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THE LITTLE FOXES There Are Eight

By Albert E. Vaughn Strode, V. S. A. Missionary

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said these words: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines." What was meant by these words . . . these profound words of wisdom? asks the student of spiritual philosophy. What hidden meaning is contained in this quotation?

Everywhere sincere Spiritualists are asking these questions: How may I become a better Spiritualist? How may I use my mediumship more effectually? How may I attract better and higher spiritual teachers and collaborators?

These questions are put to those who are mediums, teachers and instruments of the spirit-world. They require serious and mature judgment in answering.

Finding ourselves in a world of chaos, war and tragedy today, we are overwhelmed with emotion as we try to give answer to these eager inquiries.

FIRST . . . FEAR

The "Little Fox" of FEAR: causes many thousands of physical deaths yearly. It enters the hearts of the very young, terrorizing them and making them afraid of life.

FEAR grips the hearts of men and women in every walk of life, causing them to commit atrocities that shock the world.

FEAR destroys courage, and devitalizes the senses. It plunges one headlong into crimes that wreck the soul's progression, and destroys the body.

FEAR of what tomorrow may bring: FEAR of sickness, poverty, accident, old age, and a thousand things that cause the individual to shudder, cringe, and creep into dark shadows where no one may observe, and where no one will detect.

"The Song of Songs"

FEAR of punishment for crimes committed: FEAR of detection when atrocities have been committed; FEAR of "judgment day," of "hell fire and damnation": all these and thousands of unnamed fears . . . bug-a-boos . . . loom before the uninformed soul, making his life one continuous nightmare.

FEAR dogs the footsteps of some individuals, from the cradle to the grave. The "little fox" of FEAR chases them from childhood to old age.

Then there comes to our memory the writing of Solomon, from "The Song of Songs," in which he says: "Take us the foxes, the

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little foxes that spoil the vines."

Do not the "vines" mean: The gardens of life we have planted? Do not the "little foxes" mean the destructive elements, the weeds and brambles along the way, that would tend to choke out, and utterly destroy, the tender flowers of our life's planting? Do they not mean the vicious little traits in our lives that poison and retard our progression, causing us at times great unhappiness?

Attack Unawares Building for a greater Spiritualism means simply a daily checking of our own individual lives, to find if those destroying "weeds" are creeping in to choke out the good we have planted.

It means, furthermore, the constant watch for the "little foxes" that would gnaw at our vitals; suck from our physical and spiritual bodies our life-blood; destroy us as individuals; and cause us to become wandering derelicts upon the vast sea of humanity.

There are eight of these cunning, destructive, deceitful "little foxes" in the vineyard of our lives, and we . . . as Spiritualists . . . must keep constant watch, lest they ATTACK UNAWARES AND DESTROY THAT WHICH IS OUR MOST PRICELESS POSSESSION . . . The Various Gifts of the Spirit.

Each of the "little foxes" has a name. Let us consider them in the order of their destructiveness.

SECOND . . . FEAR

The "Little Fox" of JEALOUSY: JEALOUSY is one of the cruellest of the "little foxes." It creeps into the vineyard of life and its bite never fails to leave its mark upon the soul, for many years.

JEALOUSY is born in the mind of the little soul: the soul that would possess the great things of

life before it has really earned them.

JEALOUSY is manifested by the young singer who is jealous of the great prima donna . . . the great artist who receives just plaudits from the vast audience because of her masterful rendering of a great aria in the opera.

JEALOUSY, shown by the young artist of the gifted painter who has arrived, and whose painting has received the "award" of the judges.

JEALOUSY, displayed by the politician for his opponent who is elected to the high office to which he, himself, aspired.

JEALOUSY, by the young medium whose gifts are just beginning to unfold, of the seasoned worker who . . . through years of study, sacrifice and hard work . . . has won for himself or herself an exalted place in the hearts of spiritualists the world over.

JEALOUSY, in the beginner who witnesses the seasoned worker on the public platform calling dozens of full names, and bringing forth positive proof of the presence of spirit loved ones.

JEALOUSY rears its lecherous head . . . screaming aloud that all might hear . . . "FAKE" . . . "FRAUD" . . . "PADDED MESSAGES."

JEALOUSY, alas, in the heart of the ambitious individual, knows no bounds and will stop at nothing to avenge its animosity.

JEALOUSY, between husbands and wives. Jealousy between sweethearts. What sadness does this "fox-like" quality not cause in the lives of those whom people profess to love!

JEALOUSY enters and destroys that which is beautiful. Where JEALOUSY enters . . . LOVE . . . which is GOD . . . which is SPIRIT . . . flies away.

JEALOUSY is born in ignorance of divine law. When that law is broken, chaos and tragedy ensue. A wise philosopher once said:

JEALOUSY DESTROYS ITSELF. AND WITH IT ALL WHO HARBOR JEALOUSY

THIRD . . . FEAR

The "Little Fox" of HYPOCRISY: HYPOCRISY is one of the "little foxes" that sneaks along the highway of life and enters the vineyard when the owner is not aware of its presence. It is sly and treacherous. Its eyes shift here and there. In fact, it is as elusive as the wind.

HYPOCRISY: Jesus of Nazareth likened the hypocritical Scribes and Pharisees to "whited sepulchres." They paraded their virtues and charities vaingloriously and openly before men. Their every action, however, was filled with hypocrisy and they knew not the meaning of sincerity. To teach a TRUTH . . . then act directly opposite to that teaching . . . is an act of hypocrisy.

To profess love and friendship for an individual when in his presence, then upbraid (Continued Page 4, Col. 1)

An Absolute Belief In Immortality Of Life BRINGS POWER

SWING WIDE YOUR LIFE

Do Not Wish and Dream

By DORTCH CAMPBELL

Neither Gospels nor Epistles offer any proof—or even attempt it—that there has been a cessation of spiritual or soul gifts. Spiritual gifts are not exclusive, are not confined to any favored generation or specially ordained group or sect, but are the common heritage or spiritual birthright of all, the fruition, I think, of some deep urge of character. In the New Testament there is much to sustain a belief in the appearance of these gifts in each succeeding generation and more—a grander ripening of the fruits of Spirit.

Christ, himself, said so, for when he appeared after death to the eleven he declared: "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues . . . They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

"Believeth on Me"

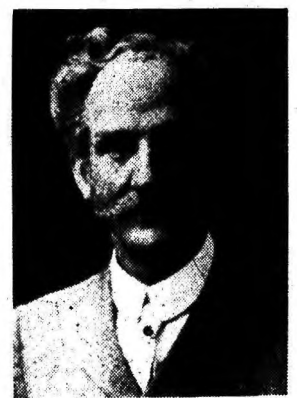
Once more, in the immediate prospect of death, Jesus said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

The powers of Spirit were not indeed the special privilege of these endowed with the heavenly grace of the Christ; for there were "the seventy" and beyond that circle those who cast out devils in his name and he forbade them not.

The Christ actually said that every man possesses the grace and power of Spirit who believeth on me. Believeth on me? What did the Christ mean by the cryptic statement? For centuries it has been hidden in occultism. But the meaning becomes quite clear when we understand the mission for which Christ came upon the earth. Why and for what purpose came the Christ? Was it not to prove the immortality of man? If this is true . . . and I think it is true . . . Christ meant that these signs shall follow them that believe in life's immortality . . . in the continuity of human life without a single break even by death in a kindling and renewal and blooming of the deathless spirit.

"Greater Works . . ."

Christ came, his teachings from the beginning to the end of his ministry indicate, that of him we might learn immortality. Not to learn of a vague, indefinable life beyond the tomb, but that which is warm and loving and vigorous . . . for that reason the Christ came. But he did more than teach;



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he lived. He lived the soul's immortality and continuity; and he taught that supreme powers and gifts are found when we believe in life's undying urge, for to live is to believe.

I think that any man or woman who thus believes that life is inexhaustible lays hold of powers and potencies that will enable that individual to master circumstances. There is no limit to the dynamic energy that pours itself out in such a belief. Nor are the powers promised by the Christ restricted to a certain age or confined to favored apostles and disciples. "These signs shall follow them that believe" in life indestructible. They shall follow in each generation. And "greater works than these shall he do" because each succeeding generation should be strengthened with the cumulative power of belief in God's immortal but human life.

Triumph of Calvary

King James' translators thought that spiritual gifts were confined to Christ's apostles and the saints of the first two or three centuries following his ascension as a result of divine overshadowing. In the Greek text there is no authority for the belief that spiritual power was restricted to a chosen few. There is also the triumph of Calvary to prove that there is no death, but that which mortals dread most is mere transition from earth to a more beautiful garden. It is God's law that we shall live on without a single break at the change called death; and there is a law that out of the belief in life's immortality miracles shall come — even more wondrous miracles than those wrought by the Christ.

The belief that "Death is swallowed up in victory" gives power to the seer. The Mystic no less than Paul knows that he is "emphatically alive . . . alive and happy throughout," observes An-

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OPENING THE WAY FOR TRANCE

WHAT EVERY PERSON, STRIVING FOR
MEDIUMSHIP, SHOULD KNOW

CONFIDENCE AND ASPIRATION BEGIN WITH THESE

By REV. B. RODIN

Since my article dealing with the value of Trance cultivation, I have received enquiries for advice upon opening up for this work. Hence, the following with the trust that some may be guided and stimulated in the quest.

For all psychic training, it is difficult to set up concrete rules owing to the considerable differences in "make-up" of people in this very subtle part of their being. So many factors are involved — from tender physical nerves to the most delicate soul and spiritual qualities. The whole gamut of character and psychology must be considered. The state of the mind and its control (or lack of it) is a constant power in the "struggle."

The Right Attitude

Spiritual desire is vitally important. When such is really active, the fear and doubt so often evident with beginners will be swept away as the soul, from its lofty consciousness, will frequently whisper assurances.

Yes, a really forceful effort must be asserted towards Godliness and Truth. That is a guaranteed Safeguard and Strengtheners. Without it, one had better not begin to open out the psychic machine lest the dust of negativity flit around to choke the freedom of the seeker.

The point of looking and going "higher" can never be overstated. The student will need every bit of his God-consciousness on the critical but beautiful road ahead.

Sitting then, with the attitude of the real Spiritualist, one can feel in the arms of "Angel Guardians" whose service it is to experiment upon various centers of the organism and particularly upon the brain cells in relationship to the many wonders of the physical being. The guides understand the glands and the brain lobes as they know too, their charge with whom they hope to erect a holy bridge of unison.

Be An "Utter Blank"

Easy contemplation rather than an attempt at stiff concentration should be sought by the aspirant. One usually ends in failure when trying to install a "perfect blank." Occidental minds are barely capable of such a thing. However, they can tune the mind to lofty picturizations and cultivate a real artistry of thought.

I recommend a sitter to think well on some fine poem or prose or gems of wisdom garnered. Or to picture an ennobling scene. Perhaps a golden melody flooding the mind travel, panoramically, upon the finest you can conjecture and before long, you will feel that soothing calm so vitally necessary to still the mind in readiness for direct spirit operation.

Try to be the "utter blank" and the chances are you will have daily worries with insidious multiplications trespassing your consciousness. Later, when you have learned something of tranquility through the way indicated, you will be able to some extent, to have the mind "held still."

This may take years. How it is

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necessary to repeat what is said so often—patience! That quality in itself is a soother when once it is really allowed to grow.

As controls begin to enter the aura of a student their presences will be gradually realized in a similar way we learn to get the "feel" of a good friend with growing contact. People really in harmony know the atmosphere of each so that often words are not required to exchange ideas.

"Within The Gate"

Meet your spirit collaborator as the greatest of friends (which indeed they are—far beyond the ken of many) and you will get that "inner understanding" with them. This is actually, one of the "secrets" of fine mediumship of any kind—profound harmony with the power of Love and Light who have elected to be teachers and guides.

Such cohesion will be attained and held only by and through constant spiritual progression. One risks forgetting to advance at one's peril for danger and sometimes serious inaccuracy—perhaps even fraud—will be waiting to invade!

In trance, the guides are literally entering "within the gate" so that the feeling of at-one-ment with them is required all possible. They can be relied upon, because of their noble motives, to do their part with full reverence and scientific completeness. The visitor to your temple therefore, is to be trusted beyond any doubt presum-

ing of course, you have opened for the finest.

In Loving Hands

Let him therefore, do what he wants. Do not question. Let yourself "go" all you can — as you would to a doctor you trusted fully, remembering these spiritual practitioners are far less infallible than your esteemed medical friend. This "letting go" is supremely important.

Too many students set up a "battle royal" ousting the Spirit helper and then wonder why "nothing ever happens!" Let deep faith guide you and if you get that "sinking feeling" do give way. You will not get "lost" and will be helped to "return" comfortably.

You are (to repeat) in expert and loving hands. Only you can make the experience disagreeable. True these guides must experiment but never forget, each sitter has a splendid band of chemists, doctors and others from the unseen plane to keep vigil, allowing no harm. Indeed, benefits may be expected.

Silently Assist

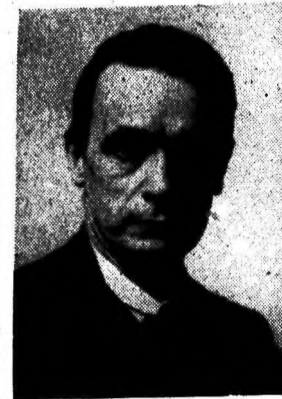
Peculiar sensations may be felt such as twitchings, nervous or muscular tensions and the passing of hot or cold streams of power principally down the spine. The extremities may perspire or become numb or take on a "prickly" feeling. The breathing will likely be changed in various ways. You may begin to feel larger or smaller.

So many things are likely (according to one's make-up and the stage of the unfoldment) but whatever you feel — keep calm and faithful. The signs are favorable. The spirit ones are at work. But what are you doing?

Herein lies, in my opinion, the most important element of all. *Within yourself* you must be opening out intelligently, silently assisting the ones from "over there." This is not easy to explain. As an analogy, one might consider the "inner workings" of the art student to build up his talents and express them.

That subtle real effort which in time, distinguishes the rather mechanical violinist who may realize notes and some technique, as com-

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pared to the one who builds in color, delicacy and ardour which can never be taught by the greatest virtuoso.

Artistry At Work

For mediumship is an art and in my humble estimation the greatest of them all. For, in this phase, the forces of Heaven itself are to be touched and brought to mortal reception. Yes, within the soul consciousness, of the sitter for trance, must be the spiritually constructive artistry at work . . . not forced but slowly and deliberately cultivated. This will bring in the fullest possible connection intellectually and otherwise from the great spirit masters.

Go All the Way

So, it means real effort in a way to best suit the individual. Let the spirit of Divine Love, dominate all . . . for nothing inspires human intelligence so readily or

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so abundantly.

The great difference then, twixt the "trance medium" who does not get very far and the one who becomes a portal for the Golden Message is determined by the quality of action within the soul. We must give the operators from spirit the best of our instrumentality.

It goes without saying we must strive to be clean, strong and upright . . . ready to sacrifice to a reasonable extent at least, the "luxuries" of the flesh.

I can picture but few who would want to "go all this way." Many excuses would be expressed. All I can say is, that every ounce of true effort extended will pay the most gratifying dividends in time. For those, keenly awake spiritually, there will be the joys and compensations all the way for what can compare with the constant touch with angelic ones? No "test" is too great in such alliance!

The preliminary stages of trance are nearly always under a state of almost complete consciousness. This puzzles many and makes them doubt and often desist. It is just as well the wise teachers do not affect a "blot out" at once even if they could. The merging of their minds with the instrument is a kind of slow interweaving process and must not be forced.

Make Allowances

Indeed, at first, the student will likely find his own words and phrases used . . . almost identically. Of course, for the spirit must feel its way first through what you have. Slowly, the control will learn to vary his speech and add his own phraseology and ideas.

The diligent and intelligent student will learn to deeply understand all this and not be disturbed. As I have said, "let go" and do not stop what comes in no matter how trite it may seem. For, in time, the most splendid lectures and works probably far beyond your normal standard will be forthcoming.

Of course, it would be foolish to lose sight of the fact that some part of the sitter's mind (subconscious or otherwise) will get into the picture perhaps for a long time to come. It is almost inevitable and any wise investigator will make all due allowances. The student must not be discouraged but silently strive to make his mind as inoperative as possible and he will find his pains will gradually bring satisfaction.

Again, real spirituality will do wonders for naught makes a medium so clear and untarnished a channel . . . a thing to be remembered by all no matter how long they have been serving. We must "forget ourselves" and our own viewpoints while working and in this way, spirit is given free-play and so can give reliable and really uplifting communications. The kind that feel wholesome even to the "toughest" enquirer. The movement requires so much of this.

Trance operates at various degrees of depth. The test always is the quality of what transpires and (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)

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When a medium goes into trance, the control, or spirit friend, who wishes to speak to us through her uses what is called the subconscious mind of the medium, into which he puts his thoughts, just as my wife and I interpret each other's thoughts.

The medium's subconscious mind puts these ideas into words. This is very difficult and sometimes the medium's own ideas get mixed up with the message. Sometimes, however, the control may have such complete command of the medium's faculties that he is able to put his own words through, as it were. In such cases, the medium is said to be in a deep trance. In either case, she seldom knows anything about what the control has been talking about, although it is her own voice that has been doing the talking!

2000 Years Ago

Occasionally, the control will cause the medium to speak in a foreign language, of which she knows nothing. Perhaps you remember the story of how the apostles did this on that day of Pentecost, nearly 2,000 years ago.

Sometimes the spirit friends use another very wonderful method of giving their messages to us. This is known as automatic writing, and I will tell you how they do it. The medium takes a pencil and paper, and just sits quietly for a while, holding thoughts of sympathy for the spirit friend.

Presently, without the necessity of the medium going into trance, her hand is moved by the control, who writes with it in his own handwriting. When this writing is com-

pared with specimens of writing done by the control before he passed over, it is usually found to be exactly the same!

Again it sometimes happens that the hand of the medium will write about things of which she has no knowledge, including foreign tongues. Some of the most remarkable of these have been in Chinese, and even ancient Egyptian picture-writing. Quite a number of very important books have been written in this way. There have been some extremely interesting descriptions of the childhood of Jesus, and of the time of the early Christians, when St. Paul was preaching to the people of Athens.

In another case, a well-known clergyman of the Church of England was convinced of the truth of what I have been telling you through a long argument with the spirit friend who controlled his hand, and who explained to him where he was mistaken in his ideas. There have also been many



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beautiful pictures painted under spirit control, by mediums who had no artistic training whatever, and could never have painted the pictures by themselves.

The Planchette

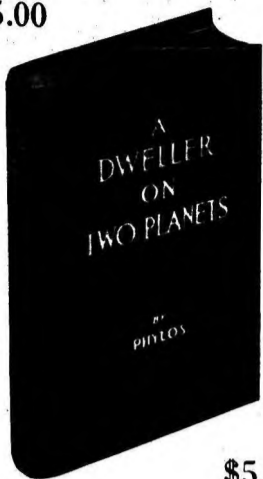
There is yet another method by which the spirit friends may write to us. For this a planchette is used. This is a little flat piece of wood, more or less heart-shaped, with two little castors at the wide end, and a pencil through the narrow end. When the hand of the person to receive a message is placed upon the planchette, the spirit friend can sometimes contrive to move the little board about so that as it moves the pencil traces writing upon the sheet of paper upon which the whole thing rests.

Sometimes long, interesting messages have been given in this way, often at great speed; and again they are found to be sometimes in a foreign language. The planchette is also sometimes used by spirit friends to draw pictures.

It is a lovely, warm day in June, as I write. Before me on the table is a vase containing some beautiful roses. They are very pretty, but their chief beauty, in my opinion, is their lovely scent. If I were so unfortunate as to be blind, I should still know that there were some roses near me by their perfume. Of course you know that the scent of flowers, and other

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things, will linger, particularly on clothes and handkerchiefs, for a long time.

In somewhat the same way, objects hold for many years the effect of the thoughts of those who have handled or worn them. A medium will often be able, by holding an object belonging to someone who has passed over, to "pick up" the effect of their thoughts, and tell us a lot about the former owner.

"Subconscious Mind"

This can also be done if the owner is still on this plane and by this means, contact can be made with spirit friends, and messages from them can be received and passed on. This is called psychometry, and is often done at public meetings.

You know what X-rays are, don't you? They are used at hospitals. It means a kind of electric rays which can pass through things which appear opaque to our sight, and so reveal the state of the inside of a patient's body. This is especially helpful in helping people to get well again who have broken bones.

Now, the "sixth sense" is sometimes so developed that, with the help of spirit doctors, certain mediums can see into the body of a patient, as if they had X-ray sight. In this way, much good can be done in helping the sufferer to get better.

All these wonders I have been describing, make some use of the subconscious mind, and they depend on the use of this "sixth sense."

Do you remember the story of how I met Brown Owl? The meeting at which this took place was a home circle, where the friends who met, called the "sitters," were eager to develop their psychic powers. When you are old enough, you may wish to try to develop your own.

To do so, you should join a "developing circle," where you will find that, if you are in earnest, and try to make yourself fit for it, by thinking good and beautiful

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as said, that depends so much on the instrument. Usually, after years, one "loses oneself" completely or almost so.

By that time of course, the medium no longer questions whether he should "give over" since he has learned too well the glory and greatness of his vocation. He knows he is using sacred elements and respects everything accordingly. (Only a drop in character will intercede and scatter the good. A true and sincere worker will have cognized the growing responsibility required with the expansion of his mission.)

Why Sit Alone for Trance?

If his "forces" desire to inspire him at times instead of inducing the trance, he knows he can rely upon a splendid link to his mentality, which has been erected through the subjectivity cultivated.

Students for trance need immense sympathy from others present. If possible, the services of a competent teacher "in the body" should be utilized. For there are many things involved and often the guides need help and encouragement in coming through.

I had the good fortune to sit 3 years (twice weekly) under a fine teacher who had been a trance medium for years and will always hold deep appreciation to his guides for training rendered. He has since passed to his spiritual rewards. If a teacher is not available, let an earnest group of sitters get together and pray for help and wondrous things may come to pass.

Some have asked me if they should sit alone for trance unfoldment. What is the use, for to whom could the entity commune in the event of getting in? It would be best to have at least one sympathetic person present. Sitting alone for meditation and quietness of spirit is of course, to be commended as an aid to all mediumistic growth.

Regarding diet in the seeking of trance (as in any phase) one must use the sense of experience. Stomachs should be uncongested and it is best to not eat within 90 minutes of sitting. Actual hunger however, is unwise for your force

thoughts, and keeping as healthy as you can in body, you will probably be successful. But you should act on the advice of older and more experienced people, who will be able to tell you what to do, and what to avoid.

It is quite possible that you may be one of those lucky people who have always been clairvoyant, or to play with spirit playmates, whom others could not see. If that is so, you have a very precious gift, which you should value highly, and labor to perfect, and use properly.

Actually, we all have these faculties, but in most of us they are sleeping, as it were, and need to be coaxed into activity. When we pass over, we shall find that we shall be able to use them fully.

would be too depleted and interfere with the drawing of the elements from the body.

Will To Sacrifice

Clothing should be by no means tight and one should strive to be clean internally and without. One should cultivate strong nerves and to be balanced mentally. Have the feeling you are on the threshold of Heaven and visualize the Cross of Christ in the room . . . the symbol of highest service.

Oust all thoughts of passion and pettiness. Try to "live in the spirit" bringing body, soul and spirit into sweet harmony. Do not neglect to read and study. As you desire this you will be led to the most suitable works at each stage of your climb Godwards.

The best "advice" cannot be written. It will arise from your growing soul and the realization of the beautiful task you are performing. The fellowship with the wondrous teachers drawn to you will speak volumes. Begin right . . . with confidence, aspiration and a will to sacrifice that you may know the best and the right each step of the way.

PARENT PASSES AWAY

Rev. John L. D. Parent, lecturer, message bearer and trumpet medium, whose residence was in Saginaw, Michigan, passed away during the month of July, according to Louise Updike, Secretary of Snow Flake Spiritualist Camp, Central Lake, Michigan.

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THE LITTLE FOXES

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with abusive language and insidious gossip . . . when his back is turned . . . is the meanest form of hypocrisy.

HYPOCRISY: Judas Iscariot professed love for his friend, Jesus. Secretly Judas was against him. At the first opportunity, however, Judas betrayed Jesus. Therefore, Judas was a hypocrite.

HYPOCRISY: There are so-called Spiritualists who . . . when in the company of other Spiritualists . . . will vow before God and man that they are "dyed-in-the-wool" Spiritualists. When, however, they are with their friends and business associates they ridicule and malign Spiritualism and mediums who have brought them positive proof that their own loved ones still live. In a spiritualist church, or at a summer assembly, they are most eager to receive a "spirit message." They go in secret to their favorite medium, seeking business or other advice. Are they not like wicked old King Saul who sought spiritual advice from the wonderful *Woman of Endor*?

They go, at night . . . incognito . . . disguised . . . trusting no one will discover them, hoping by this ruse to obtain a *spiritual message*. Having obtained the advice desired, they proceed to deny the power that brought the message from the spirit world. They even deny to their friends that they believe in "such things," insinuating that what they received was all "guess work."

Alas! that people should deny the power of Spirit, or that they should make mockery of that which has brought consolation to countless millions through centuries past. Beware that the cunning "fox" of HYPOCRISY does not enter your life and betray you.

FOURTH . . . INSINCERITY

The "Little Fox" of **INSINCERITY**: **INSINCERITY** in the social and business world, in many instances, marks the trend of present times. But to accomplish anything that is worth-while, the wise individual builds his career upon the firm foundation of TRUTH and SINCERITY. He knows that as he builds today, he is also building for tomorrow, and for all tomorrows to come. He is loyal and true to his friends; his community; and to his ideals, regardless of what those who oppose him may say or do. He has erected his foundation upon the stones of TRUTH and RIGHT-DOING.

and the house of his life will stand firmly upon that foundation, withstanding all storms and vicissitudes of mortal existence.

SINCERITY, however, is one of the rarest of all the virtues. Is not WAR, which covers the whole earth, due to man's **INSINCERITY** to his fellow men?

"Give me a true friend," said Plato, "and I ask no more of life." Plato, like many people at the present time, treasured real friendship. But he . . . even as you and I . . . knew the hurt of **INSINCERITY**, and mourned because of it.

To be sincere with the "gifts" God gave us, as we entered mortal life, is to treasure our most precious possession. The spiritualist who treasures the philosophy, the science, the religion of Modern Spiritualism as the most priceless jewel he could own, *truly progresses*.

Those who use spiritualism and mediumship for their own selfish purposes . . . forgetting, or perhaps refusing, to share its benefits with others . . . are being **INSINCERE** with themselves and with the world.

The worthy pioneers of our Cause made great sacrifices that Spiritualism should live. These pioneers endured ridicule and persecution from a world utterly hostile to "The workings of demons," and the "Religion of infidels." They gave of their life's blood, that Spiritualism might grow and blossom into full fruition. Are we, who follow after these pioneers, not **UNWORTHY** and **INSINCERE**, if we fail in accepting the priceless heritage passed on to us, . . . if we make of it a mockery and a jest?

FIFTH . . . VANITY

The "Little Fox" of **VANITY**: A great prophet-medium has said: "Behold, all is **VANITY**." Here is a truly destructive "little fox" to WEED OUT of one's Garden of Life.

Men and women wear out their lives to obtain material possessions to please and appease their god of **VANITY**. A wise man also said: "Blessed is he who hath not lifted up his soul unto **VANITY**." Men will lie, kill, and steal to appease their **VANITY**.

VANITY: The vanity of worldly possessions; desire for fame and fortune; desire to possess the BUBBLES and BAUBLES of material life, causes men to sell their souls for that which soon will vanish away.

VANITY: To eclipse one's neighbors; to possess beyond one's means; such **VANITY** causes many of the wrecks along the broad highway of life, and men's souls are tried because of those who would outshine and surpass them in worldly splendor.

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SIXTH . . . HATRED

The "Little Fox" of **HATRED**: Creeping like slime from a pool of poison comes the "little fox" of **HATRED**. Up from his unhappy depths he comes, yelping, hungry, to pounce upon the unwary and tear them to shreds. Desperate is he and unscrupulous in his unholy pursuits.

With the ferocity of wild beasts of the jungle, these "little foxes" of **HATRED** pounce upon all whom they meet, seeking to devour. Of all the pests that man must fight in the Garden of Life, **HATRED** is the most destructive. How unfortunate is the individual who becomes a victim of this quality, for when its venom has reached the bloodstream of an individual the result, in many cases, is physical and mental deterioration.

HATRED is as poisonous as the bits of an adder. **HATRED** has many times killed the hater. **HATE** spreads throughout organizations, churches and societies, when undeveloped souls come into power. Could it be that **HATRED** of one individual for another has crept into the ranks of Spiritualism, and is spreading its poisonous influence for destruction!

Do true mediums **HATE** one another, as is sometimes reported? And does this vile and destructive practice retard their mediumship?

Only one answer to these questions (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4)

BELIEF Brings POWER

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drew Jackson Davis in his very vital book, "Death and the After Life." We keep blooming into youth once this is realized.

You shall continue forever as yourself . . . that is the belief that makes you emphatically alive. Not metempsychosis; not transmutation . . . human nature can not be changed in "the twinkling of an eye." You are going to continue as you are . . . you, yourself, solid, sturdy, real, progressive, evolving. That is the kind of immortality of which I speak; that is what I want you to believe in. When you believe in life, as Christ told you to believe, you lift yourself above earth frets.

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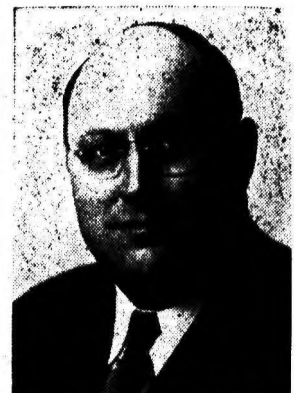
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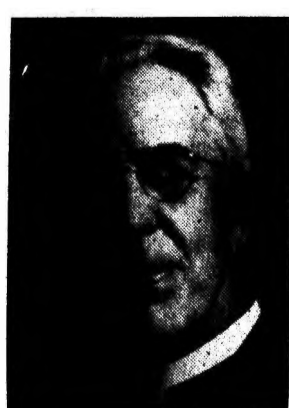
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As Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, author of *Torchbearers of Spiritualism*, says: The object of this book is to show that throughout all time God has never left Himself without a witness, and that Revelation has not been restricted to the teachers, saints and prophets mentioned in the Bible, but that the Torch of Divine Truth has been handed on continuously, from one age to another, and from one country to another.

These Torchbearers of Divine Truth, she continues, became great teachers, saints and prophets because they were possessed of the psychic faculty, which put them in touch with the spiritual world, whence they derived their inspiration, their confidence, their mandates to go forth and preach.

Demonstrating her thesis in a practical manner, Mrs. Stobart tells the stories of the lives of twenty-one of the world's great religious teachers. But before going into the history of these most interesting characters, she explains in a FOREWORD the objects of her book. It seems to me that I have never read a clearer statement from any author than that educated by this gifted author, and it is a privilege to give a summary of her thoughts, particularly as they apply to the ideas and beliefs of those Orthodox Christians from whose midst practically all of us who believe in Spiritualism have come.

Revelation not Restricted

Everywhere you go you hear from this one or that one: "I was born a Methodist," as if giving a backlog for his or her groundwork in Christian beliefs. "Is that so," says another: "I was a Presbyterian." Or whatever denomination it happens to be, every believer in the psychic faculty evinces his joy, delight and his exultant sense of freedom, that now he UNDERSTANDS whereas before he was in the dark about a multitude of things.

Revelation, says Mrs. Stobart, has not been restricted, as the Churches assume, to the Holy men of the Bible. It is necessary, she adds, to draw attention to this fact "because the modern churches have done a great disservice to the religion which they profess.

"They have impaired the historic value of the Christ as a Witness of divine Truth . . . and in their excessive zeal to magnify THEIR Witness, they have isolated Jesus from historic continuity and from religious antecedents, and have presented Him as a Being supernatural and unique."

The author points out that there is no such thing as uniqueness in the firmament of religion or elsewhere. Stars, she says, and constellations are all linked in a gravitational WHOLE, and it is . . . as she points out . . . only through comprehension of the

greatness of the WHOLE that we can truly appreciate the greatness of the units of which that WHOLE is composed.

Supernaturalism, she emphasizes, is a misnomer, for "the laws of Nature are never suspended." Dr. James brings this out clearly in his books, also. He says: The man with a broken leg feels pain, yes! But there is a higher LAW to which the man can apply, that will cause him to eliminate the pain in the broken limb. This clearly explains what Christian Science does not explain, namely that the rising above pain is not due to supernaturalism, or a breaking of Nature's laws, but is a rising into a higher vibration of the ONE LAW . . . in which the vibration of pain does not exist.

"Phenomena," continues Mrs. Stobart, "may be for us unusual . . . that is, supernatural . . . because of our ignorance of the power of extension of our normal faculties, and the more wonderful the man, the more wonderful will seem to us his supernatural powers; but even God Himself would never stoop to break the laws of that universe which we call Nature."

Soul's Telescope

"The Christian Churches have, in short, lost all sense of historic proportion and of historic continuity. They almost assume that the religious history of mankind began with the Crucifixion, nineteen hundred odd years ago. All religion which cannot be traced in direct genealogical line from that event has for them no value. The churches talk as though until the year which is arbitrarily called the year One, God had been chiefly concerned in trying to hide things from us. If it were thus, He must have had some trying moments during the lives of the great religious Teachers whom we shall (in this book) discuss.

"Psychic students, however, believe today discovery of laws concerning the spirit-world . . . laws which are at the moment faintly adumbrated . . . is only a question of our willingness to understand. That, in fact: There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed. . . . (Matt. x.26). But we must make use of the means of discovery provided for us by the Deity.

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of spirit, what the telescope is for the study of the stars . . . The psychic faculty is the telescope of the soul.

"And the trouble is that in support of their non-Catholic ideas, the churches proclaim doctrines which involve the infraction of vital laws of human existence. They preach the resurrection of the PHYSICAL body; Virgin birth; and other violations of the laws of Nature.

"And since, owing to the requirements of modern science, reasoning men and women are unable today to believe in INFRACTIONS of natural law, and in examples of isolated supernaturalism, the churches are empty, or are for the most part filled with those who conform without conviction, from social habit and convenience and because conformity is a hallmark of social respectability."

Universal Intelligence

With unerring directness the author continues the probing of present-day Ecclesiastical misrepresentation of the pure and simple teachings of the Nazarene. She says that the churches crudely assume that for thousands of years (prior to and) until the so-called Christian era, mankind was in spiritual darkness, unable to establish any relationship with God, and "denied all knowledge of those great basic truths without which Man never could have oriented himself in the Universe, namely: The existence of a Universal Intelligence (MIND) or God; the three-fold nature of Man: Body, Soul and Spirit; and Immortality.

"The churches teach that . . . in the year One A.D., for the first time in the annals of religion, God vouchsafed to send to Man a Witness of Divine Truth . . . Such teaching is contrary to the teaching of history: it is contrary to truth; and it is desperately harmful to the Christianity of Christ.

"For a Church that teaches doctrines that are unconvincing, is worse than no Church at all, as doubts concerning the Church pass easily, as Eucken remarks, into DOUBTS CONCERNING RELIGION. 'THE SEMBLANCE OF TRUTH PREVENTS US FROM SEEKING THE TRUTH.'"

Apport Demonstration

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It All Happened at a Materialization Seance

By
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At a Materialization Seance held last October at the home of *Ida Hendrickson*, 113-20 Suiter Ave., South Ozone Park, Long Island, New York, a very remarkable Apport Demonstration was received through the mediumship of *Bertie Lilly Candler*.

Present as invited guests were *Rev. Grace E. Wagner*, *George Walters*, *Henry Karl*, *Eduard Ganzer*, *Paula Abbe*, and others. Approximately 30 persons were assembled.

The first demonstration was made by Helen (the deceased daughter of the Rev. Wagner after whom the HELEN MEMORIAL CHURCH was founded), and the second by *Madeleine R. Schroeder*, late wife of *John H. Schroeder*.

About 30 years ago the Rev. Wagner was in her garden, taking care of the flowers, when her daughter Helen, a child of 1 stood at an open bedroom window and said, "Look mommy I have your ring." Mrs. Wagner admonished the child to be careful and put the ring away so it would not be lost.

Test Conditions

The child, however, thoughtlessly dropped the ring out of the window into the yard. Afterward when the mother learned what had happened, searches were made for it but the ring could not be found. The ring was a gold-filled one, chased; and, in the course of time, the incident was forgotten. Helen passed away at the age of 10. Had she lived on earth she would have been 35 years of age.

Prefatory to the commencement of this seance, the Rev. Candler gave instructions for the benefit of those present who had never attended a materialization. Upon finishing her remarks, she suggested three women accompany her to an adjoining room where she would disrobe prior to entering the cabinet of the seance room.

Three women did so. One of them, *Lottie Roscher*, while in this preparatory room, experienced the feeling of a cold object dropping on the front of her neck and then falling on her bosom. Mrs. Candler then returned to the seance room, and just before she entered the cabinet Mrs. Roscher brought forth the object which she felt falling on her body which proved to be a ring.

"This Is Madeleine"

Mrs. Roscher showed it to Mrs. Candler and others present, and Rev. Wagner at once identified the ring as her property . . . the long lost ring.

Later on in the seance, other details were established. For when Helen, the spirit daughter came through, she immediately went over to Rev. Wagner, her mother, and exclaimed "Mother, Mother, go to that lady who has the ring

SHE BRINGS A ROSE



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In the picture above, the living room of the home of Mr. Schroeder, can be seen a photograph of *Madeleine Schroeder*, "dead" wife of the author of this article.

and bring it to me!"

Rev. Wagner then followed the request of her spirit daughter. The ring showed rust on the inside, which was caused by oxidation. Helen took the ring and said "Mother let me put this ring on your finger. I always want you to wear it," and she pressed in on her mother's finger as far as it would go, but the ring was tight, as in the years gone by she grew stouter, and as she was afraid it would stop circulation of the blood in her finger she removed it.

The next spirit to come through was that of my departed wife *Madeleine R. Schroeder*, who left this earth plane Sept. 27, 1942. Madeleine greeted me saying "John this is Madeleine" and that she had brought something for me, requesting that I hold out my hand. I did so and she placed two red roses in them saying it was as a gift for my birthday, the anniversary of which had been the previous day.

Roses Apported

She also said that the roses were taken out of her garden above and that she had kissed one of the roses leaving her imprint thereon with her blessing. This imprint was verified after the seance by persons present. There were no roses in this home during the seance. I took the roses home. They have been photographed and will be preserved.

I wish to add here that *Madeleine* was a very loyal and devoted wife, and I believe that the love she had for me on the earth plane is the cause of her present super psychic power. She did not believe in Spiritualism while she was on this earth plane, although she was psychic.

I attended another manifestation the following evening at the home of *Mrs. Tenger* in Flatbush, Brooklyn, also given under the auspices of Rev. Candler. The spirit of my darling wife came through and again she brought a dark pink rose saying to me "Darling here is a rose I picked in my garden of love" and that from now on she was my bride in heaven. There were no roses in this home during this seance.

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I have often heard the old saying that referred to a man who "never opened his mouth, but that he put his foot in it." And Mrs. Houdini and/or the person who wrote the Houdini Article in The American Weekly of March 7th, has quite successfully emulated the man who "swallowed his foot."

When Shakespeare, whose words are quoted wrote of ghosts trooping home to churchyards he was—as far as the facts are concerned—referring to earthbound spirits.

And then, Mrs. Houdini is quoted as saying "If any ghosts go trooping around anywhere after my death, not one of them will be mine." When will the average person begin to understand, and take notice of the difference between the objective and the subjective mind?

Mrs. Houdini evidently did not when she made that statement. THERE NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN SPIRITUALISM. OR THE QUEST FOR PSYCHIC PHENOMENA AND EXPERIENCE. IF THE SPIRIT FORCES HAD NOT FIRST MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN.

I Am Not a Medium

This is in evidence from the incidents of Emmanuel Swedenborg in 1747 and the Fox Sisters in 1848. Being "subjective" is much like (by way of illustration of my meaning) a man walking along the street and picking up money.

Every time — in my own experience — that I picked up a piece of money on the street, it was entirely unlooked for and unexpected. I might walk along with my nose down on the pavement looking for money until I was as old as Methuselah, and then not find any.

I am not a medium in the sense that I can demonstrate psychic phenomena, and any contacts I have made with spirit forces has been through phenomena produced THROUGH a medium.

On one such occasion my daughter Mildred spoke to me and I had said that I had tried so hard to see her, and what do you suppose her answer was? "That's the trouble; you tried too hard." And that is the trouble with

Beatrice Houdini. She admits her skepticism, and the way she does, she betrays her own objectiveness—the absence of an open mind; and an open mind is passive to, or subjective to, instruction. That she was aggressively objective in her attitude is shown by her charge that "anyone who says they saw her spirit floating around will be voicing a fraudulent lie." (Always thought a lie was fraudulent, anyway; now I know.)

Wouldn't Be Convinced

Then the article goes on to say that Mrs. Houdini "was no novice in the matter of ghosts; she even went looking for one." That is just what a novice does, so, as far as Beatrice Houdini is concerned we may ask, "So what?" "Things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other." That is a law in natural philosophy.

"She followed all the rules in the book." But did she? I am not ready to admit that. She overlooked the condition of PASSIVENESS, or subjectiveness. Remember, she admitted that she was a skeptic. That she was NOT following the rules "in the book," in her quest is shown in her statement that "No one will ever convince me they did."

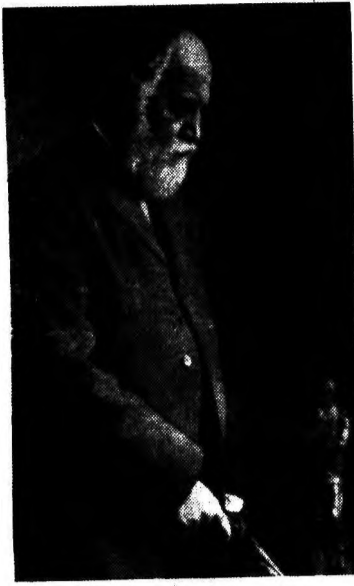
And then: she also WANTED to denounce Spiritualism once more. Harry Houdini once admitted that he was not opposing Spiritualism as much as he was opposing the fraudulent mediums. We do not deny that there are such. But with Mrs. Houdini it is, or was, a case of objective opposition, which is never found in an open mind.

Further along in the article it reads: "Some of the Spiritualists in attendance must have found it something of a blow when the

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handcuffs failed to do the job." Don't ever believe that. No Spiritualist present, who knew his Spiritualism expected those handcuffs to do anything. If the Spiritualists present did anything it was to pity that poor woman, and no one knows right now, more than Beatrice Houdini, how much she was to be pitied.

Law of Compensation

Then, again, "And I will not come back, not even if the power to come back is given to me." Perhaps; and then again, perhaps not. What will Beatrice do when she finds that the progress in Spiritual realms is contingent on her coming back, and correcting any false impressions she is responsible for? Spiritualism does not preach punishment as much as it does preach responsibility and consequence according to a Law of Retribution and Compensation. When she says that the mediums who say they have contacted her are frauds and liars she is "slamming the door" between herself and her progress in the spirit world. No one, more than she, will realize this, and the realization will be bitter.

The article as published on March 7th falls from its own weight. Over seven hundred recognized scientists could tear it to tatters. So far as this writer is concerned he wouldn't need to care if he never saw another demonstration of phenomena. All the magicians from Hell to Hoboken could never disprove his own actual experiences. Not one of them could imitate or duplicate the struggle I had with a materialized force on the night of January 1st, 1899, while in an army camp, with no one beside myself in the vicinity. At the time I knew nothing and did not care to know anything, about Spiritualism or, in fact, any other sect of religion.

My First Contact

Nor can they disprove this: I wandered into a meeting some fifteen years ago, thinking I was going into some mission. I found I was in a Spiritualist Church, and took a seat in the last row back in the church. I didn't want to be the subject of a laugh if I did something they did not do in Spiritualist Churches.

It was my first contact. Mrs. Esther Hess was on the platform giving messages. She pointed me out and asked me if I could recognize a spirit giving the name of "Frank" who told her that while on this earth plane, he had been a physician. In his office he had a high brass cuspidore. He used to chew, some days as much as

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A complete explanation of the SANCTUARY above and the ENTRANCE to the right was printed in "Harbinger of Light" (Australia) Dec. 1909. The photos accompanying the explanation were captioned "Exchange Room of 'Julia's Bureau'" in Mr. Stead's office. The complete explanation printed in 1909 is as follows:

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two plugs of "Old Honesty" tobacco, and I always did detest tobacco chewing. And I had to tend that cuspidore. Most assuredly I could recognize the spirit.

Then, along with this spirit came a Mary who held out a pot of geraniums. Would I recognize that spirit? Mary was my step mother and had a hobby of raising geraniums. My home was at Shamokin, Pennsylvania, over one hundred and fifty miles away. My father and stepmother passed over many years ago, and Mrs. Hess had never been to Shamokin and could not have known the situation she described.

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John Tyndall, the British Scientist, said that the mind of man has the power of penetrating far beyond the boundaries of his five senses. The things which are seen in the material world depend for their action upon things unseen.

I will not attempt to prove the authority of the Bible by quotations from the book itself; that has been the method adopted so much in the past that nothing more remains to be said in that direction. I will not refer to the physical phenomena so much mentioned in the stories of the Bible. I will not talk of the marvels and miracles therein contained.

How You Interpret

I believe all these things have been demonstrated either in the past or present by someone. But I would rather tell you of how the Bible proves itself in the lives of men and women when once they live and practice the life as described from cover to cover of the most scientific and truthful book ever written. I claim it is the most read and least understood book in all the world.

It makes a great difference how you read the Bible, and it makes all the difference in the world how you interpret what you read. All proof is gotten by right interpretation. Some read it as a Prayer Book; some read it to criticize; some read it to condemn, and some as a piece of religious literature, well written and helpful in time of trouble.

Some read only their own religious beliefs in the Bible, some read war and murder in it, while others read the life of the blessed Mary and the Holy Jesus. Still others do not read it at all.

The Bible proves to those who read it just what each gets out of it. Many have said that the Bible proves everything. I do not believe so. Others have said that you can prove anything by the Bible. This is not true.

"Hell" NOT proven

William Jennings Bryan did not prove by the Bible that the evolution of man is not true. The whole book from beginning to end is a marvelous story of evolution, and proves that evolution is a fact in all nature. Robert Ingersoll did not prove that the Bible is false, but he tried to show that the claims of the churches were unreasonable and false.

The Bible nowhere proves the existence of a heaven or a hell outside of man's own mind and life. The Bible does prove that a man cannot long play with the fire without being burned. The Bible



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DR. CHARLES L. SHARP and ELVA H. SHARP, 899 Penn St., Fort Worth, Texas. Both were honored recently at the annual session of Arlington Heights Chapter, No. 702, Order of the Easter Star at Fort Worth. Dr. Sharp was appointed Worthy Patron and Mrs. Sharp, Worthy Matron.

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proves nothing beyond man's own reason and intelligence. It proves nothing supernatural nor abnormal. It proves nothing that cannot be done by anyone who has proper intelligence and understanding of the psychic and mental laws which in reality govern all things. The Bible is not a book of miracles and mysteries, it is only such to the ignorant and uninitiate.

It definitely prove that there are latent powers in every soul, if once discovered and properly used can do all things in the life of the one who possesses them.

The great trouble with the Bible has been that what its writers wanted to reveal to its readers has been buried beneath a pile of selfish, bigoted, fanatical orthodox sectarian churchianity. Many priests and preachers know the possibilities of every word of the Bible, but they fear to prove it or have it proven in their own lives or the life of the church.

Theology NEVER Proves

They do not want any proof for fear it might prove too much. They are willing to have you nibble on the husks of the letter, but to prove the Spirit . . . Oh no . . . that would be dangerous to the church.

I believe that every word in the Bible from Genesis to Revelations is absolutely true, and therefore can be intelligently comprehended and positively demonstrated. I further believe that every story and every incident and every act as described and told in that book can be proven. I further believe that the day will come when every word in that wonderful book will be fulfilled. I believe that every promise therein contained will be carried out.

And lastly I firmly believe that every mental and spiritual phenomena recorded in the Bible will some day be proved. But my belief is founded on firmer stuff than dogmatic piety and theological superstition. Theology has never proven the Bible as true and it never will. The Bible needs no one to prove its truth. The truths written there will prove themselves when the laws of mind and soul shall be obeyed and understood and this is just what the Bible itself proves.

It has often been asked, "How

can you prove that Jesus and the apostles ever lived?" Well, there is no proof outside of what history gives us.

Soundness of Science

But how can we prove that Columbus, Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Franklin or even for most of us that Lincoln ever lived? Yet that is not the point. Personally I believe with all my mind that every great and small man I ever heard or read about actually and truly lived and I do not have to lay my hand in their sides to believe it, for I have no reason to doubt so long as my reason is clear.

I, therefore, believe everything in the Bible, but with this difference that instead of believing the men and events as having lived and happened as a living fact, (for that may or may not be true), yet I am persuaded that the facts given in the Bible have been proven beyond a doubt in the lives of many who applied the principles and lived by the law.

The Bible does not prove everything, but it does give the method by which all things can be proven and only he who has applied the rules here set forth, demonstrating to his own satisfaction that the rules are correct, can know the soundness of the science of that book.

Value of Truth

I contend that science and not religion will prove the infallibility of the Bible, for really, the Bible is not a religious matter at all, but purely and distinctly a scientific treatise on human and spiritual life including their various experiences. While religion cries to man, "Believe it" science calls back, "Prove it" and upon the issue of "proving all things" will true religion be established.

The Bible has laid down a code of right thinking and living, that anyone who would lend himself to the application of which can very soon prove whether what is claimed for it is practical and provable or not. If these laws of mind cannot be demonstrated in our lives the Bible proves nothing.

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The "Little Fox" of PROCRASTINATION: The last of "The Little Foxes" of which we shall speak, is PROCRASTINATION. To waste precious time is one of the greatest of evils. To possess great talents and not develop them is scarcely to be forgiven.

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One must learn that no one can do his work for him. He must learn every measure of success for himself. Beware, therefore, of "The Little Foxes" of PROCRASTINATION, for they whisper to one daily, and their whispers are soothing to the indolent. But the result is so deadly that few survive.

Knowing, therefore, of the evils of the "Little Foxes" of which wise King Solomon spoke, should not all true Spiritualists reaffirm their allegiance to the Cause they love, and work more assiduously to lift the standards of the philosophy, the science and the religion which declares to the world that "Life is everlasting, and our present experience is but a phase of eternal experience?"

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I do not understand that spirits at "death" are ushered immediately into a congenial sphere. I do understand that they may gravitate, each one to their own proper sphere, whatever or wherever it may be. No one can occupy the sphere belonging to another.

It is congenial to their needs, to their state, but not to their desires. Therefore it does not provoke happiness. The second state of existence, or that which is so understood to be by you, is a very natural state, devoid of all the lines of castes and creeds and conventionalities of this state.

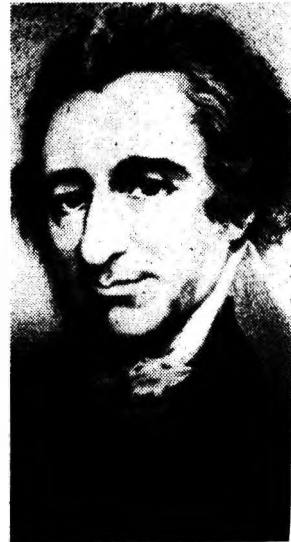
Here, people, by virtue of the needs of this life, dwell in states that do not belong to them spiritually. It is not so in the other life. Gold cannot buy place or position. Wealth, that wealth that is recognized to be such by the soul, purchases only for the soul that that the soul is ready to receive, nothing more.

What is the difference between spirit and animal magnetism?

The difference is in degree. One is more refined than the other. Animal magnetism is that that is adapted to animal life; more crude, more dense than that adapted to spirit life. In essence they are one. They differ only in degree.

What becomes of the life, the sensation, the instinct, the knowl-

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edge existing in the animal creation below man at their death?

All the instincts or reasons that belong to all the species of life below man and up to man are constantly changing places. The lower takes the qualities of the higher, passes through the higher, and goes on, forever on, changing its form and characteristics, but preserving its life intact.

Nothing is lost, but everything is subject to the law of change. You are not to suppose that these human forms are precisely like those that the spirit manifests through after death. They are crowned with new attributes there, although they retain all that ever belonged to them.

They are constantly gathering fresh ones, constantly changing places and changing form. The animal does not lose its identity at death, by any means—it is an animal still. It comes through death to a higher plane, and there waits for another change. When that comes, it takes a higher stand. It passes ever onward and upward, but it does not lose its identity.

The horse is the horse still. The dog is the dog still. Yet you know that all species of life, whether animal, vegetable, or mineral, are capable of improvement. You can improve them by your intelligence here. If this is true, do you not suppose they go on improving to

all eternity?

The dog is a finer dog in the spirit world than here. The horse is a finer horse. The tree is a more glorious tree. The flower is far more beautiful there than here. Yet, they preserve all that belongs to them, but they take on new life at every change.

We classify all existence into the ponderable and imponderable. Your existence is to us that of the imponderable. Can you take cognizance of the elements we term imponderable as plainly and palpably as we can that of the ponderable?

That which you cannot feel, or recognize with all of your human senses, is imponderable to you. That air is an imponderable substance—for it is a substance. To us, the air contains images, forms of substance as tangible, as real as the solid earth to you.

We take cognizance more clearly of those conditions of life that are imponderable to you than you do, because we have passed into nearer rapport with them. We stand face to face with them. But there are subtle elements in advance of us.

There are elements still imponderable to us. Advance as far in life as we may, we shall still find an element that is imponderable to us. We approach one. We come into rapport with it. We analyze it. We find out what it is, and having disposed of that, lo! there is another presented.

Our Father, God, does not mean that we shall be idle, that there shall ever come a time to our souls when we can say we have learned the whole, there is nothing more for us to learn or to do. God is wise. He knows that our spirits need to be active, and He gives us just one lesson at a time, and no more.

We find recorded in heathen mythology the history of a prophet almost identical in name and acts with Jesus—his name is Krishna—and the circumstances of women wiping his feet with their hair is such a remarkable coincidence that, while it shakes the faith of the Christian, it furnishes strong proof to the sceptic of the mythical character of Jesus. Can you give us light on the subject?

Every nation has its idols—its gods and goddesses—peculiar shrines to which the people are called to worship. Neither Krishna, nor Christ, were entirely beings of mythology. So far as a certain portion of their lives are concerned, there is much of the mythic attached to them. This is the case with all those beings that the nations worship.

The aborigines of the country have their divinities, whose original is in real life, but that original is surrounded with so many mythical figures that the real is almost entirely lost to the human sight.

While contemplating the mythic Christ, we are very apt to overlook the real personality, the spirit. We are very apt to see only the external paraphernalia with which the real has been surrounded. It is not at all strange. It is in accordance with our organization as human beings. We are growing up through a variety of conditions that determine our religious worship.

It is these conditions that form the image of our God, and determine that we shall worship that God, and none other. As intelligence marches on through the ages, as mind becomes more and more enlightened with regard to the history of past nations, and past religious histories, those images that have been invested with di-

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vinity begin to assume different shapes.

They begin to stand out in their real characters. They begin to be seen for what they are. We understand them better as the light is shed upon them—the divine light that which emanates from the past, which comes to us from the present, and that which is shed to us from the future. All things aid the spirit in its search for truth.

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