we were bound to lose much that was important.

Laura's Versatility

Several times, the three Fox sisters came in to talk with Laura and to say lovely things to us. This was apt to occur at some anniversary. When with her, we all felt that we were indeed touching "*The Hem of His Garment.*"

Now about Laura's infinite variety. She was busy all the time with her many interests. She was 70, when I met her and was, as she said, slowing up to have more power for the sitters; but she was an important member of many different movements (i.e.) a charter member of Cincinnati's Upton Study Club, which was a group of very determined and notable women who first formed the organization as a Woman's Suffrage Club and saw the fulfillment of our "vote" come into being. Since then, the personnel has changed. Laura was many times President, then President-Emeritus and for

years, the only charter member. Now the club is devoted to civic, social and educational interests and has programs, lectures and musicales. These activities had no connection with her psychic work.

Laura Pruden always held membership and was quite active in the Westminster Presbyterian Church around the corner from her home. She worked and planned for dinners and everything else connected with regular church

work and was always helping everybody to have a good time. Her knowledge of all elections was clearly put into words if she was asked for an opinion. Never would she speak unless called upon.

And now a word concerning her passing to the other side. After a bad fall when a door against which she was leaning broke and fell carrying her with it, she was very weak. This accident, following a sick spell through which she had just

pulled through, proved to sap the last of her strength. She passed away in the early morning. The news was broadcast over the radio and many friends mourned her loss.

After the radio announcement, I went to the kitchen to tell my maid who knew Mrs. Pruden very well. In fact, she had served our dinners all through the years and enjoyed the fun and stories. As I entered the kitchen, she pointed to Mrs. Pruden's picture on the wall and shook her head. You see, she knew before I did that Mrs. Pruden was gone for a pencil sketch of her, which she had often admired, had fallen down.

Rare Phenomena

One more incident and I shall bring this story to a close. Some Spiritualists came to see me the evening of her passing and, as I was telling them about the morning events, another of Mrs. Pruden's pictures fell to the floor. It was a water color portrait painted for me. I cannot say it fell softly, but rather it fluttered just as though it was held by careful hands. The tack that held it seemed to ease from the wall, allowing the picture to slide gently down, passing two other framed photographs directly in its path. When the water colored portrait reached the floor, it was facing us, upright against the wall. Mind you, this picture was framed, about 12x15 inches, and quite heavy.

These are the things that make us know. They are part of me and I cherish them as a special gift from the Giver of all Good and feel I certainly belong to the privileged many who knew Laura Carter Pruden (*).

(* Born Louisville, Ky., 1853 — Passed away March 10, 1939.

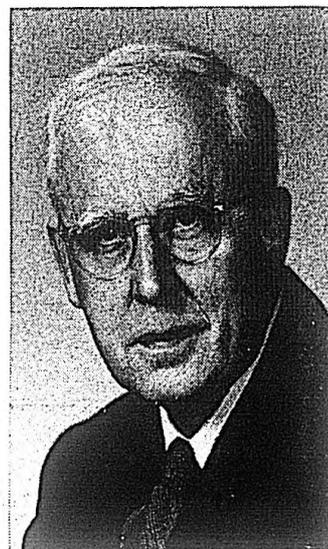
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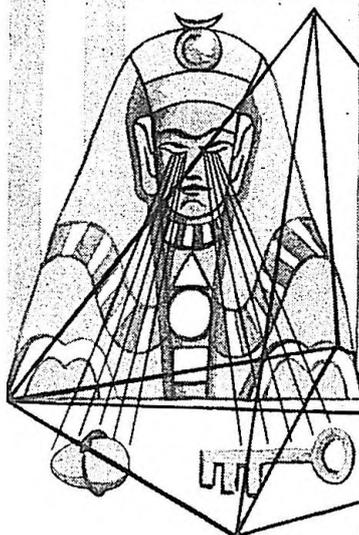
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By
FRANK J. MCCARTHY

New Year's Resolutions For Spiritualists

The custom of making New Year's resolutions is an old one. For generations people have set the beginning of a new year as a time for making changes in their habits—at least as far as intention goes. Alas, too often the proposed improvement never gets to the action stage.

It lives a few brief hours in the conscious mind, and then withers and dies because it was not planted deeply enough. The roots of resolutions must be firmly placed in the subconscious mind if the plants are to bear fruit.

This can be done by reviewing the good intentions every night just as you go into the sleep state. In this way the goal becomes a positive factor in your personality, and the desire to attain it is strengthened by repetitious suggestion.

Some people call this practice self-hypnosis, but what we are interested in is not its name but its effect on resolutions. By means of it they become things of today—not of tomorrow. There is probably no greater robber of accomplishment than procrastination.

Spiritual Evolution

The habit of putting off until tomorrow what should or could be done today steals more than hoped-for achievement. It runs away with time, contentment and even char-

acter. The man who constantly fails to carry out resolutions soon loses his self-respect. The wonderful person he might have been never develops, and when death comes and he leaves the earth plane and enters the astral, he must go as he is. The stage of his spiritual development does not change immediately by death, and he finds himself as handicapped and incapable of adjustment as he was on earth.

Spiritual evolution is not based on capricious action, but on thoughtful resolve and today's endeavor toward carrying it through. Our task, therefore, becomes one of selection for the coming year, and nothing is more significant than banishing procrastination from our consciousness.

Make Them Important

There is nothing to be gained by self-recrimination even if we have wasted the past. The possibility of satisfaction comes only from the efficient use of today. Happiness is the reward of those who make each day count toward accomplishment.

The old saying about resolutions—that "we make them to break them"—can only be destroyed by resolution itself—by resolution so strong that it should perhaps be called determination. Let us make this our first and most important goal for 1950—to stick to those plans which we outline with enthusiasm on New Year's Day.

Let us never let a night pass that we do not repeat them as we go into slumber. Let us never let a day pass that we do not act on them in some way—that we do not give them positive expression.

In addition to the sad practice of not carrying through our resolutions, many of us unfortunately are

willing to limit them to relatively petty matters—a change in daily routine, perhaps, or purely worldly ambitions. Far more important are the resolutions which have to do with spiritual growth—the determination to be kinder to others; to be more tolerant, more considerate, more philosophical; to study spiritual truths with greater conscientiousness, and to have a deeper faith in man's ability to comprehend that which the ear does not hear, nor the eye behold.

You Will Be Happier

Perhaps we shall be aided in such determinations if we take the time to realize that what we add by their accomplishment extends far beyond us. We can make life happier for those with whom we are associated on the earth plane, and what is more, we can be of assistance to loved ones who have gone on before.

Our confusion, our failure, and our anxiety affect those who love us but who are now in the World of Light. The effect, in fact, is so great that we definitely hinder their efforts to help us—to give us protection and guidance.

Many Paths Are Open

Our New Year's resolutions, therefore, must be lofty. If they are material and selfish, the profit is small even if we carry them out. Spiritual development should be our goal. The possibilities are limitless, but each step takes us farther along the way; in other words, the process is cumulative. We cannot expect to attain all growth at once.

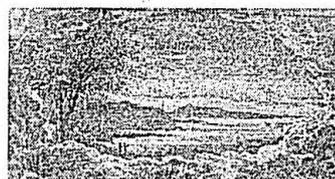
There are many doors which open to the castle of spiritual progress. If we seem to have lost the key to one of them, let us try another. Perhaps by the development of a latent talent we can enter into the precious domain. If one door is locked, we must not feel that entrance is absolutely denied us. Our role is not to weep, but to search. "Seek and ye shall find." The door of resignation and service may open if the door of required love is barred for the present. Conscientious work or deeper sympathy for others may be your "open sesame" to spiritual understanding.

Do Not Waver

Sometimes, of course, a key will seem not to fit when it really does. After a little patient effort on our part, we find it slipping into the lock, and lo and behold, the door swings open. Let us not indulge in premature discouragement!

If we learn to stick to those things which seem difficult at first, we may accomplish a great deal and not have to make any revision in plans. The thing which should

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CADY

William Cady, Lebanon, Connecticut, healer and spirit artist passed October 22, 1949. Surviving are his widow, Viola Cady and six children.

DOWNER

Clara Downer, 67, Pontiac, Michigan, passed October 29th. Rev. Mabel Barnes, of First Spiritualist Church officiated.

GRISBAUM

Mrs. Augusta Grisbaum, 69, member of First Psychic Science Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed October 8th. Ralph Albrecht officiated.

SEVRANCE

Mary Sevrance passed away November 6th last in North Carolina. She was a recent resident of Lily Dale and Cassadaga, N. Y.

TUTTLE

Dr. Carl Tuttle (84), Berlin Heights, Ohio; survived by sister, Clair Tuttle Yerance; relative of Hudson Tuttle.

WILLIAMS

Fred Williams, well known Spiritualist, passed away November 20th at Birmingham, Alabama. The Rev. John Bloodworth and the Rev. Grace Oldaker officiated. Mr. Williams served as a member of the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp Board quite sometime ago and his wife, Mae, worked at the camp many years as a test medium.

be uppermost in our minds at all times is the goal we hope to reach. Forgetting what we really want to become or being diverted by false values is the only real failure.

Many people aim high, but let their attention be called to other targets. What can they expect in the way of accomplishment? One's purpose must not waver. Then when the trigger of action is pulled, the mark is bound to be hit. Let us set our aims high for the coming year, and let us steadfastly keep our eyes upon the goal!

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What I Observe by R. G. Pressing



Doyle Lives!

An unusual article appeared in the "Cleveland News." A three-column heading told the story: "We have been in constant touch with Conan Doyle since his death." This article, submitted by Adrian M. Conan Doyle, was published with a letter directed to the editor dated September 20, 1949. Adrian's letter reads:

"My attention has been drawn to your review of April 27th, of John Dickson Carr's great biography of my father. While I appreciate your reviewer's compliments to my father's memory nevertheless, I must rectify the erroneous statements in the final paragraphs.

"a. Far from being 'unknown and forgotten,' my father's historical novels have continued to sell, year in and year out, by many thousands of copies. Indeed the sales of 'The White Company' and 'Rodney Stone' are quite often in excess of some of the Sherlock Holmes books, such as the 'Valley of Fear'.

"Apart from their great popularity in the English language, it may interest your readers to know that fresh editions of these famous historical novels are appearing, this year, in the French, Italian, German and Spanish languages. I see every reason to agree with my father's opinion that, in the long run, 'The White Company' will outlive though not out-popularize, Sherlock Holmes himself.

"b. Your reviewer states that after my father's death:—'no one ever heard from him again.' I speak for the whole family when I state that we have been in constant touch with our father since his death, and have received complete evidence of his personal sur-

vival. For instance, on December 8th, 1939—at a family seance, held in my flat in London, my father warned us not to be deceived by the false lull in the war — that we must expect 'great fires by night'—and that Italy would enter the war on the side of Germany — that Russia would fight with the Allies—that Germany would be eventually beaten — and that defeat would commence in Italy. He added that our troubles would commence after the war was over. At that period, this warning appeared altogether absurd; later events, however, proved otherwise. I have the pencil notes, that I made at that time, in my possession. I would add that we take no important step, in our family affairs, without the benefit of his paternal advice and guidance."

Yours sincerely,

Adrian M. Conan Doyle

for self and co-Directors of the
"Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Estates."

Once and For All

Adrian, like his brother, Dennis, is a world traveler. Both have done much to carry on the propaganda work for Spiritualism in accordance with the wishes of their illustrious father, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Dennis has made numerous trips to America. He has lectured here extensively and now he divides his time between the Claridge Hotel, London; the Riviera in France; and Milan, Italy—the home of his wife, the former Madame Mdvini. Adrian sent the above letter from Tangier, Morocco, where his quest is not so much for converts for the truth of survival but rather to hunt animals in the wilds of Africa — a favorite pastime of his father, especially when accompanied by his teen-age boys.

This letter should settle, once and for all, statements made by our opponents to the effect that Sir Arthur has not communicated with his family. Of course Doyle has communicated hundreds of times, in both England and America, through Spiritualist mediums, to persons other than his immediate family.

What's New?

British Spiritualist journals have strained themselves to make a front page article about one, Francis Dale, a typist who insists that her last book was written by a priest who has been dead nine million years.

I would be glad to settle for 900 years, or even 9,000 years because it is reasonable to believe there were priests at that time, but I am afraid it is a little bit far-fetched to blindly quote a spirit priest, who has been gone nine million years. That's taking the "no time in the Spirit world" idea too literally, especially when they are still arguing what happened 2000 years ago to say nothing of the heckling that goes on ten minutes after some seances are over.

Wanted: A Doyle!

A letter from the Rev. Violet Olive Johnson, 1151 Post Street, San Francisco, California points out to what length a frustrated psychic researcher will go. I have always said and still contend that Hereward Carrington could have been one of the greatest Spiritualist propagandists of our time. He has the background, he has the knowledge and he has the experience, in fact, everything to forge him to the top, but it seems that he is obsessed with the idea that Spiritualism and the Spiritualist is not respectable and that only psychic researchers, like himself, are honest.

Rev. Johnson writes: "I am reminded of a lecture that Hereward Carrington gave some months ago. He professed to illustrate how people are fooled by alleged psychic demonstrations, and one of the things he mentioned was the book, "Transcendental Physics" by Professor Zollner, and its demonstration of rings put on

Coming Events

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January 1 to April 1; Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association, Cassadaga, Florida. Edgar Eldridge, Sec'y.

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January 15th, Sunday, 2 & 8 P. M.; Juliette Ewing Pressing, featured speaker at The W. T. Stead Memorial Center, 41 W. 88th St., New York City; Rev. Bertha R. Marx, pastor.

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January 17th, Tuesday, 8 P. M.; Juliette Ewing Pressing, featured speaker; New York Psychology Forum, Studio 608, Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th St., N. Y. C.; Ann Koernig, director.

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January 20th, Friday, 8 P. M.; Juliette Ewing Pressing, featured speaker; Spiritual Church of Divine Guidance, 517-37th St., Union City, N. J.; Rev. Sophie E. Busch, pastor.

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January 24th (Tuesday) 11 A. M. The Town Club of Buffalo, N. Y., will present R. G. Pressing. Lecture: "How I Know The Dead Return" at Town Club Headquarters, 805 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Sponsors: Mary E. Van Marle and Mrs. G. M. Quackebush, 134 Richmond Ave.

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February 25th-27th; Mid-Winter mass meeting of Minnesota State Sp'list Ass'n, Pioneer Hall, Exchange and 9th Sts., St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 7th-10th; Wisconsin State Sp'list Ass'n convention, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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May 12th-15th; Michigan State Sp'list Ass'n convention, Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. Peter Evert, President.

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May 17-20; Annual Convention of The General Assembly of Spiritualists of the U.S.A.; Hotel Seneca, Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Mabel Hammel, Convention Chairman.

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June 9th-11th; Independent Sp'list Ass'n, Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. George W. Jewett, president.

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June 23rd-Aug. 20th—Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana; Mabel Riffle, Sec'y.

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June 27th-Sept. 4th; Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Ethel Post Parrish, Sec'y.

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July 1-Aug. 31—First Spiritual Religious Association of Clackamas County (New Era Camp) Route No. 1, Canby Oregon; Sec'y, Lester J. Hess, R.F.D., Canby Oregon.

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September 7th-10th; Annual convention of the Federation of Spiritual Churches and Associations, Inc., Albany Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Convention chairman: Lois B. Washburn, 9707 West Calfax St., Denver (15), Colorado.

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October 22-28; 58th Annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association; Hotel Bradford, Boston, Massachusetts.

a leg. He then proceeded to 'demonstrate' how rings could fraudulently be taken on and off the arm of a 'medium' bent on fooling folks, but he neglected to state that Professor Zollner's demonstration took place on a TABLE leg, flat on the floor. I don't know just what he thought he was 'proving'. Most of the alleged 'demonstrations' that he performed were so crude that I doubt that the most stupid of observers would have been fooled by them had they met with them at an alleged seance."

If the alleged psychic re-

searcher, Hereward Carrington, spent as much time trying to prove the case for survival as he has trying to break down the facts, he would have been idolized by Spiritualists all over the world, his lectures would have been in great demand and he could have been "an authority on the subject of psychic science." Indeed, today, the chances are that he would have been looked up to and, above all, his stony heart may have been lightened. He might even have had a joyous spring in his step and a certain gleam in his eye, not of frustration, but of soul-satisfaction—a job well done. A sad case, fifty years of psychic research and he hasn't found anything.

Astral Projection

Possibly one of most interesting subjects of study with the exception of reincarnation is astral projection. At least, that is a general consensus of opinion among Spiritualists who continually delve into more or less theosophical by-passes. These irrelevant channels are interesting, but, in many cases, relatively unimportant.

The most able students of astral projection find it difficult to put in words their theories regarding this complex subject, however, there has been thousands of books written on the pros of incarnation, few anti.

The case of astral projection is best presented by Sylvan Muldoon of Darlington, Wisconsin. His masterpiece, the book, "The Projection of the Astral body," now out-of-print, is in great demand. Copies, which once sold for \$5.00 bring as high as \$25.00 today.

Verbatim Account

In this connection, I have before me an article written by the Rev. Blanche Hanley, associate pastor of the Spiritualist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. An astral journey is described in the article as being an experience conveyed through the trance mediumship of the Rev. Hanley. The verbatim account, taken down at the time, tells about her spiritual flight to Tibet and the sensations under-

gone as a result of this astral journey. Detailed descriptions of the astral flight as outlined, are so vivid, so complete and so dramatic that there are few who would doubt their reality.

There is still much that we do not know about experiences of this kind which, in any event, cannot be proven under so-



Rev. Blanche Hanley
Through her mediumship

called test conditions any more than can reincarnation.

Both astral projection and reincarnation—even personal conscious survival—become realities, in the main, for those who have had actual experience and have made their own quest. Those unconvinced can sneer and jibe, but in the last analysis, have they gained the peace and consolation which is enjoyed by those who really know through actual experience?

Psychic Culture

On pages 14 and 17 of Bernarr Macfadden's "New Physical Culture" magazine, edited by Ed Bodin, the meticulous reader will note a psychic trend in Frank Richmond's "Redemption" article and Dr. Somerfield's story, "Teen - Age Temptation."

In the latter article, the author says "they also felt the spirit of Aunt Bess which might have come to them in a mysterious way."

Clairvoyance Analyzed

Further indications that scientists are beginning to sit up and take notice of the phenomena of mediumship are contained in a remarkably dispassionate and seriously written newspaper article on the subject of clairvoyance by Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press Science Editor.

The article, although written as a news story, is really a review of Eileen Garrett's book ADVENTURES IN THE SUPERNORMAL.

First off, Blakeslee describes her as "one of the world's famous psychic mediums" and then, unlike so many news items on the subject, proceeds to "play straight" for approximately a column of good reporting.

In the lead to the story released by AP to its clients all over the world, Blakeslee says that Mrs. Garrett "offers an explanation of the mysterious force by which she and others read minds and see things at a distance—the faculty known as clairvoyance." (Spiritualists will note a refreshing departure from custom: he does not call it a "mysterious alleged force.")

Outlining Mrs. Garrett's theory, the AP science editor's article continues: "The force, she says, is electro-magnetism. This is one of the forms of energy,

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and scientists know that this force permeates or is associated with all material objects. They know it is also a part of pure energy, like light and heat."

Mrs. Garrett's book, says the review, does not attempt to prove the link between electro-magnetism and her psychic powers but does tell "an amazing story" of "seeing" things invisible to other people.

No One Seemed To Know

Quoting from the portion of the book dealing with the author's childhood experiences in Ireland, Editor Blakeslee included these significant paragraphs on auras in his review:

"I saw people, not merely as physical bodies, but as if each were set within a nebulous egg-shaped covering of his own.

"This 'surround,' as I called it for want of a better name, consisted of transparent changing colors, or could become dense and heavy in character—for these coverings changed according to the variation in people's moods.

"I had always seen such surrounds encircling every plant, animal and person.

"When I referred to these misty surrounds, no one knew what I meant, although it was difficult for me to believe that others did not see these enveloping each living organism. From the tone and color, I could tell whether a person was ill or well. I saw how the animal natures responded to the changing seasons, and I knew when vitality was high or low in shrubs and trees."

What She Saw

Plunging directly into the deep waters of the philosophy of survival, the review also quotes unflinchingly certain portions of the book dealing with psychic changes at the time of death.

For instance, Mrs. Garrett tells, while still a child, she psychically watched the spirit forms leave several ducklings she had killed to spite her strict and uncomprehending aunt.

"The little dead bodies were quiet, but a strange movement was occurring all about them.

A gray smoke-like substance rose up from each small form. This nebulous, fluid stuff wove and curled as it rose in winding spiral curves. I became almost joyful, for I thought the ducklings were coming alive again."

The AP article mentions that she saw a human "wraith" (Blakeslee's word) of the same kind when a young woman-cousin died suddenly while Mrs. Garrett was a girl. A shadowy gray substance spiraled up and disappeared, she recalls.

"When she became adult, Mrs. Garrett says she could see a shadowy replica of herself, as if looking into a three-dimen-



Eileen Garrett

"Adventures in Supernormal"

sional mirror. But there was no mirror," Blakeslee writes.

"She tried to touch this shadowy person, but as she did so, it seemed to approach and to merge with herself.

"With adult years of experience she says she began to define the 'surrounds' as protective, magnetic fields. She calls the apparition the 'magnetic mesh,' and 'electro-magnetic field of my own body and the external world.'

"This field, she thinks, accounts for psychic ability to see things at a distance, to see what the medium has no conscious knowledge of."

Blakeslee says that another of Mrs. Garrett's experiences suggests "a parallel to the present-day science of photosyn-

thesis, the process by which plants draw energy from the sunlight."

Mrs. Garrett, he writes, seemed to see light, which is electro-magnetic energy, differently than other people. Quoting her:

"Trees, shrubs and flowers drew nourishment, air, and color from the dancing, spherical bodies of light that filled all space. I had been familiar with these tiny globes for a long time, but I now discovered that they contained a color stuff that was absorbed by every living thing. At midday I saw the tiny globules drawn away from the flowers by the intense heat of the sun, but at dawn, and at twilight, the light substance of the little spheres danced swiftly toward the outer manifestations of all living things, which absorbed them.

"In moonlight the alabaster-like globules moved with renewed rhythm. The influence of the moon's rays was different from those of the sun. The little spheres grew seemingly stronger — their blue tones turned to violet and purple, matching the night."

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Concludes Blakeslee: "This language is a far cry from anything in scientific photo-synthesis. Yet there are two possible parallels. Plants absorb light by wave lengths, and wave lengths are the colors of light. And a recent discovery in photosynthesis is that some of the chemical changes go on in darkness of night.

"There is much more, about her perception of these electromagnetic forces through bodily senses rather than always by sight, and numerous experiences of knowing of deaths, and of



Ruth MacRobert
That cautious eye

seeming communication with people who returned in visible but wraithlike form, such as have been reported by many mediums."

All this may mark the beginning of a new era in the reporting of psychic news.

On the Pan

One of our subscribers, Ruth MacRobert, New York, writes: "Everyone else in the family has broken into print in the *Observer*, so here's my contribution:

"I realize that you are too busy to check every statement sent you by your reporters, but it might be well to go over everything with a cautious eye hereafter.

"My criticism may seem harsh to you but I believe many persons who were present at the meeting which was a good

one, will be more than distressed that the author of the article ("Ford at His Best," *Psychic Observer*, Nov. 25th, 1949) let his enthusiasm distort the truth."

In her letter to the Editor, Mrs. MacRobert goes on to say: "I was there when Arthur Ford,

Dog-Gone It!

Florida clairvoyant, 'snappily paced through his message work' at the Hotel Diplomat in New York City. Skipping over the most let us consider the worst:

"A lighter moment was through the spirit of Albert Payson Terhune, the famous American writer and dog fancier, who preceded his message with a parade of dogs which Ford introduced. Among the dogs Ford listed was a pet collie which had died the day before, a fact which Ford could not have known and Mrs. Terhune verified this."

"During his message to Mrs. Terhune, Ford firmly and clearly stated that only one of her dogs was still alive, naming the dog, familiar to hundreds. Mrs. Terhune, known for her sincerity, immediately corrected him, saying that this last dog had also died. Mr. Ford countered that the 'demise' must have taken place fairly recently.

"Only two days ago," replied Mrs. Terhune. Mr. Ford said he did not see the dog there and passed on to his next message.

"A personal friend of Mrs. Terhune, from Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, confirmed these facts at the meeting, as have others who were also there.

"Because of Mrs. Terhune's prominence, I feel you should be reminded of the facts, which, if not meticulously followed, may give the Spiritualist press a poor reputation among discriminating and informed persons interested in psychical affairs."

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The mass meeting was so well attended, in fact, that standees were hard pressed even to find seeing space so they could witness the interesting demonstrations by Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler of Miami and Rev. Maude Kline of Long Beach and to hear the other speakers.

However, they were not disappointed. For instance, those who knew of Rev. Candler’s international reputation as a materialization medium were also impressed at the meeting by her clairvoyance. Repeatedly she called out first and last names and delivered identifiable messages to members of the audience.

At one point, she called out the full name of a brother, and it was immediately identified by a man in the audience.

“I see him throwing horseshoes,” she said. “Did you use to play horseshoes?”

He Kept Pitching

The man from the audience not only verified this but testified concerning a communication from his brother through another medium.

“My brother and I were always pitching horseshoes,” he told the audience, “but he was always a little better than I was. So when he came back and said, ‘I beat you then, and I can beat you when you come

over here,’ that was proof to me, that it was my brother.”

In another case, the noted medium mentioned a message which had been left in a Bible by a departed sister. Speaking to a woman member of the audience, she declared:

“This sister says, ‘I am the one who put that message in your Bible.’”

The woman acknowledged that she had found some such message.

Sally It Is

Miss Kline was equally specific in her references to verifiable facts and complete names, and her own manifest delight when an independent voice would speak up — sometimes several feet from her — was as rewarding to the audience as the demonstration itself.

“Who here is called Sally—who was never called Sally by anyone except this one in spirit?” she asked at one time during the demonstration.

Finally a member of the audience agreed that it must be she and verified Miss Kline’s statement that “she wanted you named ‘Sally,’ didn’t she?”

“Yes, my name is Marcella, but she always called me Sally,” a young woman from the audience replied. She said the spirit was her aunt.

Miss Kline’s so-called “traveling messages” are one of the most interesting phases of her demonstrations. Given a particular address in any part of the world, she has described the building, its contents and occupants in a most remarkable way, provided the questioner has ever visited the address.

For example, at the Long Beach meeting she accurately described the New Jersey home

of some visitors to California, told of relatives left behind and how they were doing and then stated that these people from New Jersey were visiting a brother in Long Beach whom they had sought to persuade to attend the meeting but who declined. Referring to a father in spirit, she added:

“Pa says (regarding the brother), ‘He sure missed something!’”

All of the details were fully verified by the visitors.

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Let Me Tell You . . .

about the progressive Spiritualist churches that I have been visiting this fall. My reporting is somewhat belated due to extra duties demanding my attention (i.e.) breaking in new housekeepers and typists; establishing a rhythmic pattern for carrying on the work for the *Psychic Observer* family; and handling the maze of correspondence for the American Foundation for Psychic Research.

In October, the Rev. Edith Sandy, pastor of the John Carlson Memorial Spiritualist Church, 95 Johnson Park, Buffalo, N. Y., invited me to deliver a lecture during a Sunday afternoon and evening service. The unusual charm of the building, which the Rev. Sandy church membership has acquired, should be of keen interest to Spiritualists everywhere. A dramatic and very interesting story of spirit guidance led the Rev. Sandy to acquire a spacious building which had been unoccupied for several years. The members of the church worked faithfully day and night to remodel and redecorate the entire premises.

Optimistic Outlook

All church services are held in their large auditorium which seats several hundred. Enormous rooms on the second floor are used for social activities, church dinners and special services. On the third floor, there is a library, several bedrooms, pastor's study and an elaborate kitchen.

When I see such outstanding sanctuaries as the Rev. Sandy's, I feel optimistic about the gen-

eral progress of the work being done in the field of Spiritualism. For many years, the majority of Spiritualist church services were held in rented halls but one sees today, an increasing solidarity evidenced by dignified and spacious buildings devoted to the work.

At the conclusion of my afternoon lecture, the Rev. Sandy introduced several Buffalo, Lockport and Rochester medi-



Rev. Edith Sandy
She Introduces

ums: Rev. George Demarest and others. During the evening discourse, I was able to relay a "telepathic communication" from one of my teachers in India. I wonder if spirit people, our very own guides, are not the conveyors of the thoughts that pass from person to person, both to those in the living as well as to those called dead?

I have my reasons for being positive about this type of communication for after I left Buf-

falo and returned to my home in Jamestown, the Monday morning mail included a letter from Swami Nityananda telling me he had sent his blessings to me. In this letter, he asked for a report as to my receptivity. Rather interesting!

While in Buffalo, we met friends who were sponsoring the exquisite technicolor film, "Red Shoes," at Frewsburg, New York, 10 miles south of Jamestown. They gave us tickets to this superb picture . . . a living rhythmic ballet. This film is well worth seeing. To attend movies, theaters, and recitals where really worthwhile entertainment is presented, is very helpful, especially so to the unfoldment of the psyche in man.

Open Door Church

Then, the following Sunday, I served the Rev. Carrie Yarter's Open Door Spiritualist Church here at Jamestown. This church is also an example of what a co-operative Spiritualist congregation can accomplish. Several years ago, they acquired a rather old residence which has since been remodeled and redecorated into very delightful headquarters. The auditorium seats approximately two hundred. There is also a large dining room and kitchen where excellent dinners are given from time to time.

We Visit Canada

In late October, my husband and I motored to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where we met the Rev. and Mrs. W. Yendley Burton. They told us of the dedication services that were scheduled at the new Brantford Spiritual Temple. We drove there the next day and a Harvest Home festival, Canadian Thanksgiving, was being held in a gem of a church building. The leader, Mary "Moin" McClelland has a splendid organization. This church also has a large dining room and kitchen where the Ladies' Auxiliary serve dinners and hold various entertainments.

We were unable to stay for the dinner however as we also wanted to attend another service in Brantford at the Hope Memorial Spiritualist Church, where we learned that the presi-

dent, W. C. Richardson, was the executive handling all activities.

It was here that I revived a charming friendship begun at Camp Chesterfield last summer with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Leivers. This delightful little Center seemed to radiate an enthus-



Rev. Carrie Yarter
Co-operative Spiritualist

astic church spirit and I could not help but sense the harmony that prevailed. They urged us to remain but due to the long drive to Jamestown, we did not stay.

Toledo's S.E.C.

Last summer when the Rev. Fred L. Felix and Mrs. Felix visited *Psychic Observer* headquarters, they engaged me to serve the First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Toledo, Ohio, and so at the scheduled time, I took a plane and the Felixes had me as their house guest at their charming Toledo home on Harlan Road. That night, Halloween eve, a social celebration was held at the church.

To me, it is truly amazing to travel about the country and see these representative church buildings. On a corner lot, at a busy intersection, approximately ten minutes from downtown Toledo, the S. E. C. has bought and remodeled an old residence, which doubtless in its day, would have been called a mansion. Church services are held in the large auditorium on the main floor back of which

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is the kitchen and to my amazement, in the basement where the dinners are prepared, there are three full size gas stoves in addition to the stove and hot-plate in the upstairs kitchen.

You may think the Spiritualists have merely concentrated on eating, but I believe there must be an occult law concerning the *breaking of the bread*. The Lord's supper is one case in point and then the scriptures describe how Jesus sat down and broke bread with His disciples and followers.

An Occult Law

There has always been a plausible reason for church dinners. I am personally convinced that any group of people, whose spirit has been quickened, can make it possible for astral chemists to gather certain substances necessary for revitalizing the field of radio-activity essential for the receptivity of spirit communication. The physical body, as well as the physical brain, must be properly attuned to the vibrations of spirit in order to make certain phases of spirit communication possible. This is an occult law!

Various Toledo members sent elaborate baskets of flowers for the altar, enough even to fill vases for different rooms. A chartered bus brought many from Fort Wayne, Indiana, where the Rev. Felix formerly was pastor of a church. Amongst the visitors were: Louisa Blake, Hannah Bischoff, Gertrude Schmidt, Mabel Shaw, Evelyn Shaw, Effie Smethurst, Lucy Sherdram, Mae Dupps, Evelyn Braheir, Maude Baldwin, Mrs. Charles Weigman, Mrs. M. A. Osler, Bessie McCutchen, Martha Hook, Frederick Zickman, Grace Trump, Donna Walt, Irma John, Perry Owen, Meta Robinson and others.

Not the "One Ahead"

After my lecture, Rev. James Tingley, pastor of the Goodfellow Spiritualist Church, Jackson, Michigan, gave a creditable demonstration of clairvoyance. His accuracy and rapid fire succession of full names, coupled with identifications of all kinds really startled me.

Rev. Felix, blindfolded, read dozens of billets in his accurate, detailed style and I could not help but notice that a certain poise and surety of expression has come to Fred since I last heard him work in Buffalo, N. Y., where he was, for a time, pastor of the Cold Springs Spiritualist Church.

In each instance, the Rev. Felix selected the correct billet from the mass of papers placed before him, correct in the sense that he not only handed it to an usher who returned it to the proper party but also conveyed the answer. This breaks down the old "one ahead" charge hurled at mediums.

Between the afternoon and evening service, a dinner pre-



Rev. Fred L. Felix

Buffalonians remember him

pared by Clara and George Johnson, was served to over two hundred. The Johnsons, being chefs in a popular Toledo restaurant, were not flabbergasted in the least by the great crowd. The menu was out of this world: chicken, fresh caught lake fish, vegetables, salad, hot rolls and apple dumplings. Such an elaborate menu at a church dinner is worthy of record and then too, the Johnsons, being good Spiritualists, donated their services. This I am recording just to show the zealousness and desire to serve that manifests among those who have been touched by the spirit.

Several mediums, not having services in their own church at-

tended the afternoon meeting and dinner. They were: Rev. Dallas E. Crider, pastor of the Goodwill Spiritualist Church, Toledo; Rev. G. A. Kurtz, Rev. Teems Sackett; Rev. Louis Etchen and Grace Hart.

Rapid Fire Contact

Again, in the evening, the young mediums pleased the audience with their quality of message work. Though I have heard hundreds of spirit communications, I trust that I shall never become blasé. Personally, I have a bit of clairvoyance so when I hear such rapid fire contacts, I can truly appreciate what it takes to deliver messages fast and fluently.

For an experiment, I timed the delivery and in both instances, Rev. Felix and Rev. Tingley, each gave about two messages a minute for half an hour.

The next morning, Fred gave me a solo sitting for direct-voice (trumpet) demonstration in his spacious and delightful seance room. Before the lights were snapped off, the trumpet was placed far beyond his reach and, as usual, the first voice to greet me was Joseph Henry, the medium's principal spirit collaborator. Then Cherry, the alert Indian girl, spoke to me. Cherry has endeared herself to hundreds of people who sponsor Rev. Felix's mediumship.

About the "Why"

Many of my relations, some who have never voiced to me before, came to chat. A most unusual name, Fleece Ewing, brother to my daddy, Lapsley Cornelius Ewing; an aunt, Lucy Davis; and an uncle far removed, Finis Baker Ewing;—all managed to find their way into the earth vibration through the Felix relay "station."

I shall never understand, after long years of waiting, why relatives fail to come, and then all of a sudden cavalcades speak, many of whom heretofore have remained silent. The only explanation the teachers give is that the vibration hasn't been suitable until now.

Perhaps, these unexplainable
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happenings are partially responsible for the keen interest displayed by those who seek to know more about the laws governing spirit communication. And too, perhaps such oddities, frustrate the efforts of some who start so avidly, then discontinue attending seances and meetings. 'Tis true, one cannot master this ever expanding subject, psychic science, and I am satisfied that uncertainties such as described have caused many a pitched battle among the S.P.R. intelligentsia.



Louis K. Anspacher

He Knew Psychic Observer

To the late Dr. Anspacher, Goethe represented the ideal of philosopher, poet and dramatist, the ideal of the intellectually and spiritually integrated whole man who took all knowledge as his province and who refused to be limited and constrained by overspecialization in any one narrowing department.

And indeed his visualization of Goethe might well be applied to Anspacher himself, for he too possessed wide interests and knowledge, and he too was a combination of philosopher, poet, and dramatist.

He was widely known as a lecturer and was one of the founders of the League for Political Education, which ultimately became the Town Hall, which George Denny is now conducting at the Town Meeting of the Air.

Dr. Anspacher was born in Cincinnati but lived in New York City most of his life. He was a graduate of the College of the City of New York, and held a law degree from Columbia University. He studied in the Post-Graduate School of Philosophy at Columbia, where he was a pupil of James Hervey Hyslop. It was then he first became interested in psychical research.

The Climax

Returning to my report of the seance, I sensed a pungent, oriental perfume and was told it was released by one of my Oriental guides. Almost at the same moment, glowing lights sailed about the darkness as though beautiful comets were falling. These supernormal manifestations were climaxed when the trumpet was taken to the farthest end of the room and bumped against the ceiling—proving conclusively that the propelling force was separate and apart from the medium.

I must repeat that I was especially pleased to notice the vast improvement in Rev. Felix's physical demonstrations of psychic power. When in Buffalo, his trumpet work was mediocre in fact, he was indifferent about it and had to be "egged on" to sit at all, but now, he can join the top ranks with many of the highly developed trumpet mediums.

Let Me Tell You . . .

that one of the most comprehensive and easily understood books on Spiritualism is "Challenge of the Unknown" (*) by my good friend, the late Dr. Louis K. Anspacher.

In this book, many phases of communication are explained clearly and his style makes the book readable and interesting. Many hours, that extended into days, have I chatted with Dr. Anspacher on Spiritualism.

He was one of the founders of the League for Political Education which ultimately became Town Hall. Later these meetings were put on the air. Dr. Anspacher was one of the Town Meeting's most popular speakers.

Another brilliant man who is courageously defending and propagating the lesser known cults is my friend, Dr. Marcus Bach, director of the School of Religion at the Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Bach and his delightful wife, Lenore, visited our home for

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several days. Later, a trip to Camp Chesterfield, resulted in such conclusive evidence that Marc wrote a chapter on Spiritualism in his widely read book, "They Have Found A Faith."

Dr. Bach says: "The little knowns represent the unpaid bills of Protestantism. They are the answers to the needs and desires the churches failed to meet." Recently another Bach book has come off the press, "Dreams Gate," a beautiful and moving story of life among the Hutlerites in South Dakota.

When Dr. Bach had me address a body of students at Iowa State University several years ago, I could see how great his influence molds the mind of the young. His broadness of mind and vision is reflected in his students. Even to this day, I frequently receive letters from people who listened to my broadcast on Spiritualism.

Upon their return from Haiti, where Dr. Bach proposes to investigate voodoo worship, the Bachs have expressed their desire to visit us here at Jamestown and attend meetings held by the American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc.



Dr. Marcus Bach

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I should realize that I know nothing and that while not prepared to accept any evidence I am given without carefully testing it, I must equally not dismiss any evidence as useless because it comes in a form I am not expecting.

I must realize that spirits and guides give evidence in their own way and not necessarily in mine.

2. I must not be unreasonable and expect a hundred per cent correctness from any medium, even the most famous. Mistakes are made in transmission of earthly communications over any long-distance telephone, no matter how careful and experienced the operator and how good the telephone.

So as the medium is a human telephone I must allow for occasional mistakes in transmission also. If I get 75 per cent good evidence I shall be doing very well.

3. I must not, if the medium has to postpone a sitting, go into a temper or conclude I am being pushed aside for someone better worth the medium's while.

Mediums are only human and suffer from illness, personal troubles, tragedies, and so on, as we all do, and it is better to have a sitting postponed to another day than have the me-

diom give a poor sitting against his guide's judgment.

Moreover, I will not forget that sittings are frequently postponed at the guide's direct orders, as he feels his medium's powers that day are not up to his usual standard.

4. I must not, if I am rich or famous, think that because of this I have the right to priority in sittings or to a longer sitting than the medium usually gives. Nor that I can claim a sitting more often than others, or that I have the right to attach the medium to me as a personal part of my entourage.

The gifts of the spirit are for all humanity, and no one person should try to "annex" a medium or think that they have any claim to his exclusive services. And the fact that many sitters (and many mediums) make the grave mistakes listed above does not make them any less mistakes.

5. If I am lucky enough to be wealthy I will not spoil the medium by constantly offering him expensive presents, taking him out to lavish parties and generally exhibiting him as my particular protegee.

If I know him well enough to assist him personally with money or in similar ways, I will do this in private and unostentatiously; but, generally speaking, if I have money to spend I will put it into his work alone, so that I may assist the work of the Spirit over which his guide presides.

As long as I only use my wealth in this way I shall avoid rousing unpleasant gossip and

comment that would do great harm to the medium's reputation as well as to my own.

6. I will not, if I am working with other people in any psychic circle, group or center, take part in any feuds, arguments, gossip, quarrels or other differences that may crop up.

I will keep a still tongue and a wise head, remembering that my duty and my loyalty is to the guide and that other matters are no concern of mine.

7. I will not, if I book a private sitting or am asked to join a group sitting under any me-



MARGERY LAWRENCE, well-known novelist, and Spiritualist, presents ten rules for sitters and mediums, which she thinks would be of benefit to the movement if they were observed. This article contains ten golden rules for sitters.

diom, arrive accompanied by a friend or friends, and expect them to be included in my sitting.

I will realize that psychic work is a delicate matter and mediums cannot take on a whole group of strange sitters at a time; their guides would not allow it.

A sitting booked for me is for me alone, unless I ask permission to bring a friend when I book the sitting with a medium. And I will not be persuaded to break this rule by any inter-

ested friend or relation whatsoever.

8. I must not, if I go to one medium (A) and have a sitting one hour for which you donate, say, \$2.00, grumble or argue with a second medium (B) who gives me a shorter sitting for which you spend \$3.00.

I will remember that mediums all differ in their methods of work, which methods are dictated by their guides, and often their fees are fixed by the guides also—and I may well get just as much evidence in a short sitting as in a long, only it will be more concentrated.

It is useless and unfair, as well as undignified, to argue with a medium (B) because he differs from medium (A). A conscientious medium acts under his guide's immediate instructions and is therefore not his own master.

9. If I undertake to do regular sitting with a group, I will be faithful and keep on with these sittings, even when the first thrill has worn off and I discover that psychic work is much more monotonous and boring than I had realized.

I will not allow any trivial excuse to keep me away from regular attendance at the sittings, and I will obey the orders of the guide whose assistant I have become without grumbling, question or hesitation, except in the case of severe illness, accident or some other serious cause over which I have no control.

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Book Reviews

"The Casebook For Survival"
by Alex Baird; \$2.00; Psychic
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The cases are guaranteed by men and women in almost every walk of life, army officers, clergymen, lawyers, scientists, doctors, etc., etc. The reader will appreciate that many cases are guaranteed by his fellow countryman, the cautious and skeptical. Dr. Walter F. Prince.

I like all the cases, but I must confess my favorite is that one which Alex Baird calls, "The Convent Case," quoted on the authority of the late Sir William Barrett. Here it is as stated in the book:

"A gentleman of some social standing, shot himself in London in the spring of 1907. There was no doubt that he was not in full possession of his faculties as on the morning of his suicide, he received a letter from a lady who had destroyed his happiness. Before taking his life, he wrote a letter, leaving an annuity to a young friend, a girl, who was his god-child and for whom he held a strong affection. This girl was at school in a convent in Belgium and three days after his death (on the day of his funeral) he appeared to her, informing her of the fact of his sudden death, of its manner, and of the cause of his suicide. He also asked the girl to pray for him.

"The girl's mother in England was anxious to hide from her daughter the tragic circumstances of her godfather's death, and she did not write until a few days after the funeral, while in her letter she stated that her uncle (as she called him), had died suddenly.

"When the girl returned home from Belgium, the mother was

amazed to learn not only of the apparition, but also that it informed the girl of all the facts that she had fully intended to conceal from her.

"A member of the S.P.R., Miss Charlton, who went over to the convent to make enquiries into this case, stated that the girls in the convent were never permitted to see any newspapers, all their letters were supervised and no one in the convent knew of the deceased gentleman. Any knowledge the girl had of her godfather's suicide, or the reason for it, could not have reached her by ordinary channels, of that Miss Charlton was quite certain.

"The girl's mother, a personal friend of Sir William F. Barrett, assured him that neither she nor any of her relatives (the latter did not know that the death was in the form of suicide) wrote to the convent on the matter, except as narrated above.

"Later, the young girl submitted herself to a searching cross-examination at a meeting of the Society for Psychical Research, but the questioners were unable in the least to shake her testimony."

Seance Room Manners

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10. If for any reason I break my connection with any medium or group with which I have been working, whatever my reason for breaking, I will be silent about it except to a few trusted intimates. I will not tell stories of the work and happenings in the group I have quitted, nor repeat anything to its discredit, but simply say that I decided to cease work with that group, and leave it at that.

I will realize that if any medium or any group is guilty of seriously wrong practices in the course of their psychic work, the guide will ultimately deal

with the culprits in a manner more than adequate.

And I know that quite sufficient wrong and unjustified slander is circulated about Spiritualism and its workers already without my adding any more to it, for the sake of satisfying my own personal grudge or grievance.

"Psychic News"

Twelve More Suggestions For the Sitter

1. Make a complete test as to light-infiltration from the outside, BEFORE the sitting.

2. Make CERTAIN that the 'phone is muffled, so there will be no bell-ringing interruptions.

3. NO SMOKING before the seance! (The room *should* be one NOT used for living and entertaining.)

4. Avoid over-display of phosphorescent material on table, trumpet, walls, etc.

5. NEVER break a circle for latecomers—and never break a circle and resume again expecting improved results.

6. Avoid all loud talk and "gossip" before and during the seance.

7. Explain beforehand that TIME is often essential to adjust vibrations — and restlessness acts to retard phenomena.

8. Never beg or plead for the forces to enter. (They are more eager for communication than many of the sitters!)

9. Softly-played music aids in raising vibrations.

10. Make certain the trumpet cannot be reached by the medium (or anyone else in the circle) for "manipulation." When these conditions are agreed upon in advance, harmony and faith can prevail, aiding immeasurably in producing undoubtedly genuine phenomena.

11. Never ask questions during the course of conversation. Most spirit teachers prefer a question period before a seance closes.

12. Remember your friends on earth, resent your giving them the "third degree" so why resort to this when confronted by your spirit loved ones?

World Parliament of Religions

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The Case for Spiritualism



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Universal Psychic Science

Spiritualism was well represented at the recent annual convention of The World Parliament of Religions held in New York City.

On the first evening of the convention, those presenting the "Case for Spiritualism" were: Rev. M. McBride Panton, International General Assembly of Spiritualists; and Marion Buckner Pond, Fox Memorial Society and Rev. Helene Gerling, Universal Psychic Science.

According to George C. O. Haas, Ph.D. (1924-1942: Kedernath Das Gupta) the World Parliament of Religions, sponsored by The World Fellowship of Faiths, Inc., is "A Spiritual Congress including the Faiths and Philosophical Groups of the Entire World."

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Passes Examination

Edwin Warren Ford, pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, passed all of his examinations for ordination and received his "National Spiritualist Teacher" degree at the recent N.S.A. convention in San Antonio, Texas. If approved at the N.S.A. Spring Board meeting, Ford will be ordained during 1950.

The Fords, Edwin and his wife Jeanne, report the organization of an N.S.A. Junior League Chapter. Over thirty attended the meeting, including: Rev. Paul Wilson, Central Spiritualist Church, Los Angeles and Nevada De Vore, Trinity Spiritualist Church, San Diego.

According to Mr. Ford, the Rev. Lula Taber, son James and daughter Gloria, were featured during December at the First Church of Psychic Science of Phoenix, of which the Rev. Walter Taber is pastor.

Bureau of Education

The N. S. A. Bureau of Education reports 343 inquiries for study courses during 1948. Those completing the General Course are: Helen Plavnick, Stratford, Conn.; Margaret L. King, Washington, D. C.; Goldie Rayburn, East St. Louis, Ill.; Eleanor J. Herman, Chicago, Ill.; Amelia Harbart, Michigan City, Ind.; James Huskinson, Gary, Ind.; John Kladarin, Gary, Ind.; Hubert L. O'Malley, Westminster, Mass.; Erna Marie Reiss, Union City, N. J.; Blanche Lawson, North Tonawanda, N. Y.; Laura Lampe, Youngstown, Ohio; Christine M. Whetstone, Columbus, Ohio; Myrtle Harnish, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Hattie Clinkscales, El Paso, Texas; Irma Pell, El Paso, Texas; Arthur H. DsLarnelle, Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Dr. L. E. Kress, Vilette Parmalee, Lucille B. Wanninger, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Advanced Course was completed by: Edwin W. Ford, Avondale, Arizona; Minnie Lee Boggers and Katherine F. Tobey, Los Angeles, California; Marion A. Hartman, Trenton, N. J.; Joseph T. Evans, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Dr. Victoria Barnes is Superintendent of the Bureau of Education and Lillian Buchholz Frye is the secretary. Beginning this year, the price of the General Course has been advanced to \$35.00; the Advanced Course to \$75.00.

Humble In Chicago

There will be regular Thursday and Sunday evening services as well as week-day classes at the Church of the Spiritualists, 4557 North Broadway, Chicago, Illinois. The pastor, the Rev. Floyd Humble, 1353 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, will be in charge.

Ninth Anniversary

The ninth anniversary of the Beckoning Light Spiritualist Church was celebrated recently at the Women's Club, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The service was held before a record crowd in their newly redecorated and remodeled church edifice seating 250. The minister of the



Edwin W. Ford
Junior League Booster

church, Rev. Jewel E. Williams, will continue regular church services Sunday evening during the winter months.

First Anniversary

The Church of Spiritual Philosophy celebrated their first anniversary recently at 1715 Tangerine Ave., St. Petersburg, Florida. According to W. H. Larrick, secretary, Rev. Mae Merritt-Snyder, Binghamton, N. Y. guest medium and healer, will assist minister, Rev. Clara Knost-Larrick, during the winter months.

Lyceum Report

The Rev. Clyde Dibble, Superintendent of the Bureau of Lyceums, National Spiritualist Association, submitted his annual report at their recent convention. This report shows a total of 60 active lyceums with an enrollment of 1,232 students as of June 1, 1949. "This," according to

the superintendent, who resides at 1912 Easton Drive, Burlingame, California, "is an increase of two lyceums and 139 students."

Little Cedar Church

A special Spiritualist service was held December 18th last at the Little Cedar Spiritualist Church, 123 West 94th Street, New York City, according to the Rev. Beulah M. Brown, pastor. Guest speakers and mediums were: Morris C. Goodman and Frank J. McCarthy.

Ordained

Mrs. Augusta Taylor, member of the second Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was ordained into the ministry of Spiritualism by the Rev. Robert J. Macdonald. Mrs. Taylor was presented for ordination by Mr. Gilbert Armstrong, president of the Pennsylvania State Spiritualist Association. Other state officers present: the Rev. Anna K. Rose, vice president; Charles Wieland, secretary; and the Rev. Mamie B. Schulz.

Married

Nellie Longland and Otto B. Davis of Springfield, Ohio, were married recently by the Rev. Emil J. Schmidt, leader of the Universal Brotherhood of the Cosmic Age. The ceremony was performed in the sacred temple at 3756 Redding Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Davis, a retired nurse, is a student in the class of psychic unfoldment conducted by the Rev. Schmidt and has, for the past 30 years, been a missionary in the field of Spiritualism. Mr. Davis, a retired engineer, has been interested in spiritual work for over 40 years. Both, well known at Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp, Chesterfield, Indiana, plan to carry on their spiritual work in Springfield, Ohio.

Heiss-Stone

A communication recently received from the Rev. Leota B. Maxwell, trustee of the General Assembly of Spiritualists brings to our attention the recent marriage, Wednesday, November 16th, of Cora (Mrs. Herbert A.) Stone, devout Spiritualist, of Brooklyn to the Rev. John Heiss of Catskill, N. Y. The Rev. Heiss is president of the General Assembly.

Morgan-Thomas

Philip J. Morgan and Oranoke Thomas, Buffalo, N. Y., were married at Niagara Falls, N. Y., recently by the Rev. Robert J. Macdonald, vice president of the National Spiritualist Association.

Lest We Forget

The announcement of the passing of the Rev. Bertha Mann was published last issue. At the time, many details were lacking. Additional facts, submitted by Henri Zacharias, who will carry on the Rev. Mann's work in Chicago are: "The Rev. Bertha Webb Mann, born in England, 1883; was married to Walter Mann in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Mann came to America in 1906. Here Rev. Mann became active in the field of Spiritualism and in 1924 founded the Church of Higher Spiritualism, No. 1. She traveled extensively throughout this country and abroad, teaching and working for the cause of Spiritualism. Before her passing, November 14, 1949, the Rev. Mann was pastor of the church, active in the Federation of Spiritualist Churches and Associations and a member of the Federation's Supreme Council.

"Spiritualists from all parts of Chicago attended the funeral services and many sent beautiful floral displays as a symbol of their respect and tribute."

C.S.S.A. Mass Meeting

According to Dollie E. Dunlap, Vice President of the California State Spiritualist Association, the San Bernardino Association of Spiritualists report a successful mass meeting held in San Bernardino, California, recently at their headquarters, 599 Arrowhead Ave. Rev. Dunlap and Mrs. Jacqueline Bufington, co-pastors of the First Spiritualist Association, hosts for the occasion, served on the program and were congratulated on the church's "new-look" acquired as the result of untiring efforts on the part of members who spent time and money to remodel and decorate the premises. Harold P. Courtney, President of the C.S.S.A. was chairman.

Other speakers and mediums featured: Dr. W. Q. and Rev. Minnie Sayers, Church of Revelation, Los Angeles; Rev. Lillian R. Courtney, Spiritual Science Church, Hollywood; Marie Olsen, First Spiritualist Temple, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kelly, Progressive Spiritualist Church, San Diego; and Rev. Emma Pearl Knight, Central Spiritualist Church, Los Angeles. C.S.S.A. board members present: Rev. Wm. F. Meier and Louise Dahl, both of Los Angeles.

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LONG BEACH MASS MEETING

(Cont'd from Page 11, Col. 3)

Given another address near Alberta, Canada, Miss Kline not only described the house and its occupants but some of the unique furnishings, including a set of rare old plates "with hunting designs." They had been in the family for a long, long time, she said.

The person who had stated the address confirmed all this and added further details in corroboration.

In still another instance, Miss Kline not only described a Portland, Ore., home but also the neighboring houses and ac-

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curately told the number of steps leading up to the residence at the address given.

Miss Kline was asked to describe "No. 10 East Fourth St., Jamestown, N. Y.," and did so—from memory this time, for she was a guest of the Psychic Observer at its new home last summer.

Later, during a demonstration of Miss Kline's famous billet-reading phase, a significant comment on the whole subject of mediumship was made by her spirit guide Mayflower. Answering the question, "Can anyone be a medium?" she said:

"You are a medium. Everyone is a medium. Not all are as psychically developed as some others, but the power of God works through all people, and you are the medium through which that power can

demonstrate. That is all there is to it."

Chairman of the meeting was Dr. John W. Gregory, psychologist, authority on the rehabilitation of victims of paralysis and assistant administrator of the famed Kabat-Kaiser Institute for the treatment of multiple-sclerosis in Santa Monica, Calif. He has long been a keen student of psychic research and of the spiritual teachings made possible by mediumship.

Other speakers included:

Rev. Mary C. Pirtle, of the Long Beach Spiritual Science Church, who admonished those present: "Spiritualists should be in love with the world!"

Rev. Lola Reddig of the Kosmon Center Church in Long Beach, who pointed out that three national Spiritualist or-



Maude Kline
"You are a medium"

ganizations were represented on the platform and that this symbolized a continuity of interest and effort important to the movement.

Rev. Lorraine LaVani, Hollywood, fourth generation medium, who recalled that, significantly, her mother's name was Lily Dale. She announced that she had received by means of spirit dictation "such a strange story" of reincarnation that it is to be published under that name, "Such a Strange Story."

Edward Kimmey, husband of Bertie Lilly Candler, was soloist at the meeting.



Left to right, above: Rev. Mayme C. Pirtle; Rev. Kline; Rev. Lola Reddig; Rev. Candler; Dr. John W. Gregory, Chairman, Santa Monica and Rev. Lorraine La Vani . . . they were featured at a recent Spiritualist Mass Meeting, held in the "Blue Room" auditorium of the Masonic Temple, Long Beach, California. (See below).

