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CAMILLE FLAMMARION

"There are unknown faculties in man belonging to the 'Spirit'. There is such a thing as a double. Thought can leave an image behind. Psychical currents traverse the atmosphere. We live in the midst of an invisible world. The faculties of the soul survive the disaggregation of the corporeal organism. The 'dead' do manifest. There can be no doubt that such manifestations occur. Telepathy exists just as much between the 'dead' and the living as between the living." These were the exact words spoken by Camille Flammarion, famous French astronomer and scientist, in his Presidential address before the Society for Psychical Research in October 1923.

Survival of the Soul

In this day and age, Flammarion would be known as a stern, "hard-boiled" scientist. The statement above was made in his summing up—after sixty years of psychic research.

Twenty years before this Presidential address, Flammarion made this statement: "That souls survive the destruction of the body, I have not the shadow of a doubt. But that they manifest themselves by the processes employed in seances—the experimental method has not yet given us proof. I add that this hypothesis is not at all likely. If the souls of the 'dead' are about us upon our planet, the invisible population would increase at the

DENIS DOYLE

Plans

Lecture Tour

in U.S.A.

The PSYCHIC OBSERVER has just received a letter to the effect that Denis Doyle, son of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, expects to visit America next month. The younger Doyle, accompanied by his wife, Princess Nina Mdivani, contemplates a lecture and radio tour throughout the United States. He will speak, he says, on "Survival after Death" and "Spiritual Life."

The PSYCHIC OBSERVER will make every effort to keep in close contact with Denis Doyle and keep its readers informed of his itinerary.

Spiritualist Associations, Societies and Churches may write this office for additional information relative to his engagements while in this country.

Flammarions' first experiences in Spiritualism date from 1861. Four years later he published his first book—based upon the mediumship of the Davenport brothers. In 1897, he met Eusapia Paladino—eight seances were held in his Paris home. Of her mediumship, Flammarion states "The phenomena have for me the stamp of absolute certainty and incontestability and amply suffice to prove that unknown physical forces exist outside the ordinary and established domain of natural philosophy."

During his life-time, Flammarion investigated 4,280 cases. Of these people, 786 cases were picked as having evidential value. The return of Camille Flammarion is claimed in "Egoland" by Emily Loweman, London, 1932, through the mediumship of his father, A. H. Loweman, a small shopkeeper and postmaster of Little Glemham. "Egoland" is Flammarion's name for the "Spirit World".

Florida Assembly Opens January 1

Cassadaga Spiritualist Association Begins 45th Season

The Southern Cassadaga Spiritualist Campmeeting Association, Cassadaga, Florida, opens its forty-fifth annual season Sunday, January 1. Kendall D. Bass, Owls Head, Maine, has been appointed chairman for the three-month session. This announcement was made by Ray Sherman, president. Speakers and mediums on the official program are: John Parent, Saginaw, Mich.; Helen Graham, Jamestown, N. Y.; Hildred Hope Langford, San Diego, Calif.; Dr. Riblet Brisbane Hout, Goshen, Ind.; Robert Macdonald, Rochester, N. Y., and others.

Cassadaga will be in session, January, February and March—services Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

For programs, write Reid Williams, secretary, Cassadaga, Fla.

"60,000 IN 6 DAYS"-ENGLISH MEDIUM RECORD

Thousands Are Turned Away as London Sunday Pictorial Newspaper Sponsors Public Spiritualist Meetings

Estelle Roberts Chosen To Demonstrate Her Clairvoyant Power

Five mammoth meetings following a series of sensational articles on the life of Estelle Roberts, well known English medium, have aroused an interest in survival after "death" to thousands of uninitiated and stirred the confirmed Spiritualists of England as nothing else has done in recent years.

The first meeting at which Mrs. Roberts demonstrated her power was held in Manchester with 3,000 persons filling the seats in the place and 1,000 more being turned away. Other meetings of a similar nature were held in London, Birmingham and Sheffield. Sixty thousand applied for tickets to the meetings.

Conan Doyle's Empty Chair

The articles were published in "Sunday Pictorial" which claims to be the largest picture paper in England. It is similar in style, make-up and ideals to our American tabloid. Each article is illustrated and captioned in the traditional style of sensational newspapers. The series is entitled "My Spirit Secrets" by Estelle Roberts and each instalment has some thrilling title such as "I Knew the Man I Loved Was To Die" and "Conan Doyle in the Empty Chair." The text is liberally interspersed with black face type and capitals. The articles are written and illustrated to attract the same



ESTELLE ROBERTS

type of reader who would be interested in an article captioned "The Fourth Murdered Bride" or "Kiss Doctor Falls in Appeal, Has to Pay," both of which appear concurrently with the Roberts' series.

Thousands Hear of Spiritualism

The editor of Sunday Pictorial explained in opening the first meeting at Manchester that the appeal of the articles had been so great that he felt Spiritualism had a message that ought to be brought to the public so that they could judge the value of the movement. The articles had brought thousands of letters to his desk,

said the editor, Mr. Hugh Cunliff.

While it is open to question whether one could properly judge the value of the Spiritualist movement from a series of such meetings, fine as is the mediumship of Mrs. Roberts, it must be admitted that the first glimpse of Spiritualism was doubtless brought to thousands through these meetings, whether their purpose was as altruistic as Mr. Cunliff claims, or whether more circulation and publicity for his paper was the primary motive. It is just possible that Mr. Cunliff may have discovered that many thousands are interested in Spiritualism in one way or another and that such a series of articles and meetings would be one way of making them Sunday Pictorial readers.

Impressive Mediumship

Be that as it may, buried in the sensational language in which the articles are written is evidence of the impressive mediumship which is Mrs. Roberts'.

In her first article she tells of her first experience with spirits when she and her sister saw a knight in shining armor with glistening sword appear at the window of her home when she was but eight. She never saw the knight again until a few months ago when he appeared and said he was on earth again in a mission to give mankind more light and understanding. Mrs. Roberts says that the knight has a famous name which she has promised not to reveal.

Early Experiences

All through Mrs. Roberts' childhood she heard voices although her psychic tendencies were always suppressed by her unbelieving parents who, as normal parents would, attributed her "voices" to imagination. She thought the same. Later, as she grew older, she wondered if she was normal. When she had married at 17 she turned to her husband for explanation and his best guess was that she was a "fey." She predicted the death of his aunt one night and a telegram verified her prediction. Her husband, never healthy, became seriously ill and as the spirits gathered about his bed she knew that he was to "pass on." She witnessed the withdrawal of his spirit body. As she was about to leave the house to secure help she heard a strange sound and thought that some one had entered the home, a burglar, perhaps. On going to the kitchen she found no one there but observed a large rent in the wall paper. Mrs. Roberts does not explain the torn paper but leaves one with the impression that she believed it an unexplained spirit manifestation. At the funeral she received her first comfort from the spirit world, the return of her husband in spirit form smiling at her.

Years of Struggle

There followed years of material struggle to support herself and two children. In the meantime she had been invited to a Spiritualist church where she heard an 80-year-old medium lecture on Spiritualism and give messages from the Other Side. The truth dawned on Mrs. Roberts. She had known all about Spiritualism since her childhood. The medium told Mrs. Roberts she was a born medium. (Continued on Page 2)

The GOLDIE GUERNSEY Case

If TRUTH Hurts — It Is Not TRUTH'S Fault

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pressing regret to announce that, owing to unfortunate occurrences during the second of a series of six seances by Goldie M. Guernsey, Syracuse, N. Y., who represented herself as a materialization medium, they were forced, not only to end the seance abruptly but to terminate the engagement. Mrs. Guernsey's immediate departure followed.

Mrs. Guernsey had previously given a seance in the Psychic Observer seance room which seemed to indicate, as described in a recent article in this publication, that she had remarkable mediumistic powers, especially in the field of materialization.

During the seance of November 29 about 2 yards of white crepe cloth and a piece of white cheese cloth were taken from what purported to be the materialized form of Maggie Waite, who, during her lifetime, was a well known medium. The form from which the material was taken forcibly, slipped from the grasp of an investigator and scuffled back into the cabinet. When the room lights were turned on the medium finally came out in a pitiful, disheveled condition. On further examination two white net gloves were also found on the medium's person.

The material secured during the seance and afterward is now in the possession of the Psychic Observer. Spiritualist organizations with whom she claims membership have been informed of the occurrence in order that they may take whatever steps necessary.

The editor feels that the occurrence, to speak conservatively, casts serious doubts on the authenticity of Mrs. Guernsey's mediumship in spite of the fact that she maintained following the seance that she was entirely innocent. Mrs. Guernsey claimed a "trance condition" prevented her from knowing what transpired.

The unpleasantness of the revelations is alleviated by the fact that the editor feels that the seance room and the Psychic Observer are serving a useful purpose in making public the facts unsavory as they are. The Psychic Observer's purpose in defending truth in Spiritualism must include the exposure of untruth even though the process be a painful one.

The Psychic Observer acknowledges the invaluable assistance of others who were present at the seance in bringing out the facts regarding Mrs. Guernsey's methods, especially those persons whose names appear in this issue. (See Page 2, Foot Col. 1, 2)

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um and the two sat together for six nights at a table waiting for some manifestation but without success. As she was about to leave on an equally uneventful seventh evening she felt a hand at the back of her neck. The table had raised halfway to the ceiling.

Mrs. Roberts immediately started giving messages from the platform. She was then 34. She had heard "voices" since she was 8. There had intervened years of struggle with the material life during which she had received many manifestations from the spirit world without knowing what it was all about.

Soon after the table moving incident Mrs. Roberts' principal guide, Red Cloud, came to her. He has been her power and inspiration ever since. To him, Mrs. Roberts always goes for her messages and her treatment of the distressed and ill. He finally influenced her to let him use her body as a means of earthly approach to people. She did not like the idea of being entranced but on the promise that Red Cloud would never use her for any harmful purpose she acceded. She recovered consciousness after her first trance to find herself listening to the deep tones of Red Cloud's voice coming from her earthly lips. She later learned that Red Cloud permitted her to see and hear what was happening in order to reassure her and add to her confidence in his work.

Greater Heights

From this point Mrs. Roberts' mediumship went on to greater and greater heights. It is possible here to merely list some of her accomplishments.

A doctor had given up a boy with a severe case of meningitis. She held the two-year-old child in her arms for three hours at Red Cloud's direction and then reassured the mother promising her that her son would recover. He did.

On another occasion a famous doctor who insisted on operating

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on a girl of 12 came with a mother to visit Mrs. Roberts. The mother insisted that Red Cloud be consulted before the operation. Delay was dangerous the doctor insisted. He did not tell Mrs. Roberts the name of the disease but Red Cloud immediately said that the doctor thought it was appendicitis. Red Cloud thought otherwise and recommended castor oil. The physician demanded a signed statement relieving him of all responsibility. He got it and the child had fully recovered in 24 hours. There has never been a recurrence of the trouble.

A young man who had periods of insanity in which he wanted to kill his mother was cured by Red Cloud who said that the youth had picked up a bad spirit in a visit to a house of ill-repute while in France during the war. The youth admitted the visit of which he had never spoken to any one. He never was troubled with insanity after Red Cloud's analysis.

One of the strangest cases of healing on record is that of a woman who had severe pains in

Facts in The GUERNSEY CASE

Lily Dale, N. Y.,

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1938.

Kelly Collins, Irene M. Batz, Josephine Jones, Estelle Miller, Margaret Michmak, Edna Bulleyment, Milton H. Batz, May A. Stickley, Estelle Collins, Elizabeth King, William Bratt, James LaMarr, Juliette Ewing Pressing, and R. G. Pressing witnessed a "materialization" seance conducted by Goldie Guernsey, of Syracuse, New York, held in The Psychic Observer Seance Room on the above date. Gauze and about two yards of crepe material were taken from her while she was out of the cabinet, masquerading as a "Spirit." A pair of lace gloves—hidden in her stockings—were found by three of the ladies who were present. Mrs. Guernsey did not deny that she had the gloves in her stockings.

Note: The "material" evidence mentioned above and a signed statement of those present is in the possession of the PSYCHIC OBSERVER.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Picture below taken at the Annual Convention of The N. S. A., Indianapolis, Ind., October, 1938. Standing (Left to Right): A. Cervin, Taylor, Tex.; Jack C. Bueholz, Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, Springfield, Mass.; Dr. B. F. Clark, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harold P. Courtney, Los Angeles, Calif. Seated (Left to Right): Secretary Harry P. Strack, Washington, D. C.; Vice President Charles R. Smith, Milwaukee, Wis.; President Joseph P. Whitwell, Chicago, Ill.; Treasurer Frank Joseph, Chicago, Ill.



Courtesy Joseph P. Whitwell, President of N. S. A.

The National Spiritualist Association of the U. S. A. was organized in Chicago, Ill., in 1893. Harrison D. Barrett, Lily Dale, N. Y., was elected president. Other officers appointed were: Cora L. V. Richmond, vice president; Robert A. Dimmick, secretary; Theodore J. Mayer, treasurer; trustees, Mrs. Marion H. Skidmore, Lily Dale, N. Y.; George P. Colby, Lake Helen, Fla.; Milan C. Edson, James B. Townsend and Mrs. I. N. Sloper, California.

Harrison D. Barrett was president until 1907, then George B. Warne was elected to take his place. Mr. Warne remained in office until 1925. From that time to the present day, Joseph P. Whitwell has been president. Next annual convention, Detroit, Michigan, October, 1939.

her back. She was placed on an examination table in the presence of several psychic healers and a physician who was making an investigation of psychic phenomena. Red Cloud stated that there was a splinter of bone lodged against the spine. The patient was anaesthetized by Red Cloud when Mrs. Roberts in trance passed her hands over the woman's face. Mrs. Roberts' hands massaged the woman's back. Suddenly a piece of bone appeared on the woman's back without a trace of blood or a break in the skin. Experts tested the piece and found it was real bone. Mrs. Roberts' explanation is that Red Cloud had dematerialized the bone, removed it and then materialized it again.

Noted Visitors

Mrs. Roberts' greatest thrill, she says, came when Sir Arthur Conan Doyle came through to her in a meeting at Albert Hall in London when 8,000 persons were present. The meeting had been advertised to take place six days after Sir Arthur's death and it was also announced that a message from him was expected. The noted writer kept faith by appearing to Mrs. Roberts who first saw him in evening clothes seated in a chair on the platform next to his bereaved wife. He gave a message to Mrs. Roberts that she conveyed to his wife. It was of a very personal nature and was given only to the person for whom it was intended. Lady Doyle proclaimed that it could have come from none

NEW CHURCH
IN VIRGINIAKathryn Baxter Conducts
Services for Norfolk
Spiritualists

A new church was organized in Virginia recently. It is now known as the Spiritualist Church of Norfolk. Kathryn Baxter, Buffalo, N. Y., medium, is the pastor. The church is located in the Puritan Hall, Granby St., at 28th. Services every Sunday evening.

The officers of the new church are: President, C. W. Rosborough; vice president, L. M. Reynolds; treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Williams; secretary, Mrs. E. A. Darden. The board of governors is composed of the officers and Mrs. J. T. Francis, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, E. A. Darden and Frank Haggerty.

but her departed husband.

Many other noted personages came and sent messages through Mrs. Roberts and appeared to her in spirit form. These include Edgar Wallace, novelist; Sir Sefton Brancker, director of civil aviation and a victim of the R-101 disaster; Sir Thomas Lipton, tea merchant and yachtsman extraordinary; Dennis Neilson Terry, actor; Sir Ernest Shackleton, explorer; Sir Henry Segrave, motorist and motorboat expert, and others.

In another article she tells of Red Cloud's accomplishments in the production of apparitions. In one seance she says that 62 precious stones were materialized and poured on to a table in front of the sitters. Some of them were very valuable. Many of them are today being worn in various kinds of jewelry. On one occasion at her home in Teddington a group of scientific investigators had gathered and heard a lecture on the fourth dimension by Red Cloud who offered to prove his statements by bringing into the room from the garden anything that the audience might suggest. The first suggestion received was that a

budgerigar, which is a kind of a parakeet, be brought from the aviary. The challenge was accepted and in a few minutes there appeared a luminous clock on which was perched a bird. The bird appeared to be in a semi-conscious state and Red Cloud explained that it had been entranced to spare it from the fright that might be occasioned by the unusual experience. After a couple of feathers had been removed as a proof of its genuineness the bird disappeared again. Persons who lived in the lower part of the house said that they had noticed sounds of a disturbance in the aviary about the time that the bird was taken from and returned to the cages.

What Red Cloud Looks Like

A scarab was given as a souvenir to Mrs. Roberts' son-in-law who had expressed the desire for something from Egypt. Where these apporments come from is still something of a mystery. Mrs. Roberts says that she does not believe that they are manufactured by the spirits. Red Cloud has said that some of the precious stones come from the bottom of the sea. Other apporments are supposed to come from Egypt. Mrs. Roberts believes that all of them have existed in material form, are dematerialized for transportation and then materialized again.

In answer to the frequent question of who Red Cloud is Mrs. Roberts has this to say:

"It is difficult for me to tell you very much about him. He does not tell me. He has fine, delicate features. He looks like a man in the early thirties. He has a long straight nose, sensitive lips, clear, steady eyes. His skin is brown, the brown of the Indian. He sometimes appears wearing an Indian headdress. He wears various robes, according to the occasion. But whether he was actually an Indian on earth or whether he has merely borrowed the astral body of an Indian, I do not know. He will never discuss his earthly history.

"But I do know that he has a vast reservoir of wisdom that I shall never fully sound."

UNITARIANS
INVITE PASTOR

Leota B. Maxwell, Rochester Medium, Guest Speaker

A new door has been opened to the Spiritualists of Rochester, N. Y. With the permission of their Pastor, Rev. David Williams, a group of young people representing The First Unitarian Church of that city, recently invited a spiritualist to speak to them.

This invitation was extended to Leota B. Maxwell, Trustee, General Assembly of Spiritualists, and Pastor of The Open Door Spiritualist Church.

In describing the incident, Mrs. Maxwell says: "Upon arriving at their meeting I found the spacious assembly hall filled with a curious group of young people mostly students at the University of Rochester. Their president informed me that their guest speaker usually consumed about twenty minutes—never over a half hour.

Intense Interest Shown

"When thirty-minutes had passed I proceeded to close when a cry went up—'Please tell us more,'—'Don't stop now'—'May we ask you questions?' When they were satisfied to let me go I had occupied the speaker's platform one hour and twenty minutes. 'We are grateful for the door just swung open for our beautiful truth.

"I feel that the seed has been planted and shall pray that the soil has been fertile, for many of the college students of today we find, with regret, are inclined to disbelieve in a future life; in a Supreme Intelligence; in the existence of spirit, or a soul body. They insist that when the physical body dies—that that is the end of humanity as far as each individual is concerned.

"Agnosticism, Atheism, and Materialism are, seemingly in the ascendancy and must be overcome. The only way to overcome this disbelief is for the exponents of Spiritualism to study and be able to explain any and every question they may be asked by skeptical and non-believing people.

"The first thing is for leaders of our Spiritualist movement to so live that the general public will become interested in what they are doing and commence to investigate 'spirit return and spirit communion,' which means in the end conversion to our Declaration of Principles and the basic truths of Spiritualism. Soon the thinkers will become super thinkers and Spiritualism will come into its own. We will have then accomplished much toward overcoming Atheism in the present generation.

"We have a work to do—let us not fail to render a service to mankind and God."

BOUQUIN-HUNT

Miss Flossie Bouquin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bouquin, 39 Hamlet St., Fredonia, N. Y., and Howard Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunt, 129 Chestnut St., Westfield, N. Y., were married recently.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Louise Arisman, pastor of the Lily Dale Spiritualist Church.

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DUNNINGER "GOES FOR A RIDE"

Joseph Dunninger, the magician, is at it again. This time he makes statements that are so absurd as to be downright laughable.

In an article written by Sue Barden and syndicated by King Features last month, Dunninger is quoted as saying that he and his so-called Psychical Research Society have attended five hundred seances and had over two hundred thousand mediums try for his \$10,000 prize. Let us analyze these figures. It means that an average of four hundred mediums were present and exposed at each seance. Big doings, that,—if true!

This singularly enlightening article states further, "One hundred and sixty thousand women and girl Spiritualists as against forty thousand gentlemen believers have competed for the ten thousand dollars that is waiting for the first person who can produce a real, sure enough ghost." We find it hard to believe that Dunninger would make such a silly statement, and although we have learned to expect this from him,—still here it is in print again.

DOYLE LEFT NO CODE

We challenge Dunninger to give us the names and addresses of just one thousand of those who have tried and whom he has "exposed." He is either telling the truth or he is not telling the truth. If he is unable to make good on this claim then he should apologize to the public for false assertions.

Dunninger also misleads the reading public when he asserts that he has a code message left with him by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Both Lady Doyle and her son, Denis, have branded this as untrue. Sir Arthur left no codes,—publicly and in print he made it plain before his passing, that he did not believe in such code arrangements. Dunninger has no code from Sir Arthur. We seriously doubt that he has one from Edison and Thurston. When a man misleads the public about one such code, why believe him about others. Let him furnish Conan Doyle's letter, entering into such an arrangement, to a capable handwriting expert. We have many letters in Sir Arthur's handwriting for comparison.

FANCY CHALLENGE WORDED BY CONJURER

Once and for all time let us remind the public that the so-called \$10,000 challenge, about which we hear so much, was carefully analyzed by Edward C. Randall, the famous Buffalo attorney. This great legal authority found that it was so worded that it would be impossible for any Medium to collect it. If Jesus, Himself, came down and performed one of His greatest "miracles," Dunninger would not have to pay off. John J. O'Neill, Science Editor for the New York Herald Tribune, in reviewing Dunninger's book for the Journal of Psychical Research, stated that the conditions of the challenge were such that Dunninger was amply protected in any event.

Dunninger could be Spiritualism's greatest benefactor if he would just simply give us the names and addresses of these two hundred thousand Mediums whom he claims to know. Our movement needs mediums and there are just a very few hundred available. There again, perhaps Dunninger is holding out on us, and that he really is a materializing medium, himself, else how could he produce these two hundred thousand people? They do not exist on this plane.

We beg on-bended knee for an invitation to one of these seances where four hundred mediums are working all at once. As "Father Divine" says, "Ain't it wonderful!"

POOR DUNNINGER!!!

No one need take Dunninger seriously any more. This latest article proves that he could be classed as an ignoramus. He pulls 200,000 mediums out of thin air as easily as he pulls rabbits out of a hat.

(See picture of Dunninger and Decker, Page 5)

The "catch" in the mythical \$10,000 challenge offered by Dunninger is very clearly explained by Dr. Louis K. Anspacher, noted New York dramatist, philosopher and orator. Says Dr. Anspacher, "Ah, don't overlook this fact—the wily Dunninger in his challenge carefully leaves out 'UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS.' No where does it appear that Dunninger claims to be able to do what mediums can do—UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS 'SUFFERED' BY THE MEDIUM. Dunninger dare not publicize his statement to read thus." He dare not accept this challenge.—Ed.

WHY WASTE TIME?

You can't go very far in the way of obtaining comfort from Spiritualism until you decide to put something into the Movement instead of setting your mind on what you can take out of it.

Time after time we get letters from readers who are dissatisfied with their experiences in Spiritualism. They say that they cannot get into contact with So-and-so on the other side—and recently we came across the case of a lady who literally demanded contact with her husband. She "didn't want any other spirit"—and was most definite about the matter, almost to the point of rudeness. In this particular case it turned out that her husband had only recently "passed on," and while he had been on earth he had been interested in Spiritualism—but his wife had striven to prevent his going to circles "and all that rubbish"! Now he's "dead" it's different, of course!

MESSAGE HOUNDS

Then there are the persons who demand to be told about the future of their material life—nothing will satisfy them but some— (Continued next column to the right.)

Oklahoma Lawyer



H. F. TRIPP
Writes—

Some great discussions have arisen in modern times over the many marvelous manifestations of Spirit recorded in the Holy Bible and cold blooded scientists have condemned them all as wholly contrary to natural law.

Yet to the Spiritualist who understands that there are spiritual laws as well as natural laws governing the whole universe and all that is contained therein, the Holy Bible offers much evidence of the operation of Spiritual law.

In fact from Genesis to the Book of Revelations the Holy Bible is filled with the record of Spirit Manifestations to man.

Spiritual Laws

To those who read the Bible without the proper spiritual understanding the word is dead. It is the spirit that gives it life and presents an understandable record of man's true spiritual character and his ability to use Spiritual laws to rise above or overcome material laws, as he develops the Spirit of God within himself.

To me the Holy Bible presents an historical record of man's progress toward a higher understanding of the operation of Spiritual Laws and presents invaluable proof that spirit phenomena have occurred in all ages since the memory of man.

Bible—No Mystery

True, at first most of the manifestations of spirit chronicled in the Old Testament are attributed to the personal appearance of God or His angels, but with the coming of Jesus such spirit phenomena are not treated with such mystery. When one reads the 17th Chapter of Matthew he sees Jesus on the mount talking with the spirits, Moses and Elias, then the appearance of angels becomes more understandable.

For those students who may be interested in comparing the Biblical Record of Spirit Phenomena with the same character of phenomena which we see occurring today through our many gifted mediums, I submit the following Biblical references for consideration:

GOD IS SPIRIT

God is Spirit—John 4:24.
Spirit of God—Gen. 1:2.
Who is God, save the Lord—Psalms 18:31.

Not the God of the dead, but the God of the living—Mark 12:27.
No man has seen God—I John 4:12.

SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS

To Adam—Gen. 3:8-21.
To Abraham—Gen. 17:1, 18:2-23.
To Jacob, at Peniel—Gen. 32:30.
To Jacob at Padanaram—Gen. 35:9-12.
To Jacob at El Bethel—Gen. 35:7.

COME BACK TO THE PRIMER CLASS!

By MARCELLA DE COU HICKS

Detroit Philosopher

When certain of my friends look at me in sorrowful reproach and commiserate thusly concerning my heresy—"We need you back in the church. With your tenacity of purpose and your fearlessness, you could be a power for good among us. Give up this outlandish philosophy of yours and come back to blank denomination"—they do not realize that they are offering insult not only to my intelligence but to my integrity. And I feel somewhat as I imagine a college professor might feel were some of his friends to suggest that he did not belong in the higher brackets of learning but back with the primary pupils.

Orthodoxy Not For Me

I have graduated out of orthodoxy. I have left it behind because it held nothing adequate to my need for knowledge and truth—certainty. I have learned so much of Universal Truth through my own psychic development—which orthodoxy would not have permitted me—so much of the truths of spirit through incontrovertible demonstration of psychic phenomena—how could I go back and build a religion, a philosophy of life, on mere hope and conjecture? How could I go back and accept on the basis of blind faith, those things which I have had proven to me as immutable facts? The continuity of life, the survival of the personality, the immortality of the soul, in which all Christian denominations profess to have faith but concerning which they refuse to accept any proof. Is it logical that so-called Christians should flay as heretics and evildoers those who have proven to be acts those things which denominationalists insist be accepted merely as matters of doctrine?

Proof of Survival

"Knowledge is power." Wherein are faith, hope, conjecture so much more holy or to be desired, or acceptable to the Holy Spirit than knowledge? If a man, blind from birth, receives his sight, does he want to go on learning about things as they ARE, or close his eyes to evidence and live in his imaginings and conjectures?

Has any orthodox denomination ever given, or permitted, its adherents any specific, concrete, demonstrated proof of a future life? Not that I know of. Have they not always contended that it is more Godly to accept immortality as a matter of faith in doctrine than to believe concrete evidence? It seems to me so. And we who have welcomed with relief and un-



MARCELLA DE COU HICKS

bounded joy psychism's absolute proof of the survival of the individuality; the continuity of life, the immortality of the soul, still have that old hobgoblin, the devil, thrown at us—with hoofs, horns, forked tail and all other diabolical embellishments—when we suggest that we KNOW the truth concerning the after-life. With the Christian Bible replete with instances of intercommunication and spirit return, how can its followers abuse all those who declare the reality of spirit contact?

Not a Hypocrite

I have no particular quarrel with the person who finishes grammar school, thinks he knows all there is to know, and is determined to learn no more. Why then, must he quarrel with me?

If the tenets of man-made creeds and blind faith based upon nothing but hope, satisfy a person and give him all he needs of uplift, inspiration, comfort and encouragement in times of grief, stress, trouble and misfortune—helping him in all ways to live the good life—then, certainly, he has all he needs and I shall not argue with him nor disturb him in his satisfaction. Why, then, must he agitate himself over me because I could not be satisfied with his concepts and have attained what, to me, is the broader vision—have, in other words, gone on into the university of spirit?

To return to my old denomination would be the most shameless hypocrisy for not one of its items of creed can I bring myself to repeat except, "I believe in God, the Father," with which it begins, and "the life everlasting," with which it ends.

To Moses in burning bush—Exodus 3:2-22.
To Moses at Mt. Sinai—Exodus 19:16-24.
To Moses and Joshua—Deut. 31:14-23.
To princes of Israel—Exodus 24:9-11.
To Gideon—Judges 6:11-24.
To Solomon—I Kings 3:5-14; I Kings 9:2-10; I Kings 11:11-13; 2 Chron. 1:7-12; 2 Chron. 7:12-22.

The Spirit of Man is the candle of the Lord—Prov. 20:27.
With my spirit within me will I seek thee, etc.—Isa. 26:9.
Save the spirit of man which is in him—I Cor. 2:11.
My spirit prayeth—I Cor. 14:14.
Yet the inward man is renewed day by day—II Cor. 4:16.
To be strengthened with might by his

"To me the Holy Bible presents an historical record of man's progress towards a higher understanding of the operation of Spiritual Laws and presents invaluable proof that spirit phenomena have occurred in all the ages since the memory of man."

H. F. Tripp.

To Isaiah—Isaiah 6:1-5.
To Ezekiel—Ezekiel 1:26-28; 4:1-17; 5:6-7; 2:1-10; 3:1-27.
To Hagar—Gen. 21:17; 6:7.
To Ananias—Acts 9:10-12.

MAN IS SPIRIT

There is a spirit in man—Job 32:8.
Into thine hand I commit my spirit—Psalms 31:5.

spirit in the inner man—3 Eph. 16.
I pray God your whole spirit and soul, etc.—I Thess. 5:23.
When I serve with my spirit—Rom. 1:9.

APPEARANCES OF JESUS AFTER RESURRECTION

To Mary Magdalene—Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:9; John 20:11-17.
To Peter—Luke 24:34; I Cor. 15:5.
To two disciples—Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35.
To the disciples when Thomas was absent—John 20:19-23.
To the disciples when Thomas was present—Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49.
To certain disciples at Sea of Galilee—John 21:1-14.
To eleven disciples in mountains of Galilee—Matt. 28:16.

APPEARANCES OF ANGELS OR SPIRITS

Spirit and Angel synonymous terms—Psa. 104:4 Heb. 1:13-14.
Angel appears to Abraham—Gen. 18:2; 22:11-15.
Angel appears to Hagar—Gen. 16:7; 21:17.
Angel appears to Lot—Gen. 19:1-17.
Angel appears to Jacob, in visions—Gen. 28:12.
Angel appears to Moses—Ex. 3:2.
Angel appears to Israelites—Ex. 14:17; Judg. 2:1-4.
Angel appears to Balaam—Num. 22:31.
Angel appears to Joshua—Josh. 5:15.
Angel appears to Gideon—Judg. 6:11-22.
Angel appears to Manoah—Judg. 13:6-20.
Angel appears to David—2 Sam. 24:16-17; I Chr. 21:15.

thing in the "fortune-telling" line. Occasionally they get what they want, but not often; and they usually end up in a frantic parade from one medium to another in search of the illusive "message about next week." Finally they drop out of Spiritualism altogether, because "it doesn't get you anywhere."

And then we hear of the poor soul that is looking for something "HIGHER." They fuss and fiddle around with this and that. In the long run, nothing can be found higher than SPIRITUALISM. Oh, Yes, they will struggle with NEW THOUGHT, DIVINE SCIENCE, THE BALLARD "I AM MOVEMENT," ROSICRUCIANISM, UNITY, THEOSOPHY, INNER LIFE, this and that "MASTER" and then wind up trotting off to a medium when they get to that "stone wall."

PLAY THE GAME

Quite true, Spiritualism does not get you anywhere. It is not supposed to do so. You are on this earth to get yourself somewhere, and until you realize that, Spiritualism will be of "no use" to you whatever. Not only so, but it will be a drawback.

There is only one road to happiness and success (progress): Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven. In modern language: Play the game.

ARE WE ASHAMED OF OUR MEDIUMS?

By ALFRED H. TERRY

I never thought the time would come in organized Spiritualism, when it would be necessary to defend our mediums against an attempt to restrict them at the Sunday service, but that occasion has evidently arrived. In the President's report, at the recent N. S. A. Convention in Indianapolis, are two suggestions regarding this matter. If these suggestions were enacted into a ruling, destructive effects may fall on the mediums in our organization. Some may no longer be able to function. The cause of Spiritualism is, therefore, liable to perish in the ranks of the N. S. A. The two suggestions referred to are as follows:

Mental Mediumship Only

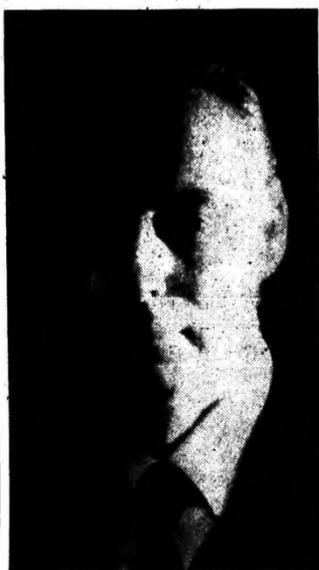
"In behalf of our Cause, I have heretofore recommended that devotional services without the use of the message service be held once each week on Sunday evening."

"At this time, I recommend that where Spirit messages are deemed desirable at the Sunday evening service, such messages shall be confined to clairvoyance and clair-audience, evidentially from the presence of a spirit friend and that messages forecasting coming events, be not allowed at such service."

In a recent court case here in the District of Columbia, where in one of our mediums was arrested for making a prophecy, we gained an acquittal, because we were able to convince the Judge by the able work of our attorney, Paul Sedgwick, that prophecy is a vital part of our religion. If this suggestion of barring prophecy from our platform, be put into a ruling, then when one of our mediums is arrested for making a prophecy, in a private reading and we go into court to defend them, we wouldn't have a leg to stand on. When the Judge and the District Attorney found that we had barred prophecy from our religious services, they could maintain that it was not a part of our religion and a conviction would follow.

"Spirit" Prophecy

The spiritual gift of prophecy is a vital and essential part of the religion of Spiritualism. There is hardly a single message from the great beyond, that does not have an element of prophecy. The vital



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purpose of organized Spiritualism is to promote and protect its mediums, who are the exponents of its religion and without whom the cause could not survive. There should never be a ruling "excepting" the sacred gift of prophecy, nor one, that in any way, seeks to limit, restrict or censor "spirit" messages,

Thomas Grimshaw

In Kansas City, when an attempt was made to limit, restrict and censor the spirit teachers through the inspired speakers of Spiritualism our beloved Thomas Grimshaw, at the Kansas City convention declared:

"Anyone who seeks to limit or restrict our workers on our platform is treading on dangerous ground."

How true are these words. This wise expression deserves to live in the hearts and minds of every earnest Spiritualist. Around our platform there should ever be a charmed circle, over which nothing can pass that seeks to limit or restrict the message from the spirit world, regardless of whether this message is a lecture through an inspired speaker, or a spirit greeting through the organism of a medium.

What is the one distinctive feature of the religion of Spiritualism? What is that which makes it stand forth as something apart from all religions? What is the brilliant jewel that sparkles so

gloriously in the crown of Modern Spiritualism? MEDIUMSHIP! Instead of seeking to limit or restrict the mediums on the platform, they should be given the fullest opportunity in which to exercise their sacred gift.

Hymns—Prayers

If you take the mediums from our Sunday services what have you left? You have hymns, prayers and a sermon, which is precisely what every other church has, no more no less. The religion of Spiritualism is founded on spirit return as demonstrated through mediumship. Few are ever converted to the religion of Spiritualism by the means of a lecture, but inevitably by a spirit message through a medium. Many times this message is received at a Sunday service.

It would truly appear that there may be some in our movement that are ashamed of some of the mediums, hence this effort to bar them from the Sunday service and limit their expression at the mid-week service. It is true, some of our mediums may need educating as to the proper expression of this gift of prophecy. It should never descend to the level of fortune-telling but should always be held on the high plane of spiritual revelation. Thus, a broad line of demarcation is drawn between true mediumship and fortune-telling. The fortune-tellers make prophecies by means of reading the hand, the tea leaves, or cards, the mediums of Spiritualism make prophecies as they are given from the spirit side of life, in a spirit message.

Mark Barwise

If there are some who desire to run their churches along orthodox lines, let them do so. It's a free country, but in so doing they have something which the late Mark Barwise would describe as neither meat, fish or fowl, for it certainly isn't Spiritualism, for that religion depends wholly upon mediumship for its very existence. The true religious service of Spiritualism, should not seek to copy that of any other church, but on the contrary it should seek to embody and express the vital principle of the religion of Spiritualism which is mediumship. A Sunday service without the demonstration of mediumship is like a table all set for a feast and no food.

Every effort of organized Spiritualism should be directed to promote and protect true mediumship. Let our good mediums be given full opportunity at our Sunday services to express their divine gift. Let them be given the best of conditions to aid them in this expression, for their work is so vital to the cause of Spiritualism that it could not survive without it. Let those realize, who seek to limit and restrict, that if they succeeded in so doing, they would "kill the goose that laid the golden egg."

Ed. Note: Whilst we agree, in part, with this article, we feel that each church know their own problem best. Rules for or against any procedure are very fine but the enforcement is still something else again. Yes, it is "dangerous ground." WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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We stand on the threshold of a New Year. We are at the commencement of another of Life's chapters. We have turned over the last leaf in the chapter we called 1938. We pause as we recognize the passing of time, realizing that the wheel of Life turns not only continuously and slowly, but with certainty. To many, the passing of time brings a certain kind of wistful sadness. Life, they say, is passing. But is this so? No indeed. Life is gloriously everlasting. It is continuous—eternal. It does not pass away.

We Should Rejoice

Some, there are, who regret the past. Some look back upon it with pleasant memories. Some recall "what they are pleased to nominate "The good old days". Few, however, are there who would choose to live again—days that are past. What disillusionment often comes to those who, after many years, visit the place of their childhood. Old friends are no longer there. Old roads, lanes and landmarks have gone. The brook no longer flows through the woodland. The scene is different. The atmosphere has changed. Should there be regret at all this? No,—rather should there be rejoicing that progress is in the air. There can be no standing still—

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no retrograde movements either in God's broad acres or in the lives of men and women.

"Ever Forward"

What are we then to do? We are to accept change, to expect it, to welcome it — knowing that under the beneficent and wise plan of the Almighty, the human family moves EVER FORWARD to greater and greater eras of emancipation and progress.

Many persons will be asking themselves, 'as the New Year stands before them, what will 1939 bring to me?'

The year 1939 will be but a continuation of 1938. No matter what someone may tell you, it will bring to you just that which you put into it—PLUS the help of God in accordance with your Faith in our loving Father. If you sow the seeds of Love, altruism, health, prosperity and peace, you will not be faced with the opposite of these things, but their counterpart, increased and multiplied as you use them for your own good and the good of those round and about you.

Do Not Grieve

There may be happenings in 1939 that we would have ordered differently—perhaps to our own eventual harm. There will be disappointments if we allow ourselves to cling too desperately to "Treasures of earth". We may sustain the loss of things we cherish; we may LOSE (as we are prone to put it) one or more persons near and dear to us. Some dearly loved one may pass from our sight. Should we grieve at

this? Should we lament the passing of those we love? Should we be saddened by regrets? No indeed. We are in great error by so doing. Are they not in the loving keeping of the great Creator?

If we will faithfully endeavor to live correctly, to follow the Golden Rule, to aspire to greater service—our own spirit will guide us.

Perhaps you may ask, "What am I to do to make 1939 the banner year of my life? Is it possible that every day be for me a glad New Day?"

Yes, it is quite possible. Jesus the Christ, the illuminated Teacher, told us how in His pronouncements, especially when He said, "Follow Me".

But you may say, "How can I follow Jesus who is no longer here in person?" He replies, "Keep My sayings." He avers that if you do this simple thing you "shall never see 'spiritual' death." Follow daily in your life the teachings of the Master, and you need not fear the future, or ask anyone about it.

Knowledge Eliminates Fear

KNOW THIS. That your every good thought, true word, noble action, aspiration and sincere desire reacts in increased GOOD of all kinds not only on the spiritual plane but also on the physical plane. Good works multiply without cessation, bringing in their train more and more of GOOD, both for you and those you contact. The effect of the good you do is never lost, although you may not comprehend or see the result.

A KNOWLEDGE OF THESE THINGS eliminates fear of the future. "Fear Not" was the Greeting of the Master. Know that 1939 will bring to you MUCH happiness, MUCH joy.

Co-operate Conscientiously

Can you be certain of this? Yes. If you have set your foot upon the path of progress, progress which takes into its orbit spiritual development, as well as material well-being; if you have put from you the false beliefs of past days; if you have ceased to criticize or condemn others; if you daily praise God for life and living; if you claim health and the glorious attribute of a normal life; if you have ranged yourself on God's side; if you seek to bless and uplift all with whom you come in contact; if you have begun CONSCIENTIOUSLY to co-operate with the mighty forces for good all around you; if you have learned to refrain from foolish things and habits "that everybody does"; if your speech is gentle, and your words, words of encouragement and love; if you have learned to praise God for that which you now have, to bless Him for your gifts, talents and accomplishments; if you believe in God and in yourself; if you believe yourself to be worthy of the BEST that can be had, THEN—to you EVERY DAY WILL BE A GLAD NEW DAY!

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"I have had the privilege of actually witnessing the process of a 'spirit's' withdrawal from its physical counterpart."
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Two things particularly stand out to me now as being important in the newer activities of spiritual phenomena; the recently manifested interest in out-of-the-body experiences and the scientific ques-



DR. R. B. HOUT

tioning displayed relative to spiritual healing. With these two phases of reality well incorporated into spiritualistic knowledge we should do well to expound them.

Out-of-the-body (Astral projection) experiences interest me. This sort of phenomena seems to have been a part of me from very early childhood. Experiences, unexplainable to ordinary ways of viewing things, attracted my attention even in school and college

days. It was not until after the transition of my mother that I actually began a serious study of Spiritualistic phenomena. Then things really began to happen. My mother returned to prove her actual living presence to me following her "death." I saw her clairvoyantly. Watching at the death-bed of another, gave me the privilege of actually witnessing the process of the spirit's withdrawal from its physical counterpart. Various experiences at the bedsides of different patients have given me a truer version of the fact that death is no more than the process of the real entity ("spirit") withdrawing itself, with its life force, from the physical vehicle.

Psychic Revelations

It was a very weird experience—the first time I was consciously able to project myself outside of my body. Schooled as I had been in terms of physical science, the sight of the physical counterpart lying inert and sleeping quietly while I was abroad in the room, took some adjustments in my way of thinking.

I have been astonished to see the adaptability of the human organism and mind. I have adjusted myself to these astral activities in a happy manner. Now I easily take for granted the activity which is mine apart from the physical. Often while my body lies asleep, I plan to use this time to learn more about spirit planes of life. My return to my body, as I often spiral down to coincide with the physical vehicle, is now done most of the

time as an accepted matter of course.

"Spirit" Healing

These things have become facts to me because of individual experience. The knowledge that these things are now being investigated scientifically surely will offer new opportunities. It will give the world a better glimpse of the real man and his true function of being spirit capable of surviving death.

The other thought, of healing, is as old as the world. The time has always been when man has felt that other powers than those of physical means have aided and guided him to better health. Too many times spiritual healing has been approached with superstitious awe. People have expected miracles and have found them. No one could understand the process involved.

"Electric Force" Evident

The laying on of hands, the magnetic passes over the body, the healing by spirit's aid—all have been the means of giving help and comfort. Too often healers and those who treat have not understood the modus operandi. Now science promises help in this direction. Human magnetism is being studied and radiations of the human body are being graduated into understood wave-lengths. Delicate, sensitive instruments are now capable of measuring some of the energy given from a human body. This energy is like unto, and yet more subtle than, electric force.

Men of science want to know how it is that blood pressure can be changed following "treatment" in which vital magnetic, radiant

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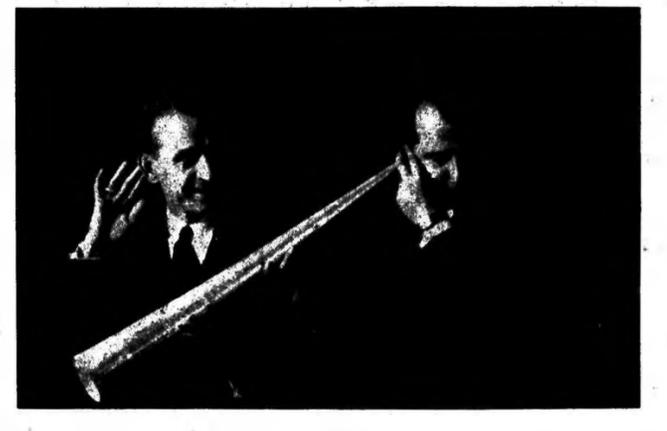
Decker and Worrall Invited To Serve

The Beckoning Light Spiritual Church, 15th Ave., and First St., N. W., Miami, Florida, is open for the winter season, according to Mrs. Dollie Hall, secretary.

Frank Decker, New York City, internationally known medium, who is vacationing in Florida, has been invited to serve. An invitation has also been extended to Dr. R. F. Worrall, London medium. Both will make public appearances at the church during the winter months, it is said.

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MEDIUM MEETS MUDDLED MAGICIAN



Frank Decker, Internationally known medium (left), continually "pokes fun" at slick Joseph Dunninger (right), self-styled "Debunker of Ghosts" and "Psychic Researcher". In the picture above, Dunninger evidently seems to think that the "spirit" voices emanate from the small end of the trumpet. And this same Dunninger is the man who is supposed to have investigated 200,000 mediums (more or less)—Poor Joe, he doesn't even know "which end is which" and then pretends to be an Investigator of Psychic Phenomena. Strange, Dunninger never mentions Decker in his recent rabid Spiritualistic "exposures" in second rate magazines. (See Editorial on page 3—"DUNNINGER 'GOES FOR A RIDE'")

force is allowed to pass from the operator to the body of the patient. How is it that the hands of an operator become hot enough during treatment to be felt and responded to by the patient? These are realities about which we will learn more in the future.

Great Field For Study

Research with this healing force and knowledge obtained from the Other Side, combined with the acceptance of scientific information learned in the last several years, which involves chemistry and physics, convinces me that here lies a great field for further study and knowledge.

Man seems to have reached a place in his evolution where a

better understanding of invisible force will be possible. No longer dare we shun the Invisible World which lies all about us. Our five physical senses have been very limited windows from which we have been peeking querulously out at the big, dark, not-understood Universe. We are venturing now across the barriers of physical limitations and are hurdling abysses of superstitions and are now about to enter the Promised Land of Spiritual Understanding. Spirit power, spirit force, spirit help offers us our next step into Comprehension. The "signs of the times" point to the Worlds Beyond. Contact with those who have survived death will tell us more about ourselves.

PHILOSOPHY OF BLACK EAGLE

Through the mediumship of H. Gordon Burroughs

Children of Earth, remember that he who has placed his whole confidence in the Great Spirit, God, may be certain that if the entire universe turn against him, nothing contrary to the will of the Great Spirit can befall him. The Great Spirit is speaking at all times, in all places, saying ever to the children of earth, "Be quiet; listen; be peaceful, permitting Omnipresent Force to guide you."

O mind, be quiet; be passive, for in passive moments you may receive inspiration and become able to penetrate Mystic Power. Silence conserves strength. Give thanks each day for life and its experiences, remembering that strength is the result of continued effort. Complaint is the acknowledgement of failure.

Be kind; no kindly act is ever lost. Children of Earth, each day is a gift to you; use each day wisely. Love for true loving makes it possible to see and understand all things. Pray that you may be shown the way to grow more useful and more kind. No longer doubt; thus you may become a power and a help in showing others the way to the source of all strength, the Great White Spirit, where they, too, may behold the great White Light of God.

Learn, O Children of Earth, to transform all emotion into power. There are no secrets in God's universe to those who will depend upon the guidance of the Divine Spirit. Those who truly listen will recognize a hearing beyond earthly hearing and a seeing beyond earthly seeing, through which all of God's plans may be clearly perceived. For tomorrow and its needs you need not pray, for you dwell in the arms of the Great White Spirit today. This day your being will no longer hunger, for at all times you may draw from the inexhaustible universal supply.

Be quiet; listen to the voice within, for its promptings come from on high. Your life was given to you for a purpose. You are in truth and truth abides in you; and all your hopes, Children of Earth, rest upon Infinite God. Have courage, for you are soldiers true in God's army of truth and right. Continue to demand more and more of yourself under all circumstances. Fear not; fear paralyzes action; life is action; God is action. All things in God are beautiful; you are in God and God is in you.

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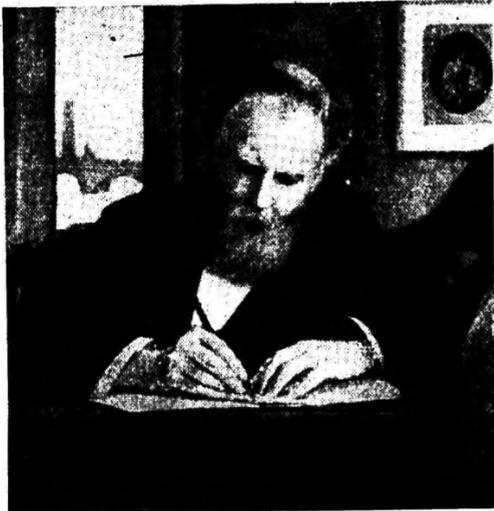
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THE BLUE ISLAND
 ★ By W. T. STEAD

There is great trepidation on the part of all the uninitiated when first coming into contact with the occult, psychic or unknown forces. There is always a fear of something. Frequently personal, but sometimes fear of harming the individual known and loved on earth. In itself that is a good sign; it argues unselfishness, and consequently the individual who holds it for that reason deserves enlightenment, if he is sufficiently advanced to seek, he will get enlightenment together with great help. Again, there are those who imbued with Theosophical ideas fear to come in contact with what is to their minds the "shell" of a former loved one; and those who fear through ignorance due to an undeveloped and somewhat uneducated mentality, not necessarily an unschooled mentality, but uneducated in the sense of lacking understanding and appreciation of the Higher things of life."

"Happiness is more amply contained in understanding. Happiness in the sense that it is used and understood on earth is not the sole object of life. We are not made only to be happy. Happiness is part of our reward for work done, for progress, and for help given to others, which is, in itself, the outcome of understanding.

"Death is only the doorway from one room to another, and both rooms are very similarly furnished, and arranged. The same Personality rules all Spheres. . . Remember you are still on earth and you have still to perform earth's duties. You have your daily lives to lead and you must always do well the work in hand. Never neglect the present because

"In my Father's House there are many mansions." Even in this small world, the accounts of two witnesses would never be the same. If a description were given by an Oxford Don, and also by an Italian peasant, their respective stories of life in this world would vary much more than any two accounts that I have read of the world to come."—Sir A. Conan Doyle in his Introduction to the book "Blue Island."



WILLIAM THOMAS STEAD

William T. Stead, Editor, Publicist and Champion of Spiritualism, was invited to speak in Carnegie Hall, New York, April 21, 1912. Before his departure from England on the TITANIC, he wrote to his secretary: "I feel as if something was going to happen, somewhere, or somehow. And that it will be for good. . . . Archbishop Colley sent a forecast of the disaster to Mr. Stead and received the answer: "I sincerely hope that none of the misfortunes which you seem to think may happen, will happen; but I will keep your letter and write you when I return from America." Mr. Stead intended to bring Etta Wreidt, Detroit direct-voice medium, to England when he returned. Mrs. Wreidt was waiting for him in New York. The TITANIC was struck by an iceberg on the night of April 14, 1912. Two nights later, Dr. Sharp, Mrs. Wreidt's control, gave full details of the disaster, assured them of "the passing" of Stead and gave the names of many prominent people who went down with the ship. The following night, three days after "his passing," Stead, himself, spoke. He was weak in articulation at first, but he was understood. The messages which purported to emanate from Stead, through Automatic writing, direct-voice, materialization and psychic photography were summed up by James Coates in "Has W. T. Stead Returned?" He concludes that they have definitely established his identity.

the future appears more brightly colored. Carry on with today, but with a corner of your mind on tomorrow."

"Phenomenal Spiritualism is not for all. Many minds could not absorb the greatness of the subject together with the facts of the phenomena and still continue in their routine in a normal manner, these are the people for whom phenomenal Spiritualism is not.

They will be wise to go no further into the subject than knowledge gained from books and from the experience of others."

"The controlling force in a seance is Thought. In concentrating the mind on any one spirit person you are sending out real, live, active forces. They pass through the air as electric waves do, and they never miss their mark. The spirit is drawn to the

TEXAS CHURCH TO CONTINUE

Albert E. von Strode Conducts Services

Albert E. von Strode, N. S. A. Missionary, will spend the winter in Texas. He is serving the Fort Worth Spiritualist Church, 809 Penn St., that city. The regular Pastor of the Church, Dr. C. L. Sharp, together with his wife, is visiting their son Charles, who follows government work in China.

Mr. von Strode writes: "I like Fort Worth very much and find many people who are intensely interested in our religion. The church is open every Sunday night for devotional service and lecture. We also have a mid-week service. A study class has been organized which meets Mondays.

There is a great field in Texas for our work which is most timely and of utmost importance. More and more do I realize that this work is bringing a greater measure of comfort to those in trouble mentally and physically. It is,

indeed, a great privilege to serve. It has been my pleasure to travel several thousand miles this past year in the interest of Spiritualism. As a National missionary of the N. S. A. my work has taken me through the South, California, Oregon and Washington. People are wanting to know more about Spiritualism, and come, not out of idle curiosity, but from a desire to really know. I believe we need have no fear for the future of Spiritualism, for its permanency is assured. Unseen helpers from the higher realms of consciousness are paving the way for further demonstrations of mediumship, both physical and mental. People of culture, education and refinement are seeking to know more of our work, which is truly a good omen of better times to come."

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