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An Ectoplasmic Hand
A RARE "MARGERY" PICTURE

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Psychic manifestations under strict test conditions . . . when the medium is controlled by the sitters . . . has been vouched for by hundreds, whose reputations and integrity remain unquestioned. In the picture (above) MARGERY CRANDON is the medium . . . seated in the center, dressed in white. This is another rare picture showing the ectoplasmic formation exuding from the medium's solar plexus . . . thence taking the form of a hand. The extended arm, marked "C" is that of Dr. L. R. G. Crandon. The person holding Margery's right hand is known by Joseph DeWyckoff . . . possessor of the original of the above picture which was taken from his collection of rare psychic photographs. This picture may be challenged but it can never be produced by trickery UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS Margery agreed to submit. Since this picture was taken, both Margery and her husband Dr. Crandon have passed away. Both have since manifested many times by direct-voice in the Psychic Observer Seance Room. In this same room, WALTER, Margery's spirit collaborator, has not only voiced but has materialized through the mediumship of FRANK DECKER.

MARGERY \equiv The Medium
WILL SHE RECEIVE FULL APPRECIATION FOR
HER SPLENDID WORK?

By HORACE LEAF, F. R. G. S.

The death of "Margery" will doubtless renew the old controversy regarding the genuineness of her mediumship. Few mediums have been so vigorously assailed by skeptics and bigots as this remarkable woman. In private life she was Mrs. Leroy Crandon. She never accepted money for her services, but on the contrary, she and her husband spent large sums in lavish hospitality on those who undertook to investigate her mediumship.

I first sat with her in the Autumn of 1928, when she was at the height of her popularity, the seances taking place in her charming home in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A., to which pilgrims from all parts of the world went to sit with her. Here one rubbed shoulders with international celebrities from all walks of life, including scientists, millionaires and politicians.

We are as deeply indebted to Margery's husband, Dr. C. L. Crandon, as to Margery herself for the great part she played in psychic

science. He nursed her mediumship with remarkable skill, and guarded her from many of her assailants. Both he and his wife became Spiritualists, and remained so to the end of their lives.

My last series of sittings with Margery took place in the winter of 1936, and were conducted by the President of the American Society for Psychical Research. I had been Honorary Research Officer for the New York Section. There were present a number of important personages, and they were extremely careful to exclude all sources of error. Five sittings in three days is pretty good going, and may surprise students of the supernatural who believe that frequent sittings are harmful to the medium.

Her Characteristics

Margery was certainly none the worse for the experience. Her mediumship did not seem to react detrimentally on her health, and she impressed me as being a healthy, cheerful, and certainly a very intelligent lady. The five sittings to which I refer were held

two on each of the first two days and one on the third, and they lasted about ninety minutes each.

It would be difficult to describe Margery's personality, as there was something decidedly original about her. She was self-confident, buoyant, talkative, and dynamic. In her own home these traits were often carried to a point of obtrusiveness, but never became offensive. I am disposed to think that he often experienced suppressed excitement before a seance, and considerable relief when it was over.

Personality

Owing largely to Dr. Crandon's scholarly disposition, one was always sure of meeting interesting conversationalists at his house, and an afternoon or evening spent in his company was reminiscent of the gatherings of the famous Dr. Samuel Johnson.

A marked change of method had taken place between the early seances I had with Margery and the last five. Those in 1928 were controlled by several eminent scientists and professors from Harvard University, of which at one time Dr. Crandon was Professor of Physiology.

In 1936, however, conditions were much less rigid, but that may have been because, while the earlier sittings were conducted in darkness, the latter were held in clear light. This made rigid control much less necessary, although there was at no time lack of keen observation. Light made judgment much easier.

Sir William Crookes

The sitters were always encouraged to be skeptical, and no resentment was shown when anyone suggested modifications or asked for a repetition of the phenomena. In 1928 I witnessed a remarkable demonstration of the Sir William Crookes' test of depressing a pair of scales enclosed under a glass cover.

When about to undertake his notable investigation of Spiritualism in 1870, Sir William, who was

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The Spiritual Philosophy of . . .

Charles Dickens

By ANNIE BRIGHT

Former Editor of
"Harbinger of Light"

Since Dickens was born a hundred and thirty years ago . . . February 7, 1812 . . . a new era has arisen of which he and his earlier contemporaries had not even dreamt. It was not until long after the publication of his "Sketches by Boz," in 1836, which gave the first hint of his coming fame, that the Electric Telegraph, as we know it, had united the continents of the world in friendly links of intercourse, or railways and steamships had broken down the parochialism and insularity of city and national life which he so vividly pictured in his glowing pages. Dickens was essentially a man of the world, reared in the most unlovely and sordid surroundings, from which he eventually drew some of the most striking characters in his books.

A Direct Inspiration

Every writer who makes a mark in the world is, whether he knows it or not, the receptive instrument of spiritual direction. The more receptive his nature the more will his books appeal to the heart, as they are veritably given from the spiritual world.

So we may expect that all good influences would be about his writing table, that, whether he knew it or not, inspirations came to him from high spheres, and that his pen was the willing instrument for righting crying evils and disseminating a spirit of Love instead of the hate and greed and selfishness that sap the spiritual life of a community. "When I sit down to write my book," said Dickens, "some beneficent power shows it to me and tempts me to be interested, and I don't invent it—really



"Psychic Observer"

CHARLES DICKENS

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He is said to have declared that "every word uttered by his characters was distinctly heard by him before it was written down." Yet on the other hand he averred, "I work slowly and with great care, and never give way to my invention recklessly, but constantly restrain it."

"This is the experience everywhere of writers who make their mark. In this as in other work, we are not sent into this world to be automatons. Those who achieve fame in any department of life are those who with mind and soul in tune with the infinite, are open to the waves of inspiration that come from the spheres which they use with all the skill that training and industry alone can give.

His Spiritual Philosophy

When Charles Dickens passed to that other life on June 29, 1870, a few months after reaching his 58th year, psychic investigation, as we know it, was still in the future. In the early part of the century Swedenborg and William Blake had had their visions and given inspired writings to the world.

In 1848 the Rochester Knockings had been the awakening in America from the dense materialism that characterized the nineteenth century, but there had been nothing in England to attract men of culture and intelligence, such as we have now in Sir Oliver Lodge's, Mr. Stead's, and many others' work. Scientific men were then the densest materialists.

Intimations of Immortality

Who can read Dickens' pages that tell of death scenes without knowing that he got glimpses of the angel world around us? As he says, "I don't invent it—really do not—but see it and write it down." Who that has read the story of the passing of Paul Dombey with his arms around his mother's neck and the vision of his mother who died at his birth transfigured by the heavenly light, can doubt this. "Now lay me down," he said, "and Floy, come close to me, and let me see you."

"Sister and brother wound their arms around each other, and the golden light came streaming in, and fell upon them locked together. 'How fast the river runs, between its green banks and the

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For a New Perspective
In a Confused World

A calm summer at Lily Dale

Lily Dale Assembly is a Spiritualist Center in western New York state . . . 50 miles south of Buffalo . . . located on beautiful Cassadaga Lake (pictured above) The official summer season at Lily Dale begins June 26th and closes Sept. 4th . . . lectures, classes, message services daily, except Monday.

Noted Author Passes Away



"Psychic Observer"

LILIAN WHITING, internationally known literary genius, psychic researcher, and one of the first women to edit a newspaper, passed away at The Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, April 30th. She was 83.

Miss Whiting whose feature article appeared in a recent issue of *PSYCHIC OBSERVER*, was born in Niagara Falls, N. Y., October 3rd, 1859 . . . a daughter of Lorenzo Dow and Lucia Clement Whiting, and was a descendant of Cotton Mather, New England author and divine.

Miss Whiting was known by the Oriental title "The Bah" and was considered the leader of the occult religion Bahá'ism.

Miss Whiting began her writing career 62 years ago as literary editor of the Boston Traveler and later wrote more than 20 widely-read books. She was best known in Boston, however, as a Spiritualist. One of her volumes dealt with spirit communications which she had with the late Kate Field, Boston author.

Miss Whiting started her literary career as the editor of a local paper in the small country village of Tiskilwa, Ill., while her father rose to the rank of State Senator. She contributed to The Cincinnati Commercial and in 1879 accepted a position on the staff.

In 1880 she came to The Boston Traveler as literary editor. She remained in that position ten years and became editor in chief of The Boston Budget, a weekly paper devoted to literature, society and current events. Her work on both papers added to her reputation as a critic and litterateur.

She resigned her position on The Budget in 1893 and devoted her time to miscellaneous work, contributing to Harpers, The Arena, The Independent and other publications. Her "Crumbs of Boston Culture" appeared daily in The New York Graphic and her "Literary Boston" attracted wide

Does The Medium Read Your Subconscious Mind?

By J. E. Pressing

"Does the medium read your subconscious mind? 'Is all telepathy?' These are some of the questions hurled at me. One outstanding case, that outlaws every conceivable argument, in my opinion, is the following incident that occurred a couple of years ago.

Bertie Lilly Candler, the well-known direct-voice and materialization medium of Miami, Florida, was a house guest. During the evening, she asked if I would enjoy sitting. Ever eager to speak to the people "over there," I immediately jumped up, saying, "Oh, yes!"

Nell M. Smith, Louisville, Ken-

Lily Dale Seances

Every Thursday evening, during April, May and June, a direct-voice seance will be held in The *PSYCHIC OBSERVER* Seance Room at Lily Dale, N. Y.

CLIFFORD L. BIAS and other noted mediums will be featured. Reservations by appointment ONLY. Write Juliette Ewing Pressing, Box 92, Lily Dale, N. Y., or phone Cassadag (N.Y.) 43-F-2.

Whiting Manifests

Lilian Whiting's spirit voice has been heard. Seven days after her passing to the etheric world, Miss Whiting was able to get through in a public seance in the *Psychic Observer* seance room at Lily Dale, N. Y., through the direct-voice mediumship of Clifford L. Bias of Buffalo. Etta S. Bledsoe brought her, "Tell all my friends . . . everywhere . . . I still live." This was Miss Whiting's first spirit message back to the earthplane.

attention. Her essays, which appeared in The Traveler, were published later in book form entitled "The World Beautiful." Besides her literary work, Miss Whiting had been active in behalf of woman suffrage.

She was a member of the Boston Society for Psychical Research, the Hellenic Society of London and many units of the Browning Society.

Among her best-known books are a series which began with "The World Beautiful" and included "Paris Beautiful" and "The Outlook Beautiful," and The Brownings—Their Life and Art" and "The Life and Poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning."

In later years she made several trips to foreign countries. During a stay in Rome, in 1932, she was received by Premier Mussolini.

tucky, Eddie Kimmy, Mr. Pressing and I composed the group.

Shortly after the preliminary prayer and song, the medium was entranced. Trance is, in most instances, a deep sleep . . . comparable to a state of one who is under an anesthetic.

Many spirits talked to us. A man spoke. He said, "None of you know me, but the guides of this circle permitted me to come in . . . because I am a native Kentuckian. The password for admittance was that we are from the same part of the country. I am Dr. John Welch Moss. I graduated from the Louisville College of Medicine. I am deeply interested in earthplane contact, but this is my first experience in speaking. None of my family or friends attend spiritualist meetings. I thank you for this privilege. I would be glad to have you check up on me."

At this same meeting, Claude Swanson spoke to us. He gave some extremely interesting messages, so Dr. Moss' chat was quickly forgotten.

Slate-writing

About six weeks later, I had a solo sitting for slate writing with Pierre L. O. A. Keeler. According to the requirements of Mr. Keeler's guides, I wrote a list of names of spirits . . . from whom I would be pleased to receive a communication.

Naturally my list included my beloved parents and one or two spirit teachers, but I had no thought of Dr. Moss, hence I didn't write his name and to my great surprise . . . on one card was a brief message, "I greet you. I am not now associated with my hospital." Signed—John Welch Moss—1894-1935.

This intrigued me. Who is this man Moss? How can I check his identity? I wrote to Margaret Richardson, Marion L. Taylor Bldg., Louisville, Kentucky, who is a registered nurse. In my letter, I merely asked her to obtain information on Dr. John Welch Moss, who graduated at Louisville Medical College.

Three days later, Mrs. Richardson replied that Dr. John Welch Moss had graduated from the above mentioned college and his birthdate was registered as 1894.

Since his graduation, no one knew his whereabouts. At that time, he went to either Carbon Glow or Seco, Kentucky, to be on the medical staff in a hospital.

I Check a Message

Next, I wrote to the postmaster of these two towns. My letter read: "Kindly send me information about Dr. John Welch Moss." One letter . . . the one to Seco . . . was returned but the Carbon Glow postmaster wrote that a Dr. John Welch Moss had been associated with Dr. Wright's hospital but he died in 1935.

Not one of us had heard of the man or the towns in Kentucky. The medium was entranced.

The spirit was cognizant of who he was . . . where and when he graduated and on the card . . . gave his birth and death dates.

At a later date, I visited Louisville. This story had engaged the attention of several men in the medical world.

No one's mind was read. No one could possibly attribute this information to telepathy. The two mediums had not seen each other. This is one of my outstanding proofs of personal survival and spirit return.

It is nothing spectacular to speak to spirits, it is just as normal as any other science, when one understands what is necessary on our part. If you have not had your real conviction, do not be dismayed, your next sitting may provide clinching proof of survival . . . for you.

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CAMP SILVER BELLE

Opens June 27-Closes Sept. 7

NOTED SPEAKERS AND MEDIUMS SCHEDULED
DURING CURRENT 1942 SUMMER SEASON

Banquet July 4th

The eleventh annual season of Camp Silver Belle . . . Spiritualist Temple of Truth, Inc. . . will open Saturday, June 27th, at Ephrata, Pa., according to Ethel Post-Parrish, Camp Secretary.

Ample accommodations will be available for summer visitors in the modern equipped Mountain Springs Hotel. Dining room, coffee shop and cafeteria service throughout the season.

The opening VICTORY BANQUET is scheduled for July 4th and the official 1942 program lists the following special days: Reading Day, Philadelphia Day, Buffalo Day, Connecticut Day, Massachusetts Day, New York City Day, Spiritualist Temple of Truth Day, Charles Sharp Day, Gordon Burroughs Day, Raymond Burns Day, Lucy Walker Day and M. M. Pantan Day.

Educational

Classes in spiritual philosophy and psychic unfoldment will be conducted by H. Gordon Burroughs, Harold A. Lumsden, M. M. Pantan, F. Palmer-Gibson, Raymond Burns, Charles L. Sharp and Lena Barnes Jeffs.

Three new speakers and mediums will be presented to Camp Silver Belle audiences: F. Palmer-Gibson, New York City; Maude Phelps, Dayton, Ohio, and Kathryn Windle of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Other speakers and mediums to appear on the official program: H. Gordon Burroughs, Washington, D. C.; Bertha Eckrood, Baltimore, Maryland; M. McBride Pantan, Miami, Florida; John E. Reese, Boston Massachusetts; Lucy A. Walker, Buffalo, N. Y.; Elizabeth Fablan, Ephrata, Pennsylvania; Anita Nuel, Reading, Pa.; Abra-

To Open Camp



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Write For Programs

Sidelights and things to be remembered by those who plan a vacation at Camp Silver Belle . . . Twilight hour has been changed to Victory Prayer Service; Defense bonds and stamps will be sold; Rates for rooms have been drastically cut; Same kitchen staff assures good food; Social affairs every Monday evening; Bazaar for fancy work, souvenirs and current spiritualist literature; Good bus and trolley connections from Reading and Lancaster, Pa., for those traveling by train.

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United Concentration Camps ... For Peace

By "Hermes"

200 Prince St., N. Y. C.

As the President has said, there is no "zip" to this war; and for a simple reason indeed... it is not one of passions, angers, hatreds, a sudden boiling over of human emotions too long pent-up... it is one of ideas, of different ideologies, waged mentally and only by the constant reiteration in a mentally violent fashion of certain ideas and attitudes by the Axis Partners, Hitler and Mussolini. Something so relentlessly and scientifically and psychologically done cannot have any "zip" to it... any more than a chemistry professor's lecture demonstration in class can have any "zip" to it.

This war being only a mental projection, it can only be fought mentally... you cannot answer successfully a logical argument with an emotional outburst. But... on this is the cause of Democracy's failure to date... the Allies have tried to answer the Axis logic, mentally projected, with a merely emotional outburst of madly shock and horror. And with as little effect.

NO... and this should be obvious... like causes must be answered with like forces. The answer to this dilemma can be found by imitating in a Democratic Way one of the devices of the Axis... inverted or reverted to our own purpose...

THE UNITED CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR PEACE... the positive reaction and expression of the Allied countries, to the Concentration Camps for War of the Axis countries.

But... in place of being merely gatherings of unwanted members of the nation, in the Allied countries these Camps would include only the most devoted and patriotic citizens of the country... devoted to what the word concentration really means... not only gathered or centered together physically, as under the Axis, but what the word concentrate really means... centered mentally, gathered mentally together as one force, projecting hourly and daily, as a militantly peaceful and a peacefully militant group, the Idea of Peace and laying down of arms, to all the citizens and soldiers of the Axis countries. This would prove the true and effectual prayer

To Lecture at Lily Dale



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Noted New York spiritual advisor, lecturer and teacher, known professionally as "HERMES" and privately as MARIAN B. FRANTZ and since the UCCP (See article this page) was signed as "An American Citizen."

HERMES is scheduled for two lectures at Lily Dale Assembly this coming summer, July 10th and 14th. Aside from his knowledge of occult philosophy and spiritual values, he is a noted Astrologer. He has lectured in New York City at The Foundation for Metaphysical Arts and Sciences and The Spiritual and Ethical Society.

of the United Nations, for the first time in the history of the world organized as an Army of the Spirit to combat the Army of Satanic forces now let loose in the world. As one set of destructive and inhuman ideas moved the members of the Axis countries into War, so the infinitely more powerfully projected ideas of the United Concentration Camps for Peace would move them to lay down their arms and return to their senses... infinitely more powerfully projected because done so by the free and unenslaved individuals of the world, who alone can think with any clarity and strength for the good of the human race.

This gathering together, or CONCENTRATION, would continue twenty four hours to the day and seven days to the week; and the Churches, public buildings, auditoriums, Y. M. C. A.'s, university facilities, organized camp, etc., could be utilized with their respective groups as attendants, that is, Church members, Civil Service and government employees, college men and women, C O camps and CCC camps, etc. It would be done with, say, six shifts of four hours each. The Federation of Churches in America could organize all their members and arrange the program. Every man, woman, child of the country could attend so much time every week, and thus, not only the material, economic and social forces of our society would be organized to combat this evil, but the infinitely more subtle and powerful Spiritual Resources of our country would be truly organized for the first time in the history of the world.

The United Nations can only win by the United Spiritual Force of their United People, organized and acting under God with the same efficiency as an army. THUS would the remaining war of several years be shortened to one of months, as the Bible has promised us: for the sake of the faithful these terrible times shall be shortened, with the saving of millions of lives and untold civil destruction.

"THOUGHTS ARE THINGS." Let us cease waiting in Godless fear for the Axis bombs... let us send them first our Spiritual Bombs of Concentrated Peace.

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Opens June 26-Closes Sept. 7

Many New Speakers and Mediums Scheduled.

The Sixty-Third annual season of Lily Dale Assembly will open at Lily Dale, N. Y., June 26th, according to Esther C. Humphrey, President Emeritus, who was chosen to complete the 1942 program of speakers and mediums because of the illness of President Millard L. Knox.

The official program lists special days: Fireman's Day, July 4th; Red Cross Day, July 8th; Illinois Day, August 1st; Junior League Day, Aug. 8th; Membership Meeting Day, Aug. 10th; Community Club Day, August 14th; National Spiritualist Day, Aug. 20th; Woman's Day, August 22nd; Children's Day, Aug. 28th; Labor Day, Sept. 7th.

Summer school classes will be conducted by Amalia Pfennig, Mary Olson, Hugh Gordon Burroughs, F. Palmer-Gibson, Alfred H. Terry, Dr. Victoria Barnes and William Elliott Hammond. The Lyceum Director will be Virginia Frank; Physical Director and Life Guard will be Eugene Frank.

Speakers and Mediums

Speakers and mediums scheduled on the official 1942 program: Wm. Elliott Hammond, Pastor of The Third Spiritualist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; T. John Kelly, Pastor of The Spiritual Church of Life, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lyle Sensabaugh, Conneaut, Ohio; Alma Moser, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Sarah W. Cushing, North Miami, Florida; Amalia Pfennig, Buffalo, N. Y.; Alpha Gabriel, New York City; Minnie Cooke O'Hara, Pastor of The International Spiritualist Shrine, Fredonia, N. Y.

Charles Hartshorne, Ashtabula, Ohio; Ann Keiser, Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank Ceney, Mt. Carmel, Illinois; Elizabeth Fisher, Buffalo, N. Y.; Albert E. Vaughn Strode, Enid, Oklahoma; Mary Olson, New York City; Geraldine Wood, Ashtabula, Ohio; Mabel Harris, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Ruth Clark, Lily Dale, N. Y.; HERMES, New York City.

Arthur Myers, Lily Dale, N. Y.; Lucy A. Walker, Buffalo, N. Y.; Gertrude Sprentall, Toronto, Canada; Catherine Huenninger, Buffalo, N. Y.; Howard B. McDonald, New York City; Dr. C. A. Burgess, Chicago, Illinois; Maude Kline, Kansas City, Kansas; Lucille B. Clinegan, Columbus, Ohio; Kitty McKay Leith, New York City.

Harold Lumsden, Stamford, Conn.; Hugh Gordon Burroughs, Washington, D. C.; Bessie L. Wells, Vice President of The Independent Spiritualist Association, South Bend, Indiana; Catherine Jungen, Jersey City, N. J.; Mrs. H. S. Whipple, Western New York Red Cross Field Representative, Jamestown, N. Y.; Frank Casebeer, Miami, Florida.

William A. Johnson, Buffalo, N. Y.; John Armstrong, Battle Creek, Michigan; F. Palmer-Gibson, New York City; Ruth Walling, Eaton Rapids, Michigan; Geneva Phillips-Pect, Ithaca, Michigan; D. Mons Berry, Buffalo, N. Y.; Teresa Rene' Hayden, Chicago, Illinois; Alfred Terry, Washington, D. C.

Receives Appointment



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ESTHER C. HUMPHREY, Washington, Pa. She has recently been appointed temporary executive head of Lily Dale Assembly to take the place of Millard L. Knox who was forced by ill health to return to his home in Hermon, N. Y.

Vice President William Elliott Hammond will be unable to assume his duties as Acting President of Lily Dale until July... owing to his unexpected contract as Pastor of Philadelphia's Third Spiritualist Church.

Minnie Sayers, Los Angeles, California; Rene' Hunt, Cleveland, Ohio; N. S. Themelis, President of The W. T. STEAD Memorial Center, New York City.

Melvin Smith, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Victoria Barnes, Gary, Indiana; Ida Demopoulos; Paterson, N. J.; Converse E. Nickerson, West Medford, Mass.; Fred Larson, Titusville, Pa.; Joseph P. Whitwell, Chicago, Ill.; EDITH ELLIS, Noted Author and Writer, New York City; Jane Burgess, Chicago, Ill.; Virginia Frank, Lyceum Instructor, Jamestown, N. Y.; Robert MacDonald, Rochester, N. Y.; BERNARD RODIN, Noted English Trance Lecturer; Viola Miller, Lily Dale, N. Y.; and CLIFFORD BIAS, Pastor of The Center of Psychic Science, Buffalo, N. Y.

Rest of Program

Religious services at 2 P. M., EWT, daily except Monday. Three services Sunday; Classes on the Science, Philosophy and Religion of Spiritualism daily at 10:45 A. M., except Sunday. Forest Temple meetings, 9 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. Dancing every Saturday evening; Thought Exchange, Wednesday and Saturday evening; Services and activities each Monday under the auspices of the Community Club; Special entertainment under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary every Thursday evening; Special seances in the Auditorium every Sunday Afternoon at 4:30 P. M.

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MARGERY

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a famous chemist and a Fellow of the Royal Society, pointed out that science did not ask, in the demonstration of the existence of an unknown intelligent force, for anything tremendous. It would be sufficient if the balance of a pair of scales, enclosed in a receptacle, were moved by so much as an additional grain of weight.

There could be no doubt of the genuineness of Margery's medium in the seances I sat in, owing to the standing of the man who controlled them. It was obvious to all present that if anyone was cheating it must have been the experimenters and not the medium, who was a mere passive onlooker. The scales that were used had been placed on a wooden base, under a glass cover resembling the glass shade of a Sevens clock. As the room was in total darkness, an electric light had been cleverly introduced into the case which contained the scales, making them quite visible to all present.

Walter Experiments

On one pan of the scales had been placed a weight, which definitely depressed it; the other pan was empty. At the request of the experimenters, "Walter," Margery's control, repeatedly depressed the empty pan, making the scales move up and down. The scientist who held the scales showed them to each sifter in turn, which enabled all present to see the experiment repeated over and over again. Later on, a photograph of the scales was taken, and clearly showed a small cube-like object on the empty pan, although it had not been visible to the unaided eye.

Walter, who claimed to be Margery's dead brother, a youth of eighteen, took a prominent part in every experiment, whether of the physical or of the psychological order. He had a distinctive personality, and preferred to speak whenever possible in the "direct voice." His voice was unique. I heard him speak many times and it was always in the same deep, husky tones, like a man with a severe cold. There was nothing religious about Walter, a fact soon noticed and a source of displeasure to investigators who leaned towards the religious significance of mediumship. There was, however, a good deal of the scientist about Walter, and he took a lively interest in the various experiments suggested and often initiated some of his own. His willingness to co-operate with the experimenters was one of his most pleasing features.

Bird's Condemnation

He impressed me as being keenly interested in his sister's mediumship and also as thoroughly enjoying his self-imposed task. He always acted like a good craftsman who loved his job. When things went well he expressed his pleasure in cheerful terms; but when they went awry he would lose his temper and often use strong language. There could be no doubt that he had a disposition very similar to that of his sister, and one found it by no means difficult to believe they were of the same family.

Margery had several excellent

forms of mediumship, although her wonderful voice phenomena tended to obscure her more subtle mental gifts. Her telepathic powers were remarkable, but they always took place under the supervision of Walter, and bore strong evidence of involving his co-operation. Many believers in telepathy would argue that the introduction of a spirit in telepathic communications merely introduces a third and unnecessary entity; but all the telepathic experiments that I heard discussed by Margery and her fellow experimenters showed very clearly that the personality of Walter must have played a leading part.

Definitely a Personality

Margery's production of Chinese script impressed me as much as anything I saw her do. Immediately after an experimental voice seance, I have seen her go into the lounge and rapidly write beautiful Chinese characters, in Chinese fashion with a brush. It was obvious that whoever was responsible for these writings was thoroughly skilled; Margery did not know Chinese. The script was often reliable and translated by Chinese scholars. Her method was so simple and easy that nothing short of true automatism could, I think, account for it.

Like all great test mediums, Margery underwent a slow progressive development of her powers, and with them built up a disposition which enabled her to submit to test conditions without undue mental or emotional disturbance. No doubt she was greatly helped by not having to accept a fee for her services. To have had to do so would have made it necessary for her to please her sitters; as it was, she did not very much mind what they thought.

It was as well that she did this, as otherwise she would have broken down under the unfair treatment she received, especially from Houdini, whose behavior was so strongly condemned by Mr. Malcolm Bird, the Secretary of the experimental Committee appointed by the "Scientific American," to investigate Margery's claims. Mr. Bird, however, did not limit his condemnation to the well-known conjurer, but extended it also to some of the scientists composing the Committee.

Houdini's Death Foretold

It is not generally known that after one of the scientific seances, during which Houdini was suspected of having behaved in a particularly scandalous manner, Walter prognosticated his early death and something of the conditions under which it so tragically occurred.

Although Margery and her husband accepted Spiritualism, they did not attempt to force their opinions on their visitors. Their chief aim was to show that mediumistic phenomena were true.

I spent a good deal of time with Dr. Crandon, both in his home and in his consulting room, and we often discussed the cause and nature of the phenomena. He was convinced that Walter was the spirit of his wife's deceased brother, and that the survival of bodily death had been completely established in his wife's seances. He laid great store on the highly evidential nature of the fingerprints Walter left behind, and a

How A Medium IS ENTRANCED

Guide Describes the Spirit Operations

"You do not realize how complicated your bodies are, until you try to use somebody else's," commented Silver Birch, one of the Indian guides attached to Hanneb Saffers' home circle at the last sitting, explaining how difficult it was for a guide to accustom himself to speaking through a medium.

"You have to make the heart beat," he went on, "the blood flow and the lungs go in and out. You have to keep all the nerve centers fed with the right impulses. You must cut off the stream from the medium's own subconscious mind, and feed your own ideas all the time. It is not very easy."

"I thought you only had to get into the medium's subconscious mind," said one of the sitters.

"Yes, that is the hardest part," said the guide.

"Do you have to do all that consciously, every time you speak?" Silver Birch was asked.

"You do at first," the spirit replied. "That is what development means. In the same way, when you were a baby, you had to learn to put one foot before the other in order to walk. Now, you do not have to think about it. When I first learned to control a medium, I had to do it step by step. Now I do it automatically."

Impressing Their Thoughts

"When a medium is controlled by a spirit who has recently passed on, does the spirit have to do all that before he can speak?" asked a sitter.

"No, all he has to do is to impress his thoughts on the medium's subconscious mind," was the reply. "But even that takes a lot of practice, and we practice on people in our own world. It is not an easy thing. It is much easier to talk through a trumpet, once all the power is properly molded, than to talk properly through a medium and to get your own thoughts through."

"When you get hold of the subconscious, it is already trained through many years to think in certain ways, to use certain ideas. We strive to bring our own thoughts and ideas and words, so as to make new tracks in the subconscious mind to get our own message through."

"Psychic News"

large number of hitherto skeptical investigators were now over to the Spiritualistic hypothesis through them.

Dr. Crandon had some interesting views about mediums, and he insisted that when their powers are developed they are not quite like other people psychologically, and in consequence "considerable allowance" had to be made for their behavior. This was not in reference to their honesty or sense of justice, but to their reactions to life generally. They were, he held, privileged types destined to influence the future, scientifically and spiritually.

Walter and other spirits seemed to have made the home of the Crandons their earthly abode, and one never could be sure when they would turn up. One of their most popular ways of doing this was to start the Victrola which stood just outside the dining-room, and in full view of everyone in the dining room, I have sometimes sat talking to Dr. and Mrs. Crandon when the music would start. This frequently happened when we were dining.

The "Voice Box"

Such an opinion indicates the presence of ectoplasm and its resultant making of materialized organs. The production of Walter's voice necessitated some kind of materialization; this was eventual-

DICKENS

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rushes, Floy?" But it's very near the sea. I hear the waves, they always said so."

"Presently he told her that the motion of the boat upon the stream was lulling him to rest. How green the banks were now, how bright the flowers growing on them, and how tall the rushes! 'Now the boat was out at sea, but gliding smoothly on. And now there was a shore before him. Who stood on the bank?'"

"He put his hands together, as he had been used to do, at his prayers. He did not remove his arms to do it; but they saw him fold them so, behind her neck."

"Mama is like you, Floy. I know her by the face! But tell them that the print upon the stairs at school is not divine enough. The light about the head is shining on me as I go!"

"The golden ripple on the wall came back again, and nothing else stirred in the room. The old, old fashion! The fashion that came in with our first garments, and will last unchanged until our race has run its course, and the wide firmament is rolled up like a scroll. The old, old fashion—Death!"

"Oh, thank God, all who see it, for the older fashion yet, of immortality; and look upon us, angels of young children, with regards not quite estranged, when the swift river bears us to the ocean!"

It reads like a page from Andrew Jackson Davis' "Summer Land, and of the closing of that sweetest of spiritual hymns:—
"And with the morn those angel faces smile
That we have loved long since and lost awhile."

ly proved to be the case, and Walter's "voice box" was duly photographed.

The surprising thing about these photographs is that they show nothing resembling human vocal cords, but a semi-oval dark mass resting in the medium's lap. How this strange object could produce the human voice it is difficult to say, but not to imagine. It is no more unlike the human voice box than a microphone.

It was naturally concluded that this voice box was constructed of ectoplasm derived from Margery's own body, a conclusion justified by the facts.

Dr. and Mrs. Crandon took a somewhat religious view of the mediumship although they seldom referred to this in the presence of skeptics. That their behavior conformed with a spiritual view of life, was evident to all who knew them intimately.

I personally witnessed Dr. Crandon give medical advice and treatment free of charge. His famous wife shared his sentiments. Now that both have passed into the Beyond let us hope that they have received full appreciation for the splendid, if unpopular, work they did for Truth and Humanity.

TO THE . . . Great Spirit

A prayer dictated by Silver Birch at the Hanneb Saffers Home Circle, London, England . . . taken down in short-hand, transcribed without alteration . . . no changes necessary when this spirit speaks.



Silver Birch

Oh, Great White Spirit, teach us to understand Thee. Throughout all time Thy children have tried to explain Thee, but Thou art greater than their explanations.

They have tried to capture Thee in churches, in temples, in mosques, but Thou art greater than all the constructions of earth. They have sought to limit Thy spirit in the pages fashioned by Thy children, but Thou art greater than all Thy children have conceived.

Because of Thy spirit, everything in the universe lives. Because of Thy spirit, the sun shines, bringing life and light into the world of matter. Because of Thy spirit, the rain drops from Thy heavens, bringing refreshment to all the growth that is necessary to Thy children.

Because of Thy spirit, all the manifestations of Nature raise their paeans of praise to Thee, the Great White Spirit of all. Because of Thy spirit, all Thy children, whether enmeshed in matter or whether freed from its limitations, turn to Thee, asking that they may understand Thee and act in unison with Thee.

Great Spirit, fill us all with the desire to serve wherever we can, so that each of us can reflect Thy spirit wherever we go, and to all those who see Thee. May we be uplifted so that we may reflect Thee always.

S. M. A. ELECT

According to Rev. Louis E. Brown the annual convention of THE SPIRITUAL MEDIUMS ALLIANCE was held at Port Huron, Michigan, recently.

Officers elected: President, Rev. Alma Eastman, Saginaw, Michigan; Vice President, Rev. Louis C. Brown, Rochester, N. Y.; Secretary, Rev. Mable Pittman, Marion, Indiana; Treasurer, Rev. Walter Heller, Greenville, Ohio; First Trustee, Rev. Rebecca Probst, Port Huron, Michigan; Second Trustee, Rev. D. C. Dye, Kokomo, Indiana; Third Trustee, Rev. Frank Henske, Toledo, Ohio; Fourth Trustee, Rev. Thomas Rhodes, Peru, Indiana; Fifth Trustee, Rev. Wetzel, Saginaw, Michigan.

Fifty Delegates were present at this convention. The 1942 convention will be held at GREENVILLE, OHIO.

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A Review of the Book

"WE KNEW THESE MEN"

By Theodor C. Russell

From the Spiritualists point of view, the book, "We Knew These men," reviewed by Mr. Russell on this page, is one of the best contributions to the subject of HUMAN SURVIVAL AFTER THE CHANGE CALLED DEATH . . . presented to the public in recent years.

The Theater of "The Waiting World" is darkened, the great orchestra is hushed; despite the echoing clamors of war . . . deep silence reigns.

The curtain rises, revealing a brilliant but strangely simple scene for there, towering from the floor, looms a "PILLAR OF LIVING MOVING LIGHTS." Immediately before and within its radiance stands a lone woman whose face mirrors courage and conviction. With firm step she moves forward and presents to the vast audience . . . a BOOK.

The "PILLAR OF LIGHT" was once a soldier who died in 1781 at the age of nineteen, his name . . . WILFRED BRANDON.

The woman we recognize as a well known actress, accomplished dramatist and authoress, her name . . . EDITH ELLIS.

The book . . . a product of their joint handiwork . . . is "WE KNEW THESE MEN."

... About the Author and Her Inspirer

Edith Ellis serving as an amanuensis has, with evident care, skillfully transcribed the immortal words and thoughts of one — Wilfred Brandon, whose place of abode shall be termed "The Etheric World." Miss Ellis with great simplicity and fine fidelity steps aside to become a silent collaborator in the creation of this brilliantly written narrative.

We Knew These Men . . . is a swift moving saga of hope as Brandon dips his truth-thirsty finger into the wells of cause and effect. Truth has a way of deciding its own position and Brandon with utter fearlessness has lifted that position into view. His is not a weak voice in the wilderness for with crystal clear and flawless diction he has, through the hand of Miss Ellis, produced an instrument which cannot be termed as either tale or story but, rather, a living document of precious and long denied verities. (Brandon cannot be repudiated.)

Arena of Death

Precursor of impending war Brandon has with rare forethought used the first world war as the premonitory backdrop. With broad strokes he boldly etches, in part, the lives and adventures of seven American soldiers whose patterns of life are suddenly changed by the ravages of the debacle of 1917.

We Knew These Men is not only a sweeping indictment against the causes of war, but more perforce against that policy of preparedness which merely equips and trains the youth for battle fronts. Prepared to defend . . . they march with startling stamina into the Arena of Death. The winning Nation loudly proclaims its victory . . . but what about the slain? Were they prepared for Death?

and well liked. He hated war but was loyal to Uncle Sam.

Potter, a religious fanatic, carried the picture of a movie star. He believed himself to be her unknown savior. He prayed to die but only as a means to escape the tortures of war. He was futile and terribly afraid.

Goertsch, the youngest, forgot his milk route in his love of adventure. He liked to dance and was glad to pay the fiddler. He was fearless.

Did They Die?

It was morning. Shells were screaming their threnody of torment. Six men were ready to go over the top. Potter had died in the night, a victim of fear.

Death was in the air . . . Brainard got it first, his body riddled with bullets. Cummings in trying to help him became suddenly a cloud of fragments. Then Hanson hiding with Rosenberg in a crater went next. Rosenberg drifted into mental collapse. Flanagan with a bullet in his right leg got the machine gunner who had so mercilessly peppered them. Goertsch, unharmed, was to carry Flanagan to safety and with Rosenberg they alone were left to breathe the mortal air. These were indeed the sorry fields of carnage . . . but what of those who died?

Here begins one of the most vital compendiums ever recorded as Brandon, with deft touch, lifts the veil disclosing never-to-be-forgotten portraits of the aisles of death and scenes within the Etheric World as we follow these men through the calendar of their experiences.

Unaware of the Laws

From the battlefield they find themselves suddenly catapulted into a vast, incredible universe. Impulsively they realize "this is death." Having never been informed of this "future existence" and being unaware of its laws they are, in a maze of wonderment, forced to linger just on the other side of the Threshold of Eternity. Conscious of increased individuality, and being able to view this earth, they longingly attempt to make old friends realize their continued existence.

Brandon traces in penned tapestry their activities. Potter, lost in the futility of false belief, searches vainly for the fulfillment of the old conception of heaven. Brainard endeavors to reach his grieving parents and his beloved Carol. Hanson, in selfish tastes, identifies his earthy, porcine tastes through the body of poor befogged and hospitalized little Rosenberg. Cummings, aided by the Wardens of the Etheric World, is enabled to help the thwarted, crippled Flanagan; for by way of Flanagan's mediumship, Cummings signals Doris with a message for the world.

Challenging Book

We Knew These Men is not alone a book of Survivalism and its phenomena. Its expression goes deeper than that of communication . . . Brandon has given us a brilliantly-hued monograph of the vernal fields of the Etheric and Immortal Realm.

Upon reading We Knew These Men you will feel as though one of them is a counterpart of someone you have known. You will sense, too, a close relationship with the "pillars of light" . . . those gallant wardens of the Spirit World. You will thank Brandon and applaud Miss Ellis for their courageous efforts. You will not rest until your friends have read this book.

You may lay the book down but you will not forget its challenge any more than you can forget the present-day upheaval with its dire threats and implications. Whatever security there is . . . must be found within ourselves and what we know. We must not remain uninformed as to our immortal destiny nor should those on the far-flung battle lines be permitted to go forward without a glimpse of the everlasting verities of Survivalism.

Not only does Brandon tell of the inevitable but he gives us an

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Thousands of orthodox Christians who already believed in "spirit" and "immortality" have been won over by the manifestations they have witnessed. But there are many thousands more of both materialists and orthodox believers who will not be satisfied nor convinced until confronted with facts which cannot be denied.

Better Mediums Wanted

What folly it would be then to decry phenomena, to denounce mediums or to discourage the development of medial powers. We want more and better mediums and more and better phenomena. Our duty is to encourage the development of media for conclusive phenomena which will provide the basis of fact on which we can build a rational and unshakable faith.

Mediums should not be expected to be everlastingly sitting.

approach to a more profound way of living. Today would be less confusing and the future more promising if we would but heed his inspired counsel. Gospel-wise and with prophetic warning . . . his words are: "We cannot but believe that class war, race war, religious war, and the reign of greed, power-lust, and reckless disregard for human rights would give way to a saner and more tolerant world if it were universally understood that . . . The Living and the Dead Are All In This Together."

They should be watchful of their strength and extremely temperate in the exercise of their gifts. Otherwise their phenomena will be inconclusive and they themselves suffer the consequences.

The time had come for comprehension, order, system, and intelligent application of knowledge for the improvement of conditions and the culture of mediumship, as well as enlightened spiritual development all round.

Leaven at Work

The fact is man's spiritual nature is being rapidly recognized by leading thinkers everywhere. Spiritualist ideas and ideals are being proclaimed by teachers who are Spiritualists in everything but name without knowing it.

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Home gatherings for study, observation, thought, and exchange of ideas are all useful, and have been too much neglected. It is not a mistake to let home circles clash with or take the place of public meetings which are equally necessary and valuable.

In the class we must study, think and compare. In the seance, we must open the door of communication whereby the intelligent operators from the other side may make their presence known and clinch all argument with proof.

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The Mediumship of . . .

M. McBRIDE PANTON

By GRACE P. SCHAFER
"Trails End," Arden, Delaware
Psychic Observer Feature Story Writer

Following my arrival at Camp Silver Belle, Ephrata, Pa., last summer, I had been introduced to a very clean-cut, good-looking man . . . the Rev. M. McBride Pantan, Pastor of the Spiritualist Temple of Truth, Miami, Florida, who was then serving Camp Silver Belle for the summer season.

Because I had made advanced reservation for Ethel Post-Parrish's materialization seance at eight that same night, I decided to omit the Twilight Service, at six-forty-five P. M., until I happened to see Rev. Pantan's name on the bulletin board, scheduled to give messages at that service.

When I reached the Temple, I knew I was late and hesitated at the door, fearing to disturb the medium who was on the platform, blindfolded and sitting behind a small table with a basket of sealed envelopes before him. He selected a billet and as he held it high, he gesticulated with his hands and head, to emphasize the importance of his broken English statements.

"Pedro" . . . the Guide

Wondering who was the medium I silently located a seat and whispered to the person beside me, "I thought Rev. Pantan was on the program for this service."

"He is," she said smiling and nodding her head in direction of the medium. "That is Rev. Pantan." It was difficult to correlate Rev. Pantan, the educated conversationalist with the entranced medium whose foreign personality and voice was typically of Gypsy origin. The messages were received with expressions of hearty approval and I sat in wonderment at the strangeness of God's manifestations.

Later, Rev. Pantan said, "Pedro is a Gypsy . . . and is my spirit control for only that phase of my work. A few years ago a group of Spiritualists, including myself, were sitting around talking about blindfold billet reading. Someone asked me if I had ever tried to work in that manner. I said that

Silver Belle Medium



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REV. M. McBRIDE PANTON, Lecturer, Teacher, Mental and Direct Voice Medium; Pastor of the Spiritualist Temple of Truth, "America's Winter Spiritual Home Church," 1621 S. W. 6th St., Miami, Florida.

Rev. Pantan will be one of the featured mediums at CAMP SILVER BELLE, Ephrata, Pa., this summer.

I had never tried it . . . and one of the party suggested that I do so. So, just for fun, I borrowed a bandage and tied it tightly around my head. Immediately I became entranced.

"My friends told me afterward that a spirit named Pedro had controlled me and talked to them. It was the first time I had heard of him . . . but he informed me later that he has been interested in helping me for some time; he promised to continue helping me with that particular phase of spiritual work. From that beginning I continued developing the blindfold billet work."

Evidential Mediumship

The next day a friend and I managed to obtain a private direct-voice seance with Rev. Pantan. Of the large number of seances I attended, at several camps last summer, I can truthfully say without reservation, it was one of the most outstanding! As soon as we were in darkness and the medium entranced, we were conscious of being in the presence of a tremendous power. The spirit voices were forceful and strong . . . continuing in strength until the end of the hour. White Cloud and Mazie conducted the meeting. They were unusual spiritual individuals.

While on earth, White Cloud was an educated physician . . . an Oklahoma Cherokee Indian. He proved himself to be an accurate diagnostician, wise philosopher and psychologist; he was also active in assisting our spirit relatives, friends and helpers to make earthly contact possible.

Mazie's witty chatter kept us in high spirits. We assumed . . . from her fresh young voice . . . that she would be about ten or twelve years of age. When we questioned Rev. Pantan about her, he opened a wallet and produced a snap-shot which he said was taken by an English psychic pho-

tographer. The spirit picture showed Rev. Pantan seated in a chair . . . with a wreath-like cloud of ectoplasm emanating from his solar-plexus, rising above his head and framing the face of a beautiful, blonde young lady who was smiling mischievously. We noted a striking resemblance to the late screen actress, Jean Harlow.

"I wish I could give you more information about her," said Rev. Pantan, "but she has steadfastly refused to give out any information about herself . . . and all I know about her is that she first appeared on the picture and then showed herself to me so that I would know it was she."

Greatest Job

Rev. Pantan was born in Philadelphia. After completing his education he entered advertising publicity work which took him to France. While there (for eighteen months) he wrote copy for a nationally known cosmetic firm. He has had a number of short stories published; has been a radio script writer for day and night shows and, he said, "I left it all flat for Spiritualism. I walked out of an executive advertising position in Chicago, to become a medium. Spiritualism is to me the greatest job in the world today . . . and I am going to do my part to make the world realize that it is the plain and unvarnished truth about the way God's Universe works. I am deeply thankful that my family is with me and willing to make the sacrifices necessary."

"How did you learn about Spiritualism?" I asked.

Helen Ward Pantan

"An experience in New York is responsible for changing my whole life. I was an agnostic at the time . . . and I was riding along in my car when I suddenly became aware that someone was sitting on the seat beside me. When I turned my head to look, to my great astonishment there sat a friend whom I had not seen for some time. I spoke to him and he vanished. Then I began to wonder if he were dead . . . I meant to find out and turned my car in the direction of his mother's home. She confirmed my suspicions, telling me that he had recently passed into spirit."

"That experience convinced me of the soul's survival. Except in a general way, I knew nothing about Spiritualism and very little about Psychic Phenomena . . . but I soon began to make inquiries. My search for more information led me to Bessie Woodworth's developing class in Chicago, Illinois, which I joined. I have been practicing my mediumship for six years."

Mrs. Pantan (Helen Ward Pantan) assists her husband in his church work at Miami . . . and has been in charge of the Lyceum at Camp Silver Belle. She is the daughter of the late Professor Harry Ward, a teacher of Latin and classic languages at Hamilton College . . . and also, the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Pantan's psychic unfoldment is improving noticeably. During this past winter, under the direct inspiration of her spirit teacher, Dr. Henry Osborne Clifford, she received an entirely new type of Lyceum lessons for children. These lessons will be printed and offered for Lyceum use. She is also sitting for development of automatic drawing, under the guidance of Eric Block, once a famous European etcher.

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Spiritualism's philosophy teaches that "whatsoever things are in accordance with the interpretation of spiritual and physical phenomena, belong to the true religion." True religion, I believe is the food of the soul, for we are not creatures of the carnal but of the spiritual; Wordsworth has written so beautifully that

"The soul that rises with us,
our life's star,

Hath had elsewhere its setting
And cometh from afar.

Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory,
do we come.

From God, who is our home."

Again he declares:

"Thou whose exterior semblance doth belie
Thy soul's immensity,—

(Art) haunted forever by the
eternal mind."

These are great and stirring thoughts of the soul. The poets have uttered great true thoughts, as well as Jesus and the apostles who wrote and spoke with divine inspiration.

There is no objectionable thought in Christianity that could refuse its acceptance by the real Spiritualist. Churchianity with its creeds and superstitious usages, has too often obscured the pureness of God's word that shines in the great central and foundational truths of the Christ teachings.

That the man Jesus was crucified by his enemies, the Jews, was a physical fact that could neither add to or take from the spiritual worth of his matchless life and teachings.

Does the worth of Spiritualism exist in the minds only of its adherents, or is it a definite helpful influence among the progressive movements in this life?

Spiritualism is a vital force that is swaying toward conviction every mind that comes within its scope of influence.

My recent hospital experience has shown me that there is a real interest in our philosophy. Doctors and nurses, with whom I talked, when they found that I was a Spiritualist minister and teacher, were eager to ask questions about what we know of the life here and hereafter. They readily admitted that our philosophical stand was a reasonable one.

We know that our assertions concerning the doctrines of the church have forced a modification in the preachments of old-fashioned "Hell-fire" evangelists. That has surely been a helpful and fortifying, missionaries, and true living Spiritualists. I mean by

ward step in the ranks of theology.

Our lack is for preachers, true living Spiritualists those who live their Spiritualism, prayerfully and intelligently. A Spiritualist should read and think his way through to understanding. Our books and periodicals should be carefully studied and prized!

Should Spiritualism make important . . . its services, hymns and Bible reading?

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"Let us sing a joyful song . . ."

The Bible has even been a book of controversy. It contains so many things that are strictly Jewish and of no value to Christians. But its sublime thoughts as in some of the Psalms, and in the New Testament, are unmatched by any other book of spiritual philosophy. I know of some Spiritualists, including leaders, who ignorantly place themselves above the great thoughts of the Bible. They ban its use on our platforms, and spurn its teachings of power and beauty.

Again, the true and earnest thinking Spiritualist will desire Truth wherever found.

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BEYOND THE VEIL

Women are taking a more active part in the war today and we may therefore expect more evidence of unseen guidance for they are better "receivers" than men and they have courage to act on their intuitive hunches.

Spirit Message Reveals "YOUR SON IS SAFE"

By JAMES LEIGH

No one who has studied the life of Lawrence of Arabia can doubt his possession of a remarkable sixth sense. His personality was that rare combination of dreamer and practical man of action. The desert tribesmen should have regarded him as an infidel. Instead they elected him as their Prince.

Lawrence had many premonitions, and he believed that he was led by a higher power. His physical disadvantages were great. He was too small in stature to get into active service, he had little or no military experience, yet he formed and led armies, fought decisive battles and won greatness for himself and his country. Always he followed the promptings of spirit voices, and was never betrayed.

But perhaps the greatest of all examples of spirit guidance on the battlefield is that of a woman . . . Joan of Arc. This ignorant peasant girl saw visions and heard voices, which brought her people victory. In the end she died at the stake because she would not swear that the spirits who guided her were evil. Her story is easily the most amazing chapter of mediumship in wartime that has ever been written.

Feminine Intuition

Now that women are taking a more active part in war service, we may expect more evidence of unseen guidance. For women are much better "receivers" than men. Their greater sensitiveness enables them to tune-in to impressions, and they have the courage to act on their hunches.

Here, now, is the story of a woman's premonitions in the last war. She was the wife of Lieutenant Commander G. H. Pownall, R.N. Commander Pownall was in command of the submarine *Flotilla* at Malta, and the predictions I am about to relate were investigated by a member of the Council of the Society of Psychical Research.

Commander Pownall had been in charge of the submarines at Malta for three years when the war broke out. When the dread news came, a member of Admiral Carden's staff said to Mrs. Pownall, "Anyway, we (the Admiral and his staff) shall not leave Malta, for the Admiral has just received an extension of his appointment."

A few mornings later Mrs. Pownall said she had dreamed in the night that Admiral Carden was to have command of a fleet at sea, but nowhere near England. Mrs.

Pownall was noted for her clairvoyant powers, so this prediction, and also the fact that it was regarded as "highly improbable," was written down and signed by witnesses at the time. Admiral Carden was then Superintendent of Malta Dockyard.

Tragic Events Foreseen

Five weeks later the Admiral was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, then at the Dardanelles.

Early in September the possibility of sending submarines to the Dardanelles was discussed, and the opinion of the naval officers concerned was decidedly that they would remain for the defense of Malta.

But Mrs. Pownall surprised them by declaring that the *flotilla* would be sent to the Dardanelles and that her husband would go with it. Again the prediction was written down and attested by witnesses, who added "We consider this most improbable."

But the naval officers were wrong. Mrs. Pownall was right.

For, on September 7, Mrs. Pownall saw, as she had often seen, her husband pass across the harbor in a skiff. She said, "I feel he is going to receive orders now for the dispatch of the submarines to the Dardanelles."

And it was so. The submarines left for their new base next day!

Perhaps in spite of the signed statement of the officers concerned, you may persist in believing that Mrs. Pownall might have divined all this information in some quite normal way. Very well!

On saying Goodbye to her husband, she was seized with a sudden conviction that she would never see him again, and from then on always felt peculiarly depressed on Sundays.

On the afternoon of Sunday, April 25, 1915, Captain L. T. Esmond personally delivered to Mrs. Pownall a letter written by her husband.

While she was reading it, she became suddenly convinced that a landing at Gallipoli had been made, and that her husband had been killed in the course of the action! She told Captain Esmond her conviction, but he entirely discredited it. "Why," he said, "the landing won't take place for some days yet, and you know it is most unlikely that Commander Pownall will have anything to do with it."

But Mrs. Pownall was old and she was right. That very day the landing was, in fact, accomplished. Her husband took part in it and was killed!

It was not until three days later that Captain Esmond received a telegram which broke the news of Lieutenant Commander Pownall's death. He was so impressed that he sat

down and wrote a statement attesting to the facts of Mrs. Pownall's prophecy.

Can you explain it? Mrs. Pownall's predictions can only be accounted for by accepting the theory that, like Roberts and Foch and others, she was endowed with a faculty for seeing into the future.

Here is another example of the sort of thing she would do. At about 7:15 P. M. on October 12, 1915, when she was in London, Mrs. Pownall announced "I feel there will be a Zeppelin raid tomorrow at 9:45 P. M." A Zeppelin raid occurred next evening at 9:40 by her watch, which was in the habit of losing five minutes each day!

Psychic Guidance

Fortunately, spirit warnings do not always foretell tragedy. Already the present war is producing many cases of psychic guidance, and there is a family in Portsmouth which has reason to be grateful for it. I was so impressed by the evidence, when I heard of it, that I went down personally to Portsmouth and interviewed the people concerned.

Perhaps you remember sitting by the wireless and hearing the BBC broadcast a news bulletin which contained the announcement that the British submarine *Starfish* had been sunk, and all hands lost.

Imagine, then, the feelings of Mr. H. E. Clark, of Portsmouth, as he and his family heard this spoken over the wireless. For Mr. Clark has a son who enlisted as a Petty Officer on the *Starfish*.

That day he had received a telegram from the Admiralty reporting that his son was "missing, believed drowned in war service." And he had also received a letter of sympathy from H. M. the King.

Now, Mr. Clark is a spiritualist. In fact, he is a medium. But even though a spiritualist believes in life after death, bereavement means a parting and a parting means sorrow.

Thus as the announcer spoke, and his wife burst into tears, Mr. Clark felt that the great testing time of his faith had come.

He sent a mental appeal for help, and within a few moments heard a voice declare, "Your son is safe. He is well treated and is going on satisfactorily. You are not to worry."

It was too much to believe. The family remained in terrible suspense for some days. And then the German wireless began to announce the names of survivors!

That of Petty Officer Clark was not, however, in the early batch. But all doubts were finally set aside when at last a letter arrived written in his own hand. "I am a prisoner of war in Germany," it said. "I am quite well, and except for a very cold swim for about 20 minutes, I was unscathed."

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THE HUMAN SOUL

. . . As A Cosmic Number

By JOHN H. MANAS, Ph. D.

What is the human soul? According to material science . . . since we have no physical means with which to investigate, to touch, to see, to smell, or to hear the soul we have no right to believe in its existence.

This may be in accordance with the average method of reasoning. But let me ask a question. What is a number? Have you ever seen a number? You may retort: "We all know the ten numerals and their combinations which we call numbers" . . . however what we call numbers really does not represent any definite thing but an invisible relationship among many units of things or of being.

For instance, take the numeral 3. This may represent one of the relationships between the following units: $10-7=3$, or $5-2=3$, or $2+1=3$, or $6-3=3$.

Since the relationship between all of these equations is not of the same nature, this numeral 3 is different in each and every one of these mathematical problems.

Soul as a Cosmic Musical Note

Another question . . . What is a note in music? A note is nothing more than a graphic representation of a certain invisible sound vibration of a certain pitch, color, and duration.

In reality, no one can see a number . . . neither can they see a musical note in the glyphs which man has devised to stand for numerals of units, or musical relationships of sound vibrations.

However, all of us accept the existence of unseen relationships . . . so, in the same way, in a reverse order, although we cannot see a soul, we see its manifestations and relationships through the physical body in its expressions and functions on the physical plane.

The numbers were devised to represent certain concrete quantities of things. Without the existence of those quantities, numbers could not exist. Though the accountant and all of us, most of the time, do not see the quantities represented of the things themselves, however, we are sure of their existence in dealing with numbers and their numerical glyphs.

Since the numbers stand for invisible concrete quantities of things . . . exactly, in the same way, the visible physical body stands for the existing but invisible human soul. Therefore, the existence of the human soul is as true as the existence of numbers and of musical notes.

Definition of the Human Soul

In reality a human soul is nothing else than the conscious evolution of certain qualities, capabilities and forces of the Ego . . . according to its inherent and latent potentialities, which are the same as those of its Father-Mother God.

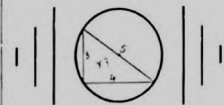
The sum total of these conscious qualities, forces and potentialities acquired through the Ego's individual efforts along its evolution on the four Cosmic material planes . . . constitutes the human soul.

As in any impersonal force of Nature . . . in order to manifest, it needs a certain physical medium a certain physical substance through which it can make itself manifest on that particular physical level of manifestation. In the same way the human soul as an

individualized spiritual force needs a suitable physical body in order to manifest on the physical plane.

As in the example of the symbols of numbers which represent the invisible relationships between existing things and beings in comparison with the original number one . . . the Pythagorean Monad . . . by the same token, the human soul as representing an individualized spiritual force of a certain degree of conscious development in comparison with the One Father-Mother God, cannot be seen. It can only be represented as a relationship between other souls in comparison with the One Original Cause, the One Oversoul, from which all souls have come forth . . . which is the One God.

I, therefore, represent the human soul with a symbolic glyph of a right angled triangle whose three sides are related to each other as the numbers 3, 4 and 5, and inscribed in a circle. (See diagram below.)



The Key to an Esoteric Symbol

In this symbolic representation, the circle represents that the human soul is within the sphere of God, a spark of His Divine essence. In the circle, the right angled triangle . . . on which the 47th proposition of Euclid is built . . . represents the relationship of the individual soul consciousness of the Ego, as far as the three (side 3) highest aspects of the Divine Trinity are concerned, along its evolution on the four (side 4) material Cosmic planes.

The number 3, therefore, represents the three higher aspects of the human soul, thought, will and reason.

The 4 represents the four physical planes on which the soul functions, the physical, the etheric, the emotional and the mental.

Figure 5 represents the relationship and the degree of development of the former 3 and 4 of the soul and of the triangle itself with the circle, which represents the Universe.

In the center of this right angled triangle I place the mark X, because none except the Father-God Himself really knows the strength and the nature of human soul.

The interpretation given above of the human soul as a Cosmic number, with its harmonious relationship with the Original Cosmic number One, the Pythagorean Monad, and with the four Cosmic planes of Nature, constitutes also the key to the esoteric meaning of the 47th proposition of Euclid, which was originated by Pythagoras, the father of Greek philosophy and one of the greatest Initiates of Antiquity.

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DOES SCIENCE OPPOSE SPIRITUALISM?

Mental Evolution Necessary Before Psychic Science Will Be Generally Accepted . . .

Facts of Personal Survival Penetrating Everywhere

By N. MEADE LAYNE, M.A., Ph.D.

Is science really hostile to spiritualism? Does it deny and try to disprove psychic facts and theories? Such statements are often made, and accepted so freely and uncritically, that it may be worth while to examine the matter more closely.

Science is not an entity, a person or thing in itself which is capable of affirming or denying anything. Kirchhoff and Mach define it as "A complete and consistent description of the facts of experience in the simplest possible terms." According to Mertz, it is a "complete and simple description admitting of calculation." Malinoff says that it is characterized by "technique of observation and by elimination of the personal equation," and adds the noteworthy remark that "facts which cannot be questioned are almost mythical." And Pearson defines it as "conceptual shorthand." "Science" is, in short, an abstraction, or a generalized term for methods of observation and description, and hence does not have opinions about anything.

Only Opinion

What we actually have to deal with, then, is only the opinions of individual scientists or scientific workers . . . some of whom, from time to time, have the effrontery to pretend to be spokesmen for the entire world of scientific thought. The only real question concerns their individual qualifications. Have they made personal study and investigation, or, failing this, have they familiarized themselves with a reasonable part of the immense literature of the subject, or learned anything about the history of rigid

scientific investigation? Are they reasonably open-minded, or are they disqualified by prejudice as well as ignorance? The record suggests that very few of these self-appointed judges are entitled to any opinion at all.

The statement that "scientists have investigated the phenomena and disproved the spirit hypothesis" is extremely misleading; it really means only that professors X, Y and Z have proved or disproved something to their personal satisfaction . . . or at least claim to have done so.

Nandor Fodor

The idea that there is a "consensus of scientific opinion" is, in my opinion, completely false. One could fill a fair-sized book with the names of reputable scientists who have studied psychic phenomena, and their names and findings have been published many times. Literally hundreds of them can be found in Nandor Fodor's "Encyclopedia of Psychic Science."

Of course, I do not mean that all these investigators have become spiritualists. A good many of them have, especially among those whose studies continued over a period of years. They were concerned with many different kinds of happenings and had varying methods of approach. But on one point there is almost complete agreement; that the phenomena studied were, on occasion at least, objective and factual, and in this sense genuine.

This includes practically the whole range of supernormal manifestations; materialization, rappings, psychography, spirit photography, telekinesis, apparitions, and so on, to the end of the list . . . with the addition of mental phenomena such as clairaudience and clairvoyance. There is no question at all about this agreement; the whole case has

"I See by Candle Light" MY SPIRITUAL PHILOSOPHY

Edward Lister Phoenix

Mercy Deaths

As we are dealing with human suffering, we must understand that it is engendered by Destiny, the Law of Cause and Effect. This is the same thing as, "As ye sow, so shall ye reap."

Everything from an atom to a solar system is under this same law. Under this law man acts. So he is able to react to the situation in the manner or on the plane in which he has set things into motion in the first place.

Any disease attacking the human body is a result of an action on the physical plane. Any disease in connection with the mind and mental faculties is on that plane, and we should try not to overlap from the mental to the material or vice versa.

All suffering is caused by links from man's mind to the outer world. All physical suffering has to do with the action of the physical body on its own plane. There is an interaction taking place between the mind and the body but these are in reality two separate things.

The brain is only a vehicle of

been stated repeatedly, and only prejudice or ignorance can explain its denial.

But if these strange alleged facts are really facts . . . if they are "real" and objective, scientific "orthodoxy" (the science of learned societies, universities and "schools of thought") is in an extremely embarrassing position . . . for the truth is, that there is not a single syllable in the whole vital resources of such science which offers a satisfactory explanation of even the most common psychic happenings.

Why is this? . . . the chief reason is, that these happenings hang together, are interrelated and cumulative in their tendency. A single reported case of (say) levitation or direct-voice, is easily disposed of, by some smug assumption of delusion or mild lunacy.

A dozen, a hundred or a thousand cases under good observation make a more serious problem . . . so serious, in fact, that no recourse remains but to deny that they exist and resolutely refuse to investigate. And if some psycho-biological explanation is found, such as ectoplasm, the phenomena soon outrun this also.

Pseudo-Scientist

Practically all psychical research men, the world over, accept ectoplasmic formations, but they are not such fools as to think that consequently, all spirit manifestations can be "explained" as some kind of biological freakishness. Because we need to know, not only that ectoplasm exists, but how it happens that it can take on the shape and voice and memory and intelligence of a "dead" person, and come before us in good light, and talk and act like any here-living person.

Once again, the sceptical scientist or pseudo-scientist has no recourse except to deny flatly that such things ever happen . . . except of course through delusion.

This utterly unscientific attitude is understandable enough; the alleged facts run contrary to all the ideas and training of the average scientist, and their acceptance involves not only complete mental reconstruction, but something like the rebuilding of the biological sciences, with immense implications in all other fields as well.

But to repeat, this supposed opposition of "science" to spiritualistic teachings is, as I see it, a fiction. It is probably true that the majority of scientific workers are, in this matter, ignorant and prej-

the mind, and the mind is a complete entity in itself. Death releases the human ego from all existence physically. When it is your time to go, you will go, according to the law. There are laws of cause and effect governing all individuals from the spiritual down to the physical and as you are an entity you are all of these things.

Helen Keller

The bringing together the forces of a physical science and trying to determine a manner of hasty exit thus is not solving the problem. Man has as his counterpart an astral body. This nervous system is much more attenuated than the physical, so much so that physical science has not been able to plunge its depths.

The astral body is the same as the physical body but much more attenuated. It is one of sensation, such as has the experience of those who have had one of the members of their physical body removed. They have the sensation of having the missing limb, although they can see it is not there. These individuals, however, are supersensitized, such as in the case of Miss Helen Keller, whose senses are not present.

This is also true of suffering.

duced; but it is not at all true that "science", or all scientists, or any definable percentage of them are with the opposition.

Most of them, however, are indifferent, quite properly sceptical . . . much occupied with other matters, but still reasonably open-minded when the facts are properly presented.

Not Until Then

Thousands of them, in all parts of the major phenomena is no longer subject to debate; that question has been closed for some years past, and the burden of proof is on those who so glibly allege delusion and trickery at every turn. Let them cease wasting time on minds dominated by the will-to-disbelieve rather than to will-to-truth. Let them abandon the defensive attitude, but not, on the other hand, be much concerned with propaganda.

It is far better to attend to cleaning one's own house, to drive out deceit, fanaticism and credulity, to study and to learn, to organize and clarify the immense store of data already at hand, and to co-operate with all fair and intelligent investigation, by scientists or anyone else.

Spiritualism grows and spreads like a rising sea, its ideas and the knowledge of its facts are penetrating everywhere. Since the days of Crookes, Home and Zollner . . . the same old stupidities have been repeated: hardly one new objection has been invented; all the ground has been fought over and the evidences set forth a thousand times. Those who are capable of understanding and evaluating it will do so; others will receive it when their own mental evolution makes it possible . . . and not until then!

When an individual is ready to pass away he is released according to the law within himself. Destiny has to run its course. The physical body dies and the ego is released. To induce this release before it is time is to abuse the law.

The question is asked: "What if the individual is dying of a malignant disease for which there is no known cure . . . such as cancer?" According to the teachings of Spiritualism . . . it still is not right to induce the release, for the suffering will go on just the same in the astral body, and with emphasized sensitivity until the law of Destiny has been fulfilled. To ease the physical suffering by medical care is advisable for thus the cord is kept unbroken until the law of the individual permits the release of the ego.

Individual Destiny

Sometimes this law moves quickly, sometimes slowly, according to the Destiny of the individual. Whatever is occurring to the individual at any moment is justly occurring. If Destiny cannot operate on the plane on which it was engendered, then there will be fulfillment on another plane.

Furthermore, science misses its purpose if it strives to interfere with the Law . . . for once the ego is freed from the body by extraneous means science is without means to get at the individual and help them. The individual then lingers in the astral plane until the natural time comes for them to go on. The law . . . in operation within each individual, determines when that individual may be released.

Nature and Man

There is the law of nature and there is the law of man. One is based upon truth and goodness. The other, action and opportunity. The soul of the former is mercy; the latter justice. The first is God; the latter legislative committees. One is divine inspiration; the other deliberation. The first is the whole and universal in its benevolence; the latter is a part and particular in its efforts.

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