

The British College of Psychic Science.

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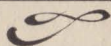
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HANDBOOK, 1920-21,
OF
**The British College of Psychic
Science,**

**59, HOLLAND PARK,
LONDON, W. 11.**



Hon. Resident Principal:—

J. Hewat McKenzie.

Hon. Secretary:—

Barbara McKenzie (Mrs.)

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'Buses from all parts pass back of College.

GENERAL INFORMATION.



THE College was opened on April 12th, 1920, as a centre of Instruction, Demonstration and Research, in all that relates to the great subject of Psychic Science. During these few months a varied programme of study and experimental work has been carried on and a good foundation of membership established. The first complete year of the College begins on September 20th, 1920, and intending Students are encouraged to enrol at once.

The promoters of the College are J. Hewat McKenzie (Hon. Principal) and Mrs. McKenzie (Hon. Secretary), who are wholly responsible for the organization and upkeep of the work. They have been practical students of the subject for nearly twenty years, and Hewat McKenzie is the author of a widely read book "Spirit Intercourse, its Theory and Practice" and of the largely circulated pamphlets "If a Soldier Die" and "First Steps to Spirit Intercourse."

Their united desire has long been to provide a suitable and well equipped centre for the practical study of a great subject, which, at the present moment, and inevitably more so in the future, promises to exercise a profound and modifying influence upon science, religion and the general outlook of humanity. This desire has been partially realised by the establishment of the College, and it will be fully attained when the work grows and develops and the College becomes a recognised centre of study and experiment. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie offer freely to members of the college, all the experience gained during years of patient study and investigation both in Britain and America.

Psychic science, relating as it does to man's subtle or finer body, is so far but little understood by western nations, and the forces which are studied under this title are capable like other great natural powers of being grossly distorted and misused. By wise instruction and guidance the College will seek to direct and use these forces for the good of mankind, and in this effort the promoters seek the hearty co-operation of the students and all who enter the College doors.

More than any other subject perhaps, the study and practice of psychic science demands from its students a consistently ethical and generous spirit, for in dealing with occult forces and their development, both the virtues and the vices of humanity are intensified and their influence exercised in a most subtle fashion. All therefore who propose to become earnest students are asked to keep this in view, and within the College, and especially in contact with the sensitives engaged for the work, to place a careful watch on both word and motive. This advice is tendered by experience, both in the interests of the individual and of the science as a whole.

THE OBJECT OF THE COLLEGE.



THE aim of the College is not to enquire whether life continues beyond death, but to demonstrate that it does. Agnostics, sceptics and believers are equally eligible for membership. The College will not attempt to deal with religion as such, but will endeavour to study the subject scientifically. Any suggestions as to the plan of work and study made by members will receive careful consideration.

Those who recognize the profound importance of the work and feel that they would like to assist financially, are invited to do so. Such assistance will be greatly appreciated, as, until the College is fully established the expenses will be very heavy. It has been the general experience of promoters of such work, both in this country and in the United States, that monetary help for research work has been sadly lacking. Considering the great importance of the subject to humanity, this should be rectified by those who have the means and have benefited by the study.

SPECIAL DONATIONS earmarked for particular purposes such as research work, ministration to the poor bereaved or sick, the training of sensitives or scholarships for suitable students, will also be welcomed and will be placed under the charge of trustees appointed by members.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS.



THE house is situated in a good residential position in West London, and can be reached quickly by tube or 'bus from any part of London and from the main railway stations. It is in a quiet neighbourhood, large and commodious and well appointed in every way, and takes its place as the best equipped centre for Psychic Research work in the country. The possession of such a house makes it possible to carry on many branches of the work at the same time, and to secure for each branch the appropriate atmosphere and environment so essential in psychic study.

GROUND FLOOR.

HALL. The Porter can be called by using the Electric Bell in the Hall.

No. 1. THE LECTURE ROOM. A handsome, airy room, capable of seating a hundred persons comfortably; when not in use for lectures this can be used by members and visitors for reading and conversation.

No. 2. THE STUDY. A large and comfortably furnished room reserved for members for quiet reading and study. All the best and latest magazines dealing with the subject may be found here.

No. 3. THE LIBRARY AND OFFICE. The excellent loan and reference Library contains nearly 1,000 volumes, comprising all the older and best known books on the subject (now very scarce), also an excellent selection of the very newest literature which is being constantly added to. (Catalogue, price 1/-.) In this room will be found a *Book Table*, containing the newest books and pamphlets on sale. Matters of *general office routine* and enquiries are dealt with here by the Office Secretaries.

GENTLEMEN'S CLOAK ROOM & DRESSING ROOM.

FIRST FLOOR.

No. 4. LADIES' CLOAK ROOM & DRESSING ROOM.

No. 5. THE HEALING ROOM. Entirely reserved for this work.

No. 6. THE HON. SECRETARY'S PRIVATE OFFICE.

No. 7. SEANCE ROOM. Used only for private Clairvoyance and classes for Psychical Development.

No. 8. SEANCE ROOM FOR PHYSICAL PHENOMENA, which can be quickly and adequately darkened and in which will be gathered apparatus suitable for this branch of study.

SECOND FLOOR.

Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Private Apartments.

THIRD FLOOR.

Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17. Private Apartments.

No. 18. SEANCE ROOM. For experiments in Trance and Clairvoyance and classes for Psychical Development.

No. 19. PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOM & LARGE DARK ROOM. Reserved entirely for experiments in Psychic Photography.



NOTES FOR MEMBERS AND VISITORS.

QUIETNESS of speech is desirable on the stairs and landings above the ground floor, and loitering should be avoided on these, as very often experiments or treatments are being conducted in the various rooms which may be disturbed seriously by loud talking.

The attention of members and visitors is specially drawn to the large painting "The Dawn of Peace" in Room No. 8, inspirationally received by Mrs. Stewart Smith of Portobello, Edinburgh, and generously loaned by Mrs. Smith to the College for one year. Many hundreds have already viewed the painting and been inspired by its symbolism, and instructed by its curious history. The booklet "The Dawn of Peace" (price 4d.) can be obtained from the Office Secretary or read at the College.

Mr. Chas. Horsfall has most kindly presented to the College a replica of a portrait painted by him in 1920 of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The presence of this portrait should inspire all workers to press forward as nobly in the cause as this Knight has done.

Other fine pictures have been contributed to the College by Mr. A. Hyman and Mr. G. Bridge, both received under mediumistic influence.* Miss Ethel Webling's gift of the Modern Madonna and her child is also a constant inspiration to all who pass up the staircase.

Many gifts and loans of books have been made to the Library from various friends, and further help in this way will be gladly accepted. Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie are especially indebted to Professor James Coates for his gift of time and experience in arranging the Library catalogue, and to Miss Muriel Arnold, the chief Office Secretary, for her fine devotion to the business interests of the College.

* (see 1st Floor Landings).

MEMBERSHIP.

ALL applications for Membership should be made on the College forms provided for the purpose. These should be accompanied by suitable references, and privilege is reserved to accept same.

The Hon. Secretary can be seen personally any morning between 11 and 12.30 or at other times by appointment.

General information can be obtained between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from the Office Secretary.

The Membership is limited to 500 members, so that adequate attention can be given to individual needs.

The names and addresses of members are not published.

ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

TOWN MEMBERS. Entrance Fee (*1st Year only*) 2 guineas.
Yearly Subscription 3 guineas.

COUNTRY MEMBERS (living beyond a radius of 50 miles of London).

Entrance Fee (*1st Year only*) 1 guinea.
Yearly Subscription 2 guineas.

The College Year dates from *September 20th, 1920, to July 31st, 1921*, and discontinuance of Membership should be notified in writing to the Hon. Secretary at least three months before the close of the financial year, July 31st, otherwise members must be held responsible for the succeeding year's membership.

Members may join in January, 1921, by payment of half-yearly fee and entrance fee.

The College will be closed during August and first fortnight in September, and from December 21st to January 10th, 1921.

No liability is incurred by members towards the College beyond the Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription, and such Classes and Demonstrations as they may attend.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to B. McKenzie.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP.



THE use of the College as a convenient centre both for town and country members for the serious study of psychic science under the very best possible conditions.

The free use of the Reading Rooms and current literature, and of the extensive Loan and Reference Library.

The opportunity to join classes for study under competent instructors, and to attend demonstrations in all branches of phenomena available, at moderate fees, and under admirable conditions.

The privilege of being able to introduce friends (for whom members must be personally responsible), to such classes and demonstrations at an increased fee, and to be able to bring such to a centre which recommends the subject in every way—an important point with beginners.

FREE ATTENDANCE at all public clairvoyant demonstrations and many lectures. (Only those lectures are charged to members where expenses are too heavy to be met otherwise, and these will be noted on lecture programme).

An opportunity for suitable students to investigate various phases scientifically, and for all students to have access in one building to the best Mediums that the promoters can obtain from any country.

Intelligent and sympathetic advice from the Hon. Principal and Secretary, and assistance in private development.

FOR COUNTRY MEMBERS, a free Catalogue and the use of the Library, (monthly parcels free outward postage), and every attention when in town, if notice is given, so that the best use of a visit may be made. Advice by correspondence on matters of difficulty. Psychometric readings may be arranged for at a moderate fee.

The Reading Rooms are open daily to members between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays 5 p.m.

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GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING CLASSES FOR STUDY AND EXPERIMENT.

For particular information see leaflets, or apply to Hon. Sec.



CLASS Work in many branches will be arranged for *both Day and Evening Students* under the best instructors, and no student need lack for personal advice at any moment.

CLASSES FOR PSYCHICAL DEVELOPMENT.

Psychometry, Clairvoyance, Clairaudience and Trance Control, are the usual avenues first opened in psychical development, and it is important that this should take place under experienced sensitives and the development proceed in an orderly fashion. It is no credit to the person seeking to develop such gifts if these appear in a disorderly manner, unless as the result of severe physical or mental shock. Such disorder is often a serious trouble both physically and mentally, and a means of creating much prejudice against the subject. By following experienced advice this can be entirely avoided.

These classes will be small—from 6 to 8 persons—so that personal attention can be given. Individual development can also be undertaken or advice given on home development or on particular aspects of mediumship.

No one should join these classes hoping for quick returns, unless they are natural mediums and already have their psychic powers partially developed. All the best known public workers have spent long patient years in developing their gifts to the present high degree of usefulness, and just as one may, before taking up any course of study, look forward to many days of patient, regular work, so ought those who undertake psychical development. Irregular attendance at such classes will not be permitted as it affects the development of other members injuriously.

GENERAL ADVICE. Regularity of attendance during a course, regular clean habits of body and mind, and an endeavour to co-ordinate the physical, the psychical, the mental and spiritual aspects of the personality, will greatly assist right development, and will give stability to the whole nature. Only in this way can mediumship be used for the good of others. Without this attitude to the matter the Hon. Principal and Secretary do not recommend psychical development, and all volunteering for such are first examined as to suitability by one of the instructors. Such are also recommended to attend a course of study on one of the mental or ethical aspects of the subject provided by the College.

Those developing different phases of phenomena will as far as possible be taught separately, but this depends on the number volunteering for particular classes.

PHYSICAL PHENOMENA.

Under *Physical Phenomena* are grouped such phases as movement of articles without contact, slate writing without hands, direct voice, psychic photography and materialization.

There are few public demonstrators of physical phenomena in this country or indeed in the world, although the better climatic conditions of some countries may assist an easier development of such gifts. They involve a greater strain upon the medium in most instances, and lend themselves to attack by inexperienced or insincere investigators. All this makes mediumship scarce in these phases, but it is hoped that the College, by providing every possible sympathetic condition for such sensitives, will restore confidence and courage to any having such gifts and who may be willing to exercise them for the public good. On the foundation of demonstrated *physical* phenomena the orthodox scientific world will be first reached. Mr. Hewat McKenzie is at present visiting the United States to make arrangements (begun three years ago and held up by the war), for physical mediums to visit this country during the next year or two. The Paris Metapsychical Institute, under Dr. Geley, with whom the British College is in correspondence, suffers from a similar lack of physical mediums, and every endeavour will be made by both institutions to rectify this in the near future.

Since the opening of the College, the work has been much assisted by the visits of the Crewe Circle, the well known demonstrators of psychic photography. Much comfort has been given to bereaved persons by means of this gift, and scientific investigation is also being undertaken. The College in association with the "Society for the Study of Supernormal Pictures" is specially directing its attention to this phase.

CLASSES FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL STUDY OF PSYCHIC PHOTOGRAPHY.

These are arranged at the College under the direction of Miss Earle. The classes are limited to six members each, and any who believe they have such power are encouraged to experiment. Help will be freely given to those who can show the slightest evidence of such manifestations. Psychic photography, in its initial stages at least, seems to be the result of the right combination of the forces of two or more individuals. therefore regular and painstaking effort is necessary. A knowledge of photography is not essential, but is desirable, so that students can carry out their own experiments. It is also an advantage to possess one's own camera which becomes magnetized by use in the classes. Young people are specially encouraged to experiment in this phase.

A Class for the development of any phase of *Physical Phenomena* will be begun if several students showing such power desire it, but due announcement of this will be made.

PRIVATE EXPERIMENTS WITH MEDIUMS.

The College has the services of various mediums who by Trance Control, Clairvoyance or Psychometry, can afford individual evidence. Those employed are reliable and gifted demonstrators.

Members and others suitably introduced by them can make appointments at the College, by application to the Hon. Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE CREWE CIRCLE who visit the College at regular intervals, must be booked well ahead as there is always a long waiting list for their services.

For particulars see leaflets.

THE SERVICES OF A VOICE MEDIUM have been secured exclusively for the College for the autumn, and other opportunities will be duly announced to members.

HEALTH CULTURE AND HEALING.

THIS department is under the guidance of Mr. W. S. Hendry, whose experience covers many years of study and practical experiment.

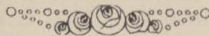
DAY AND EVENING CLASSES for instruction are organized and these are of the greatest value to all who wish to understand the natural resources of their own being, how to keep themselves in health and how to assist others to health. Mr. Hendry's instruction covers all aspects of healing—vital magnetic, suggestive, mental and spiritual.

The College earnestly desires that these classes shall be freely used by clergymen, doctors, nurses, social workers, Teachers, and all who come in contact with suffering humanity. Wise understanding of the interplay of body and mind and soul, would often enable help to be given when ordinary medical assistance is unsuccessful.

Medical Science as represented by all its most advanced men is now dealing with these subjects seriously, and a better era will dawn for humanity when the trained physician and surgeon, and the natural healer can work in co-operation.

PERSONAL INSTRUCTION for those who wish to get through the course quickly is also given. Medical Diagnosis and Treatment is undertaken either at the College or at the house of the patient, under or without a doctor's attendance. *Free Diagnosis* and advice as to whether treatment will be beneficial is given to members.

For further particulars see leaflet or apply to Hon. Secretary.



PUBLIC LECTURES.

— EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 8 P.M. —

For particulars see Lecture Leaflet.



THERE are only a comparatively few good teachers and speakers on Psychic Science and it is one of the functions of the College to stimulate study, and public exposition of the subject, so that more men and women may become able exponents.

Many well known speakers and some new speakers are included in a highly interesting and varied programme.

The late Dr. W. J. Crawford, D.Sc., of Belfast, whose lamented death in August has left such a gap in the ranks of earnest students, was booked to give his first public lecture on the subject at the College on October 6th. No one can quite take the particular place he had made for himself, and his loss is felt very keenly.

SHORT COURSES OF LECTURES.

THURSDAYS, 5.30 P.M.

For particulars see Lecture Leaflet.



TO stimulate consecutive study and to assist particular groups of members, short courses of lectures will be given every Thursday. As far as possible attendance by the same members is desired.

Among those who have generously offered to assist the College in this way are, Mr. Stanley De Brath (V.C.Desertis) author of "Psychic Philosophy", Miss H. A. Dallas, author of "Across the Barrier" and other works, Mr. Percy R. Street of Reading, and others.

A DISCUSSION CLASS.

— Leader, J. HEWAT MCKENZIE. —

MONDAYS, AT 8 P.M.

VITAL questions relating to Psychic Science will be discussed under the leadership of the Hon. Principal. Suitable subjects may be suggested by students attending, and Questions and Answers will be freely dealt with by both Leader and class. This is intended to assist those who wish to become public exponents of the subject, but as many as possible are encouraged to make use of it.

A CONCENTRATION CLASS (Study and Practice).

— Leader, Mr. W. S. HENDRY. —

TUESDAYS, AT 8 P.M.

This is intended for all who wish to develop the higher mental and spiritual aspects of being by the method of Yoga. Regular attendance is requested.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF PUBLIC CLAIRVOYANCE.

For particulars see leaflet or apply to the Hon. Secretary.

D EMONSTRATIONS of Clairvoyance and Psychometric powers will be given twice weekly, on Tuesdays at 3.30 p.m. and on Fridays at 8 p.m. during the session.

These Meetings are exceedingly useful to those who have no mediumistic gifts of their own, or who wish to introduce friends to the subject. Many owe their first interest in psychic science

to the public demonstration of such gifts which were a regular feature of early Christianity and are well known in other religions.

The best public mediums in the country are assisting the College in this work of ministration, and of the revelation of man's hidden powers of sight and hearing and sensing.

Punctuality is absolutely essential at these meetings as the door is closed finally about *five* minutes after the appointed time and no interruption is permitted until the clairvoyance has finished.

CONCLUSION.



THE College has plans for continuous development of work, and these will be announced directly to all students, and through the medium of the psychic press, "Light" "The Psychic Gazette" "The Occult Review" etc. to others who may be interested.



