

CHURCH NEWS

New York City

Martha Feldstein, Secretary of the United Spiritualists' Church, 41 West 73rd St., New York City, reports two new mediums now serving the congregation: Sylvia Brooke and Elisa Ehrmann.

The entire staff of mediums, including Alta Beyer, licentiate minister, were members of the late Rev. Edward Lester Thorne's class for spiritual unfoldment and, it is said, all are conscious of receiving guidance from him.

Sylvia Brooke, an outstanding lecturer, and Elisa Ehrmann, a splendid clairvoyant, assist Alta Beyer, lecturer, teacher and mental medium. Services: Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; messages, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p. m., also Thursday and Saturday, 1:00 p. m.; classes for spiritual unfoldment, Thursday evening.

Springfield, Massachusetts

Two members of the First Spiritualist Church of Springfield, Massachusetts, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thrasher, observed their 56th wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Thrasher recently passed his 80th birthday. The couple were married in Littleville, Chester, Massachusetts.

West Hempstead, N. Y.

Spiritualist services reopen Sunday, September 23rd, at the Spiritualist Church of Magdalena, 559 Henry Street, according to the minister, Rev. Marion Miller.

During August, Rev. Miller, accompanied by 35 members of her church, spent several weeks at Camp Silver Belle, a visit she has not missed for the past 16 years.

In addition to Sunday services at West Hempstead, there will be special meetings Thursday 10:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; also Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

St. Clair, Missouri

A new sanctuary for spirit communication is being constructed in the Ozark Mountains, according to Rev. Dora Rubottom, pastor of the Christian Spiritual Rock Tabernacle of St. Louis.

This center, known as **Ozarks Spiritualist Camp**, is located on New Highway 66, Rt. 2, St. Clair.

TORONTO MISSIONARIES



Rev. Stanley Jennings and Alice Jennings, missionaries for the Moat Spiritualist Church, 846 Papa Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They reside at 2018 Davenport Road.

S. N. U. PRESIDENT



President of the Spiritualist National Union, a Dominion organization of churches, **W. Yendley Burton** (above) was chairman at the recent Canadian Spiritualist Convocation at Lily Dale.

Buffalo, N. Y.

There is a new healing shrine in the city of Buffalo. Special services are conducted by Rev. Rowland A. Henry, pastor of the Nazarene Spiritualist Church, 172 Goodell Street.

Rochester, N. Y.

During the summer business sessions, the executive council of the UPS (Universal Psychic Science) completed plans for the future which, according to director Rev. J. Bertran Gerling, include larger buildings for their central headquarters, 67 Edinburgh St., Rochester, N. Y.

As a result of these discussions, there will be a more expansive curriculum for the UPS Seminary. This new prospectus lists: "Home - Study Class courses, available to students and professional workers. These courses and classes encompass Scientific Mediumship, Spiritual Healing, Practical Metaphysics, Ministerial Guidance, Psychic Science and Spiritual Science. There will also be special classes of instruction in Lecture Building and Platform Speaking.

Rev. Helene Gerling, Secretary of the UPS, will personally conduct the classes in soul culture which she says are sponsored by the Order of the White Lotus. Rev. Mrs. Gerling is known to her students by a spiritual title, "Guruananda"—interpreted as "bliss of the teacher."

"Under its new expanded program the Universal Psychic Science Centre will extend official certification for the following ministerial degrees: Psychic Reader, Spiritual Healer, Metaphysical Counselor, Ordained Minister, UPS Religious Teacher, and UPS Doctor of Spiritual Science," she says.

New York City

Spiritualist services sponsored by the Helen Brand Memorial Spiritualist Church will reopen Sunday, October 14th and continue the second and fourth Sundays of each month at Studio 67, Metropolitan Studio, 1425 Broadway.

These services, according to Secretary, Caron Smith, will open at 2:30 p. m. by the minister Rev. Hazel Herrejon, noted materialization medium who recently conducted a series of successful seances at the Colville Psychic Foundation, Inc., Jamestown.

South Effingham, N. H.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, it was impossible to continue services this year at Camp White Cloud, South Effingham, according to President, Florence Cole Heckman. "Another year," Mrs. Heckman says, "should see the camp on a firm foundation and ready for growth."

Le Roy, Illinois

The "Crumbaugh News", official organ of the J. T. & E. J. Crumbaugh Spiritualist Church, LeRoy, Illinois, reports that the extensive renovation program of their church has resulted in the completion of one of the finest edifices in central Illinois.

The editor of the "News", Mrs. Charles C. Cunningham, says that direct-voice mediumship papers have been issued to Darlene Reynolds. They were presented by Herbert Van Valen, Secretary of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association. This Class "C" certificate was the first issued since the passing of Rev. Theresa Rene Hayden, seven years ago.

Los Angeles, California

Since the passing of Rev. Vincent M. Wilson who was, for many years, minister of the Rowena Field Memorial Spiritualist Church, 8th and Wilton Place, a new organization of Spiritualists under the leadership of Ethel E. Peterson, a former president of the Christian Church of Progress, Detroit, Michigan, is now sponsoring services.

The church will be known as the First Christian Episcopal Church. Rev. Thomas E. Badger is minister in charge; Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Vice-President and President respectively and Frank E. Richlieu, Secretary.



"Rowena Field Memorial"

Spiritualist services are now being held at the above edifice, known as the **First Christian Episcopal Church**, located at 8th and Wilton Place in the city of Los Angeles, California.

According to the **Ethel Peterson**, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, the new church will continue to honor the founder, Ben Field and also be known as the "Rowena Field Memorial."

Rev. Thomas E. Badger, former Michigan medium, is pastor; Frank E. Richlieu, secretary.

San Francisco, California

An elaborate program, commemorating Andrew Jackson Davis Day, was presented recently by the Golden Ray Lyceum. This lyceum, sponsored by the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church, enjoys one of the largest memberships in California.

The celebration was held in Yosemite Hall, 414 Mason Street, according to Rev. Florence S. Becker, minister of the church.

In their recent bulletin, Rev. Becker refers to Andrew Jackson Davis and asked a few questions: "What interest are you taking in the religious training of children?"; "Can you answer their questions about God, Man, and the Universe?"; "Does their thinking, speaking and acting reflect poise, balance and security in the midst of disturbances in the world about them?"; Then (Continued Column 5)

CANADIAN ORDAINED



The secretary of The National Spiritualist Association of Canada, **Rev. Nancy Barker** (right) Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, ordained **Grace Smith** (left) of Hamilton recently.

Both Rev. Barker and Rev. Smith have served churches throughout the Dominion for many years.

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A 2000-Mile Missionary Tour



During a recent visit to **Psychic Observer** offices, Mr. and Mrs. Van Duyzers, (left above) discuss their recent tour of 2,000 miles in the interest of Spiritualism.

During their travels, "The Van Duyzers" visited the First Spiritualist Church, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Rev. Frank Daly, pastor; Camp White Cloud, South Effingham, New Hampshire, Florence Cole Heckman, leader; Nazarene Spiritualist Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Rowland Henry, pastor; Universal Brotherhood of the Cosmic Age, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. Emil J. Schmidt, pastor; Good Samaritan Spiritualist Church, Richmond, Indiana, Rev. Russell Karns, pastor; Temple of Spiritual Truth, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Freeville Spiritualist Camp, Freeville, N. Y.; and the Hydesville Spiritualist Camp, Newark, N. Y.

Dr. S. M. and Jacoba Van Duyzers opened fall services in Bradford, Penna., September 16th at 46 Chestnut Street. They are pastors of the Christian Spiritual Alliance Church of that city.

Puerto Rican Honored at Jamestown



A series of seances, sponsored by the **Colville Psychic Foundation, Inc.**, were held at Jamestown during the month of July. At one of these seances, a special sitting arranged for Mr. Zayas, the people pictured above took part.

They are: Left to right, sitting—**Rev. Madge Hart**, Miami direct-voice medium; **Rev. Arthur Ford**, internationally known lecturer, writer and mental medium; **Rev. Hazel Herrejon**, noted New York City materialization medium; and **Juliette Ewing Pressing**, Foundation President.

Left to right; standing—**R. G. Pressing**; **Rafael Zayas**, attorney-at-law, San Juan, Puerto Rico; and **Edward Killear**, Lakewood, Ohio.

In September 10th **Psychic Observer**, there appeared a picture of Mr. Zayas and Mr. and Mrs. Pressing. They were examining photographs taken under test conditions at the Foundation. These photographs of trumpet levitation and materialization were made possible through the cooperation of **Rev. Herrejon** and **Rev. Hart**—their spirit chemists and teachers.

An article is being prepared explaining in detail the seances held by these two outstanding mediums. The article, together with nine photographs, will appear in subsequent issues of this journal.

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Ernest Bevin... A Spiritualist?

London, Sept. 25—Disclosure of the Spiritualistic background of Ernest Bevin, former Foreign Secretary and wartime Labor Minister of Great Britain, has been made here to an astonished British public which had little knowledge of the powers behind his indomitable drive and energies.

Bevin's boyhood introduction to Spiritualism and the use he made of it in later years was known only to a few close friends up to the time he passed on in mid-April of this year.

It was one of those friends who finally told the story to the British public. He is Robert Goldsbrough, who related how he and Bevin had sat "much more than once with trance mediums" and how Bevin had "received a great deal of clairvoyance over many years."

Unfolding his remarkable account in the British-published "Psychic News," Goldsbrough told how Bevin's future fame was foretold when he was a ragged boy in Bristol, how he sat regularly in a home circle, how the great speech that won him his proudest title was spirit-inspired, and how Bevin repeated a spirit message over the radio for all the world to hear.

Goldsbrough said: "Ernest Bevin was only ten years old when he was introduced to Spiritualism, which influenced his whole life. Left an orphan at an early age, Ernie and his sister decided to earn a living by making ginger beer and selling it in the streets of Bristol."

"One day, Ernie stood with his soap box, filled with bottles of ginger beer, outside a public house, looking for customers. A well-known citizen emerged from a hostelry, and, seeing the ragged boy, told him to clear off."

Prophetic Voice

"Suddenly a shrill voice cried out: 'You leave that lad alone. One day he will lead millions, but in six months you will be bankrupt.' It was 'the Welch Witch' a local clairvoyant."

"Ernie told his sister about the incident, but she was not impressed until, to everyone's surprise, the citizen went bankrupt, within six months."

The remainder of the prophecy, Goldsbrough pointed out, was fulfilled 30 years later. He continued: "As a young man, Ernest Bevin sat regularly in a Bristol home circle and he knew all about Spiritualism 'of the right sort.' He never ignored a message, some of which came from unexpected sources, and one of these was most prophetic. 'In 1916 he was working in an advisory capacity at the Ministry of Labor. Amongst his associates was the late General MacDonnell, a Canadian, who was a natural clairvoyant."

"One day, the General said: 'Ernie, I have just seen a remarkable vision. Are you a lawyer?'"

"No. Why?" replied Bevin.

"Well, I have just seen you addressing a court surrounded by bewigged barristers. There are several people on the bench, and the chairman is a white-haired gentleman with a white waxed moustache."

"I saw you walk into court, fling down your portfolio and then start addressing the bench. I do not know what it was all about, but I do know that from then on you will be famous." He went on to describe the scene in minute detail.

"Ernest Bevin forgot all about the incident, but the day came when he was to appear before the Arbitrators, on behalf of the dockers. He spent weeks of preparation gathering his facts and statistics, and when the day arrived his portfolio was packed with documents."

"A strange succession of 'accidents' made him so late that he arrived at the court when counsel for the employers was concluding his speech."

"When he opened the door he stood with his mouth open, for there before him was the living reality of the General's vision, correct in every detail."

"Ernest Bevin told me that the scene so impressed him that

he went forward and took his seat, unable to concentrate or even listen to what was going on."

"When he was called upon, he stood up in a dream. He did not open his portfolio, nor was he fully aware of what he said. He left the Arbitration Court feeling a complete failure and when he reached his hotel, he went to bed believing he had let the dockers down."

"Next morning the newspapers were handed to him, and the first thing he saw was the banner headline: ERNEST BEVIN, THE DOCKERS' K. O. Then he read of his wonderful inspired speech and the fact that he had won the award for the dockers. He has been famous ever since."

Once, Goldsbrough said, he heard Bevin repeat over the radio the very words given to him from spirits in Goldsbrough's company. Bevin, Goldsbrough attested, consistently worked for the emancipation of Spiritualists behind the scenes with all his great influence.

Dual of Prophets

By DR. RUDOLF SCHWARTZ
Special to Psychic Observer

NEUFFENWURT, Germany, Sept. 25.—A "duel of the prophets" in which a forecast of a third world war marked by the "drowning" of southern England and Holland is pitted against a vision of continuing peace for Europe, is raging among followers of both seers in Bavaria these days.

One of the prophets can justly be called the most famous in all Germany. He is Alois Irlmaier, a tinsmith by occupation, who is about 50. The other is Milo Renelt, 46, a druggist. Both are Bavarians.

Both also claim spirit guidance, but since disagreement exists among people in that realm as it does in this, only time can tell which of the prophets is right.

Without doubt, Irlmaier's prophecies are the more spectacular and have brought considerable gloom to many of his fellow citizens. In brief, he foresees the following:

1. There will be a third world war in Europe, starting "when the crops are ripe," (August), but the exact year is not certain.

2. The duration of the war is associated with the number three—"three days, three weeks, three months; in any case it will be short."

3. The war will be started by the Russians, who will advance to the Rhine, only to be wiped out when "small black boxes" are dropped, presumably atom bombs.

4. A mysterious bomb (apparently a hydrogen bomb) will fall into the English Channel, submerging Holland and southern England. No mention of the disaster toll is made.

According to Irlmaier, Bavarian territory south to the Danube will be unharmed by the invasion. This, he said, would be due to the protection of "the Madonna of Altotting."

The Other Side

Directly opposed are the prophecies of Renelt, who is personally antagonistic to Irlmaier's views. He credits Irlmaier with being a genuine clairvoyant, but not "an educated one."

Renelt's forecasts are these:

1. There will be no war in Europe "in our time."

2. There will be a war in the Far East which will give rise to another war in an Eastern nation whose name begins with the letter "I" (India, Indonesia, Indo-China, Iraq, Iran?)

3. Bolshevism will be so weakened in this war that it will recede from Europe, and German refugees in Eastern countries will return to their homes.

4. This war will ultimately involve the West, which will win it without the use of atom

bombs, gas or germ weapons.

On close examination, it will be seen that the prophets are not so far apart on their predictions of Europe and war as they seem to feel themselves. Nor do they disagree about its fatal effect on Communism. But further disclosures may shed more light on their conflicts or agreements over the details.

Lodge Speaks

A clipping, from a recent edition of Psychic News, reveals that listeners to the Midland station of the B. B. C. heard the voice of Sir Oliver Lodge, himself, speak during a forty-five minute feature programme that paid tribute to his life and work. This program was a recording made by Sir Oliver in 1934. The listeners heard him say:

"The veil between the two worlds is wearing thin. It is possible, given the right conditions, to communicate with those we call the dead. It seems to me quite certain that man is not limited to a physical body and a brief period of life here."

He went on to criticize science in a manner his present-day colleagues could hardly have relished saying that they "had always been liable to take a limited view of existence."

The broadcast began with a tribute to Sir Oliver from a world-famous living scientist, Sir George Thomson, F. R. S., who has been awarded a Nobel Prize for Physics.

Sir Oliver was referred to "as a champion of the belief that human personality, survives death."

The story was told of how, when Joseph Chamberlain invited him to become the first chancellor of Birmingham University, a post he held for twenty years, Sir Oliver laid down his own conditions, including the understanding that there be no interference with his psychic research.

W. H. Salter, a past-president of the S. P. R., enlarged upon Lodge's activities in the field of research and related how he became interested when a group of young people approached him and asked him to investigate the faculty of telepathy exhibited by two girls.

Later, Mrs. Leonore Piper, the American medium, came to England to be tested by Lodge and at this time, matters of which she could have no knowledge came through her and were recorded by the eminent physicist. Mrs. Piper had been followed by detectives from the time she left the boat, yet spoke of such things as the plans of members of Lodge's own family that she could not have known.

One recording of Lodge's voice from the past might be thought to have a message for the world today. "True civilization," he said, "is the power of living together on this planet in mutual cooperation."

B. B. C. acknowledged the debt broadcasting owed to him "as one of the originators of radio."

He took naturally to it at an advanced age and was sometimes referred to as the grandfather of broadcasting.

The final tribute was of a man who "looks on death with equanimity and even joy, confident of meeting those who have gone before. Such was Oliver Lodge when he died."

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Mother Shipton's Prophecies

MOTHER SHIPTON was a remarkable 15th and 16th century seer, many of her prophecies coming true as lately as in the present century.

She was born circa 1470, nearly 500 years ago, in Tudor England, and the miracle is that she was never burned as a witch. At that time, of course, there were no council schools, and modern conditions and inventions were unknown, undreamed of. As far as we know she was completely uneducated, yet she made some of the most astounding predictions ever known.

She is reputed to have died at the age of 91 years, circa 1561, the oldest extant version of her prophecies being printed in 1641, about 80 years after her death. The records of her work are preserved in the British Museum.

One of the stories that have come down to us concerns no less a personage than the great Cardinal Wolsey, whom she angered by telling him that he would never visit York with King Henry VIII. The Cardinal declared that when he did visit York with the King Mother Shipton should be burned to death, to which she replied by holding her handkerchief in the fire. "If this had burned," she said, "I might be burned."

It did not burn—and neither, in fact, did Mother Shipton. The Cardinal never visited York with his King.

Here are some of her more outstanding predictions, some of them applicable even to the present generation:

Iron in the water shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Through the hills man shall ride
And no horse be at his side.
Carriages without horses shall go,
And accidents fill the world with woe.
Around the world thoughts will fly;
In the twinkling of an eye;
Under water men shall walk,
Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk,
In the air man shall be seen,
In white, and black, and green;
Fire and water shall yet more wonders do.

Of a less exalted nature, others of her strangely apt prophecies were that:

Women shall dress like men, and trousers wear,
They shall ride astride with brazen brow,
And love shall die and marriage cease,
And nations waive, and babes decrease,
And wives shall fondle cats and dogs.

Then again she prophesied, with commendable if gloomy accuracy that:

When pictures look alive with movements free,
When ships like fishes swim the sea,
When men outstripping birds shall soar the sky,
Then half the world deep drenched in blood shall lie,
For war shall come to every door.

How accurate she was in this, only the present generation can know, but let us hope that she was equally accurate with her forecasts of peace to follow:

The fiery years as soon as o'er,
Peace shall be as before;
And men with swords shall plough the land,
And England's son that plough the land,
Shall be seen, book in hand,
Learning shall so ebb and flow,
The poor shall most learning know.

When she died, at the ripe old age of 91, Mother Shipton was buried in Yorkshire, where her grave still stands, bearing the epitaph:

Here lies she who never lied,
Whose skill often has been tried;
Her prophecies shall still survive,
And keep her name in great esteem.

This epitaph, in point of fact, is not quite accurate in stating that she never lied, for fortunately, in one of her prophecies, Mother Shipton was wrong. In attempting to forecast "the end of the world," she slipped up badly, placing it in the year "Eighteen Hundred and Eighty One!"

But apart from that one slip—what a medium!

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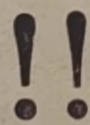
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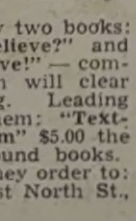
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Question: What Does Spiritualism prove?

Answer: It proves the continuity of life and the existence of a spiritual universe.

Q. What effect has such proof upon humanity?

A. It destroys all fear of death, annihilates any doctrine of eternal punishment, and substitutes the cheering assurance of eternal progress.

Q. What else does it do?

A. It sweeps away the idea of a personal Devil, and locates the sources of evil in man's own imperfections.

Q. What does Spiritualism Teach?

A. It denies the immoral and mind-corrupting doctrine of any vicarious atonements for sin, and on the testimony of millions of immortal souls, solemnly affirms that every guilty soul must arise and become its own Savior.

Q. What does it teach regarding the Creator?

A. It ignores the degrading conception of a martial and vindictive God, and substitutes the worship of 'Infinite, Eternal, and all perfect Spirit,' an Alpha and Omega, all Love, Wisdom and Law.

Q. What does it teach respecting Heaven and Hell?

A. Each is a state of happiness or unhappiness dependent on the good or evil within the soul itself.

Q. What is it hostile to, and what does it promote?

A. It is the death-blow to superstition, sectarianism, and religious persecution, but the friend and promoter of all reforms that tend to elevate and benefit humanity.

Q. What standard of Truth does it adopt and how is it enforced?

A. Spiritualism proclaims that there is a standard of Truth in everything, it acknowledges man's opinions, and teaches, but never enforces its beliefs on anyone.

Q. What theories does it advocate regarding spiritual life?

A. Concerning all spiritual life, state and being, Spiritualism accepts no theories that are not sustained by proved facts and corroborative testimony.

Q. What effect will Spiritualism have upon Science and Religion?

A. Its phenomena are based upon immutable principles of law and open up endless arenas of new research for science. Its consensus of revelations, being founded upon facts tends to place true religion on the basis of science, and vitalizes science with all that is true and practical in religion.

Q. What good has it done for humanity?

A. Spiritualism is a ceaseless incentive to practice good; reunites the friends separated by death; strengthens the weak and desolate by the presence of the Angel guidance and protection; cheers the afflicted with the certainty of another and better world, where justice will be done and every wrong will be righted.

Q. What is the creed of Spiritualism?

A. Spiritualists have no creed, but mostly unite in affirming the following simple summary of principles

The Fatherhood of God. The Brotherhood of Man. The Immortality of the Soul and its personal characteristics.

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Elaborating upon many of the above "dogmas," A. T. Connor, one of the contemporary exponents of Lyceum work says in the 'Lyceum Department Education Handbook,' (Spiritualists' National Union) in re the Teachings of Spiritualism:

Spirit Communion and Communication

"The term 'communion' here includes 'communication'; but, of itself, has no connection with mediumship. Communion occurs only when, with hearts full of love for others, and a longing for spiritual harmony and advancement, we are raised into contact with advanced Spirit Friends and, soul communing with soul, obtain from them an inflow of spiritual strength and guidance.

"Spirit communications, which are our first factual experience of spirit return, are given either through developed mediums or to developed psychics. The mediums have developed the power of withdrawing their own mental influence from their physical brains, and allowing competent spirit friends to use their mental machinery.

"The psychics have developed an attunement between their psychic and physical phases of consciousness to a degree that allows vibrations received by the psychic phase to be transmitted to the physical phases so accurately that the vibrations are received as sight or hearing (clairvoyance or clairaudience).

"Some are born with mediumistic gifts or psychic powers already in more or less advanced stages of manifestation—but even these need training, towards their proper use."

Immortality of the Soul

"The descriptions and messages received through communications convince us of the fact that friends we thought we had lost are still alive, and actually in contact with us; and this conviction sets us wondering what this new knowledge may mean.

"Life is continued, but for how long? Our friends have left behind them their physical bodies—how can they exist without them?

"The answer is that they now live in a state where a physical body is not necessary, and have, instead, a body suitable to Spirit World conditions. Neither body is a source of life—each is only the Soul's instrument.

"The soul—the Ego in its manifestation as mind and personality—is a unite in Infinite Spirit; God, and so cannot die. It is immortal and in Spirit Life can continue its ascent towards spiritual perfection. Realizing this, we escape all dread of physical death."

Personal Responsibility

"Does Personal Responsibility mean that God will hold us responsible for what we do—or for why we do it? And will He take into account the circumstances and conditions in which our actions are decided and performed? —

"To me, Personal Responsibility

bility means being in sole charge of what, in business, would be called 'a responsible job.' Our particular job is to seek and develop spiritual knowledge and progress. In Earth life we find ourselves confronted with problems of what to do and how to do it—and our spiritual status will influence us in our choice of what we want to do, and why we want it done.

"If our choice is dictated by love and wisdom, or by hatred and folly, we shall act accordingly, and register in our spiritual nature a stronger tendency to act the same way, and for the same reason, on all similar occasions. And in this way we shall become more—or less—fitted, spiritually, for our responsible task.



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casions. And in this way we shall become more—or less—fitted, spiritually, for our responsible task.

Compensation and Retribution

"Retribution is 'a paying back.' Compensation is an impartial weighing of our duties against our actions and our reasons for them. 'Here' can mean 'here and now,' and 'hereafter' starts immediately after 'here.' So our sowing of good or evil reasons for our decisions is followed—immediately—by our reaping of an increased tendency to make the same decisions for similar reasons.

"Compensation may not be a reward, nor need Retribution be a punishment. Compensation can be our impartial examination of the motives which have governed our decisions and Retribution the happiness or sorrow caused by realization of our spiritual status, thus disclosed."

Eternal Progression

"We now see that our thoughtful consideration of the fact of Spirit Return and communications has led to a number of important realizations.

"First, that physical death is not an end but a fresh beginning; from manifestation on earth through a physical body and an etheric ('spirit') body, to manifestation in the Spirit World through a spirit body only; and the further realization that we are Spirits and thus cannot die, but will carry on in spirit life with the same mind and personality that we manifested in earth life.

"Spirit teachings further reveal that we are given full

charge of our lives, and that on our decisions being dictated by love and wisdom, or by hatred or selfishness (in this or in spirit life) will depend whether we go forward or backward in spiritual attainment—which leads to the great realization that, as our life is eternal, so can our progress be; and that if we decide that our goal shall be spiritual perfection, our path (of opportunities for wise and loving action) will open before us as we proceed."

The Brotherhood of Man

"As most of our dealings are with other human beings, it follows that most of our decisions, and their motives, will be in reference to them. And as each of us is a unit in Infinite Spirit, we are all spiritually related, and this relationship (and consequent equality) must always be kept in mind.

"We must treat all others—whether rich or poor, good-living or sinful—with fairness and patience, and do our utmost for the benefit of all: remembering that Infinite Love and Wisdom is 'no respecter of persons.'

"As Thomas Paine proclaimed: 'All men are my brothers; all women are my sisters; all children are my children.' And we must all realize that, as members of one family,—the Brotherhood of Humankind—we are all Children of God."

The Parenthood of God

"When we think of God, we think also of religion; but religion is not mere sectarianism. Religion is our personal ideal of our relationship with God, and of the duties which that relationship imposes upon us.

"God is Infinite life, love, wisdom and law; and so we, being units in His infinity, are also units in these attributes. Therefore, the duty imposed upon us is to manifest them in our lives. We must strive to be loving and wise, and to live in harmony with Divine law.

"Deific attributes are not all those of a Father; some are those of a Mother; and the attributes combine in a perfect Parent. While Father-wisdom insists that we must reap what we have sown, Mother-love decrees that we can at any time change our ideals regarding worthwhile crops and sow new qualities of seeds—by giving up our errant ways of life and trying to tread the path of rectitude. And Parental love and wisdom, inspiring our devoted Spirit Friends, will guide and encourage us on our journey.

"Thus, the Teachings of Spiritualism, when realized, relieve us of all fear of death; bring us into contact and reunion with Spirit Friends; tell us of a path of progression which, if we will, we can follow towards spiritual perfection; and herald the Brother-Sisterhood of all who strive (and also those who do not yet attempt or desire) to be or become worthy members of a Family which should manifest, in its loving treatment of others, its full realization of the Universal Parenthood of God."

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