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MAURICE BARBANELL'S BEST STORY "ARTISTS WHO PAINT THE DEAD"

FRANK LEAH and MARCEL PONCIN

I know two artists who draw the dead. Yet, strangely enough, though they live within a mile of each other, they have never met! One of them, Frank Leah, has been doing portraits of dead people, who usually stand in front of him while he records their likenesses, for nearly ten years.

He estimates that he has drawn many thousands of dead men, women and children — and in nearly every case they have been identified.

For the other artist, Marcel Poncin, psychic portraiture is a recent departure. This faculty only developed in the last twelve months.

Leah has been clairvoyant since he was a child. He was at first scared of these forms that he could see and others could not, but gradually he realized that they belonged to those the world calls dead.

One day he decided to combine his gifts as a clairvoyant and an artist and give the world permanent records of Survival by drawing these dead people who continually presented themselves to his vision.

Usually he does not know who is coming to him for a seance. Secretaries of Spiritualist societies make appointments and merely tell him the time for the sittings.

Generally, however, before the sitting, often days in advance, he awakens to see a spirit face in front of him. Being clair-audient, that is having the ability to hear what these other-world visitors say, he is able to carry on a conversation with them and glean information as to who they are and why they have returned.

But Leah cannot avoid the penalty of being a medium, for inevitably, by some magnetic link that we do not understand, these returning spirits reproduce their last earthly conditions, with the result that Leah has died a thousand deaths.

Yes, he feels the tortures of every illness, sickness and disease — all the pains which they have suffered before being finally freed from earth.

Then they will often impress on him, for the purpose of identification, incidents connected with their lives, ten, twenty, thirty and forty years ago.

Occasionally the incidents are given in astonishing detail. Once a woman showed herself in the dress in which she was presented to Queen Victoria. The artist saw the whole Court scene, thronged with its eager attendants.

This psychic artist insists that there is nothing ghostly about these spirit visitors. They are not phantoms.

If they are experienced communicators they show themselves very clearly. The artist is able to see every line and every wrinkle, the color of the eyes and the hair, and even notice individual characteristics, like a mole or a broken tooth.

Leah listens to what these communicators tell him, for generally they give the kind of information

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THE SPIRIT WHO CALLED UP ON THE TELEPHONE

Dr. Edwin F. Bowers' Amazing Experience with Patsy Decker's Mediumship Startles New Yorkers

VIVID MATERIALIZATION OF PAVLOWA — PYTHAGORAS AND CONAN DOYLE

To be called on the telephone by a materialized spirit who did the calling and handled the receiver, talked and then turned the instrument over to a friend who told the story from the same telephone used by the spirit was the unusual experience of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Bowers of New York City, described in his book, "Spiritualism's Challenge."

The spirit was Patsy, the control of Frank Decker, one of America's most famous mediums. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers had retired, the latter sleeping in a front room in their Riverside Drive apartment in New York, the former in a rear room. The telephone near Mrs. Bower's bed rang sharply at 2:30 a. m. It aroused Mrs. Bowers and she heard the salutation "Hello, Ouse" in the familiar voice of patsy, whose voice she had often heard in Decker's seances.

Witnessed by Joe deWyckoff

After a short conversation with her, Patsy wanted to talk with "Doc" but his wife demurred, saying that once awakened he would find it difficult to get to sleep

"Patsy"—Spirit Guide of Frank Decker



This is a reproduction from the only drawing in existence that resembles the likeness of PATSY, Spirit Guide of FRANK DECKER, Internationally known New York medium.

again. But Patsy insisted it was important and finally Mrs. Bowers called her sleeping husband. He conversed with Patsy, expressing his delight in this novel experience. Then Patsy turned the instrument over to Joe De Wyckoff,

a friend of Decker's who explained the occurrence from his point of view.

He explained that he was in Decker's New York apartment where he had decided to spend the night after a call on the medium. He had retired on a studio couch about midnight while Decker slept in his own bed in an adjoining room. About an hour later he was shaken by the shoulder and awakened. A form in white stood above him, dressed in what appeared to be a tight fitting messenger's uniform. It was Patsy who cautioned him not to be afraid and deWyckoff replied reassuringly.

Doyle — Pythagoras
The spirit asked deWyckoff to close the windows and darken Decker's room as much as possible by drawing shades to exclude light from outside. DeWyckoff's room was fairly well lighted by a nearby light in the streets.

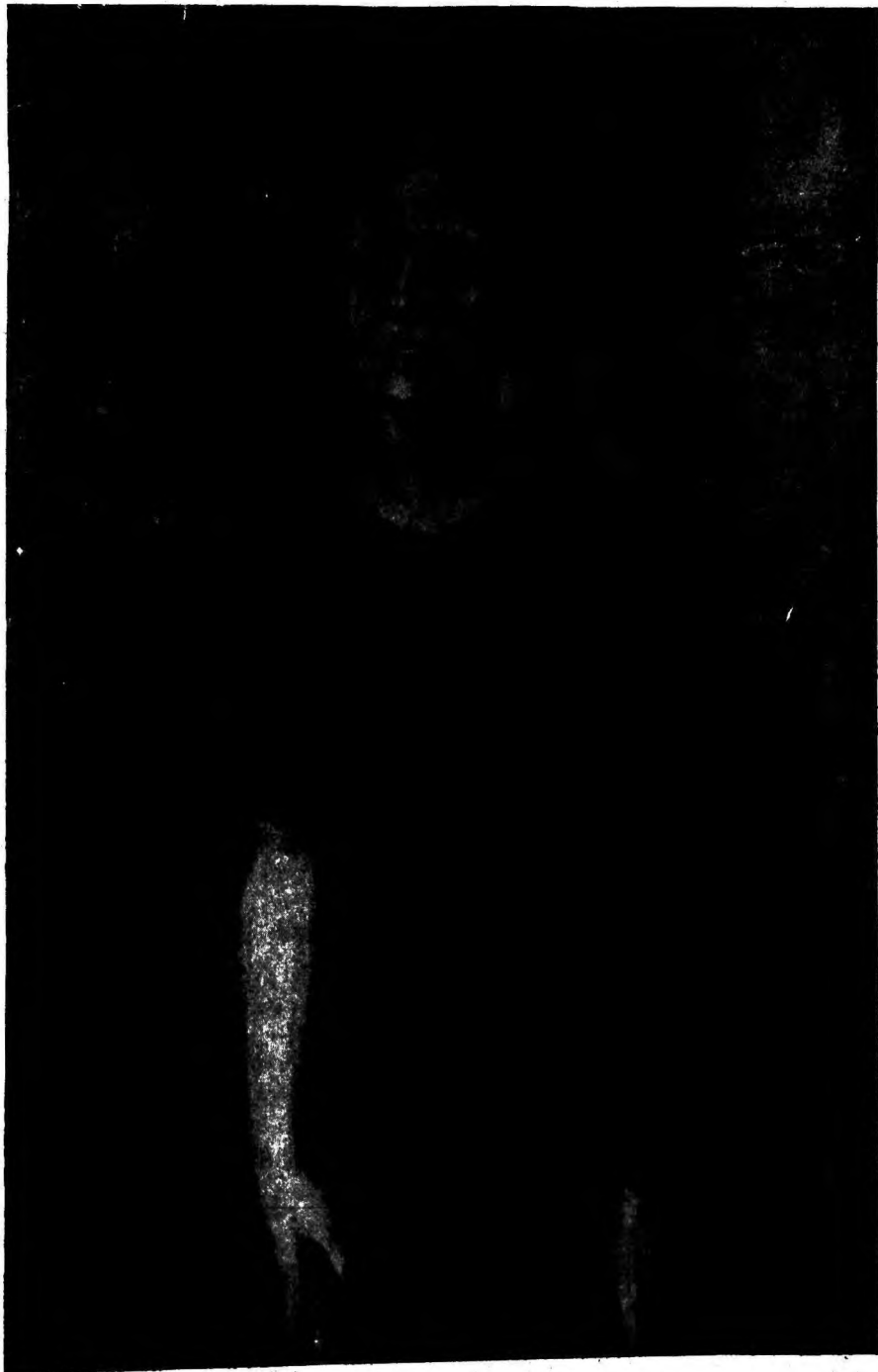
DeWyckoff did as requested and noted that Decker appeared to be in trance. DeWyckoff returned to the other room and wrapped in bedclothes he awaited developments. Spirits appeared almost immediately. Pavlowa danced as he sang a Russian song, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whom he had met in London, spoke to him. Pythagoras, Greek philosopher, Jim Riley, Bert Wells and others came out of Decker's room.

Then Patsy thought up the telephone idea. He called DeWyckoff's home in Rumsy, N. J., but was told by the butler that Mrs. DeWyckoff was not in. He then put in the Bowers' call. He seemed a bit incensed when the operator called him "ma'am."

DeWyckoff had watched the whole procedure from his bed, a remarkable demonstration of various phases of physical mediumship.



John G. Pressing
While in London, the editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER had a private sitting with Frank Leah. The likeness of his father (drawing above) was sketched by Mr. Leah in a dark room in about 12 minutes. The artist says that he is either impressed or sees clairvoyantly the individual whose picture he is about to draw.



ESTELLE ROBERTS, Red Cloud's Medium
An inspirational painting by Marcel Poncin

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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF PSYCHIC SCIENCE

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KEEP NOT YOUR LIGHT HIDDEN!

by JULIETTE EWING PRESSING

Can you imagine anything more interesting and unusual than to meet a person here upon the earth plane, through an introduction via trumpet from the spirit side?

One morning, at my former home in Louisville, Kentucky, I had a caller.

She introduced herself as Louise Moore, Ervin, of Atlanta Georgia, and remarked, "I do not know how you will accept what I have to tell you, but I simply had to come."

She stated that she had spent the winter in Miami and while there, she had attended a trumpet seance held by the well known medium, Ethel Post. (At that time, I had never met Mrs. Post.)

The evidence that was given her was remarkable. At the close of the meeting her father, Mr. Moore, told her that he had a good friend that he wanted her to meet, so he introduced my daddy, Lapsley C. Ewing.

Daddy was delighted to meet her, and told her to get in touch with his daughter, Juliette, if she ever was in Louisville.

Mr. Moore and daddy were not acquainted while on earth.

When Mrs. Ervin stopped in Louisville en route to New York, she made inquiries and located me.

Of course, she realized that it was all rather unusual, and being unaware of my knowing anything about Spiritualism, she was a bit cautious in her approach.

We spent several delightful hours discussing various experiences. This little episode proves how very close we are to our loved ones, also their deep interest in our earth affairs.

Spiritualism is so divinely human. I hope that each one who reads this will be quickened in his desire to bring the two worlds closer together.

"They" understand, "they" love us and care for us. The time has arrived when we must all be proud to proclaim to the world that we are Spiritualists. All who do not know about it, are missing so much—sometimes I feel that we Spiritualists are selfish—we keep so much quiet for fear some one will not understand.

In the orthodox churches, they have a custom of "Bring a Friend" (Continued Foot Next Column)

by Owen R. Washburn

In England a scientist showed the Prime Minister a small electric motor. "Interesting," said his lordship, "but of no practical value."

"My Lord," responded the scientist, "you will tax these things." So when scientific pioneering work, done by men of fame with titles from universities, following the work done by the unfamed investigators who precede the famous scientists in bringing new truths and inventions to make a higher civilization, bring facts to the supposed experts in politics, religion and the healing arts, the verdict is that it is interesting but of no practical value. Yet we have talked with the Heavenly Host and witnessed what can be done in seance rooms and through contacts with superior minds in a higher expression of life, know that as the motor revolutionized transportation and production, as the x-ray increased man's power and knowledge, so, and a thousand time more, the application of the scientific truths discovered by Spiritualists would elevate civilization to a warless, orderly and constructive level, transform medical and surgical practise to a point as much beyond the present state as modern surgery exceeds that of the Chinese peasantry.

Led By Emotion

Mankind is led most by its emotions and the council of the dead, even to the most ignorant and stupid. This fact alone does more than all the ecclesiastical argument that can be brought to bear to make them love truth and peace. The despairs of life are the sources of half the crimes, the vices and the hates that disfigure the lives of races. Banish these by frequent contact with spirits who know that at the last all good souls enter into triumphal joys, and you have elevated mankind more than has been done by any of the old methods.

Everything Possible

Every one knows that at times mental methods heal the sick, cast out intruding influences, set in order the wayward mind. Only the dense stupidity of clergymen, physicians and so-called scientists keeps spirits from regular work at diagnosis, to supplement the X-ray, the blood test and the observation of bodily conditions.

The removal of a bound medium from his clothing is not incredible—even when he is tied with ropes and the knots sealed, removed without breaking the seals or cutting the ropes. Many spirits have done similar things in seance rooms. When the bigotry and ignorance of the world has lessened; when spirit and earth surgeons work together in recognized cooperation; when the ministry of Heaven is accepted by the peoples of earth, the spirit surgery, the healing of the sick, the insane, the drunkards and the criminal will proceed, not to cure all persons all the time but to make vastly less the pains, the wrong doing, the strife, the heart aches and the despairs of

service. On a certain day each one invites someone to attend church services. There are many timid people who might like very much to attend a Spiritualist meeting, but do not know where to go nor have anyone to accompany them.

We never know when we might help "light the candle of true understanding" by taking a friend to service.

We must not be fearful of what someone may think. Do not fail to state that you are a Spiritualist.

Maybe Jesus meant just this when He said "Keep not your light hidden beneath a bushel."

those who will accept and use the new science of the new day.

Natural Laws Operate

As with surgery and medicine, so with invention. Now and then some great gain is given to man through inventions originating in the spirit realms, or the cooperation of spirit inventors. Once give these helpers an atmosphere of general welcome and friendship and they could give far more frequent aid. Now and then some great musical composition, some great literary creation, comes from the Heavenly Host to men. What songs, instrumental pieces, paintings and orations might be showered upon the nations were they instructed and reasonable enough to welcome them!

All the things done by spirits are done under natural laws. The understanding of natural laws in the mental and emotional realms would give men of intellect powers as superior to those now in common use as the men with planes and radios possess over the untutored Esquimaux with their dog teams and unaided voices. Those of us who know the fundamentals of this more important science need never be discouraged. Derided, rejected; the medium; the spiritualist, is laying sure foundations for a development of a civilization as advanced beyond our own as is the present above the Australian Bushman who follows a trail with his nose and hopes that when he dies he may return as a white man. We are companions in science, in humane work, in an advanced culture, which allies us with the best, the most advanced of mankind, with the Heavenly Host and with that Creative Mind in which is wisdom, truth and peace.

President of Freeville Spiritualist Camp



REV. RAYMOND E. BURNS

The Freeville Spiritualist Camp-meeting Association open their 44th annual season July 9th, according to Raymond Burns, President.

Some of the speakers and mediums to serve the camp during the

ARTISTS WHO PAINT THE DEAD

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about themselves that forces home their identity, such an unusual names, the towns in which they lived and their professions.

Now, the artist is never in trance when he executes these psychic drawings. He is quite normal. But you will be amazed to learn of the speed with which they are done.

Once he finished a complete drawing in nine seconds! Thirty seconds is fairly common when dealing with good communicators, and generally the time taken is from three to five minutes. And, remember, the drawings are life-size!

Though he has painted seventeen psychic pictures in the last year, this form of mediumship is a new departure for Marcel Poncin.

Like many Frenchmen, Marcel Poncin was brought up as a Roman Catholic. Yet, even in his youth, he was attracted to Spiritualism.

It was after his marriage that his interest in Spiritualism was revived by his wife, who, under the name of Sumurun, was the best-known mannequin in Paris.

The artist constructed a homemade ouija board from a ping-pong racket and pasted some letters on a large sheet of cardboard. Using this simple apparatus spirit messages came regularly.

One day there was a surprise, for on the ouija board was spelled, "A. C. D."

"Who is it?" the artist eagerly asked.

"Arthur Conan Doyle," came the reply.

Then Conan Doyle urged Marcel to write to Lady Doyle and tell her of his spirit return.

Poncin felt he could not approach a stranger with such a message, but because at subsequent seances the famous novelist persisted he finally wrote to Lady Doyle. To his amazement he received a charming reply with some advice about his psychic development. The artist sent a conventional letter of thanks and thought that was the end of the matter.

But there was a surprise in store. Conan Doyle communicated again at the next seance with the strange request that they should forgive his wife for not replying.

"There is nothing for her to answer," said Poncin, but Doyle, with typical courtesy, insisted that there was a delay and added that a letter was actually on the way to them.

forthcoming 1939 season are: Lucy A. Walker, Raymond Cudney, Robert Macdonald, Frederick Nicholson, William Lillis, Elizabeth Fisher, Frank Ceney and Mr. Burns.

The season closes August 27th.

Noted Journalist



MAURICE BARBANEL

His special article on Spiritualism accepted by London metropolitan newspaper "SUNDAY PICTORIAL."

This, thought Poncin, would be a test and, if true, would finally prove that these communications did not emanate from his own subconscious mind. The next morning, to his astonishment, the letter arrived from Lady Doyle. It was followed by another with an invitation to visit her Sussex home.

A few months later Poncin called on Lady Doyle and told her the whole story of Sir Arthur's spirit return to him.

Marcel Poncin then went to his first public Spiritualist meeting. To his surprise he was singled out by the medium, who described his dead mother.

Then followed a private sitting with another medium, who made the definite prediction that Poncin would soon paint psychic pictures! As he felt no inclination to do so, the artist laughingly dismissed the whole idea.

About twelve months ago he visited W. T. Parish, the spiritual healer, who was able to render him some service. As he knew Parish never accepted fees for his healing, the artist decided, as a gesture, to copy a portrait of one of the healer's guides, and present it to Parish.

Now, Poncin is an expert copyist. For this type of work he

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—One for Your Friend

has had scores of successful commissions, he could not make a satisfactory copy one that pleased him as an artist. Instead, another head presented itself to his vision and insisted on being painted.

The result was a picture that was not in his usual technique. And all the time that the inspiration lasted, the artist experienced a strange exhaustion. Later he discovered that the face he painted belonged to his own spirit guide!

Then came a succession of inspirational paintings which were accompanied by the same feeling of exhaustion.

The results, although similar in technique they were all painted in delicate blue and silver tones—were in an entirely different style from his normal oil colors.

Poncin refuses to call himself clairvoyant, but prefers to attribute his results to inspiration. How can a man paint what he does not see? you may ask. I only know that he does.

In all Poncin's inspirational paintings there is one unique feature common to them all. The eyes are vivid, liquid and limped. They seem to hold you with their gaze!

And Marcel Poncin is the first to admit that, skillful artist though he is, his inspirational pictures surpass in technique his normal work.

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SPIRITS ARE NOT INFALLIBLE

By MARCELLA DECOU HICKS

In my mail of late have come several queries of various import indicating a misunderstanding of certain attributes of the soul in Spirit Life and an incomprehension of certain aspects of Psychic Philosophy. One man writes, "It causes confusion and misgivings, to those who have no actual knowledge from personal experience in and with psychism, to read entirely conflicting statements on the same subject. Especially so, when both sides claim that they know what is true and what is false, what is constructive and what destructive, in the evolutionary career of the human soul."

Another writes, "I have taken advice from one that I had every reason to believe to be the spirit of a relative and it has worked out very badly. This spirit cannot possibly be an evil spirit. How can such things be?" Still another asks, "If a spirit be on progression, how can he make mistakes, either in judgment, interpretations, teachings or advice?" These people are bewildered and disappointed because they have encountered fallibility in spirit. They have thought that a spirit especially a "good spirit" must be infallible in all things must see all, hear all, know all and never make a mistake.

Are We Disillusioned?

If I come into the house, fling off my cloak and ascend the stairs to the first landing, do I know any more than I did before I threw off my cloak and ascended to the first landing? And if so—why? Surely from my vantage point on that first landing I may be able to see what goes on on that part of the second floor that is within range of my vision as well as what goes on downstairs but by no means does that signify that I understand all that I see or that I accurately interpret it. I may only guess at the contents of the rooms into which I cannot look or at what goes on therein.

On the other hand, perhaps that landing is not sufficiently far up the stairway to permit me to see onto the second floor at all. Maybe there is a turn in the stairs that obscures my vision. Perhaps all that I can really see is downstairs and all I know of the second floor, mere conjecture. Certainly I am in no position while on that landing, to relay as facts those matters which I am able only to surmise, nor can I be sure of my interpretation of those things above or below me which I may only think I see.

Suppose I am on the first landing of the first flight of stairs in a one hundred story building—what can I possibly know or see of the ninety nine stories above me? What I am trying to say is that the soul that has recently made the transition into Spirit Life is in much the same position as I, on that first landing. He has merely thrown off his overcoat of flesh and ascended to the first spiritual landing place. He knows no more than just before he left his body and he is no more capable of giving advice or teaching spiritual truth than he was on earth. As he applies himself seriously to the acquiring of knowledge in spiritual understanding, he acquires the ability to advise and teach but only along the lines of his own development and progress.

Quality to Teach!

Those on the so-called astral or magnetic planes—the lower planes of Spirit Life—are prone to think that they know it all and many of them insist upon relaying to the earth plane what they think they know. . . . Actually they are no more qualified to teach truths of spirit than a first grader is qualified to teach Virgil. But if they can find a medium on a synchronizing vibration rate there is nothing to prevent them from announcing themselves as "The Great So and So" and regaling the ears of humanity with their misinformation, delusions, misinterpretations and inaccuracies. If the people of earth would only remember that spirit-souls are just people—no worse and no better, no wiser and no more foolish, than we are here in mortality these unreasonable issues of the infallibility of spirit would cease to be raised.

Try The Spirit . . . !

It is seldom wise to take spiritual advice unless you know positively its source and that the spirit-soul advising you understands all angles of your problem and is capable of giving you advice. To accept and follow advice for no other reason than that it comes from spirit is a most irrational procedure. If you contact the spirit of one who, when of earth, knew your problems and advised you soundly with regard to them, you are probably safe in heeding his counsel. And of course, those spirits that have advanced to the higher phases of Spirit Life are usually safe counselors, but contact with such as these is not so common occurrence because they have progressed to the point where earth

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matters do not concern them. Most of our contacts are with friends and relatives who have not been many years in Spirit Life.

Among the people of earth there seems to be a universal impression that if there really is such a thing as spirit survival, then a spirit—just because he IS a spirit—should and must know all about everything. He should be able to answer any question on any subject; he should be able to give accurate information on any topic; his knowledge as touching any and all matters of the universe and of Cosmos, should be infallible. And all of this wisdom should come to him immediately upon being liberated from the flesh. No more absurd conception of spirit powers could possibly

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exist, and when one realizes that an individual's identity, personality, mentality, reasoning powers and judgment do not alter one iota when they function in a body devoid of flesh, the preposterousness of this conception becomes apparent. Only as a spirit-soul gradually learns does he acquire wisdom. I repeat—spirit-souls are just PEOPLE functioning out of the physical.

Use Good Judgment!!

Therefore, perfectly well-intentioned spirits, meaning only the very best, and firmly believing in their own capabilities, may give advice that will prove disastrous to follow or information that is inaccurate and instruction of no value.

There is one angle of this whole matter that seems seldom to occur to those who continually run to spirits for material help, and that is the fact that God gave human beings minds, reasoning powers and judgment for the purpose of USING them. To lean upon spirits for direction in all matters is putting psychism to the wrong use and destroying one's own initiative. You would not think of turning over your affairs to friends, teachers or relatives

of earth—you might even resent their suggestions as interference. Why then turn over the management of your affairs or your life to friends and relatives in the disincarnate? Few of them are really capable of better judgment than you yourself possess and the "fly in the ointment" is that they, themselves, may not know it.

Now all of this is not to say that it is wrong to ask help of those in Spirit Life; it is rather to say that you, yourself, must do the very best with your problem first and then be very sure that the disincarnate entity to whom you go for advice is capable of giving you advice. It is also to say that to depend entirely upon spirit help, suggestion and advice while you permit your own capabilities to atrophy is as wrong as it would be for you to deliberately bind your right arm to your body and then expect others to do for you all the work of that right arm.

Man's Limitations

Knowing that spirit-man is only the human personality functioning in a higher velocity of vibration it should be easy to understand that he has his limitations of intellect and understanding until he achieves knowledge and wisdom through growth and development. And having these limitations he may still refuse to recognize them and be, himself, perfectly convinced of his understanding of spiritual fundamentals and of his capability to teach them to those of earth. Thereupon he finds a medium with whom he can vibrate harmoniously, classes are formed, and he relays his misinformation and misinterpretations to humanity. Another spirit entity, no better informed but with different interpretations, finds another medium whose hand he can use in writing a book. Still another with still different views controls a medium in trance condition and gives his ideas to class or audience. Herein lies the problem of contradictory teachings.

Vanity and egotism still exist on the lower planes, or rather in the elementary phases, of Spirit Life. A dominant spirit on the astral or magnetic plane, thinking he has gleaned certain facts, gathers others about him of similar persuasion and they call themselves the "Such and Such" Alliance, or Brotherhood. Then they contact a medium or group of psychics of earth who thereupon establish an organization or school of thought through which this spirit group relays to humans its ideas.

Contradictory Teachings

Consider the various groups of earth—the cults, associations, fellowships, brotherhoods, denominations, societies—that hold all manner of convictions about all manner of things, and that, in all sincerity, teach these convictions and principles to any and all who will accept them. There is quite as much contradictory teaching among instructors of earth as there is coming from Spirit Life. Yet to us, this is a perfectly natural outgrowth of the different processes of reasoning of the human mind. We do not distress or disturb ourselves over the fact that all of earth's teachers do not agree even on fundamentals in any avenue of learning. And many of the most famous scholars hold diametrically opposite views. Mathematics being the only accurate, unchangeable science, as we mortals know science—all other philosophies, ologies, and isms being subject to change—nothing in this mundane sphere is truer than that old saying, "The knowledge

Massachusetts Medium



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of today is the ignorance of tomorrow."

Man, Spirit — Free Will

I have been asked why it is that God permits those spirits not qualified to teach truth, to contact man kind and confuse him? Well, why does God permit people of earth to come to diametrically opposite conclusions and spread absurdities among all who will listen? Why does God permit harm or distress of any kind to come upon mortals? The answer is, as I see it, that man as mortal as well as spirit is a free agent, having the privilege of choice in all things and pursuing his own course in his own way. Except that neither mortal man nor spirit man can alter or circumvent certain immutable laws of nature and of being, no compulsion is brought to bear upon him by God, either in this life or the life after death. God does not interfere with man, either spirit or mortal, because in order that credit or discredit should accrue to the evolving ego-identity, his progress or retrogression must be spontaneous and self-impelled—never forced or inhibited by higher spirit powers.

It sometimes takes centuries, measured in earthly time, to eradicate from spirit mind certain ingrained convictions, prejudices and religious concepts. Thus an ardent Mohammedan, contacting the earth plane through a synchronizing mediumship, may extol the beauties of Mohammedanism and the virtues of its prophet. Eventually all spirits come to the same understanding and interpretation of Universal Truth but some take a great deal more time about it than others.

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WHO, WHAT, WHERE IS GOD?

by HARRY BODDINGTON

That God is the greatest prophet in the universe, is clear to all students of evolution, for He who saw in primeval slime the future emergence of His own individualised expression, saw also the method by which His children would recognize their relationship to Him.

Christians who have added knowledge to their faith, realize why Paul in his letters to the Corinthians, claimed that prophecy was the best gift for them to develop. Every other gift can be explained by specious theories,



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but try as we may, we cannot explain the mechanism or the laws governing prophecy. We may call it extended intuition, or say that the soul contacts a larger field of consciousness, or that, under certain conditions, the divinity of man finds fuller expression or that the full consciousness sometimes over-rides the restrictions of the flesh, but no matter what theory we adopt, we are still left guessing as to its rationale.

Prophecy — Human Faculty

It is the principal gift that indicates man's relationship to God and therefore makes him very humble indeed.

For this reason I make no apology for extracting from my pamphlet on "Prophecy" what I regard as the clearest and best authenticated prophecy of all time. I have abridged it considerably, but those who wish to examine it in fuller detail, can purchase it ("Prophecy — Spirit's Voices" 35c from The Psychic Observer.)

The mind of man reflects the mind of God. If it can be proved that prophecy is a human faculty, it is but a reflection of the prophetic insight which foreordained the processes of evolution, developed attraction and repulsion into instinct and ultimated as consciousness in man.

On Nov. 13th, 1913, a so-called hypnotic subject prophesied the outbreak of the Great War.

Predict European War

On June 16th, 1914, the prediction was repeated at greater length and the "hypnotist" reported it to several responsible people whose certificates he holds. On Aug. 11th to 14th, 1914, the Greek newspapers "Asty" and "Ethnike" published them. The evidence is therefore indisputable.

Here are a few out of many correct details that were given at a time when Greece had not entered the war and her people believed Germany would win. Instead of following the usual submissive acceptance, the subject flatly contradicted the hypnotist's suggestions and in hypnotic sleep said: "Doctor, you are quite wrong. Nothing will take place as you foresee. Write down what I am about to say. European war is imminent."

Answers Published

On June 16th, 1914, she told them it would begin in about two months. On the outbreak of war

the following questions and answers were printed in the newspapers.

"What will be the duration of the war?" The war will be long. There will be many disasters. Millions will die. Unimaginable destruction will take place."

"What changes will happen in Europe?"

"Thrones will collapse. Ancient states will be dissolved and new ones created. The end of the war will be followed by a long period of negotiations, and at last Christmas festivities will be celebrated with joy in the hope of a happy future for Mankind."

"The desolations will not be the only result of the war. There will be great political complications. They will be ripe for regenerative ideas."

"What country will remain master of the situation?"

"England. She will in the end be the arbitrator in the questions raised at the conclusion of peace, and will work for equitable settlements."

"Which of the two groups confronting each other will be victorious?"

"The Triple Entente will be victorious in the end, and Greece will have joined in time to share the fruits of the victory."

"What will become of Germany?"

"Germany will not be split up. She will retain her place as an important factor in the general economic movement. Germany will be an empire no longer. The economic consequences of the war will be terrible for her. . . . After bloody struggles a new political order will arise. The GERMAN REPUBLIC will soon overthrow the barriers separating it from its neighbors. It will find without loss of time the road to fresh culminations and progress. . . . Austria is condemned to final destruction."

Live in Serialism?

I pause here to note that on the outbreak of war the Kaiser was on the throne and there was not the slightest appearance of the present socialist republic on the horizon.

That Germany has now found the road to fresh culminations and progress is indisputable. The extension of the war to the Balkans was outlined and even the location of battles to be fought was indicated and as already noted, this Grecian subject clearly stated that her own country would enter in time to share in the fruits of victory although all the responsible politicians were intriguing either to keep her out or put her in on the side of the Germans who they thought were sure to win.

In order to explain this riddle of prophecy writers are suggesting that past, present and future are meaningless terms. That we live in a serialism that has neither beginning nor end. It all seems like jargon and inclines us to the dictum of Bergson. "Future events do not exist in any shape and form whatever."

"God Is Love"

It annihilates all materialistic conceptions of mind as a function of matter. It shows that mind can rise superior to the elements from which its mechanism is conceivably compounded. But with prophecy before us, all talk of mind being but a reaction to external stimuli is silenced. God is seen to manifest as law in the atom which light in combination with other elements vivifies in order to produce life. But life with all its instinctive processes is now proved to exist beyond the gate of death. The prophetic eye looks through that gateway and therefore parts company with materialism because the teaching of Jesus now becomes transparently clear that "God is Love." Thus we learn that he who fulfills the law is co-equal with God.

Consciousness then controls the law which earlier in his evolution

SPIRITS ARE NOT INFALLIBLE

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Why Spirits Differ

In the first year of my own mediumistic development — some 18 years ago — I contacted a very sincere and earnest spirit-soul who felt qualified to teach me many things. Among other preposterous items of the "truth" he had evolved was the idea that the Virgin Mary was the Holy Ghost. In his spirit-mind there was no question about it—he KNEW. A very dear friend of mine identified this spirit as the sweetheart of her early youth, who had been in Spirit Life about thirty years—no one I had ever heard of. My friend told me that this spirit while in life had been an unusually ardent and devout Catholic. Evidently in Spirit Life he was still a devout

Catholic and had not been able to absorb enough of Universal Knowledge to rationalize his earthly religious concepts. In other words his dogged clinging to earth life interpretations had held him back, and though far from being an evil entity, he was nevertheless ignorant.

Thus far in this discourse it would seem that I have emphasized the dubious aspects of the questions under consideration. In doing so I have been attempting to explain to the puzzled students of psychism the why and wherefore of contradictory teachings as coming from spirit.

The Great Are Humble

Rest assured that the cloud has a silver lining—there is a bright side to the picture. There are hundreds of thousands of spirit-souls, even in the elementary conditions of Spirit Life who are sufficiently rational, reasonable, discriminating, scholarly and intelligent to have absorbed truths of being as they irrevocably exist, and who are able to recognize their limitations in the matter of teaching others. We do not contact all of them because there are so few synchronizing psychics available but as many of them as can be seen are sent to us by qualified teachers in the educational curricula of spirit. They come to teach us of spirit truth insofar as they personally know of it, or have been taught concerning it in the schools of eternity. When asked concerning a phase of spirit law or spirit life which they have not yet encountered they will be frank to tell you, "I don't know." And, they will come humbly.

The greatest teachers of Universal Truth that contact the earth plane do not come with fanfare and blare of trumpets. They are not pompous. They come with quiet dignity. They have grown to that point that they know that in all eternity of time all the knowledge and learning that there is, cannot be encompassed. Vanity and self satisfaction are not possible to them.

Law of Attraction

Like attracts like. If a psychic be high minded, sincere—a deep and thorough student and possessed of a high degree of spiritual culture, and living the Christ Life without one shallow pretense, he will draw to himself spirit entities of similar nature and you will be safe in listening to his teachers provided his mediumship is fully developed. There are not a great many who possess all these qualifications. Know your source and you will know your margin of safety. You will recognize the truly great teachers by their simplicity, their kindness and their humility. They will say, "I am not great. I am a student just as you are—but a little bit farther along the road of progress."

I have several spirit teachers and of course I contact my own dear ones who have not been in Spirit Life very long. When my own come to me with suggestions about this or that I consider them exactly as I would were they speaking in the flesh, and use my own judgment. Frequently I recognize instantly that their ideas are not feasible — at times not even wise.

Abraham Lincoln

Among my dearly loved colleagues in spirit are Abraham Lincoln, Henry Ward Beecher and Dr. Stuart Elliott — a spirit of great culture — in Spirit Life some five hundred years. He tells me that I am the last earthly contact he is required to make and that when I pass on his work as a spirit contacting the earth plane will be done. I was quite overcome when Abraham Lincoln began to frequent my study and, realizing this, he said one time, "Do not feel so amazed that I should feel an interest in you. Why should I not? Don't think

A PLEA

Rev. Margaret Meissner

It is indeed a pleasure to realize that young people are coming forward as mediums and workers, earnest and sincere, and desirous of helping the cause of Spiritualism.

During the dark ages spirit manifestation lay dormant with a few exceptions, and those who were the instruments for the manifestations were branded as witches and devil workers, and



REV. MARGARET MEISSNER
Pastor of The United Spiritualist Church, Rock Island, Illinois.

were persecuted, tortured or condemned to death. America has Salem to remember.

The pages of history from early Bible times to the present day depict a bloody trail to show that men and women have dared their all to give expression to spiritual awareness.

Anything that is as divinely given as mediumship cannot be kept in subjection. There is an influx of spirit entities seeking instruments — young people to carry on and prove the glorious truth of the continuity of life.

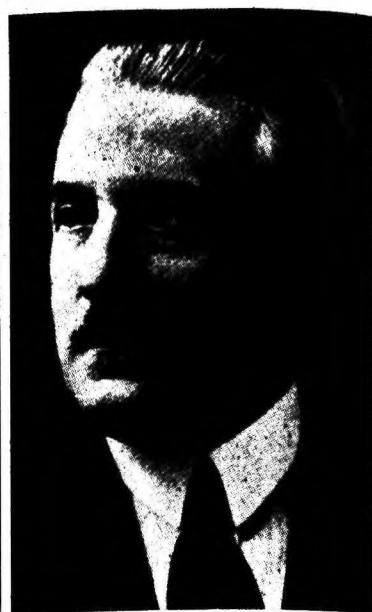
Again, a war torn and suffering world is seeking the waters of Life and the manna from Heaven. Let those who are sincere, stretch forth our hands and say "come, drink and be not thirsty, eat and be filled."

The time is at hand for a new dispensation and it is only through us that the spirit side of life is again able to teach the doctrine of brotherly love.

It is up to the youth of today to lift our banner and unfurl it to the winds of Heaven for all the world to see; and blaze the trail to freedom, religious and material. Let us forward march, banding together to help one another for the good of Spiritualism.

controlled and developed his individualised soul. He has become master who once was its slave. The most beautiful expression of love, wisdom and power are therefore the attributes of his God.

LEST WE FORGET



Otto Von Bourg, famous medium, who visited Lily Dale many years before his passing, communicates from "the other side" quite frequently.

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of me as a former president or as the Great Emancipator. I am not the great anything. I am just Abe Lincoln, advancing as best I can and helping here and on the earth plane to the best of my ability." Some time I should like to tell you some of the incidents of his life that he has revealed to me but that have never gotten into any of his biographies.

Naturally, knowing the type of mind, character and personality that the man Lincoln possessed when of earth, I feel that I can trust his judgment and his advice when he deems wise to offer them. I know that he will not go beyond what he recognizes as his own limitations in the matter. The same holds true of my friends Beecher and Elliott.

The content of this discourse was not born of hearsay nor gleaned from books written by other people but is the outgrowth of personal experience—some of it very bitter. I know whereof I speak!

A "Lone Wolf"

The eighteen years during which I have pursued psychic development and studied profoundly psychic philosophy have been years of travail—the more so perhaps, because I have accomplished the greater part of my unfoldment of mediumship as a "lone wolf" within the confines of the four walls of home. Up until six years ago, I knew no other mediums, I had never attended any classes or seances other than those held in my own home with only my sons present and occasionally a close friend or two. I was not affiliated with any other Spiritualists nor did I even know any. I was so fearful of making the wrong contacts both mortal and Spiritual that I preferred to work out my own salvation. It was a regime of trial and error, earnestly and prayerfully undertaken and steadfastly adhered to. Results have been worth the cost but I would not advise others to pursue exactly my course. I don't believe that many would have the compelling urge, the tenacity of purpose that drove me to hold determinedly to my course in the face of the obstacles and infinite discouragements that fairly overwhelmed the lone voyager into psychic realms.

Regardless of the authenticity or the fallibility or even the absurdity of matter coming through to us of earth from definite entities and personalities in the invisible world, we should find abiding happiness in the fact that if life was not continuous, if personality and intelligence did not survive the change called death, we should be able to get no communications at all, good or bad, true or false. The mere fact of contact and intercommunication therefore whatever their import makes us to know THERE IS NO DEATH.

New Spiritualist Camp To Be Opened At Blue Sulphur Springs, West Va.

The West Virginia State Spiritualist Camp Association will conduct a camp meeting July 2 to July 16 at Blue Sulphur Springs Hotel, located on U. S. Route 60 between Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia. The location is splendid for a camp, the sulphur springs have long been famous. There will be facilities for fishing, swimming, tennis, horse-shoe pitching, hiking and croquet. The hotel is located in a large grove of trees, affording ample shade.



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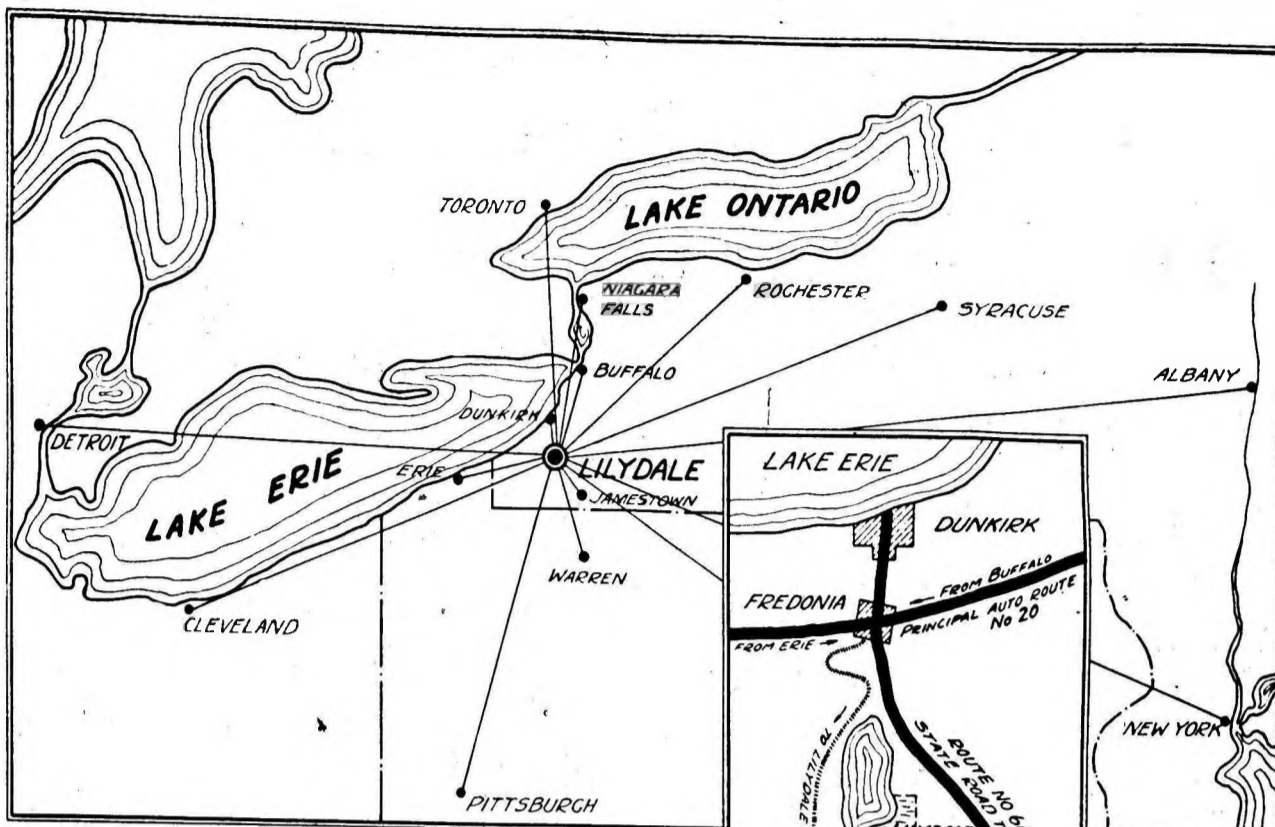
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
E. S. T. TIME OF SERVICES E. S. T.				June 30		1
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY — 2:30 P. M.						
SUNDAYS — 10 A. M., 2 P. M., 4:30 P. M., 8 P. M.						
NO SERVICES MONDAY						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Louise Arisman Frank Coney Geo. B. Cutter T. John Kelly Frederick Nicholson	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	FIREMEN'S DAY Political Speaker T. John Kelly Dance	Frank Coney Frederick Nicholson Thought Exchange Auditorium Seance	Mary Kelsey Christine Eddy	Chas. B. Hartshorne Alice Rich	Dr. A. J. Tyndall Mabelle Harris Thought Exchange Dance
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
JAMESTOWN DAY Amalia Pfanning Frank Coney Frederick Nicholson Helen Graham Kelly—Cutter	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	Helen Graham Frank Casebeer Miss Sumayah Attiyah	Frank Coney T. John Kelly Thought Exchange Dance	Mabel Macdonald Helen Graham	Sarah W. Cushing Elizabeth Fisher Miss Sumayah Attiyah	F. W. Mitchell Helen Graham Thought Exchange Dance
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BUFFALO DAY George A. Demarest Huenniger—Reed Berry—Kelly Cutter—Nicholson	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	Converse Nickerson Ann Keiser Illustrated Lecture, Nickerson	Robert Macdonald T. John Kelly Thought Exchange Dance	Converse Nickerson Ruth Clarke Entertainment Nickerson	Amalia Pfanning Teresa Rene Hayden Fashion Show Card Party	N. Y. STATE N.S.A. CONFERENCE Strickman—Bunts Merrill—Williams Robert Macdonald Thought Exchange Dance
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Corinne Dunklee Coney — Burroughs Cutter — Kelly Frederick Nicholson	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	Wm. E. Hammond Teresa Rene Hayden Illustrated Lecture Corinne Dunklee	Harold A. Lumsden T. John Kelly Thought Exchange Dance (Masquerade Ball)	H. Gordon Burroughs Catherine Jungen Entertainment Rev. Lumsden	Harold A. Lumsden Frederick Nicholson Illustrated Lecture Corinne Dunklee	ILLINOIS DAY Dr. C. A. Burgess Thought Exchange Dance
30	31	SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST				
Hazel Hoffner Alpha Gabriel Etta S. Bledsoe T. John Kelly Frederick Nicholson Frank Coney	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	1 Hazel Hoffner Etta Bledsoe Dr. McIvor-Tyndall	2 Etta S. Bledsoe T. John Kelly Thought Exchange Dance	3 Rev. May Potts D. Mona Berry Etta S. Bledsoe	4 Dr. McIvor-Tyndall Etta S. Bledsoe Dr. C. A. Burgess	5 OHIO DAY Jack Buchholz Thought Exchange Dance
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dr. Victoria Barnes Minnie M. Sayers A. E. Strath-Gordon T. John Kelly Coney — Kelly	CANADIAN DAY Rev. May Potts Choir Entertainment	Dr. Victoria Barnes Cecelia L. Gettins Dr. Strath-Gordon	Dr. Strath-Gordon "Theremin Soloist" Geo. B. Cutter Thought Exchange Auxiliary Floor Show	MEN'S DAY Geo. B. Cutter T. John Kelly Entertainment Dr. Strath-Gordon	Dr. Strath-Gordon Frank Coney "Theremin Soloist" Ill. Lecture Dr. Strath-Gordon	PENNSYLVANIA DAY Rev. C. V. Morrow Thought Exchange Dance
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
LILY DALE DAY Lucy Walker Cecelia Gettins Wm. E. Hammond T. John Kelly Cecelia Gettins	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	N. S. A. DAY Joseph P. Whitwell Seance, Lucy Walker	Dr. Riblet B. Hout Minnie Sayers Thought Exchange Dance	Joseph P. Whitwell Lucy Walker Orchestra Entertain- ment	CHILDREN'S DAY T. John Kelly Childrens Fancy Dress Ball	JUNIOR LEAGUE DAY Lester Miller Thought Exchange Dance
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Dr. Sheldon Shepard Ida Demopoulis Elizabeth Goetz Fred Nicholson T. John Kelly Minnie M. Sayers	Ladies' Auxiliary Card Party Entertainment	Lester Miller Alice Swift Lily Dale in the Movies Fred Larson	Dr. Sheldon Shepard T. John Kelly Thought Exchange Dance	Elizabeth Goetz Ida Demopoulis "Duodrama" Dr. Sheldon Shepard	Dr. Sheldon Shepard Catherine Jungen	WOMAN'S DAY Edith Griffith Leila S. Learned Banquet Formal Ball
27	28	29				
Elizabeth H. Goetz Minnie M. Sayers Dr. Riblet B. Hout T. John Kelly Frederick Nicholson	Committee Reports Closing Activities	CLOSING DAY Final Reports of Officers and Auxiliary Bodies				



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