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HAVE RADIO COMMENTATORS GONE "PSYCHIC"?

Broadcasting Directors Sense Public Demand—"Curious Tales" Please Thousands Over WGR Buffalo.

Numerous Psychic Experiences of Molly Fancher Are Reviewed

Psychic science is attracting attention. For the past several years wide interest has been shown. Time, Life, Readers Digest and other worth-while publications have devoted much space to "Psychic Happenings." Even magazines of lesser dignity, KEN, LOOK and PIC, who, on occasion, are indifferent to the Truth, seem to think that ridiculous accounts of Ghosts are good copy.

Broadcasting Directors are selling "Psychic" programs to their Advertising Sponsors. Last fall, Zenith Radio Foundation created great interest with their program "Mental Telepathy, or WHAT IS IT?—Blue Coal sponsored a silly "Psychic" tale on their "THE SHADOW KNOWS" program—Lowell Thomas and Edwin C. Hill made statements about "The Houdini Case"—misquoting Mrs. Houdini's "yearly denial" of her communication with Harry. SPIRITUALISM IS NEWS.

Now the name MOLLY FANCHER is news. At least Herbert Rice thinks so. Mr. Rice is special Commentator for WGR Broadcasting Station, Buffalo, N. Y. At regular intervals during the week his program "Curious Tales" can be heard. The hundreds of psychic manifestations that took place during the life-time of Molly Fancher are ancient history to the Spiritualists but news to the average public.

Says Mr. Rice:—

Did you know that one of the

"Spiritual Truth" Absorbed by

"Psychic Observer"

Spiritualist Editor Sells Monthly Journal to Dale News, Inc.

"SPIRITUAL TRUTH," a journal edited and published by ETHEL POST, Ephrata, Pa., has been sold. It has been purchased by Dale News, Inc., Lily Dale, N. Y., publishers of "PSYCHIC OBSERVER."

The transfer took place in November. All subscribers to "SPIRITUAL TRUTH" will receive "PSYCHIC OBSERVER" for required term of subscription. Subscribers listed for both papers will receive an extension.

Mrs. Post is secretary of Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., and pastor of The Spiritualist Temple of Truth, Miami, Florida, with six auxiliary churches. She plans to travel extensively during the fall and winter months. Her itinerary includes the Middle West, California and Florida. These activities make it impossible for Mrs. Post to "carry-on" with her paper.

world's greatest psychics was known as the "Brooklyn Enigma"? Fifty years Molly Fancher spent in bed—blind, paralyzed—helpless. She suffered constantly, in spite of everything medical science could do for her. Now just being a bedridden invalid for fifty years wouldn't merit her a place on this program, but the things she did during that time still have to be explained.

Molly could distinguish colors in the darkness, she could find mislaid articles, she could describe the actions and clothing of friends, even when they were miles away. She could tell time by passing her hand across a watch crystal. She could predict thunderstorms many hours before they came, and she could foretell when the firebells would ring. She could read letters by placing her hand over the envelopes.

A scientist once held a sealed letter in his hand, while Molly wrote out its contents word for word, on a slate. In order to make this test even more convincing, the same scientist brought her a letter addressed to himself which had been delivered to his office and which he hadn't read. She could have had no previous knowledge of its contents, yet before this letter was opened, she wrote out every word with not one single mistake.

One afternoon while Molly was chatting with friends, the front doorbell rang. Jokingly some one asked her to tell them who it was, and she answered that it was Uncle Ike, and that he was very ill. Uncle Ike hadn't been heard from for twenty-five years, yet when the door was opened, there he stood, and two weeks later he died of tuberculosis.

During a great deal of the time, Molly was in a coma, or trance, which made any number of ministers believe that Molly Fancher "talked to angels." Some going so far as to say that Molly had been to Heaven many times. Dr. George M. Beard and Dr. William A. Hammond branded her a fake and a trickster, and these men were two of America's leading physicians—BUT here their case falls down: they offered no proof, and neither of them had ever seen Molly, and refused to come at her invitation and investigate.

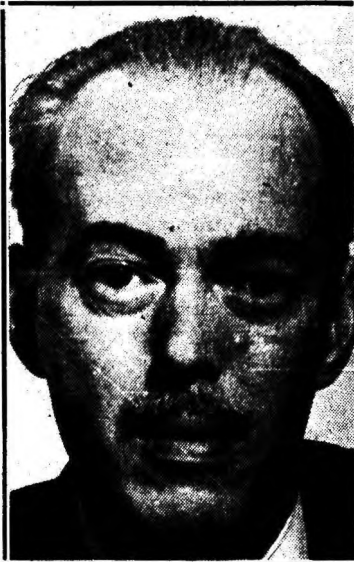
On the other hand, dozens of scientists who had investigated, either came away thoroughly convinced of Molly's honesty and strange power, or were non-committal. By non-committal, I mean they had tested her to their heart's content, but having no precedent for the things they had witnessed, just couldn't believe their eyes and ears. On the fiftieth anniversary of her illness, she held a golden jubilee Testimonial. Thousands of people crowded in to see her and just eight days later she died. Too bad she isn't alive today, when scientists may have approached her case with open minds and intelligent methods.

Little did Mr. Rice, the commentator, know that but fifty miles away—at Lily Dale, N. Y., some of the draperies and handiwork of Molly Fancher, can be seen. READ ARTHUR MYER'S VIVID STORY OF MOLLY FANCHER'S MEDIUMSHIP IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

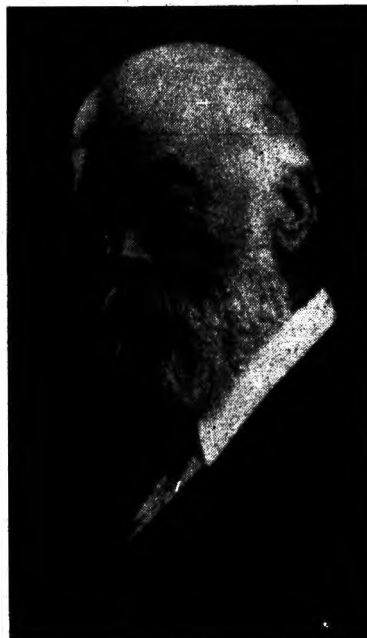
SCIENTISTS SHOW INTEREST

JOHN J. O'NEILL

SIR OLIVER LODGE



New York Herald Tribune's Science Editor



Does Man Survive the Change Called "DEATH"? Lodge Knows—O'Neill Continues Investigation

Sir Oliver Lodge, 86 years old, English scientist, has spent over 50 years investigating Psychic Science. He is now considered one of the outstanding Spiritualists—living today. Sir Oliver has written numerous books on the subject and has, in his day, delivered thousands of lectures on all phases of Psychic Science. Even his critics comment on his utter sincerity.

John J. O'Neill, 44 year old scientist, looms as one of America's closest followers of Sir Oliver. Several times the New York Herald-Tribune has carried articles from O'Neill's pen which are most favorable to Spiritualism. Although Gotham's Scientist does not claim to be a convert, still his viewpoint, although "scientific," is still quite sympathetic.

When O'Neill or any other Scientist is willing to make the "Spiritual" approach to our case—(such as Sir Oliver did)—then and only then will they be able to fathom the real meaning of "spirit" communication. Too long, have scientists, so-called, been trying to find out what Psychic Power IS—they would do well to find out first what Psychic Power DOES. When they try to "pin down" spirit, then they disagree. Well, anyhow, O'Neill is trying.—Ed.

FIRST MATERIALIZATION SEEN IN NEW SEANCE ROOM

Goldie Guernsey of Syracuse Submits to Test; Results Good.

5 PERSONS PRESENT

By
Psychic Observer Staff Reporter

The great pines of Caldwell park at Lily Dale just across from the entrance to the Psychic Observer seance room seemed to reach up through the moonlight of the late fall night like fingers grasping toward the Infinite. Lily Dale was bathed in a pale glow from a silvery moon. It was peacefully quiet on the meandering lanes of the summer camp. Most of the homes were dark. Only occasionally a beam of light shown through the leafless trees. It seemed an ideal time for meditation. We wondered if it might not also be an ideal time for communication with the Great Beyond even though the scores of mediums that visit Lily Dale in the summer had

gone. Of course, we had heard it said that Lily Dale was a summer place and that one must be here when this great camp with its many fine workers was in full swing to get the best results.

Well, we should soon know the answer. We rang the bell, the door opened. A flood of warm light from the brilliant interior of the Psychic Observer building streamed out into the eerie night.

Guernsey—The Medium

Within a few minutes, we were introduced to Goldie Guernsey of Syracuse, N. Y. There are, in this country, perhaps a dozen better known materializing mediums than Mrs. Guernsey. None of the five who were to sit in the hurriedly gathered circle knew Mrs. Guernsey. Mr. Pressing, editor of the Psychic Observer, had sat with her in a trumpet seance several years before. The seance had not been too successful. Her guide, Moonflower, later in the evening called it a "flop." What, we wondered, would be the results this evening?

Mrs. Guernsey apparently had similar thoughts. She was sitting in a strange place with strange people in her circle. The medium spoke briefly before going to the cabinet, a black curtain stretched across one corner of the seance room. She said that her methods were individualistic—differing from other materializing mediums.

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JOLIET MOTHER; SON RETURNS

Ella Heap Tells Psychic Experiences

CONDUCTS CHURCH

Behind the establishment of the Heap Memorial Church mission at Joliet, Ill., lies an interesting story of a wartime mother and the comfort she received from a new found faith in Spiritualism.

Mrs. Ella Widney Heap and two of her children moved to Joliet from their farm home in White Willow, Ill., after the death of the husband and father in 1915. One of the children, Harold, then 21, was called to the colors in May, 1917, and after training in several camps in this country went overseas in May, 1918. In July of the same year he was killed in action on the Somme near Hamel. The mother had been a devoted Red Cross worker from the start of the war and redoubled her efforts when news came of her son's passing.

Comforts Mourners

She became known as "Mother Heap" because of this activity and was often sent to the homes of bereaved mothers because of her sincere sympathy born of the same experience. While visiting the home of a very dear friend she was told of the comfort this woman, also a Gold Star mother, had received from communion with those of the spirit world. She immediately began to prepare herself for a similar experience by reading and studying literature that would help her to understand. In a short time she was invited to sit in a trumpet seance. Imagine her feeling when she was privileged to talk not only with her son, but her husband, brother, parents and others.

Her interest in Spiritualism has never waned and brought about the establishment of the Heap Memorial Spiritualist Church mission in her home. There are organized group services, class work, demonstrations of physical mediumship, a rental library and a free reading room.

Gold Star Mother

Mrs. Heap twice visited her son's grave in France, once in 1921 and again with the Gold Star Mothers' pilgrimage 10 years later. On the latter trip over she had many unusual experiences and heard many interesting stories of spirit manifestation from the other mothers aboard the ship. Before leaving, her son had promised that

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A TRUE INSIDE STORY ABOUT "THE BALLARDS"

CAN THE "I AM'ERS" BE SINCERE

"Avoid Mediums," They Say; Vivid Account of Recent Cleveland Fiasco.

There is no more fertile field in the world for half-baked quasi-religious creeds and cults than these United States, home of the supposedly hard-headed business man inured in the business of getting rich. While the old established churches in many cases are suffering from empty pews and lagging finances, new cults with a flair for the occult, lead by a holier-than-thou, self-confessed messiah, arrayed like the lilies of the field, attract within a few short months, hundreds of thousands of followers. Money then rolls in from the faithful. These funds, of course, are all used for "the promulgation of the cause" and the service of its adherents. The leaders picture themselves as ascetic persons willing to live on a crust without possession of worldly goods while ministering unto the faithful.

Mighty "I Am"

A good share of these sectarian monstrosities come out of California, where the golden sunshine seems to hatch hair-brained religious, as well as economic schemes, at a remarkable rate. An amazing example of the state's fertility is the "Mighty I AM Presence" now some five or six years old and apparently growing sturdily. The *Psychic Observer* has no quarrel with the leaders or followers of any faith, however silly it may appear to be, so long as they grant to others the right to follow the dictates of their consciences without interference—and so long as its teachings are confined to espousing its own merits without disparaging the beliefs of others.

But G. W. Ballard, "Accredited Messenger" of the "I AM Presence" movement seeks to confine all spirit communication to the "Accredited Messengers" and furthermore, with his followers "decrees" destruction on all those who interfere with the success of the "I AM" movement. Its teachings warn the followers to have nothing to do with "mediums and so-called clairvoyants."

Corner on Jesus' Teachings

In one of his pronouncements Mr. Ballard even claims a corner on the teachings of Jesus and represents Jesus Himself as saying, "Saint Germain, Myself (Jesus), or any other of the ascended masters are not giving out their teachings of the 'I AM' in the Western World, except through Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ballard and their son, Donald, and those named to them and under them."

We assume that Jesus is today teaching the same lessons that He taught in His ministry on earth and to claim that He was making a family affair of their transmission to us is astounding.

Hard To Believe

Again Jesus is quoted as saying through the Ballards: "I urge the students everywhere, with all the love at my command to forget everything else you have ever studied."

To further confirm their control of all that Jesus has to teach His followers on earth today, He is quoted in one of Mr. Ballard's books as saying:

"Let no one dare transcend or replace these Beloved Messengers . . . They have proven their ability to stand in the Light and with no personal desire, carry unselfishly the Pure Unadulterated Message of the 'Mighty I AM Presence,' and until the ascended Masters come forth in their tangible, visible bodies, they will remain the direct messengers of Saint Germain, Myself, and other Ascended Masters."

Ballyhoo For Paper

The Ballard books even put in-

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ballard



He Says He Speaks to St. Germain



She Strenuously Gives the Affirmations

to the mouth of Jesus this ballyhoo for the "I AM Presence" publication called "The Voice of the I AM."

"We shall endeavor to make 'The Voice of the I AM' the most sought after periodical of the day . . . It is My wish and that of the Host of Ascended Masters, that all students of the 'I AM' firmly decree this and stand by it." We feel that putting Jesus Christ in the cheap testimonial giving class is unspeakably presumptuous even for an "accredited messenger."

The evidences of the Ballard's intolerance for teachings other than their own, might be multiplied indefinitely. This intolerance is instilled in their followers by an assumption of omnipotence and finality coupled with "decrees" and pronouncements bathed in a liberal application of such occult appurtenances as "blue lightning," "violet consuming flames" and an assortment of "rays" building up an abiding awe

If you see anything in any publication dealing with Spiritualism, please cut it out and send it to us. Kindly give name and date of publication.

and fear in the mind of the student that precludes the application of common sense.

These are some of the phases of the Ballard movement to which we believe the honest followers of other faiths have a right to object. There are other phases that demand the approval of every right-thinking person. The devotees of the "Mighty I AM Presence" are taught self-improvement. Harmony of mind and body is sought. Alcohol, narcotics and tobacco are not used. It cannot be denied that some devotees of the cult have attained a spiritual peace and personal harmony with those about them, through Ballard teachings.

There are many other practices and beliefs that are neither definitely good or bad—just a bit on the humorous side to most of us.

Splendor Predominates

Ballard meetings, which are being held in larger cities of the nation at frequent intervals, are no mean show. The Ballards travel to them in a cream colored limousine with a concert harp hitched to the rear.

Mrs. Pressing witnessed such a meeting in Cleveland and, in describing it, writes as follows:

"Dear Mary:
"In 1936, when I saw the Ballards in Cincinnati, they were putting on a great show, but it didn't hold a candle to the Cleveland performance we witnessed recently. No apologies in speaking thusly. I've never beheld such a spectacle—Mrs. Ballard was gowned in glamorous white satin, elaborately adorned with rhinestones, (very, very formal lines) a glittering bandeau held her bright golden hair. Across her front extending from shoulder to waistline, (covering one entire side of her body) reposed a corsage of orchids. Upon each wrist, she wore the wide cuff style bracelet. The eyebrows were sharply arched, hence, noticeably attracting attention to her makeup—marble white—deep red lips. Mr. Ballard wore a pure white suit. He is an

immobile type—pale eyes, closed during most of his talk. Six deep blue charts about ten feet high were the background for six white plaster statues of, I do not know 'who'—across the front of stage were about twenty pots of exquisite purple tulips.

"Large floral designs (the type sent for funerals) graced other vacant spaces. Say about six—all enormous. On either side of stage were American flags, in front of which were large portraits (about 3 ft.) of St. Germain and Jesus (I am purposely placing St. Germain first, as they say he is on the 7th plane and Jesus is on the 6th. The golden harp stood on one side. The soloist wore a most elaborate green velvet evening gown.

Ecstatic Frenzy

"The audience was apparently in a state of ecstatic frenzy. With clenched fists, they would almost scream the affirmations. We rose and sat down about a dozen times. I am not exaggerating. In fact, the description is inadequate. You would have to see it, to even believe that such could be possible. They are praying direct to various Gods. A new name that they have had given them is the GOD TABOR. He rules the mountains and elements. Lengthy prayers and lusty songs were sent up to him. The 'I AM' students saved the west coast from being inundated. If they hadn't stopped it, the Pacific Ocean would have run amuck. One verbatim statement is this—(I took it down as it was spoken—It was spoken several times) 'Every person who disapproves of us will be struck down for rejecting the power of God,' quote Mr. Ballard.

"Quote Mr. Rogers, the chairman: 'The great cataclysms will come this fall. Train and be ready—Blessed Mr. and Mrs. Ballard pour out your Rejoice to be with the blessed Ballards. 60,000 in 60 days drawn into new movement. Training for the great day—600,000 by July. They would all come sooner but St. Germain is holding them back by divine direction.

"Jesus and 200 ascended masters spoke in Los Angeles—Jesus was the guest speaker, invited by St. Germain. It was lovely of St. Germain to ask Him."

"I wrote all of this as he spoke. We interviewed Mr. Rogers after the meeting. He said, 'that prayers to God wouldn't help one—Look at the state the world is in—'

Power Over Time, Space

"Quote Mr. Ballard: 'We have the power to set aside the action of time and space. You have no power. Your day is done unless you follow us. The application of the 'I am' will prevent accident and charge your purse or pocketbook. The books we have to sell will remain the authority for 200 years.'

"I am quite too orthodox to accept this movement—though it apparently is having a great appeal. The auditorium in Cleveland probably seated 2,000 people, and I would say, was half full. This teaching seems to have its appeal to all ages, young, middle-aged, and the very aged. It was a most unusual group. Many wore formal evening gowns—velvets, satins, etc., flowing evening wraps. Saw one wealthy looking woman attired in rich purple velvet with ermine cape.

"There were many constructive affirmations sent out upon the ether. Not that I desire to select quotes that one might question—I was forced to put them down in black and white to prove my own ears. In this age of distress, unemployment, threats of war, one would certainly be blessed to be able to ascend. Can faith do this for the 'I am' students? Only the passage of time will prove their statements. Another point that impressed me was the veritable volume of prophecies. I am a spiritualist and am so well aware of state laws relative to prophecies, that I couldn't but wonder how the Ballards pass the authorities? Are they considered fortune tellers, the same as many of our splendid mediums who are barred from making predictions that actually come to pass?"

"Well, we will see."
"Signed—Juliette."

Mysticism Supplied

Such is the pomp that characterizes a Ballard meeting. Without it the movement could probably not attract so many followers or hold them. Quite as essential is a background of mysticism for its visible as well as its invisible leaders. Mr. Ballard has created that in his several books. He

started out as a mining engineer with but little success. As soon as he got to work on the "I AM" business he began to have unusual experiences. One Saint Germain, whom Mr. Ballard claims was ruler of the Sahara civilization 70,000 years ago and has had several reincarnations since that time, is supposed to have revealed himself on Mount Shasta in 1930. A year later St. Germain presided when one of Ballard's friends "ascended." Before another year had passed, Mr. Ballard went to India where he again communed with the "Ascended Masters". He claims that on this trip he used another body that St. Germain had made for him while his old body remained behind in a Denver hotel. While in India, his body was purified by a great master and after being immersed in the "Eternal Flame" he was given a body of "Immortal Endurance."

In 1932, the Ballards got the contents of a whole book, by "light and sound ray," in their home in Chicago. And so on, the trappings of mysticism might be multiplied. Unfortunately Mr. Ballard has quoted so many definite dates on which these strange things happened together with places, that he is often tripped by having one of his bodies in two places at the same time. Dr. Gerald B. Bryan in several brochures on the subject reveals the discrepancies, in fact, based on Mr. Ballard's own statements and quotes surprisingly similar occult writings from which he suggests Mr. Ballard may have dipped liberally without giving due credit.

With all his affectation of the supernatural Mr. Ballard and his family eat much like other people and in spite of the great gold mines, which the movement is supposed to possess, as well as their own power to produce gold and jewels from the "great natural storehouse" simply by "demanding" it, their income is derived from their followers who earn their livelihood in a variety of very prosaic ways as do the rest of us in this work-a-day world.

"Mother Heap"



She Talked With Her 'Dead' Son—A World War Hero.

SON RETURNS

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he would show himself to her before she returned. Not being a medium herself she wondered how this would be accomplished. She carried with her a small American flag which she planned to place on her son's grave. This she did and on going to the cemetery one morning she found his features imprinted in the folds of the flag whose colors had run in a rainstorm of the night before.

Mrs. Heap is continuing wherever possible to minister to those who sorrow for their departed loved ones, giving wherever possible from her store of comfort and understanding gained through the philosophy of Spiritualism.

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READ, STUDY—THEN INVESTIGATE

MARCELLA DeCOU HICKS

Meddling with phenomena is dangerous for those who do not understand the fundamentals of manifestation or the laws of psychism. Psychism is not a thing that can be taken up lightly, as an amusement or for a thrill, or to provide a group an entertaining evening.

It can, in the hands of the ignorant and inexperienced, bring about obsessions, horrifying phenomena induced by malicious and malignant entities; it can attach to a person disintegrating elements and forces bent upon destruction, mental and physical, and upon spiritual retrogression through distorting truth and confusing the individual.

Not A Pastime

I cannot emphasize too strongly that there is very real hazard and risk to any person in tampering with, or experimenting with, the so-called super-natural, or investigating the psychic merely as a matter of curiosity—as a pastime or for any unworthy purpose. Psychism, mediumship and phenomena are matters that must be approached only in all sincerity and seriousness and although one may not be able to banish at once an attitude of skepticism, and accept as genuine immediately all that he encounters, nevertheless he must be sufficiently receptive to be WILLING to be convinced—open to conviction—and his purpose must be right. To go into these matters in any other attitude of mind will almost surely result in spiritual degeneration. For this reason.

Danger Ahead?

Progressing, intelligent and constructive forces on the other side of life are not going to come to you for the purpose of giving you an exciting, or amusing, or hair-raising evening. Their time is better spent. But—and herein lies the danger—earth-bound, ignorant, subversive, malicious, and mischievous entities in the discarnate are ever willing, eager and anxious for the opportunity to be your playthings; for the chance to creep into your lives and influence you toward degeneration. Their purpose is wholly destructive—to confuse your mind with doubts, keep you from learning truth and to use you for nefarious purposes if they can accomplish such an end.

Right Approach

If you approach psychic matters in the right spirit, light will be given you; a radiance will come into your life such as you have never known before. But if your idea is to "have fun," you will inevitably rue the day you ever invited phenomena into your life, for malice, ignorance, disintegration, once having entered your life path are not easy to be rid of. They have a way of hanging around and manifesting in such a manner as to cause you and yours discomfort, annoyance and fright.

Developing in spiritualism, psychism and mediumship is one thing—meddling in spiritism is quite something else. So, if you are not deadly serious and if your purpose is not to enrich your soul and your life with an understanding of the essentials of Universal Truth, so that you may grow in grace to be a finer, better, more noble person, then leave it all alone—or you will be sorry.

Be Intelligent!

Perhaps some one will now remonstrate thus, "Well, if it's all so fraught with danger, why not everybody leave it strictly alone?" Just a minute now! Can you think of anything, however good and beneficial when rightly and intelligently used, that cannot become dangerous if used in ignorance or for the wrong purpose? What of medicine? Would you throw it into the discard because an over-dose of something is dangerous and may result in death to the body? You wouldn't send your little child into a chemist's laboratory and tell him to play with anything that took his fancy—shall we then eschew all chemistry and the marvels it has made possible because some one who doesn't understand the laws of chemistry can throw together a concoction that will blow him to "kingdom come?" Shall we do away with anesthesia, that greatest of all blessings in surgery, because too much of it is fraught with danger?

Right Use — Success

Why not go without fire because a defective flue can cause our house to burn down? Why not stop eating food because under certain conditions poison can form in it? Why not stop using knives, shears, razors, guns because they are all capable of inflicting wounds? I cannot think of anything at all in the realm of the material that

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THE SHEPHERD AND THE FLOCK

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"—"Yes," Says Pearl Long

"THROW OFF THE MASK OF FAITH AND ASK FOR PROOF"

By PEARL IRICK LONG

One hears the voice of Ezekiel coming out of the centuries with a meaning that has been clarified by the very fulfillment of its prophecy.

Ezekiel lived about 587 years before the time of Christ; yet we understand by his writings that the leaders of that time were not the suitable shepherds for the people.

These Shepherds were the priests whom God, thru Ezekiel, accused of many things. Ezek 34:4.

It is interesting to note wherein God says they have failed.

"The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them."

All Shepherds

This is a straightforward accusation and sets forth plainly what is expected of a Shepherd.

There was a time when the first murderer, trying to hide his guilt, replied to the question put to him by God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Try, like Cain, as hard as we can to delude ourselves, but the cold fact remains that we are our brother's keeper.

We are all Shepherds. The father is the shepherd of his family; the mother is the shepherdess, the school teacher is the shepherd of the school room, and the policeman on the corner is a shepherd. But Ezekiel speaks here of the spiritual shepherds, who fail to keep their flocks fed spiritually.

Pitiful World

When we cast our eyes over the world today seeing the pitiful state of affairs as they are, we cannot help but think of old Ezekiel and his prophecy. When we see the churches bare, and split after split occurring in their organizations, we read the words of this old prophet with awe.

What a promise he gave to his flock. He says he will bring them into the high places where they will find meat, and the pastures will be good and they will grow fat and sleek.

"I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down," saith the Lord God. O how sadly His sheep need to lie down—On the mountain top, in the valley, in the village, in the city, in the cottage and in palace, in the church and in the trench alike—they need to lie down.

Lambs Forgotten

A hungry man cannot lie down, he is feverishly seeking food. Neither can a hungry world lie down in peace when it is spiritually starved. And what of the shepherds—have we been too steeped in ritual to feed our flock? Have we been hindered by custom or

cannot have disastrous results if wrongly used or if employed by the ignorant and the inexperienced. The most beneficial thing known to mankind—sunlight—which revitalizes life and kills germs and without which there could exist no life upon the earth, can inflict horrible injury and even death if wrongly applied or over indulged in.

Respect "Spirit"

I ask you—can you think of anything more joy-giving, more uplifting, more productive of happiness than Psychic Science and Philosophy which prove by incontrovertible demonstration through phenomena, the survival of the individual, the immortality of the soul and the everlastingness of life? Can you think of anything for which you could be more thankful than the understanding of methods and laws by which you could reach with absolute certainty loved ones who had gone on into other spheres of discarnate activity, leaving your earth life sad and lonely?

What could possibly be more desirable to acquire than that which will rob death of all bitterness and the grave of all victory?

We shall not stop drinking water because we can drown in it; we shall not stop breathing because air can become gas laden and suffocate us. Neither shall we repudiate psychism because it is not a safe plaything. Rather let us approach it with respect and sincerity, handle it with reverence and judgment, so that every benefit may accrue from its employments.

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convention? Have we forgotten that our sheep follow us without questioning our ability as leaders?

The Shepherds seem to have forgotten that lambs grow into sheep and that as they grow they need new pastures.

Ezekiel says for the Lord "Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, and to have drunk of the deep waters, and as for my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and drink that which ye have fowled with your feet."

Ask For Proof!

We still believe "What was good for our Fathers is good enough for the children." But is it?

Some times I am put to a hard task to find just what our Fathers knew or had that we can bring out again and use. They had a faith that the shepherds of old gave them that is hard to find today. It may have been a blind faith, but it helped them over many trying times, and many times I have wished that I had some of that blind faith.

Today we throw off the mask of faith and ask for proof. In asking for proof we are merely asking that faith be reduced to terms suitable for our comprehension, and in many cases it must be reduced pretty low.

Fit Shepherd

I accept my position as a shepherd with deep humility—That I shall seek and find fresh and clear pools of learning that my flock may lie down contentedly and find peace, is my hourly prayer.

But what shall I feed my flock is of great concern to me. I would not feed them something unfit for their spiritual digestion, if I am a fit shepherd.

The first accusation brought through Ezekiel is that the diseased have not been strengthened. Spiritually and physically diseased. If a man be one, he becomes the other. And what is the shepherd's duty here—if not to teach him to cure himself?

The duty of a Shepherd or a Religious Leader of today is not as easy as it used to be. When touching on the subject of religious thought, we must wade heart deep

through the ash of religion since the time of Abraham.

"Smoke-in-Our-Eyes"

Those beliefs that glowed so brightly 4,000 years ago, have cooled until now we scarcely can shake ourselves clear of their ash, and try as best we can to reason our way out—we still find the smoke in our eyes.

As organized thought becomes a power in itself, today we stand face to face with the thought of religion, with more of the ash sifted out than ever before. This powerful thought is more real than the energy of all the waterfalls, rivers and streams in the world. This thought is going out in great waves and when you put yourself in harmony with it, you are contacting a force of thought, that has accumulated over a period of 6,000 years of sifting and shifting. This has always been a fact—and is the cause of all the great religious movements that have swept the earth from time to time. When one connects with this one current of thought he may act exactly in an opposite manner to another. All persons do not react alike.

Renaissance

In some the desire to create beauty is born, a great picture is religiously expressed, others burst into song, some dance, while others pray and preach. Such is the power of thought energy, but in every instance there is the same tempo of expression.

While the great new age called the Renaissance was being ushered in, fought with much bitterness—a young man named Raphael on the other hand, was expressing his reaction in the murals one sees in the vatican of Rome today.

And one hundred years later, when Christianity had fought a hard battle and was still dripping red with blood of her adversaries, Rembrandt expressed himself with his brush.

These are not necessarily beautiful reactions, for as a noted critic puts it, "The female forms of Rembrandt are prodigies of deformity; his males are the crippled product of shuffling industry and sedentary toil." But is Art of the highest form.

Rembrandt

If the same mental current came upon the earth to-morrow as existed in Rembrandt's time—we would have "Rembrandts" again.

Did it ever occur to you why we are suffering with modernistic art—swing music and glitterbug dances?

These souls are expressing the thought current that is sweeping the earth today.

The same is true about religious thought energy, and is responsible for the religious out-burst over the world today.

When you put yourself in the right religious frame of mind, you connect with this abundant vibration of thought, and you start to seek here and there to appease your spiritual hunger.

How useless it is to seek in yonder fields for food. The supply is within yourself. You are your own shepherd—your will is the shepherd—your desires are your sheep.

Be Tolerant!

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to keep your mind off yourself when you are depressed; that your thoughts continually revert to your hardships and burdens, and you have difficulty accomplishing your desires? If you will but know it, both cheerfulness and depression are mental forces and it takes no more energy to be cheerful than it does to be depressed—and it takes no more energy to be tolerant than it does to be intolerant.

But what has all this to do with disease?, you might say. It has everything to do with disease. If you are diseased—you have de-

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HOW SHALL WE THINK?

By GEORGE P. WARD

Recently I noticed a newspaper item. It described a scene in Aberdeen, Washington. Theodore Prinz is struck by an automobile, his heart stops beating, his lungs collapse, doctors say "he is dead." Hours later he begins to breathe, his heart beats again—he is now on the road to recovery. The experience was so unusual that newspaper men came to ask him "how it feels to be 'dead'."

Not Frightened

Printz said: "When I went under, I seemed to float in a 'soft darkness.' There was a great peacefulness and rich contentment. There didn't seem to be any light, just wonderful, peaceful darkness. I was not at all frightened. Although it is hard to describe the sensation, I must say I felt happy. I was in a new world. I floated in a warm, friendly new place—without worry. Then all of a sudden I found myself on a hospital bed. My broken hip hurt, my broken ribs throbbed with pain, and the rest of me ached. Though it was so nice to be 'dead,' I am still very glad to be alive."

Afraid to Die?

Testimony from a man who slipped into the "valley of the shadow" is important. So many people have said that if someone would come back and tell us, we would believe. Would they? Theodore Prinz is the man who came back. The majority of people are afraid to die. Death causes great mental agony to many. It is good and natural that we should all have a wholesome dislike for leaving this world, but it is not necessary to be so exaggeratedly afraid. "O Death where is thy sting?" "O grave where is thy victory?"

Face "Death" Bravely

There is no sting! There is no victory! The story of Theodore Prinz bears out the thought of there being no sting—rather a pleasant and contented feeling. All of us must experience this change. Where does the trouble lie? You and I are not born with this horror of "dying." Animals do not have it. But in the books we read, in people's conversation, in stage plays and motion pictures, death is always exaggerated. So we grow up thinking anything is easier than to "die." How much torture we would save ourselves in sickness, before operations, if we could see the truth and learn how to face "death" bravely. It can be done and ought to be done.



GEORGE P. WARD

life would take on an entirely different color if we did.

Sir Walter Raleigh

Courage in the face of "death" always calls forth our greatest admiration. We are thrilled by the heroic stories of great men who had that kind of courage. Sir Walter Raleigh, after spreading his beautiful cloak over a mud-puddle, was accused of treason and sentenced to die. He dressed for his "death" as he did in life, with all possible elegance. Before the execution, he spoke in firm and cheerful voice, denying all treason. He was ready for the ax—felt its edge, and smilingly said, "This is sharp medicine, but it is a cure for all diseases."

He refused to be blindfolded—told the executioner to go ahead. There was some hesitation, whereupon Sir Walter said, "What dost thou fear? Strike, man, strike!" And so he died as he lived—without fear.

Brave Wife

Surely he must have known something about "death." But it is not only great men who conquer death. I remember a letter from a young wife to her husband before undergoing an operation. She knew it would be serious and could easily have trembled at the outcome. Instead she wrote this:

Dear Horace:
This letter does not mean I expect to die, but since anything can happen, I want you to know I am not afraid. I have every confidence in our doctor and nurses, but should God see fit to take me, I am sure it is for the best.
Don't stay in the city after I am gone. It may be too sad and lonely.

Travel, see something of the world, and find peace and consolation. I hope these lines may never have to reach you, but if they do, know how deeply I love you, and how I want you to be strong and brave.
Harriett.

Life Continuous

This letter depicts the thoughts of many wives and mothers who understand "death." Her last thoughts were to spread kindness and translate courage to her dear ones in their hour of sorrow.

I have seen many faces of the "dead." I am impressed with their peace and beauty. Imagine, always, that you will go on living forever (because you will).

Spiritualists know that death is not a dreamless sleep but a continued active life in the spirit world with plenty of work to do.

Live your life the best you know how. Get what happiness you can. Give to others what joy you can. When the call comes, go bravely through the "soft darkness," believing that it is not an enemy you will meet, but the face of a familiar friend.

MATERIALIZATION

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She could not vouch for what results would be obtained. She had had failures, "flops," often, she admitted. Mediums who did not, may arouse suspicion, Mrs. Guernsey said.

Encouraged Touching Entities

An unusual feature of Mrs. Guernsey's mediumship, made clear in her remarks, was that she encouraged us to touch the materialized entities, take hold of their hands, if the opportunity offered. There was no reason why we should not, the medium said.

Furthermore, Mrs. Guernsey instructed us to ask the spirits to draw aside the curtain and let us see the medium while the spirit stood outside the cabinet.

Perhaps 15 feet from the cabinet was a ruby light, such as is used in photographic work, affixed to a reading stand. It held an ordinary electric bulb at the end of an extension cord.

Mrs. Guernsey entered the cabinet and the "circle" sang songs, rather weakly and with a great deal of improvisation because none of us was an accomplished vocalist. But we did the best we could in volume and attained a semblance of tune on occasion. Mrs. Guernsey's assistant lead us.

When we had struggled through a couple of verses of a more or less familiar hymn, Moonflower, Indian girl guide of the medium, spoke from the cabinet in a full strong, though childish voice. She greeted us all and was introduced to each of us. She spoke of an earlier seance at the Leelyn hotel at which Mr. Pressing had been present. She said:

"That's the night we had the flop. We can't always be perfect, can we?" She talked on, predicting an ocean voyage for the Pressings. She spoke of "Rachel" who she said, is the "weaver of garments." "I put them on," Moonflower added.

We asked Moonflower if Rachel was coming out and the little Indian girl said she was.

Rachel Comes Out

"Go on, Rachel. Go out," Moonflower urged and one could almost see her giving the other girl an encouraging push. Rachel peaked out through the curtain but did not emerge. Moonflower then said that Rachel thought the light too bright. Two adjustments lessened the visibility considerably but made it satisfactory to Rachel.

ANN DAWSON



Her Progress in the Ranks of Spiritualism Has Been Very Rapid.

who came out, said "Good evening" and commented on the seance room.

Moonflower also emerged from the cabinet in a confident and assured manner, went over to a chair on which had been placed a small bell. She said that this was her bell, picked it up and rang it and then passed it to Mr. Pressing. She was apparently quite fond of the bell and said that "Silver Belle," guide of Ethel Post, had one just like it.

Other entities stepped from the cabinet, including Maggie Waite, noted medium who passed on only a few weeks ago. She talked with everyone present who asked her a question. It was the first time she had ever materialized, she said. Her coming was particularly appropriate inasmuch as this was the first time that the Psychic Observer seance room had ever been used for materialization. Mrs. Waite discussed with Mr. Pressing a matter of personal interest to him, passed a portion of her robe over his hand so that he could feel its solid texture and regretted that she could not do more for him. She touched the hands of others in the room. Her hand had the warmth and substance of a human hand.

Dell Herrick, Too

Another old friend of Lily Dale, Dell Herrick, came out of the cabinet and in husky voice spoke to those present. He had materialized many time before, he said. He complimented Mr. Pressing on his work at Lily Dale and promised his support for the protection of Physical Mediumship.

Perhaps the most startling and at the same time most pleasing manifestation of the whole evening was the materialization of Margaret Kelsey of Syracuse. She was described as a dancer, but Moonflower said she was simply a girl who enjoyed dancing. Moonflower said that she did not talk. Margaret came from the cabinet in a most confident manner. We all sang the old ballad, "Let Me" (Continued on Page 7)

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Illinois Woman's Strange Discovery Of Clairvoyance

Rev. Ann Dawson of Joliet Vivid Experiences

Attracting wide attention in Spiritualist circles in the Middle West is the mediumship of Mrs. Ann Dawson, trance lecturer and clairvoyant message bearer. She has been working at Mt. Pleasant Park Spiritualist Association near Clinton, Iowa, for the past three years creating a more favorable impression each year with her sincere devotion to Spiritualism and her convincing mediumship.

Mrs. Dawson says that while she had "heard voices" all her life she never could explain them to herself, much less anyone else. It was through her husband's awakening interest in Spiritualism that Mrs. Dawson became "one of the better" mental mediums. In January, 1925, the husband, a railroad engineer, became a seeker in Spiritualism while they lived in Davenport, Iowa. The Rev. M. Marcelle Cash was pastor of the Spiritualist church in Davenport at that time and Maude Kline, her daughter, one of the nation's leading mediums, was a co-worker. In a few months the husband became so interested that Mrs. Dawson joined him out of curiosity. She was then 22 years old. She had been brought up in the Lutheran faith.

Grasps Husband's Nose

Mrs. Dawson says that from the very first time she sat in a circle she began to receive messages. The second time she saw a beautiful light, grasped at it and located only her husband's nose.

"I didn't know at that time that the souls of our loved ones could show themselves as beautiful lights," Mrs. Dawson explains.

The third time she sat in the circle she was controlled by her Indian guide and, at the time, was rather frightened. Leaving Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson continued their development in their own home—alone. In 1925, Mrs. Dawson became pastor of the Spiritualist church at Rock Island, Ill. She became a public worker with apparently little effort on her own part. She has continued teaching and lecturing since that time. In the summer of 1937, she was ordained by the National Spiritualist Union and is now a member of the Spiritualist church, in Peoria, which is affiliated with the N. S. A.

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GRACE STEWART

Grace Stewart, direct voiced medium who served at Lily Dale during the 1938 season, has recovered from an operation performed recently and with her husband E. Ellis Ford, may visit Arthur Ford in California this winter. If her present plans are carried out westcoast Spiritualists will have an opportunity to enjoy her excellent mediumship.

PEARL LONG

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liberately put yourself in the vibration of disease — by ugly thoughts, careless thoughts, unwise thoughts—"As a man thinketh so is he" is the one unchangeable truth.

Strength Is Calm

As a shepherd I shall try to help you guard your thoughts—to be happy and to be tolerant of your neighbor. These are the first and most important lessons to learn. You should learn to be happy and tolerant in all your pursuits of knowledge, keeping in mind that a "little" knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Strength is always calm. Weakness rails and complains.

I would have you recognize in cheerfulness—an emotional habit which makes all labor and living easier. You will have a faster operation of ideas when you are cheerful — and that cheerfulness makes for a better understanding of others.

Cheerfulness is the arch enemy of disease—and if you follow its trail, you will escape the prophecy of Ezekiel, and become the good Shepherd.

Trying Times

You might counter by saying "how can one be cheerful in such trying times as these?" Have there been no other trying times? What about the collapse of the Roman Empire? What about the fall of the whole Western Empire? What about Christendom and their Crusades? What about the fall of Kingdoms and the rise of Democratic Republics? Were such things as these accomplished without "trying times"?

I am often puzzled concerning the snail-like pace of our evolving spiritual natures.

About 6000 years ago our spiritual discipline was undertaken by the Jews. They gave to the world a precedent doctrine, that men might worship in unison. And even though the lash of fear was employed to subjugate them they gave to the world its first religious discipline. Do you imagine that this was done without "trying times"?

Age of Reason

Then came Christianity — and anyone is ignorant, indeed, who believes that Christianity was a full bloom rose in the beginning—its very symbol "The Cross" tells of its trying times. And there were shepherds or leaders every step of the way. Some good, some bad.

While Judaism gave us religious discipline, Christianity gave us faith.

What is this new time to be? An age of reason. An age when

Veteran Medium Gala Reception In Los Angeles

Marian Carpenter Vail Honored by Admirers

Fifty-four years of public mediumship and seventy-five years of unselfish living were celebrated on Sunday, November 6, at the Church of Natural Science in Los Angeles, when the Rev. Marian Carpenter Vail was honored by a huge audience. The countless floral offerings and hundreds of telegrams which poured in from all parts of the country, attested to the esteem and affection in which this grand old lady of American Spiritualism is held.

Mrs. Vail began her public career just fifty-four years ago in Michigan. For at least ten years before that she was conscious of her unusual gifts and eagerly developing them for larger usefulness.

Marred at an early age to Elmer Carpenter, the young medium organized and for several years conducted one of the largest Spiritualist churches in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter attended the meeting in Chicago at which the National Spiritualist Association was formed. For many years the devoted couple toured the states, working in all the camps and sharing in the hard work incidental to establishing the movement on a better organized basis. Recently, Mrs. Vail says, she realized the apparent futility of all organization and being supremely conscious of the all-importance of truth withdrew from all forms of organized Spiritualism and now serves the cause in all its branches.

No breath of scandal has ever attached to her name. And now active and happy in her beautiful home, she mothers all the Spiritualists of California.

The Psychic Observer is happy to add its congratulations to Mrs. Vail, whose lifetime in the movement is little less than the history of modern Spiritualism itself.

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mortals will be allowed to reason things out for themselves without the judicial sanction, or persecution of the church.

I spoke of the vibratory effect upon mind in the beginning of my talk. It is not reasonable to believe that that which dethroned Kings, changing the whole countenances of nations, would in time affect the church.

No Creed

Ezekiel prophesied that it would, and it has. On every hand we have a new religious cult of some sort. We hear much of the fundamentalist and the modernist.

We have always had that, but bear in mind that the modernist of today will be the fundamentalist of tomorrow. A shepherd cannot lead his flock beyond his own ken. No one shepherd, or kind of shepherd, can know all the answers. So shepherds come and go, bringing their bit to the world, then go their way, making room for more enlightened shepherds, as it should be.

I have no creed—I respect them all as avenues over which mortals travel seeking an outlet to the great after-life.

If a Man Die?—

If there were no after-life, no tomorrow, then why barter and grow bitter over religion? But since there is a tomorrow, then let's find Shepherds that know the way—not Shepherds who bask in the protection of a creed that tells

BLEDSON--OTHERS RECEIVE PRAISE

Brooklyn Enthusiast Likes Psychic Observer

From Brooklyn, comes a letter to the editors of Psychic Observer, expressing the writer's appreciation of our publication and mentioning the many memories that it arouses through the pictures and writings of leaders in Spiritualism.

"Lily Dale means much to me," the writer of the letter says. "For years I wanted to go there but the 'Spirit World' seemed to keep me away until I had developed enough. Then when we had no money and had lost all that we possessed, the way was made for us to go. It was a trip I shall never forget. One lecturer actually saved my reason. It was Etta Bledsoe. I could not account for the confusion and the tragedies coming when one was so eager to help and be honest and prove the faith that was within. Mrs. Bledsoe stated at that time: 'When a good thing stands in the way of a better one, it shall be removed.'"

"She will never know how those words rang in my ears and gave me hope and courage to go on."

The writer of the letter goes on to recall experiences with other mediums mentioned in the same issue—William Cartheuser, T. John Kelly, Converse Nickerson and Pearl Erick Long.

"So you see, my dear editors, how much your paper means to me. Financially I am bankrupt but spiritually the sky is the limit and my joy and gratitude for being lead through my husband's 'death' and the suffering of the World War to the greatest work on earth today—Spiritualism—It knows no bounds."

you of a tomorrow, but liken it to the tree in the center of the garden of Eden—and tell you not to touch it.

Men have always asked the same question that Job asked. "If a man die, shall he live again?" And the first Shepherd that marched to and fro upon the earth answered him saying, "Thou shalt not truly die."

If this Shepherd who was Satan revealed this truth to man—does it imply that it is wicked to know that "There is no death?"

Discipline—Faith

How many of you know that the serpent was the symbol of psychic knowledge to the ancients, and nowhere except in the Bible is it alluded to as Satan or an evil genii?

There was never a time in history when men needed to find the middle of the road more than he does today. We have too long sought refuge in the weak things of life. Discipline alone will not keep him there, neither will faith alone keep him there—but both have been tried for many centuries and failed.

Today we stand equipped with both discipline and faith and are ready for the middle of the road—namely Reason.

The insidious attacks upon any new belief is a natural reaction. The same cry of cheat, thief, robber fills the air today as it did in the days of yore when the Christians died as martyrs, or when Martin Luther became the first protestant.

Peace or Hate?

It makes no difference how fine the structure, how high its spires, how thick its walls, when being torn down to be replaced by a newer edifice — its dust, its dirt, its noise of giving away is terrific —And the old order is giving away under the strain of Reason. New leaders are before the people, Shepherds ready and willing to lead you into new fields of learning. Can these shepherds lead us into peace? Can they teach us to love oneanother, instead of this insatiable hate that has grasped the world? Is it too late? I believe in God — an infinite

Texas Church Outline Plan For Winter

Feature Morning Service; Expect N.S.A. President

The Light of Truth Spiritualist Church at Fort Worth, Tex., is taking a leading place among Spiritualists in the Lone Star State under the pastorate of the Rev. Lena Devoe who is assisted by the Rev. Maud Modlin. Three services are held each Sunday with a session on Wednesday for short talks, messages and healing.

On Sunday there is an adult yecum at 10 A. M. for those studying the science and philosophy of spiritualism. Outsiders as well as members of the church are demonstrating their sincere interest.

The evening services at 8 P. M. are especially well attended and interest is more in gaining wider knowledge of Spiritualism than simply seeking messages.

This is the only Spiritualist church in Fort Worth having a morning service, thus helping to

energy, manifesting with love and wisdom. Believing this, I can not do less than believe in His handiwork. Men have endured and won throughout the ages, and they will win again and again. In the heart of every man lies the key to his happiness and understanding, why not unlock the door?

Numerous Shepherds

No one shepherd can give you all things. There are good medical shepherds, whom we call doctors, and the good metaphysicians that should go hand and hand for those who are ill. And there are the shepherds of the numerous creeds

Fort Worth Pastor



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serve those who are unable to come in the evening. The Lyceum is the only one in the city.

The church is looking forward this winter to greater service in the cause of Spiritualism when noted workers in Spiritualism come to Texas, including Joseph P. Whitwell, president of the National Spiritualist Association.

to give you spiritual comfort. And the many shepherds to bind up the hearts that are broken and point the way to after-life, and bring back those that were driven away, and to reassure those that were lost. We are well fortified on all sides—a place for all and a much needed place—and if we use our Reason and keep in the middle of the road we will find that particular Shepherd suited for our particular need and then Ezekiel's prophecy will come true. "They shall lie down in peace, for they shall know the way of the Lord."

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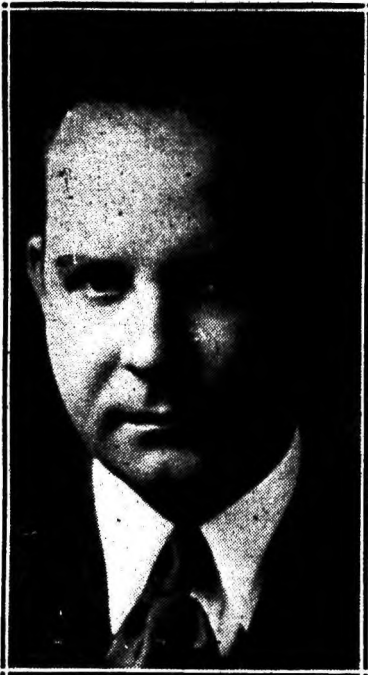
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Arthur Ford, internationally known medium, is living in Hollywood. After having completed a series of lecture tours in Great Britain, Australia and Honolulu, Mr. Ford located temporarily in New York City. During the summer months, he visited Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., and Lily Dale Assembly, Lily Dale, N. Y. Miami next claimed Mr. Ford and his family, but Florida climate did not agree. Mr. Ford will conduct propaganda meetings throughout the State of California.

PROMINENT LEADERS JOIN WORLD SERVICE GROUP

English Society Continues to Sponsor Spiritualism—Many London Notables Attracted—"High Aims" Outlined.

The World Service group is becoming increasingly important in English Spiritualist circles through its varied program of activities that include not only purely spiritualistic matters but also social and political reform.

While Mr. and Mrs. Pressing were in the British Isles last year they attended a seance at the home of Mrs. Fitz-Maurice of Orkney in which the leader of the group, a distinguished medium, C. S. Collen-Smith, Ph.D., was controlled by Col. Fitz-Maurice of Orkney. Present also were: Lady Wild, widow of Sir Ernest Wild, K. C., Mrs. J. W. H. T. Douglas, widow of "Johnny" Douglas, international cricketer, Mrs. Roland T. Philipson, wife of Capt. R. T. Philipson, Col. J. V. R. Jackson, Major Everett Howard, Major Rows, Mr. E. F. Benley, M.A., secretary of the group.

Theodore Roosevelt

Col. Fitz-Maurice on being introduced to the "new friends now over from the states" recalled his visits to America while a British military attache in Venezuela and the marriage of his grandfather to an American woman. After establishing his interest in America he described the co-operation

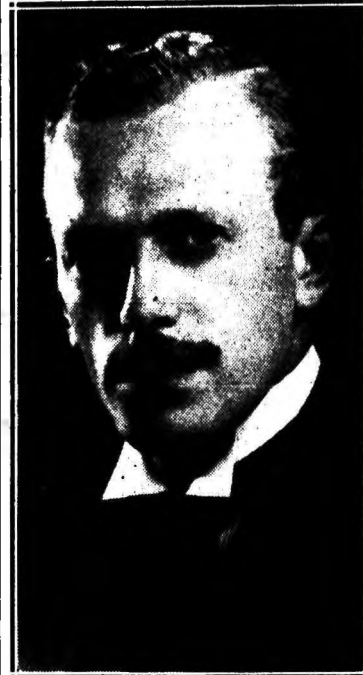
of British and American Army officers toward peace between the two English speaking nations and mentioned the assistance of Theodore Roosevelt. After speaking of the work of the Great Indian Tribes in Spiritualism he dwelt further on the union of Great Britain and America in the cause of peace and then turned to other sitters present.

The World Service group was formed among the members of the "upper strata" of British society which, it is said, had previously been almost without contact with the "spirit world." The chairman is Col. Saunders-Knox-Gore, D. S. O. and the vice presidents include Helen, Viscountess Adare, the Honorable M. Borthwick, the Lady Muriel Derek Jones, the Lady John Kennedy, the Lord Lawrence, D. L., J. P., Lady Stewart Menteth, Sir John Squire, the Lady Augusta Fane, the Lady Hottsfeld. Many others of social prominence are identified with the movement.

Dr. Carl Wickland

The group's most conspicuous work had been its series of circles giving evidence of survival. Col. Fitz-Maurice has been "guiding" weekly circles at the home of his

C. S. Collen-Smith



Through His Mediumship London
Spiritualist Group "Carries On."

wife for about three years. Perhaps just as important is the psychic healing work in the group and in the very large practice in pathology and psychotherapy of Mr. Collen-Smith. The latter, with Dr. Oscar Parkes, has also supported in "obsession work" some of the methods used by Dr. Carl Wickland in America.

Col. and Mrs. Knox-Gore have been leaders in the group's rescue work through which scores of spirits have been "liberated" and others sitting in darkness have

Col. Fitz-Maurice



He "Guides" World's Service
Group—Sponsors Peace
Movements.

been "given light." Mrs. Knox-Gore has visited many of the castles and country houses on her mission of freeing "earthbound spirits" who cluster around the ancient homes of historic importance.

Through a series of lectures the group has dealt with social problems such as prison reform, abolition of the death penalty and peace movements, thus bringing the Spiritualist viewpoint on these problems to the attention of the public.

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