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**FILM STAR
RETURNS!**

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"WOODIE" FIELDS



Didn't think he could do it



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PEACE
TILL
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The picture above, taken February 17th, 1950, shows (left to right) *Fanchion Harwood*, entranced materialization medium; materialized form of *Muriel Hoffner*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffner, 204 Federal Drive, Anderson, Ind; and *Edith Stilwell*, cabinet attendant.

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FILM STARS RETURN

W. C. FIELDS

CAROLE LANDIS

RUDOLPH VALENTINO

Features and Mannerisms

Typical Characteristic

During her recent visit to California, Miami's noted materialization medium, Bertie Lilly Candler, awed some of the film folk of Hollywood by bringing before their eyes four of their most famous personalities now in the world beyond the physical.

At her first demonstration in the film capital, Jean Harlow

was seen and identified by a number of those present. (See *Psychic Observer*, Feb. 10, 1950.) A second demonstration brought three more celebrities: the late W. C. Fields, Rudolph Valentino and Carole Landis.

Each was seen by one or more persons who had known them during their earthly lives and were able to testify that the features and mannerisms of the materialized forms were typical and characteristic.

"Yes, Just Like Him"

First to appear and become visible, in the red light provided for the meeting, was Valentino. Film Actress Carlotta Monti, who had met Valentino during the making of his film, "The Eagle," spoke to him and later, when asked, "Did it look like him?" replied: "Yes, just like him."

The figure was costumed in the manner of his most famous movie roles. As Silver Leaf, the little Indian girl who acts as doorkeeper for the medium, put it when she introduced him: "He's sheiky looking!"

That brought a laugh but Valentino said: "They made me laugh when they were trying to communicate in my home."

Features Recognized

He was referring to a much publicized "seance" at "Falcon's Lair," Valentino's former home in the Hollywood Hills, in 1948.

"That was very crude," said the materialized spirit. "Furthermore, they didn't believe. Conditions were not right for me to come back."

He also referred to the "carrying-on" at the so-called seance, which, along with the table-tipping kind of phenomena attempted, caused the affair to be ridiculed in newspaper reports throughout the country.

Through The
Mediumship of

Bertie

Lilly

Candler

Carole Landis, the beautiful screen actress whose sleeping-pill death in July, 1948, was a sensational filmland mystery, came to her friend, Mrs. Norma Maxwill, of 534 Virgil Ave., Los Angeles.

After the appearance, I asked Mrs. Maxwill, "Did you recognize her features?" To which she replied: "Definitely. It looked exactly like Carole."

Fields was announced by Silver Leaf as "this man with a big nose," and certainly the "big nose" was in evidence when he appeared.

Extreme Care Taken

It was at my suggestion that Carlotta Monti, Fields' close friend during the latter years of his life when he was ill and often hospitalized, had attended the meeting.

Precautions had been taken to make sure that neither Bertie Lilly Candler nor Maude Kline the well known Long Beach medium, who assisted, knew anything of the plan for her to attend the meeting and nothing was said before the demonstration started as to her identity or connection with Fields. Nor was Fields himself mentioned.

Nevertheless, the "big-nosed man," as Silver Leaf again called him, soon made himself seen.

"I never thought I could do this!" he exclaimed.

"Are you happy now, Woodie?" asked the actress, using the nickname she had bestowed on the comedian herself.



Carlotta Monti

She recognizes "Woodie"

"I'm so happy I don't know what to do with myself," he replied.

Down Thru the Floor

Then he asked her permission to "kiss you right on the head."

(George Carlin, reporter for the Los Angeles Mirror, who brought Miss Monti to the meeting, included in his notes at this point: "sound of kissing—very thorough job." Miss Monti's comment was "That's just the way he would do it.")

As was the case with so many of the forms which one minute were plainly visible in the room and then a moment later gone, this one disappeared "right down through the floor," like a flame suddenly extinguished.

Afterward Miss Monti said she had definitely recognized Fields but got "so excited and nervous" that he seemed to "look like a ghost," although "Valentino was absolutely plain to me."

Mr. Carlin, who had just completed a magazine article on Fields' life, said: "It looked like W. C. Fields."

There were several other notable appearances at the meeting. These included a "return engagement" by Actor Jack Lloyd, who had been so plainly seen by his wife, Film Actress Irene Lloyd, at the first Hollywood demonstration.

Illustrating the vagaries of ectoplasmic phenomena, which

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By James Crenshaw—Author of "Telephone Between Worlds"

it is said, are always subject to the conditions of the moment, Miss Lloyd reported that this second materialization was not so clear as the first. Yet when her mother appeared, Miss Lloyd exclaimed: "Oh, mother, you look just beautiful! I can see you now real plainly." Jewels worn by the mother also were clearly visible.

The Ring Episode

Another husband in the world of spirit (since 1937) not only proved his identity by his appearance but by suddenly asking his wife:

"Have you got the ring?"

"No," she said sadly, "I put it with you when you went."

"I didn't want it there," the materialized husband rejoined. "It wasn't to be put in the grave. I wanted you to have it. I couldn't take it with me."

The widow explained later that the ring had been buried with her husband.

When I asked her if she could see the features of the materialized figure, she replied in these exact words:

"I could see the features very plainly. It was my husband." She said, incidentally, that it

was the first time he had ever manifested in this way.

A similar question to a lady who had just talked with her sister brought this emphatic reply:



Another Picture of Carlotta

"Oh, yes, I do recognize my sister's features. My goodness!"

At least one form viewed by those present built up outside the cabinet. One of the spectators described it thus:

"It was like a large flame that would shoot up—or several of them. They would come together and then fade down and then grow in intensity and

volume, only to fade almost away again. It seemed to be quite a struggle until finally, after several tries, it appeared to burst into the full form of a human being. Then the form was right there before us, talking and moving like the other materializations that had come from the cabinet."

One of those most impressed by the demonstration was Hal Styles, well known radio producer and head of a Beverly Hills dramatic school. At Bertie Lilly Candler's previous Hollywood demonstration, he had talked with his daughter, who is in spirit.

Characteristics Recognized

While impressed with this incident, Mr. Styles said he was even more impressed, at this second seance, with the materialization of a tiny girl, the daughter of one of those present at the meeting.

He said he watched the materialized child carefully and found the gestures, mannerisms and other childish peculiarities all typical of a tiny girl of three or four. — characteristics that

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It is ever with awe that I observe the mediumship of highly developed instruments such as are the Nevison sisters, Maude Fox and Loretta Schmitt. Though I've attended hundreds of seances, the phenomena of Spiritualism never grows dull nor does it ever become monotonous.

The Nevison children have been mediumistic since childhood. Remarkable demonstrations of spirit presence repeatedly took place in their own home. At first, it appeared to require the joint power of the girls and their brother, Ben. Later, however, each one could individually demonstrate clairvoyance, clairaudience, trumpet, independent voice, spirit drawing and partial materialization.

Are They Children?

Maude and Loretta's latest psychic development, and I shall tell you about it, concerns the apportioning of articles through closed doors. Incidentally, both are outstanding clairvoyants. They can stand before a vast audience of complete strangers; they can call out full names and dates; they can submit evidence to prove each spirit lives and that they are the persons they say they are.

Separately, they also have well-developed trumpet and independent-voice mediumship of rare quality. Rosy, the jolly, inimitable little spirit guide

who acts as gatekeeper for Mrs. Fox is a definite personality. She has a unique way of expressing herself in poetry and song. To know Rosy is to love her.

Loretta's spirit messenger, Wanda, who serves in the same capacity as Rosy, is quite sedate and gentle. Her eagerness to render service endears her to all who attend the Schmitt circles.

How Spirits Pose

To demonstrate the spirit drawing and apport mediumship, their combined power is necessary. The drawings are made on ordinary plain sheets of paper. These pads of paper are previously examined by the sitters. A box of colored crayons is placed in the center of the seance room. A happy, joyous vibration seems to be necessary for this particular accomplishment.

When the seance room is darkened, the trumpet levitates and song, chatter and a general party spirit prevails. Rosy introduces the different spirit people who are to pose for their pictures. The spirit artists materialize hands and make quick but detailed sketches. Each picture is then transported via the trumpet to the person to whom it belongs. It would be impossible for human hands to work with the rapidity as do these spirit artists. On occasion, I've seen composites of three or four pictures on one

sheet of paper—amazing proof of intelligence and personality surviving transition.

Last summer at Camp Chesterfield, I attended a seance where an apport was brought to each of the fourteen people present. My gift was a delicately carved cameo pendant. The one who presented it to me said he brought it from Paris.

Unless you have attended an apport seance, it is almost impossible to conceive of matter passing through matter but in this atomic age, one can at least comprehend to a degree that such can be done. We can follow the terse terms of Biblical language: "There is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed."

Apport mediumship is a rare phase, but many outstanding records are available. Perhaps one historical case of great interest to Americans is that of

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Film Stars Return

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The significance of this bit of phenomena, he said, struck him above all else because, as the father of two daughters, he was in a position to know and judge the authenticity of the materialization.

"She was just a typical, bubbling, happy little girl with blonde hair and chubby face," he commented. "There were moments when she had the sudden sparkle of a jewel."

One other evidential fact was noted by several of those who witnessed the materializations in Hollywood: Bertie Lilly Candler speaks with a soft Southern accent that is as much a part of her physical makeup as her hair or her eyes. But not one of the materialized entities, whether male or female (and the men's voices were all distinctly male), had a Southern accent.

Bertie Lilly just happened to be on Yankee territory that night, and while she slept the evening away in the deep trance which is a prerequisite for the phenomena, no one was out of character!

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Apport Phenomena

Charles Bailey, the Australian medium who was sponsored by Thomas Welton Stanford, Melbourne millionaire. His brother, Leland Stanford, founded Stanford University at Palo Alto, California. At his death (Thomas) he bequeathed a large fortune to establish a chair for psychic research at the university. The collection of apports was shipped to Palo Alto and now, according to one of the directors, these apports are packed in cases in the basement of the university.

Natural Law

Bailey's spirit control, Abdul, brought through apports of old coins, inscribed Babylonian clay tablets, live birds, bird nests and hundreds of other objects, both animate and inanimate. All these were apported into the seance room.

Once, an 18-inch shovel-nosed shark was brought in. On another occasion, a live crab dripping with seaweed was apported. Live birds often were felt and heard flying around the room. Later they were put into cages.

There is nothing in natural law too deep for man to fathom. The spirit guides tell us that the astral chemists lower the vibrations of these objects so that they can be transported through space into the seance room where they take form and solidify. The analogy of water manifesting as ice and steam has frequently been used to clarify the process.

Millesimo Castle

One time, in the Psychic Observer seance room, a live canary bird which was kept in a cage on the third floor was apported to the basement floor level. This bird chirped and walked about on the extended fingers of several sitters. In this case, it was apported back into the cage on the third floor. The little bird appeared dazed for several days afterward.

Another classic case of apport mediumship is the Millesimo Castle experiments. For hours, I've listened to my good friend, Gwendolyn Kelley-Hack tell me of what she had witnessed with the Marquis Cen-

turione Scotto, a medium of the Italian nobility. Growing flowers, pots of ivy, swords and jewels were included in the array of objects that were apported.

On one occasion, the physical body of the medium was dematerialized and apported. During the course of this sitting, the Marquis was heard to exclaim in a frightened voice, "I can no longer feel my legs!"

Someone spoke to him and receiving no answer, the red light was turned on. He was missing from his chair. The doors and windows were locked and sealed. The key was in the of other unbelievable happen-

In psychic history, the case of Mrs. Guppy, an English medium who was discovered and tested by Sir Alfred Russel Wallace, is well corroborated. At the request of sitters in seances, her guide would bring what was requested.

One time, a friend of Sir Alfred's asked for a sunflower. Immediately, a sunflower, six feet high, fell upon the table. A large mass of fresh earth was around the roots.

On one occasion, the Dialectical Committee, comprised of eighteen ladies and one gentleman, had a rare experience. The guide told each person to wish for fruit. In turn, the following list of items was ap-

miles. She wore a dressing gown and held in her hand a pen wet with ink. At the time, she was busy making out checks.

Though I never sat with the late Charles Victor Miller, an outstanding physical medium, I have spent long hours in his antique shop in New York City. He told me that one time at a seance in San Francisco, where twenty-seven persons were present, he was apported through the closed, locked doors of the seance room and found later, still in trance on the second floor. The seance was held under strict test conditions, he said.

Carnegie Offered

Afterward I read a record of this in an out-of-print book, "An Occultist Travels" by Willy Reichel. "Uncle Victor," as he was affectionately called by his friends, was a remarkable man. He used to be host for elaborate dinners. His genius at the stove caused his friends to thrill at an invitation. He would prepare dinners for thirty or forty people after which, one of his remarkable seances would be given.

Famous men and women from all parts of the world would attend, such distinguished persons as: Charles Frohman, Henry Miller, Minnie Maddern Fiske, Charles M. Schwab and Andrew Carnegie. He told me that Mr. Carnegie offered him a fabulous salary if he would be his private medium and only sit for him and his guests. He couldn't accept because he said it would limit his scope for service.

Case Histories

Incidentally, in "The Mystery Chef's Own Cook Book," there is a recipe for Bouillabaisse, which was one of "Uncle Victor's" own specialties.

These are only a few cases of apport mediumship of the past. Case histories of famous mediums prove that God never leaves His own without a witness so the Nevison sisters, Maude Fox and Loretta Schmitt have joined the illustrious cavalcade in this rare and unique phase of apport mediumship.

(THE END)

The Nevison Sisters



Maude Fox and Loretta Schmitt

lock on the inside. Finally, after a search of several hours, a spirit message in automatic writing, said that the medium could be found in a grainary haymow in the stable yard, more than a hundred yards from the seance room. Moreover, he was found in a deep sleep and was equally as alarmed as the searchers at his strange position. To reach this position normally, he would have been obliged to pass through three doors which were all found to be locked from the outside.

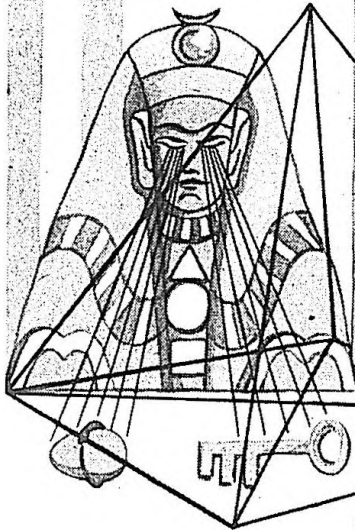
Unfortunately, Mrs. Hack's stupendous book, "Modern Psychic Mysteries," in which this episode is related, is out-of-print. She has kept me spellbound for hours telling scores of things with this Italian nobleman who was her neighbor.

ported in the order they were wished for: a banana, two oranges, a bunch of white grapes, filberts, three walnuts, about a dozen cherries, a slice of candied pineapple, three figs, two apples, an onion, a peach, some almonds, three dates, a potato, two large pears, a pomegranate, two crystallized green gage plums, a quantity of dried currants, a lemon and a large cluster of raisins.

At another instance, a seance was being held in a part of London about three miles from Mrs. Guppy's home. One of the sitters, was acquainted with Mrs. Guppy and her spirit guide. The request was made to her guide to bring Mrs. Guppy to the seance.

Within four minutes, Mrs. Guppy was brought into the room from the distance of three

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By
FRANK J. MCCARTHY

Cremation

It is the Law of Life that the Spirit Becomes Purified Through the Consuming Power of Fire.

People constantly seek affiliation with the power of the Universe, but it is only in rare moments in the earth-life that the individual is able to feel a personal relationship with the eternal force. When the brief instants of perception do occur, they usually result from sympathetic companionship with a beloved friend or relative. The limitations of confinement in the physical body are forgotten in the exultation of mutual understanding and devotion. Soon, however, the cares of the world press in again and it is only after death that the true comprehension and freedom are possible.

Period of Piety

After the demise of the body, the thoughts of the departed are raised to a higher plane and transformed into spiritual faculties. The process of accumulating thoughts of virtue, and eliminating unworthy concepts is momentous. Those who remain on earth much stand by in silence and in reverence.

The assimilation and rediscovery of the ego comes when Life is held in suspension. For a few hours there is nothing which those who are left can do but realize with awe the importance of this experience to the one who is crossing the Great Divide. This is the period for piety. It brings a feeling that is best described by the quotation: "pure-eyed Faith . . . thou hovering angel girl with golden wings."

Frequently the question is asked

if there is subsequently any way of helping the one, at death, entering a new way of life. There is indeed a way to help. This can be done through cremation. Since the earliest time of human consciousness, it has been known that the spiritual process of evolution is hastened by burning the body which has ceased to function on the earth plane. The hindering elements on the physical plane are destroyed by fire that consumes the inanimate flesh and bones.

This gives the astral body the chance to begin its sevenfold functions immediately. One process penetrates the other, as in the physical body, but the faculties are sharpened so that sensitivity reaches its supreme height. This is made possible because in cremation all desire is destroyed. The tension of activity is eased for the physical body. Therefore, the astral body can become divorced immediately from its earth-bound inhabitant.

To the individual, who wants to put emphasis only on the spiritual qualities of existence, the astral body should be allowed complete freedom. This is impossible when the body is put into the earth, to go through the long process of decay. With fire, the ego is released suddenly, and begins to function on the spiritual that much sooner. Cremation gives freedom to the disembodied entity. There is nothing left to continue direct attachment with the earth plane.

Mutual Happiness

The bond of sympathy which ties individuals together on the earth plane provides happiness of the highest order. A comparable condition is possible between Spirits and

the people on earth, but the bond is not identical.

If in the heart of one who is left, there is a sense of longing, a condition of anxiety for both results. The possibility of a serene relationship is denied. In cremation, the restraining chord is destroyed. This means that the person left behind is given sudden release from constriction.

Those who reach the Great Beyond partake of a certain feeling that all is well despite what they have passed through. His feeling is enhanced when the body is cremated. Those who remain feel that released, and gain the assurance that all is as it should be.

A Beautiful Concept

There is no place to run to, no place to weep over, no place to linger near aid suffer the pangs of sorrow. There is only the knowledge of a new bond of kinship, and the birth of sustaining faith.

The effect on the one who is progressing through the spiritual plane is equally advantageous. The desire that is bound up in the texture of the astral body is destroyed when the earth ties are broken. A spirit in confusion feels betrayed. Cremation is the best method for the spirit to enter into a state of being that can be of benefit to those on earth.

The condition of the spirit released, from the confusion of conflicting ties is subjective and analogous to your state of consciousness when you are happy and removed from anything which disturbs your peace and contentment.

Beauty as well as wisdom enter into the concept of cremation. Experience has shown that flowers grow under the warm, bright rays of the sun. In like manner, the spirit attains its full-blooming perfection as it comes into contact with the heat and light of fire. There is more beauty in the thought of the spirit winging upward through shining light than through the dark and gloomy recesses of the grave.

Release the Spirit!

To embrace the idea of cremation means to lose the fear of death. Most people contemplate the journey into Eternity with fear and anxiety. This apprehension inspires compassion, but it cannot be abolished. The inevitable experience of death should be regarded with faith rather than with dread. Those who went first will prepare the way with devotion and assistance in the spiritual evolution.

Moreover, the spirit, released by cremation, is not bewildered but moves in joyful freedom. The pro-

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mise of blessed liberty is open to everyone on the earth plane.

The importance of creation to the departed, as well as to those who remain, should be given thoughtful consideration. It has significance for everyone. It cannot be dismissed as the "other person's problem. Love, to be everlasting, must be all-comprehending

Coming Events

1950

April 23rd—Sunday—Juliette Ewing Pressing will be featured at the Ohio Ave. Spiritualist Church, 86 South Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Rev. Ralph Whitney, Minister.

May 4, 5, 6, 7—53rd annual convention of the State Spiritualist Association of Missouri, Hotel Claridge, Banquet, Sat., May 6th, 7 P. M. Sec'y, William R. Fuller, 8016 Wynwood Drive, Afton (23), Missouri.

May 9-10-11-12—Rev. Clifford L. Bias sponsored by The American Foundation for Psychic Research, Inc., at No. 10 East Fourth St., Jamestown, N. Y.; 3 P. M., series of classes followed by demonstrations each evening.

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

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.

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

June 20-22—53rd annual Convention of the Ohio State Spiritualist Association; Toledo, Ohio.

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

June 26-29—54th Annual Convention of The California State Spiritualist Association; Los Angeles, California.

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

July 1-Sept 7—The Ashley Spiritualist Camp Association, Wooley Park, Ashley, Ohio; Cecil V. Williams, Sec'y, 511 Olney Ave., Marlon, Ohio.

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.

July 2nd-Sept. 3rd—Parkland Heights Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association, Parkland, Penn.; Joseph B. Stott, Sec'y.

July 7th—Connecticut Spiritualist Camp, Pine Grove, Niantic, Connecticut.

June 25-Sept. 4th—Freerille Spiritualist Assembly, Freerille, N. Y.; Sec'y, Ruth LaBarr, Tully, N. Y.

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.

Sept. 11-14—Second Annual Spiritualist Episcopal Church Institute, Camp Chesterfield, Indiana; Rev. Clifford L. Bias, Dean.

Sept. 15-17—Tenth Annual Conference; Spiritualist Episcopal Church, Camp Chesterfield, Indiana.

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and extend beyond the plane upon which it was born.

The ceremony, which precedes the lowering of the casket into the re-tort, is arranged by the family or friends in the same manner as any other funeral service. There is greater dignity and beauty to the ritual since it gives real meaning to the words: "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

When the services are ended, there is a feeling that a glimpse of Eternal Glory has been vouchsafed through the medium of prayer. The bier, on its way to the crematory, is the symbol of release from bondage.

Your Responsibility

The nature of harmony is such that one false note can destroy it. This can be through failure to give assistance to the soul which is seeking to free itself from earth ties. That dissonant note should not break the symphony of the Universe when death, and its transfiguration, bring the soul to the threshold of Eternity.

Many people give lip service to the idea of the soul's invincibility, but when the time comes for action, they show a reluctance to accept the separation of the spirit from the body. By compelling the soul to cling to the useless and worn-out body which housed it on the earth plane, they are saying in effect that the measure of their devotion was limited to materialistic appreciation.

Why should the soul of a friend or relative be held when the desire is to be free? There are many conditions about the life beyond the earth plane which are not easy to comprehend, except to those who have parted the curtain which separates life and death.

Sense of Loss

But this is clear; that life after death is concerned with spiritual values and not mundane trivialities. To attempt to hold back anyone from participation in the new progress is comparable to an unreasonable parent who would force an adult son or daughter to play with toys or dress in rompers in a vain effort to retain for himself the joy of parental pleasure in looking after a tiny tot.

The growing child is not expected to retain the form and habits of infancy. In like manner spiritual growth should be permitted to those who have crossed the threshold into the World of Light.

There is no denying that a sense of loss is exceedingly poignant at the demise of a person who was loved or well known. But nothing can be gained by digging a grave to keep the body wasting away inch

by inch through months and years. Immediate transfiguration to a state of tranquility is a greater benediction to the one who has left the earth plane than erecting a monument over the mouldering remains in the earth.

Another point that should be given mature consideration in favor of cremation is the cost which is far less than for a lot in a cemetery where graves are crowded so close together that they produce an oppressive sense of lost individuality.

Sometimes the mounds have to be moved to make room for newways, or old cemeteries become obliterated entirely after a few decades. In the play "Hamlet," when the grave digger unearths poor Yorick's skull, illustrates another argument against the practice of burial. The thought of such irreverence to one who was dear is hard to bear.

The time may come when cremation is mandatory and earth burial abolished. At present there is a choice between spending hundreds of dollars for a cemetery interment, or a fraction of that amount for cremation.

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ness to the individual and makes possible communion between us, the living, and those who have gone before. We experience one of those thrilling insights into the Universe as a whole and even on this earth lose for a spell our terrible loneliness by seeing beyond to divine eternity.

IT'S SPRING AGAIN

Spring is a favorite subject of poets. Who could list the beauties of this season which have caught their eye and inspired their glowing descriptions?

Often Spring is recalled by the artist after its departure, and its short life mourned in sad and reminiscent mood.

Muscians as well as writers find inspiration in this season of the year. Shumann's First Symphony has Spring as its theme, and Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" is another well-known illustration.

However, the artist's point of view is not the only means of describing the power and beauty of this glorious period of beginnings. In everyone's consciousness, awe and reverence are born anew, and faith in the outcome of Nature's marvelous rejuvenation inspires all.

Frank J. McCarthy.

Another Zenor Prophecy

"No Peace Till . . . 1964"

When will peace come to the earth? . . . this is the answer, according to an ancient prophet who made the prediction through the Rev. Richard Zenor of Los Angeles: *No peace till June 3, 1964.*

Until then, war, disaster and change, accelerated progress in the field of science and the complete emergence of the United States as the dominant world power, will be the order of the day.

That is in line with repeated prophecies given through Rev. Zenor of a great enlightened age of world peace and prosperity, scheduled to start about 1965.

The prophecy of the exact time of the coming of the Age of Peace was made on October 31 last year in this language: *"Harmony will not prevail until 14 years, seven months and three days from this day. Peace will not prevail until that exact time."*

This adds up to June 3, 1964, a date, if the prophecy be correct, which may well be established as a great world holiday, to be celebrated for hundreds of years afterward.

Of the more immediate future, the ancient prophet said: During the years of 1950, '51, '52 and '53, there will be the great upheaval upon the earth plane. There will be much distress, and plagues (disease) will break out. Some plagues will be curbed, but some will cause many to perish. This will be in the foreign lands.

"There will be a threat to this nation (United States) that a germinal war will take place unless certain terms are met, but a germinal war will not be employed. That will not materialize.

"The United States has the greatest power—the greatest weapons—and, if it desired, it could destroy the whole of the world. But naturally that will not be.

"Russia does not have the atomic power, nor bombs, in the way that is claimed by them at this time."

Some other predictions by this particular prophet:

CHINA—"The fall of China is inevitable. The fall of the neighboring countries is inevitable."

SPAIN—"And later Spain will be involved. There is much confusion there in that country to arise in the near future."

PALESTINE—"More uprising to

take place but will gradually simmer down."

BRITAIN — "England will become so very low but gradually will regain its strength and have a new economic system."

AMERICA — "America will change considerably and will have an improved economic system. At this time there is much power given to the unions of the United States, but there will come a time when they do not have the power they do today.

"The credit system is going to change—a new system to be devised but not detrimental to the American people.

"There will be much discussion as to the gold standard, and new currency will be issued in the not



Richard Zenor
Wait and see

too distant future. A great change economically is to take place, and there will be rising and falling of commodities in 1950. Political confusion and corruption will be brought out in the (nation's) capital as we progress through the year."

U. S. NEIGHBORS—"More cooperation between the United States and Mexico and Canada. There will be what shall be termed the great fortification to withstand any shock or jar that may be thrust upon us by the nations that are disturbing themselves. By their own hands they shall perish."

RUSSIA — "There shall come then the death of the leader of Russia, and others shall arise who will seemingly have more power than the one who left the flesh. And there will be the uprising and

the confusion and the conflict among themselves.

"Germany did this—not the people but the leaders of that country. Russia will do the same."

DISASTERS — "Eruptions will take place all over the world. Earthquakes will be felt in different parts of the world. There will be submergence of land, such as islands, especially in Japan. There will be floods and fires to combat. Plagues will break out, and disease will attack mankind, which will puzzle medical science as to how to cope with it."

MEDICINE — "A cancer cure will be had, and other incurable diseases will be eliminated through the rays they are going to employ. New medicines and products will be placed on the market that will be very helpful to the human body to ward off disease and other confusing factors biologically.

"But many will die, as you use the term, of heart trouble early in life — 35 to 55 and around those ages. People who have raced through life will drop out of their bodies. There will seemingly be a great siege of heart trouble in 1950, '51, '52 and on to '56. Great people, as you would say, accomplished people, then, will be freed one by one in early life."

TRAVEL — "Amid all of this confusion that I have seen, more people within the next two or three years will traverse the earth. Through the provisions made by the various great companies, the people will be enabled to travel reasonably and to see the foreign lands."

FLYING SAUCERS — "The saucers will be seemingly prevalent in the near future and will be reported to the people. They shall be seen by many on earth and reported by authorities who traverse the skies. Strange airships and strange things shall be seen in the sky. Many things will take place in space that will be discovered later and explained to the lay mind scientifically."

Key To Joy of Living

Added the prophet: "I only convey to you what my soul is capable of bringing to the surface. That which I give forth, I submit as I see it and not as I want it. Hear now and know that life is wonderful and interesting. Each and every one must learn lessons. Each and every one must have pain. But the pain of suffering must not diminish the joy of living. Let the enthusiasm of your learning be the key to the enjoyment of your living."

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What I Observe

by
R.G. Pressing



Questions?

For quite some time, the readers of *Psychic Observer* have admonished us for not including a *question and answer column* in every issue of our journal. Columns of this kind necessitate a great deal of research, a wide knowledge of this subject and several lifetimes of experience.

It isn't so difficult to answer questions. Anyone can do it but the point is how are they to be answered. When you get into the philosophical teachings, the technique of mediumship, and then have to deal with the hundred and one other diversified subjects—this job, if carried out, becomes quite burdensome.

In addition to having all of this thrown in your lap, there will always be other kinds of questions continually hurled at us... why are mediums this and why are they that, etc.?

But the case in point is a letter from George L. Ralston in which he presents an educational plan for the mediums. That is good, provided it includes a similar plan of education for the sitters.

And then our correspondent also asks: "Why do we seldom hear one medium express confidence in another?"

If ten leaders in the Spiritualist movement were called upon to answer that question, some would try to explain why while others would deny such a situation exists. Those who agree with Mr. Ralston would naturally have an entirely different line of argument than those who differed. Argument seldom convinces. Facts are needed.

We cannot deny that mediums do occasionally speak ill of their co-workers, but do not all types of people possess this

trait? Mediums have no monopoly. You have only to look at some of the primadonnas in the highly emotional fields—art, drama, screen and stage. No, it isn't strange at all. Mediums do talk about each other, so also do people in all walks of life and being human this probably will continue until the end of time.

Generally speaking, mediums are expected to live and express themselves to a degree of perfection over and above any other person. It seems that people think that because of the very nature of their gift (God-given) that this and this alone should make of them Christs' incarnate, whereas they are simply people whose gift is no different, as far as the source is concerned, than any other talented person. The gifts vary, but not the source.

Jack Recommends Maude

Now Mr. Ralston's question can be answered by citing a case in point. At the recent N.S.A. annual convention, San Antonio, Texas, one of the featured mediums was Maude Kline of Los Angeles. A statement regarding her superb mediumship was drawn up by J. Bernard Ricks, 6203 Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. This statement not only definitely points out the qualifications of Maude Kline as a blindfold-billet medium but also the fact that she is an all-around swell person.

Now to answer Mr. Ralston's question—What more could a fellow medium do to express confidence in their co-worker than to place their name on a document of recommendation. Some of the foremost mediums in the country signed — even names of several outstanding billet-readers were included

(i.e.) Thomas J. Kelly. He vouched for Maude's mediumship and, on many occasions, I have also heard Miss Kline speak of Kelly's mediumship in glowing terms.

Possibly Mr. Ralston has isolated cases in mind. I, too, have many but I am afraid it is a rare instance and not the rule.

A photostatic copy of the statement attesting to Maude's mediumship was signed as a result of her marvelous work in the Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Gunter, San Antonio, Texas, October 25, 1949.

Mediums Vouch For Medium

The signators: Robert Barnes, E. Travis, H. G. Burroughs, C. L. Sharp, Rev. Mable Rifle, Rev. John F. Van Meir, Irene Clayton, Kay Cunningham, Pearl E. Campbell, Rev. Emily Clark, Rev. F. Lorenz Lamping, Katherine Lamping, Herbert Childs, Mrs. Robert C. Kroll, Rev. Peter Evert, Rev. Emma Pearl Knight, Clara E. Murphey, Mary E. Wilkerson, Harry H. Adams, Rev. Myrtle Landon Rogers, Mrs. Rudolph E. Klement, Mrs. Alph Frix, R. C. Bradley, Rev. Lena Halstead.

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Swedes To Investigate

"Swedish scientists are going to investigate Spiritualism," according to Helga Stromberg, wife of Gustav Stromberg author of "The Searches" and "The Soul of the Universe."

Mrs Stromberg says: "You might be interested to know that some Swedish scientists are going to investigate Spiritualism. In a Swedish magazine received from a friend in Sweden it said that an engineer, who is a Spiritualist, had proven without a doubt that there are forces that science doesn't know anything about.

"The result is that some bishops, authors, artists and scientists have put their names under a petition that a fund be raised and that the study of these phenomena be given a place at the university. It is a sign of the times, that these men realize that Spiritualism, when scientifically proven, will change the people of the earth from warfare to peace and help bring the Brotherhood of man to this plane."

What Convinces

Under proper conditions, many are of the opinion that materialization is one of the most convincing phases of mediumship. Oftimes, individuals attending their very first seance of this nature, receive positive conviction. This happened in the Lott case when J. F. Holland of Hastings, Florida, made it possible for his friend, Elisha H. Lott, 13 1/2 Rhode Ave., St. Augustine, Florida, to attend a seance at Cassadaga.

The medium in this case was the Rev. Clarence Britton and Mr. Lott was so impressed that he wrote the following letter to Mr. Holland:

"Dear Jim:

"Manifestations witnessed last night, during a materialization seance at Cassadaga, Florida, with the Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Britton were so convincing that I want to tell someone about them.

"I saw and talked with my

late father, who passed to spirit life a little over a year ago. He appeared just as he did during his youthful years in this life. He wore a grey suit like the one in which his body was buried. Both his voice and phraseology were recognizable. I felt that he was waiting to come to me, long before the medium was entranced, for the seance was hardly open before he appeared."

"The next to come to me was the late conductor, Bill Griffin, who only recently passed away in his home at New Smyrna Beach. Bill's height, size, movements and build were perfect. His voice was so much like the last time I heard it, I would have recognized it anywhere.

"I asked him why he did it (took his own life) and he replied, 'I'd rather not talk about it.' He sounded just like I have heard him speak while here on earth.



Elisha H. Lott
He vouches for Britton

"I am ever grateful to you for being instrumental in my finding this wonderful truth. I cannot find words to express my emotions as I experienced this. The manifestations exceeded my fondest hopes for my first sitting.

"Rev. and Mrs. Britton are loving and kind. They go about their work with utmost sincerity — overlooking not the slightest detail.

"I was granted the privilege of holding Rev. Britton's hands during entrancement by his spirit guide, little Mary Anton and for a few fleeting moments thereafter. Only those who have experienced this can appreciate

that feeling which seems to engulf one during the process. I cannot describe it, nor will I easily forget it.

"The urge I had to attend the seance was nothing short of phenomenal. All day long I had an urge to call people 'Griffin'. I could not get Bill off my mind. It seemed that I was being drawn like metal to a magnet. The moment he appeared in the seance, this condition left me and I have scarcely thought of the name since."

More About Don

In a recent issue of this journal, we published a picture of Don Fuller. The data which we hoped could accompany this picture had not yet been received. A letter written by Don's closest friend, the Rev. Raymond E. Burns, Stamford, Connecticut, says: "Don was serving as secretary and social chairman of the Plymouth Spiritualist Church of Rochester, N. Y., at the time I became pastor in 1931.

"In 1934 when I accepted the pastorate of the Church of Spirit Communion in Hotel Statler, Buffalo, New York, Don acted as my assistant and served me faithfully for 15 years.

"While at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, Don was associated with many worthwhile projects, notably the "Service of the ROSE COMMUNION," which last year was dedicated as a memorial to him."

After-life Beliefs

Anybody who pretends to know everything about any subject is not only fooling others but himself, whether he be in the spirit world of still on the physical side of life.

That in essence was the warning given one of Rev. Richard Zenor's classes in Los Angeles recently by his "door-keeper," known as "Dr. Navajo."

According to James Crenshaw, our California representative, in a little talk which he made to the class in advance of the regular lecture by Agasha,

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the principal teacher who speaks regularly through Mr. Zenor, the doorkeeper said:

"There are things that we are not privileged to know. That applies to us on this side, as well as to you in the class.

"I don't know any more than you do when it comes to some of the things that Agasha has to give. We are human on this side, the same as you are human on the physical plane. We have our likes and our dislikes and our opinions the same as you have on the earth.

"That is because we are individuals, the same as you are individuals, and we are entitled to our opinions in the spirit, the same as you are entitled to them on the earth plane.

"We have various religions in the astral world. All do not believe the same way. There are just as many religions as you have on earth. People, just because they are in spirit, do not necessarily embrace the philosophy of Agasha, or any other great teacher.

"So we have our difficulties in spirit (regarding different beliefs), just as you have them on the earth plane. Remember, it takes a long time to break down a belief that has been believed in for a long time.

"It becomes very hard to convince people. They are afraid to break away from the rank and file and to strive to understand the consciousness of God, because from the time they were children they have visualized a personalized God.

"To them, there is no other way to explain the great consciousness. They believe that God created everything that is in manifestation, and we agree. But we believe we have all taken an active part in the creation of all things."

Agasha, the teacher, has also repeatedly warned in his lectures that the mere fact of a communication from spirit does not assure its being authoritative.

"All on this side and on the earth plane are learning, earning and growing, each in his own way," he has stated, "and only when we come to a higher understanding of life as a whole

do we realize the Oneness of the Universal Consciousness and the part that all of our individual differences play in the great scheme of the God-consciousness."

Until we reach the "universal" understanding, says Crenshaw, men cling to their differences both here and in the "hereafter" in the same way that they cling to all other material expressions of the physical existence, Agasha says.

Graduation into the next world, Crenshaw believes, is no assurance of all knowing or even primary grade understanding. That is why, he says, that so many different versions of "truth" are received from those who have progressed but little in the spirit world. They associate with those of like beliefs and gravitate to degrees of consciousness appropriate to their own state of understanding (or lack of it), and only in time will they reach a state of enlightenment where the full Light of Truth comes fully into focus.

Ethel Post-Parrish

Throughout the country, interest in materialization seems to be at a peak for in almost every mail, enthusiastic Spiritualists cite instances where convincing evidence has been received at materialization seances.

The latest from Anita Nagen-

gast, 4026 Ridgcroft Road, Baltimore 6, Maryland, states how she was privileged to attend "one of the finest and most unusual materializations" through the mediumship of Ethel Post-Parrish. Mrs. Parrish is secretary of Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pennsylvania and conducts services in St. Petersburg, Florida, during the winter months at the Spiritualist Church of the Beloved, 2806 Central Avenue.

Mrs. Nagengast says: "In full view of all the sitters, the



Ethel Post-Parrish
Camp Silver Belle Secretary

medium was brought forth from the cabinet, supported by her Indian guide. During the same seance, there occurred a number of times, the manifesting of three spirit materializations simultaneously.

"Not only was I convinced of the authenticity of Mrs. Post-Parrish's mediumship but

others have allowed me to quote them as follows:

"My mother my daughter and an Indian were together upon the floor at the same time. I found the experience too wonderful for mere words," declared Mrs. Esterline of Baltimore, Maryland.

"Zelma De Paul affirmed: 'My daughter and my sister came through and sang and danced together. That moment was joy and happiness to me.'

"Eva M. Mears said: 'My mother, sister and my teacher were grouped together on the floor. To describe adequately my elation at the time would be impossible.'

"An ecstatic experience,' acknowledged Rev. Mollie Beck, 'to see my mother, my husband and my grandmother together . . . brought me to the ultimate in happiness.'

"Wonderful beyond expression,' said Elaine T. Wolle, 'to see my teacher, my mother and aunt together and to hear two other voices from the cabinet at the same time . . . that was to me the most wonderful experience in my whole life.'

"D. E. Hopkins, Norfolk, Virginia, asserted: 'Luther Burbank, my teacher, materialized, accompanied by my wife's two sisters, Della and Florence.'

"Estes Mullen of Washington, D. C., and about twenty-five others witnessed this uniquely beautiful manifestation" says Mrs. Nagengast.

Hitchcock Says:

For the past ten years, thousands have read the "Brandon" books, "Open the Door," and "We Knew These Men." The data for these books was received through the instrumentality of Edith Ellis, 152 West 58th Street, New York, New York. Her spirit collaborator is Wilfred Brandon.

Just recently, we received a letter from Mrs. Ellis accompanied by an article, "What Republicans Stand For" which she received from the late Frank Hitchcock, who outlines twelve specific "aims of Republicans."

Hitchcock says through his medium that if these twelve

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aims were followed, the Republican party would, indeed, be revitalized.

Inasmuch as the nature of this journal has not been and never will be, to take sides in politics, I suggest that those interested write direct to Mrs. Ellis — requesting a mimeographed copy of the Hitchcock message.

Since publication of "The Case For Physical Mediumship." (*Psychic Observer*, January 25th) hundreds of letters of comment have been received (i.e.) Dr. J. E. Hett, Windsor, Ontario, says: "Your case for Iona Brandt is remarkable. I know this medium personally and must say that the photograph accompanying the article is very convincing.

"I was in the seance room of Baron von Schrenck-Notzing in Germany and the Baron explained and showed to me the straps and bells as they were placed upon the wrists and ankles of the medium they were testing. When the medium would move the bells would ring. The Baron had about a dozen Kodaks in the room placed at different angles and positions and all could be snapped at the same time."

The Baron's book: "The Phenomena of Materialization" will give the reader some idea as to how the psychic researchers of yesteryear conducted their experiments. Most of these tests are out-of-date. The modern-day top notch medium

doesn't need to be subjected to such gruelling experiments.

Bombay Convention

Under the joint auspices of the Nasikvala Spiritualist Development Circle and Mr. Rishi's Indian Spiritualist Society the Spiritualists of Bombay met at the Blavatsky Lodge under the Chiarmanship of Mr. Jamnadas Metha (Ex-Chief Commissioner for India in Burma), to be in line with the scheme of Conventions held by Spiritualists throughout the world.

Flying Discs

William Claussen, R.F.D. 1, Elmhurst, Illinois, has asked us a difficult question. "Are flying discs and saucers manifestations of Spiritualistic phenomena?"

I shall have to leave that answer to someone better informed. If you would like the job, see Claussen's address above.

For Mr. Claussen's benefit, as well as for our readers, one of the best explanations of the flying discs to reach this desk, was received from the Rev. E. L. Patterson, President of the Triune Circle of Light Church University, Inc., Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

Rev. Patterson says: "There is much discussion about the flying discs at the present time. Because we can see so clearly through the stratosphere few people realize the tremendous density of the atomic ceiling around this earth. This is

caused by the earth's rotation and the emanations of the atoms as they leave the earth and fill all space. When they reach the outer strata they condense and become so strong that even bullets would fall as they do when striking silk—they would not penetrate.

"If it were not for this ceiling we would all fly into space and be burned to a crisp instantly, as the ether is so rare nothing could exist outside of the earth's protective Aura. Even new worlds, as they form from an atom, stay within this protective Aura of the Mother planet until they have evolved an Aura of their own.

"And so, since they must apport through the atomic ceiling to find their own orbit, the theory of the Scientists, that the flying discs come from other planets, is false.

"Man can control discs with electro magnetic currents or beams UNTIL expanded thought (Heaven Within You) annuls the material power by Spiritual energy or force. There is NOTHING in the Universe that can withstand the POWER of PRINCIPLE. If you doubt this, answer the question, 'What is keeping the trillions of Worlds from crashing?'

"Creation is a constant, living, everlasting force, eternally active progressively evolving unto the perfect image — 'Christhood'. Hence, demonstration is creation objectified."

How It Happened

One of the latest books, based on psychic phenomena, is: "There Is A Psychic World" by Horace Westwood.

A. M. Wade of Tampa, Florida, says that he was acquainted with Horace's father years ago when he was pastor of the Methodist Church in a town where he (Wade) occupied the post of school superintendent. The town, Trenary Michigan. The time, 1907-1910.

At that time, Mr. Wade said Horace was pastor of a Methodist church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and that evidently, he had a change of heart because the last time he heard of him, was that he was in the pulpit of the First Unitarian Church of Toledo.

"I met Horace," says Wade, "when he lectured in Fresno, California, in 1930 and I could tell at that time, he had definite leanings toward psychic phenomena."

Hall Officiates

A news release taken from a California journal states that Manly Palmer Hall, founder of the Philosophical Research Society in California, officiated at the funeral of Alan Hale, late veteran actor. This is the first time I have ever heard of Mr. Hall serving in this capacity.

Lending Library?

We have had hundreds of requests during the past ten years to inaugurate some sort of a plan whereby we could (CONTINUED PAGE 13, COL. 3)

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Evelyn Proved!

That's Why I Am A Spiritualist

Returning home from attending a Spiritualist meeting recently I determined to make a personal effort to contact some invisible intelligences who would be willing to give me a demonstration of physical phenomena.

My mind was slowly emerging from agnosticism and I had become much interested in psychic literature. It was in one of Dr. W. J. Crawford's books that a key to my dilemma was revealed suggesting a way of approach that if followed might produce the results.

In the solitude of my humble room I reclined on a chair, and in soft subdued light, I directed my gaze to an imaginary spot on the wall opposite, the while sending out my silent request for the presence of a Spiritual Being qualified to give me positive evidence of Spirit Power, by means of physical phenomena.

How She Proved

In the course of a few moments I became aware of taps on my forehead. Asking if this was an indication of a Spirit presence, the reply came back by means of three taps—yes.

I then explained aloud the nature of my quest and informed the co-operating Spirit that I had planned certain tests which, if successfully conformed, would have a great effect upon my future mental attitude towards the tenet of survival.

Addressing the Spirit, I said: 'In the locked cupboard opposite is a box of dominoes. Would you cause to be deposited on my bed the double-six? When you have accomplished this would you so signify by forehead taps?' The reply was in the affirmative.

A few moments elapsed and

then three distinct taps were received. I turned on the light and there upon the bed I discerned the correct domino!

Wishing to be doubly assured and in order to dis-



Ernest Mann

She tapped on his forehead

pel a lingering feeling of skepticism, I asked the spirit operator to repeat the phenomena but, in this instance, to cause the double-blank domino to be deposited.

The request was acknowledged by the usual taps and within a few seconds the "forehead-telegraphy" told me the phenomena had been accomplished. However, on this occasion, when the light was turned up, no domino was to be seen.

Who Wouldn't Be?

As I stood erect in the middle of the room, my mind perplexed in doubt, an object fell on my head and thence to the floor. There to my amazement laid the double-blank!

I sent out silent thanks to the spirit responsible and at the

By Ernest Mann, Canadian Spiritualist

WHAT I OBSERVE

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12)

sponsor a lending library, specializing in Spiritualist, occult, and psychic books. This is a splendid idea but I am afraid that first it would have to be subsidized and financed to the tune of several thousands of dollars as it could never be self-sustaining financially.

A letter received from Mollie R. Myers, of Hanford, California, has recently brought this matter to our attention. Mrs. Myers says: "As a long-time Spiritualist, I hope that

same time expressed a wish to be informed as to his, or her, identity. Immediately the name "Evelyn" was tapped alphabetically on my forehead.

It then became obvious why I should be given such positive proof of spirit intervention for Evelyn, as the spirit subsequently confirmed, was my sister who passed to the higher life in infancy.

This remarkable psychic adventure came to a fitting climax by "Evelyn" plainly materializing a portion of her form and bidding me adieu by giving me three distinct kisses on my forehead.

Therefore, with this and other striking psychic experiences over the years can one wonder why I am a Spiritualist.

you folks will see the need for starting a lending library. As new books come out, most of us yearn to read them, but cannot afford many. Why don't you start something like this?"

There is no question but that this is a good idea from the reader's point of view but it would have to be started by someone who had an immense stock in order to supply the demand. A large staff of stenographers would have to be employed. The first item would run into five figures and the second would cost at least \$100 a week for help alone.

Added to this, someone would have to be in charge who knew the books plus the fact that there must be ample office space for the business . . . rent and overhead.

All of this must be taken into consideration. Yes, it would be a good idea, but it is not basically sound as a business, hence the money would have to be raised . . . but from where?

Our experiences in the book business has shown that 50% of the so-called book buyers are discriminating and relentless in their exactness. There is nothing wrong in this, but in the main, they are difficult to handle when it comes to (CONTINUED ON PAGE 14, COL. 1)

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books. Reading matter varies from any other commodity in that once read, books are in essence, with few exceptions, ornaments on the shelf. Of course, they can be loaned out to friends who will loan them to another friend and in this endless chain, they often become lost. Chronic borrowers seldom return books.

Some people cannot understand why it is that when they buy a new book and read it, keep it in apparently perfect condition, that it cannot be returned for full credit. They moan and groan about the book being as good as new and consequently, feel that it can be exchanged (like a matress?) and sold to someone else as a new book. I wish it was as easy as that. What about the buyer that expects a new book?

Who Finances?

During the past five or ten years, books have been higher than any time in the history of publishing. This is due, of course, to the cost of labor and material, certainly the authors are not reaping any great reward. In fact, many of the Spiritualist books published today, with few exceptions, are financed by the author . . . to the tune of two to five thousand dollars for the first printing!

With the exception of the few Spiritualist publications, rarely used by publishers to advertise Spiritualist books, there is no organ in which the strictly psychic and Spiritualists books can be advertised. These few organs, if used, would suffice, but the publisher expects Spiritualist magazines to do all the advertising FOR FREE whereas their other books will be advertised in the "New York Times" and other papers to the tune of an expenditure approximately 3 to 5% of the over-all cost.

In other words, individuals and individual concerns never think to include advertising in the cost of their books and consequently, the story is the same. About one-half or one-

third of the books are sold and the rest become a drug on the market and eventually are disposed of at a low price.

What, you may ask, has this to do with a lending library? Nothing, except that it will show the difficulties confronted by the retailer who does receive a fair profit but to loan books out, especially through the mail, would be one of the biggest heartaches any person or groups of persons could undertake. A bookkeeping system would be imperative and then, at so much a day, it would not be a question of how much would be made, but how little you could lose.

There is one way, however, that a lending library could be handled, and anyone is welcome to try it, and that would be to have the customer send the full retail price of the book and, if and when it is returned, deduct the weekly or monthly rental charge, remitting the balance to the customer or a yearly fee could be assessed and used for rental over a period of time.

What Profit?

Another way would be to start a club with a membership fee of \$10.00 a year allowing the members to borrow no more than \$10 worth of books at one time. The accounting department would be a real problem but since we started this discussion, I am anxious to know just how many people would be interested in a project of this kind. How many people

would be willing to join at \$10.00 a year? How many others would be willing to donate, say \$100 or \$500? . . . sharing in the profits (?) of course.

When these questions are answered and volunteers appear on the horizon, then it is time enough to seriously consider the whole project. If I receive one letter in response—a letter offering assistance, I will be greatly surprised . . . in fact I might drop "dead".

Japan's Psychic Research

For the last 32 weeks, A. Kasukawa has been publishing a journal, "Psychical Research and Spiritualism" at 206 4 chome Denenchofu, Otaku, Tokyo, Japan.

This 24-page journal, published in the Japanese language, is sponsored by the Japan Psychic Science Association. The copy I have before me, No. 32, reads like a Chinese puzzle. It starts on the last page and works toward the front. There are no pictures and inexpensive newsprint is used; the cover page is printed in green ink.

During the many years I have been associated with Spiritualism, I have had the opportunity to view some 50,000 books on the subject. Amongst these, I came across only one written by a Japanese, A. Fukarai. This was an elaborate 200-page, illustrated book (in English) based on the subject, "Thoughtology" . . .



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a term used by the author instead of thought transference, clairvoyance, etc.

I am writing to Kasukawa to see whether he will translate portions of his journal for publication in this country.

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One has only to watch the evolution of great scientists like Professors Jeans and Eddington, the astronomers, or Doctor Alexis Carrel, author of "Man the Unknown" and Nobel Prize winner, to see the inexorable trend to a spiritual view of matter, declares Shaw Desmond in his brilliant book, "You Can Speak With Your Dead."

"If we observe the later developments of the mathematicians and physicists from Einstein to that most remarkable of scientists, J. W. Dunne, with his 'An Experiment with Time', (*) Desmond concludes, "we find how implacably, in the world of science, matter is becoming dematerialized, and how spiritual interpretation is taking the place of the now old-fashioned materialist science. Dunne, indeed, claims to have found irrefutable proof of human immortality."

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dous truths of life from the simple things.

Nature tries to make us realize that there is divine order; that this order of change is never abrupt or radical but simple. Death can not end all suddenly; that is not the divine order. All life moves onward and there is no death of anything and only transition.

Let us look on Life and Death from the plain and simple point of view. Everything that has to do with life is very simple. Continuity of life is a part of that



Dortch Campbell

"I can assure you"

divine order of simplicity.

Of all the acts of life dying is the simplest, the easiest, if man does not interfere with that simple change in his egotism; death is like a-going to sleep at night. We die simply and we awake simply. There is no fanfare of trumpets. We are not ushered into heaven with all its glory. Stupid men of ancient times made the Unseen World a travesty.

The world we go to its simply like our own. The new world is so like earth-life that tens of

Continuity of life is a part of that divine order of simplicity.

Stupid men of ancient times made the Unseen World a travesty.

thousands of men and women who have died believe they have not died.

Death is a change, not abrupt but in the nature of birth, that has been likened to a higher rate of vibration. The soul divests itself of the earth-body but comes alive after a brief coma, or a more extended period of sleep, in a so-called etheric body very much like the old flesh and blood. Conditions in the new life are not precisely the same for each individual any more than they are the same in a maternity home on earth. Nevertheless, all is very simple, all is very natural, all is very pleasant.

A Brief Journey

Man approaches his problems from a wrong direction. That is why there are so many problems; that is why so few have got an inkling of the riddle of the universe. We think that unless the approach is scientific the findings can not be true. But, truth is, the approach to all problems, cosmic as well as individual, must be from the viewpoint of simplicity.

Death is quite as simple as Life—indeed, that transition is only the evolution of life. The approach to this issue should be from the vantage ground of simple spirituality. We should be able to see that we are only going on a brief journey to a more beautiful garden. It needs but a glimmer of common sense to perceive that man is not made to go out suddenly.

Let Others Say It

All the strength of the world and all its beauty, all true joy, everything that consoles, that feeds hope, or throws rays of light along the dark paths, everything that makes us see across our drab lives a splendid goal and a boundless future, can

come from looking at Life and Death in a very simple manner—a point of view that means so much because it is true.

Let others say that it is the dead of winter in their lives since death has come, and the snow lies deep, and it is bitter cold, and the maples, elms, oaks and poplars have shed their leaves. Let others say that the grass is dead, buried under funeral robes of snow.

Let others say that since one has died that their lives are dead. Believe them not! Trees and grasses and shrubs and flowers are not dead. They have merely changed their clothes for new ones. In that which has come to me by living that I may never die, I can assure you that the only change for you will be a more beautiful garment.

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CHURCH NEWS

Mae Murray Speaks

The noted movie star and actress, Mae Murray, was a guest speaker recently at the Carl Horton Pierce Memorial Healing Center, 800 E. Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, California, according to Dr. C. Richard Minugh, pastor of the church. This is the second in the series of lectures delivered by Miss Murray whom Dr. Minugh says "is a divine soul."

Dr. Minugh's letter states that "she complimented his chapel in the sky as serene and described it as a place for meditation and communion of spirit with spirit—a place to talk with God."

Buffalo Dedication

A dedication service was held March 5th at the Spiritualist Church of Eternal Brotherhood, Inc., 1980 Bailey Avenue in the city of Buffalo,

held in Denver September 7th; Rev. Florence Stanton, regular pastor; Rev. Bertha Lambertson, Rev. William Sheffer, Rev. Justine Woodroffe, Belle Spataro and Rev. Verdi Joe Ayers, Lyceum superintendent.

MacDonalds At Colorado

A class where students can learn more about ancient wisdom, esoteric science and the truths of Spiritualism is being conducted every Sunday night by Howard Brenton MacDonald. These classes are held at 428 S. College Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Russell At Pittsburgh

"America's Premier Psychic," Theodor C. Russell, was featured recently at the Spiritualist Church of Revelation, 114 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Russell had just returned from an extended three weeks'

years of faithful service, was conferred upon Alice P. Garrett, pastor of Chapel No. 4, Santa Cruz. During recent years, the Rev. Garrett organized churches in Mason, Michigan and Modesto, California.

Students from Fresno given the first degree certificate at these services were: Florence and Raymond trice Ryan; secretary-treasurer, Pacific Grove: Opal Dutton, Christina Dockey and Alice Chappel.

According to Rev. Kelly, these students "have worked faithfully and studied diligently and feel rewarded for their perseverance."

The Rev. Kelly also conducts services at 581 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, California. Other officers of her church are: Vice President, Beatrice Ryan; secretary-treasurer, Florence Peacock Holmes.

Chesterfield Improves

The 1950 Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp program will include some new speakers and mediums: Lytle Sensabaugh, pastor of the Way Memorial Church, Wheeling, West Virginia; Maude Kline, July 11-23; N. S. A. missionary, Los Angeles, California; a return engagement, July 23 to 30 for Arthur Myers, N. S. A. trustee; and Juliette Ewing Pressing, August 5-6-7.

According to Mabel Riffle, secretary of the Chesterfield, Indiana, Camp, thousands of dollars are being spent in improvements (i. e.) remodeling and redecorating of hotels and ice cream parlor; road repair, black top surface; and extensive landscaping.

Missouri Convention

The 53rd annual convention of the State Spiritualist Association of Missouri will open at Hotel Claridge, May 4th and continue through May 7th. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 6th at 7:30.

Mediums and speakers to be featured at the convention are Rev. Loretta Schmitt from Chesterfield, Indiana and Earl Williams of East St. Louis according to secretary, William R. Fuller

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Since the celebration of their 9th anniversary several months ago, splendid attendance is reported at the Beckoning Light Spiritualist Church. Services are held every Sunday at the Woman's Club. The pastor, the Rev. Jewell E. Williams features many prominent workers, the latest, the Rev. Bertie Lilly Candler of Miami.

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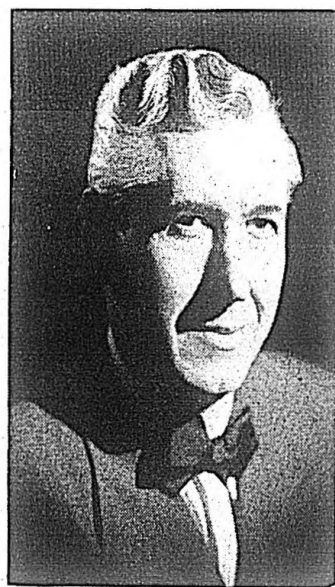
N. Y. Special services were held the entire week, March 5-12, according to pastor, the Rev. D. Mona Berry.

Those taking part in the service were: Rev. Robert MacDonald, Lily Dale, N. Y., Vice President N. S. A.; George MacLroy, Boston, Mass., and Lillian Dillon, Chicago, Ill.

Denver Celebrates

The Progressive Spiritualist Science Church of Denver, Colorado, held their first meeting February 5th at their new downtown location, 1517 Glenarn.

Those serving in various capacities: Dr. Lois Washburn, chairman of the Federation convention, to be



Theodore C. Russell

jaunt to France and England and always makes it a point to serve, several weeks each year, the Pittsburgh church and its pastor, the Rev. Katherine Fidell.

Both Russell and the Rev. Fidell will be scheduled at the Brady Lake Spiritualist Camp, Lake Brady, Ohio, during July of the coming summer season.

California Ordains

The Rev. Edna Kelly pastor and president of the Society of Divine Science, Inc. reports graduation and ordination services held by the several chapters of her organization at 744 Mildreda Avenue in the city of Fresno.

Ordination, acknowledging ten

Chaney Featured

Rev. Robert G. Chaney, president of the official Board of Spiritualist Episcopal Church will be featured in Chicago Tuesday, March 28th. Rev. Chaney will deliver a slide lecture on "The Aquarian Age" at the First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, 721 W. Belmont Avenue.

During his engagement, he will

Youngstown Church Chartered



Rev. Robert G. Chaney (left) presents a charter to Rev. George W. Cooner (right) pastor of The First Spiritualist Episcopal Church, 29 Fifth Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

conduct a message service and also give a public demonstration of spirit photography according to associate pastor, Rosemary Kelley; and church secretary, George E. Land.

Church Dedicated

The Church of Revelation, 985 Palm Avenue, Fresno, California, was dedicated recently at a special service. The pastor, the Rev. Janet Stine Wolford, is also president of the Board. She conducts several other churches in the vicinity and reports splendid attendance.

Married

The Rev. Emma Belle Roney, pastor of the Unity Science Spiritualist Church of St. Louis, was married recently to Dr. Charles Rohlfing, prominent St. Louisan. The Rev. Roney-Rohlfing is a lecturer, teacher, mental and materialization mediums. Dr. Rohlfing is author of the book, "God's Way of Life." They will reside at 5705 Chippewa Blvd., St. Louis.

N. Y. C. Boycott

A letter from the Rev. Hermine Leger, pastor of the Beacon Light Spiritualist Church, 169 West 98th Street, N. Y. C., expresses appreciation for the opportunity of regular Spiritualist church listing in *Psychic Observer*.

Few Spiritualists realize that the daily papers in Gotham refuse to take advertising from Spiritualist churches. The Rev. Leger says: "Inasmuch as the local papers will not take contracts for Spiritualist advertisements, I believe you would be

rendering a service to the cause by including an article in your next issue to the effect that Spiritualists are continuing their services, although at present they are being boycotted by the New York City newspapers."

Obsession Cases

Since the passing of the Wicklands (Mrs. and Dr. Carl A.) in California, few instances have been cited where the treatment of obsession cases is being continued. The technique of handling these cases is more or less complicated. Those familiar with the Wicklands know that through the mediumship of his wife, the Doctor was able to bring about many startling results.

During his lifetime, Dr. Carl Horton Pierce endeavored to serve in this field and now one of his students, the Rev. Alice W. Tindall, Washington, D. C., is devoting much of her time to this phase of the work.

Rev. Tindall says: "There are many people who say they receive great help from my exorcism prayer. Some suggested I make records of it for commercial distribution. This I have done. On one side of an 8-inch disc, there is a prayer and on



Her Teachings Recorded
Rev. Alice W. Tindall

the other side, another prayer for the release of the soul of the deceased. All the material is copyrighted and registered. In the prayer of exorcism there are blessings upon the doctors, drugs, etc., because I believe they all are channels of God."

Much of the philosophy emanating from entranced mediums and in-

spired speakers of yesteryear has been recorded. It seems that this was done to a greater extent 50 years ago. As evidence, we have thousands of books, compiled in the main, from discourses and trance utterances credited to spirit intelligences (i.e.) Cora L. V. Richmond, W. J. Colville, etc.

In this respect, the Rev. Tindall is doing a splendid work. She says: "For many years, my students, patients and friends have regretted the fact that lectures coming from higher spiritual planes, without preparation, were not registered in the material—especially since these lectures seemed to be of so much benefit to those who were present to listen first-hand.

"At Christmas time, a certain group did something about it. They gave me a Meissner Recorder, which includes not only the recorder, but a radio, phono-playback. I also have an attachment for public address to accommodate 500 people. It is all portable. And now, all my lectures and lessons are being recorded. They will be permanent and later possibly I'll put them in book form."

The Rev. Tindall is a lecturer, teacher, healer and mental medium and has a *phase of voice mediumship without total entrancement*. I was privileged to hear this phase demonstrated last month in New York City's Steinway Hall when she was the principal speaker at the Spiritual and Ethical Society.

Jamestown Visitor

Mediums and speakers from various parts of the country visit the home of *Psychic Observer* at Jamestown. The latest, the Rev. Roland A. Henry, pastor of the Nazarene Spiritualist Church of Buffalo.

During our conversation, Rev. Henry, lecturer, teacher, healer and clairvoyant, told how he had been a medium since he was three years old. At first, his psychic gifts startled his mother but as time went on, she came to know that he was, indeed, a gifted child and today, she is proud to know that he is doing his part towards spreading the truths of Spiritualism.

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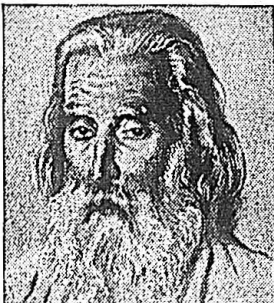
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PHYSICAL and MATERIALIZATION

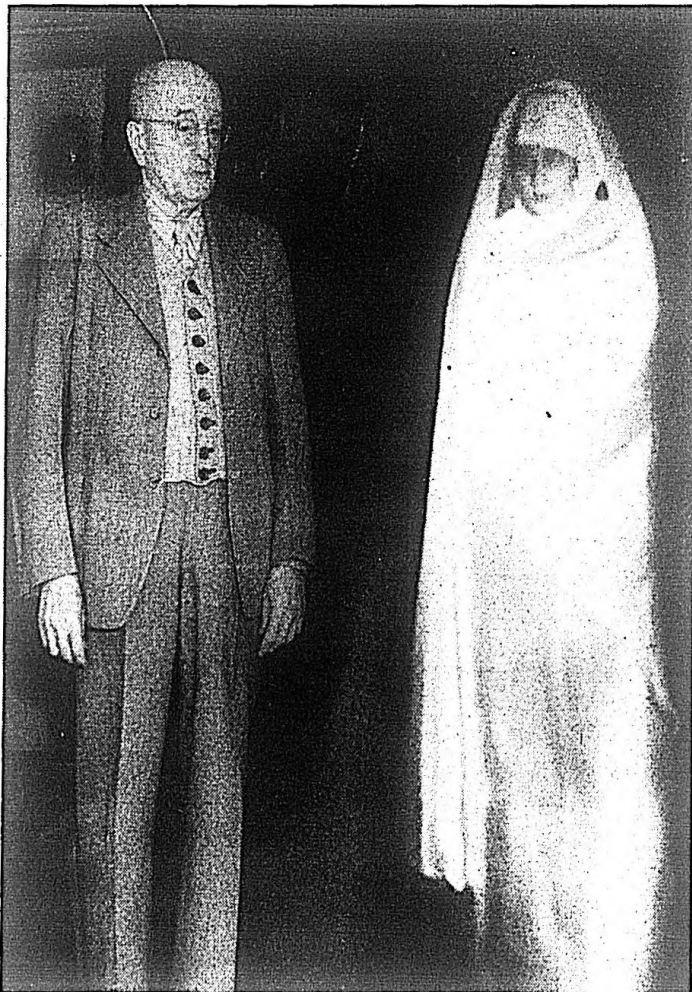
By the Editor

Intermittently over a period of ten years, this journal has publicized the mediumship of Fanchion Harwood. Thousands of words have described her outstanding phase of mediumship — materialization. Hundreds of names and addresses attesting to the authenticity of these demonstrations have been published.

Many of these stories have been backed by sworn testimonials and affidavits, but even today, there are those who still question, not especially Mrs. Harwood or any particular medium, but statements declaring materialization to be a fact. Even some of the pro psychic researchers persist in referring to materialization as alleged phenomena.

Many ardent Spiritualists have yearned and even wondered why they were seldom privileged to see the medium at the same time materialized spirits are visible. After all (Cont'd Col. 3, Lower Right)

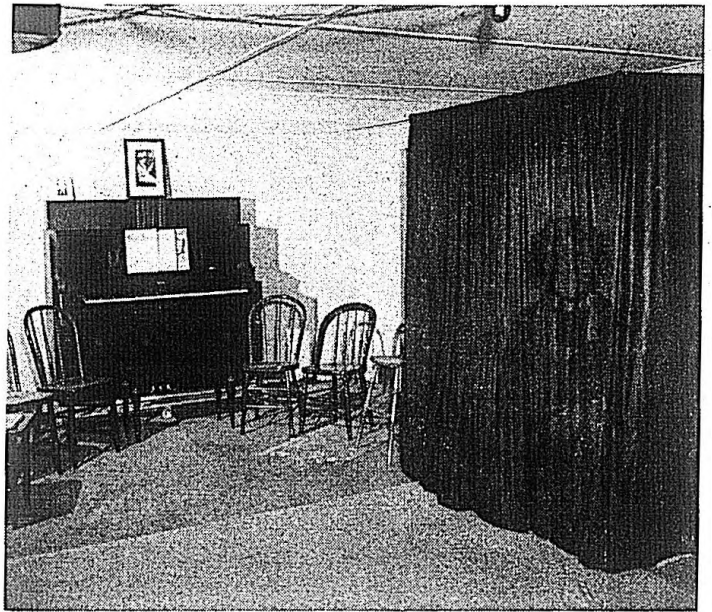
After ten years — Dr. Miller and Helen



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After waiting over ten years, Dr. Miller succeeds in having his picture taken with Helen, his deceased daughter. Thousands have seen Helen materialize in Harwood seances—walk to the piano and play . . . from five to eight minutes—then return to the cabinet.

How Would a Psychic Researcher Explain This?



The picture above, taken some months ago, was submitted for publication by Dr. H. F. Miller. This phenomena, the lady seated in the cabinet, has yet to be explained. The photographer, David Payton, was told to take a picture of the seance room. No one was in the cabinet. When developed, Payton could not believe his eyes. He swears it is not a double exposure. How could it be? The woman is oversize. If she stood up, then what? She is not an earth being, that is a certainty. Happenings, such as this, cause staid psychic researchers to tear their hair. Spiritualists know they do not have all the answers and take things of this sort in their stride.

these years, Mrs. Harwood consented to try to submit iron-clad evidence to these scoffers. This picture (see page 1) is the result. It is only one of many taken recently; but serves as proof positive that spirits manifest separate and apart from the medium (i. e.) actually materialize a form and are real, living, breathing individuals.

The seance at which this picture was taken was held recently at Chesterfield, Indiana. Before the seance began, Mrs. Harwood was searched (see page 1). The commercial photographer, not a Spiritualist, David Payton, Anderson, Ind., had no axe to grind. He was hired and told to take pictures with infra-red film and he did! Twenty persons witnessed the demonstrations. The pictures were developed ten minutes after they were taken and then the negatives were shown to those present.

It will be difficult to understand why anyone, even the rankest skeptic, will now deny that these manifestations can

and do happen — under the proper conditions.

Nowhere, since the days of Sir William Crookes' experiments with Katie King, can there be found pictures to compare with these. In no book, and this includes the works of Geley, Schrenck-Notzing, Lombroso, Flammarion, Fukari and Richet, can there be found a photograph to compare with them.

Of course, during the past 60 or 70 years, hundreds of flash-light snap-shots were taken of ectoplasmic formations emanating in and around a medium, but at no time, has a clear, concise picture been taken showing both the medium and the spirit at the same time.

This should settle, once and for all, the fact of full-form materialization—a point questioned by thousands of so-called psychic investigators and even some Spiritualists—those who claim they know all there is to know about physical mediumship. When pictures can tell a story, the story is indeed told.