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### The Medium's Friend



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### Yes, The Indian IS The Medium's Friend

Read Mrs. Hicks' Remarkable Story:  
**"CHIEF ACORN SAVES MY LIFE"**

In the spring of 1922, we advertised our home for sale and the very first person to come to look at it was a mild mannered, soft-voiced, sad eyed little man who rang the door bell one bright May morning.

His manner was quiet, courteous, gentle and most disarming, yet I had no sooner let him in the house than a feeling of extreme disquiet took possession of me. In intuitive flashes it came to me to be on my guard — against what, I did not know. It was a matter wholly of intuition, since the man had done or said nothing whatever at which I could have taken alarm but I expressed a mighty wish that I had not admitted him.

It really was not personal harm that I feared, but I did sense that there was some sinister motive in his coming. After asking me about the general lay of the house, he began to talk about his business which involved the necessity of keeping a large number of very fine tools in a dry and safe place. I told him that either the attic or the basement would prove an entirely satisfactory place to keep such things and at once he suggested that I accompany him to the basement, ostensibly to make sure it was, really dry enough for those wonderful tools of his. Something warned me not to go with him, so I merely said he might go down and look around for himself all he pleased — which he did not do.

The house was a large one and he had no way of being sure that I was alone in it. Remembering that three of the bedroom doors upstairs were closed and he could not possibly be sure that no one was behind them, I let him precede me up the stairs and enter the big front room at the top of the staircase the door of which stood wide open. While he looked about I went to the end of the hall opened a door and pretended to talk to some one. The telephone rang and I excused myself to go downstairs and answer it, leaving the man meanwhile staring rather moodily. I thought, out of the window of the big front room. Strangely enough, there was no one on the wire

#### I Sense Danger

By this time, my feeling of danger and dread was approaching panic, I had noticed that the man's arms were abnormally long, his hands huge and powerful, the long, muscular fingers continually working nervously and spasmodically. I was minded to call the police, yet to do so would have placed me in a horrible predicament since there was no charge I could possibly make. The man's manner was mild, his eyes soft and his voice quiet and courteous. He had actually done and said nothing to which I could possibly take exception, yet I was momentarily growing more and more aware of something dreadful about him. I would have asked him just to go but something

## THE WRITING UPON THE WALL

### Physical Phenomena Of The Bible

Daniel 6:1 to 28



ON THE WALL APPEARED LETTERS AND WORDS NO ONE COULD READ

In his palace, King Belshazzar held a great feast in honor of HIS God. What at that time seemed strange, "The hand of God" wrote upon the wall. This was the writing, MENE. MENE. TEKEL, UPHARSIN. And, according to Daniel, this is the meaning, Numbered, Numbered, Weighed, Divided.

"MENE: God has counted the years of your kingdom and has brought it to an end.

"TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances and have been found wanting.

"UPHARSIN: Your kingdom is divided and taken from you, and given to the Medes and the Persians."

In the midst of the feast, the Medes and the Persians burst into the palace and put the King to death. The demonstration of Physical Phenomena, preceding this incident, was one of the most outstanding proofs of INDEPENDENT WRITING and today no one dares challenge the authenticity of this incident.

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## IS ENGLAND'S PLIGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR LONDON'S KEEN INTEREST IN SPIRIT COMMUNICATION?

### They Still Want To Know: "Can The War Dead Return"

London's Ace Reporter, H. W. Shirley Long continues his investigation into SPIRITUALISM. His articles "DO THE WAR DEAD COME BACK?" have appeared in the last two issues of PSYCHIC OBSERVER. This article, the last in the series, describes a seance, held under strict test conditions. The woman accompanying the reporter was a total stranger to the medium, Ronald Strong, said to be one of England's best direct-voice intermediators.

By H. W. SHIRLEY LONG  
 Special Reporter, SUNDAY PICTORIAL  
 London, England

This is the full story of what happened when I took a "Sunday Pictorial" reader to her first seance. During my investigations into the claims of Spiritualists, I have seen and heard many amazing things.

But I wanted to obtain test conditions at a seance. I wanted to know what would happen if a totally unknown person, who had lost somebody in this war, went to a medium, where I could be present, and where I could check all the facts.

Mrs. Margaret Garner, of Wandsworth, London, was among the many people, who have written to me asking to be put into touch with mediums and spiritualist meetings.

Just here I want to say that I am not concerned with people who are curiosity seekers, or people who want to go to seances for an eerie thrill. I am not interested in table-rappings, fortune telling, or haunted houses.

Mrs. Garner, in her first letter to me, told me that her husband, an ex-soldier of the last war called up for this war, had died tragically on September 3, 1939. She wanted to know how she could get to a spiritualist meeting.

I therefore invited Mrs. Garner to accompany me to a seance.

Test conditions of complete anonymity and lack of any pre-knowledge on the part of the medium were therefore assured from the start. A sitting was booked with a medium named Ronald Strong, a young man in

his early twenties who has been attracting attention in spiritualist circles recently.

Mr. Strong had no idea that I was attending one of his seances, and, of course, knew nothing of Mrs. Garner. I should like to add, here, that I knew nothing of Mrs. Garner, or the story of her husband's death.

The seance was held in a house in Kensington and seven people attended, all of them complete strangers to Mrs. Garner.

We gathered in a circle in a downstairs room, and the room was blacked out. But, right at the start, we encountered difficulty, for it seemed that the room was not dark enough. Chinks of sunlight were showing through the

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warned me not to rouse his anger or to let him know I was uneasy. What to do — what to do?

I went back upstairs. The man was not in the big, front room. He was nowhere to be seen and there was not a sound to be heard anywhere. I stood by a linen closet just outside the door of the upstairs bathroom wondering what to do next. About three feet inside the bathroom door there was a deep jog in the wall behind which concealment was very easy, yet I couldn't believe the man was in there because the door was wide open.

#### Man Terrorized

Suddenly there was an earsplitting, hair-raising yell and that man flew out of that bathroom, as if shot from a cannon, his face chalk white, his eyes bulging with terror and his mouth working. He gave one look of horror as he shot past me, taking the stairs three at a time. Out the front door he rushed like a mad man.

Thunderstruck, I went to a front window to see what he did when he got outside and he was running past the house as if the devil himself were after him. He looked up once, his mouth agape and his eyes popping, and if ever I saw holy terror on a human countenance, it was at it then. Completely at sea as to his explanation for his strange conduct, I nevertheless thanked my lucky stars that he was out of the house. I related the incident to the family and we finally decided that I had entertained either a mad man or a drug addict and the whole thing was soon forgotten.

At the time I knew nothing of Spiritualism, Psychic Philosophy. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)



MEDIUM VOLUNTEERS



GEORGE DAISLEY, Mental Medium, London, England. Spiritualist papers in Great Britain report that he may soon be called to serve his country.

The Editor of PSYCHIC OBSERVER spent several hours in Daisley's home and witnessed splendid demonstrations of his clairvoyance—full names, foreign languages. He is 25.

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THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Physical Phenomena of the Bible

(See Illustrated Article On Page One)

By NELL MAGRUDER SMITH

COMMUNICATION, THROUGH SPIRIT WRITING, has proven to be one of the most CONVINCING and most EFFECTIVE METHODS by which TRUTHS have been made known to man from spirit-world, throughout all ages.

Its manifestation has never been confined to any prescribed LAW, neither does it seem to be regulated by any special rule, nor limited to any particular type of person, condition or circumstance. It manifests as inspirational, impressional, automatic, direct or independent.

It matters not, whether the thoughts flow full and free, through a mind, conscious of the inspiring words that are racing through the mental channels, as in song and verse; or in the form of logical truths and scientific facts IMPRESSED upon a mind that reasons, weighs and reduces it to written words; whether it is given in messages written backward or upside down, (relieving the medium of any question of their thoughts having entered into the mental expression of the controlling spirit); whether, it is given AUTOMATICALLY, (the controlling influence using the muscles of the mediums arm,) while the medium has no conscious knowledge of what is transpiring; or whether it manifests INDEPENDENTLY, as in "slate-writing" or as the "writing on the wall," when the spirit entity, in the face of every opposition, apparently unassisted by any medium, materialized a hand and wrote high on the plaster, so that all could see and read. This message clear and concise. It FORETOLD the finish of a King's reign and the fall of a Kingdom.

WRITINGS from and by spirits have played a most important role in the history and destiny of Nations. It is a matter of record that when Moses made his first CONSCIOUS CONTACT with the "spirit in the burning bush," he not only SAW the flames but he also HEARD AND TALKED with the angel concealed therein. He was being asked to perform a great work, and instructions were then given him concerning it.

It is logical to say that two phases of mediumship were "conferred" upon Moses at this time, by which he could gain the confidence of his fellowmen and prove to everyone that the power of God was working with and through him.

Moses was a HEALER. The proof that convinced him, was when he "cured his own leperous hand," by placing it within his bosom. He could INFUSE NEW LIFE INTO A DEAD CONDITION, demonstrated when he "converted the shepherds rod into a serpent." This was symbolical of starting motion and life within an otherwise dead object, rather than the mere trick of a magician.

Spirit always utilizes whatever is "at hand," and in this case, it happened to be a shepherd's rod. This rod was seen to assume life without changing its outward shape or appearance, demonstrating that it is "what is WITHIN" that really matters rather than the outward, visible appearance or form.

Moses, developed many phases of mediumship, among them,—trumpet, direct-voice, healing, materialization, apportion, prophecy and SPIRIT WRITING. Many are familiar with the account of the 40 days he spent in prayer and fasting, up in the mountain, alone, except for that Spiritual PRESENCE, his leader. Still others are familiar with the 10 LAWS that were outlined on the two "slate-stones." Five were SPIRIT LAWS, dealing with relations of man to God through his SOUL self. The other five were CIVIL LAWS, teaching man to recognize and respect the rights and liberties of his fellowman.

It is wrong to cheat, steal, covet, lie or kill. By the same token and to the same extent, it is wrong to withhold from the soul, the freedom, joy and liberties of "conscious contacts with God," through keeping in touch with his ministering angels, giving and receiving the waters of Life Eternal.

From EXODUS 31:18 and 32:15-16, we quote, "He gave to Moses, when they had finished communing, two tables of "TESTIMONY," of stone, WRITTEN WITH THE FINGER OF GOD". And again, "Moses, went down the mountain, carrying the two tables of stone, WRITTEN ON BOTH SIDES. They were the WORK OF GOD, the WRITING was OF GOD, graven on the tables."

Again, we find Moses receiving from this same SPIRIT ENTITY, the PLANS for the TABERNACLE, according to a PATTERN, (a blue print, so to speak) which was complete in every detail, including specifications of size, style, number and kinds of materials to be used in every instance, from the wood of the boards and furniture; the materials of curtains and draperies to the vessels of service of gold, silver and brass.

And, Moses was meticulous in making everything "ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN" as was given unto him by his SPIRIT GUIDE, JEHOVAH.

Next, let us turn to King David, who was also a psychic; communicating with his "spirit helpers" regularly; receiving messages clairvoyantly, clairaudiently, as well as through SPIRIT WRITINGS, both inspirationally and automatically.

The Book of PSALMS, written by David, under spirit control, bear record of his inspirational writings, and within them are to be found a psalm applicable to every human emotion and an answer to every need of the soul. His experiences run the gamut of trials and triumphs of a soul trying to develop, in a human body subjected to many crucial tests.

David, like Moses, was also given a PLAN IN WRITING, which in this instance was to be a TEMPLE, a building of a permanent nature, more fitting to the new regime, and which would absorb or replace the former TABERNACLE. These TEMPLE plans, were given from Spirit, both clairvoyantly and in WRITING.

Everything, pertaining to the Temple proper, the rooms, porches, connecting buildings, furnishings required for each, including descriptions so complete and perfect as to measurement and materials, that every stone was chiseled and polished at the quarry, and all the wood that went into the building was cut, hewed out and dressed down, in the forests, and hauled to Jerusalem. So perfect was the specifications that every stone fit into its niche and every piece of wood dropped into its groove, and we are told that there was neither the sound of a hammer or chisel heard on the premises during the erection of the TEMPLE at JERUSALEM.

And what did David say regarding it? "The Lord made me to UNDERSTAND IN WRITING, with HIS HAND UPON ME, the PATTERN OF THE TEMPLE, which was shown ME by the SPIRIT."

Turning our thoughts now to the phase of INDEPENDENT WRITING, we cite you to the incident that happened in the banquet hall of Belshazzar and the "WRITING ON THE WALL" that defies

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INTERNATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SPIRITUALISTS CONVENTION

Akron, Ohio — June 13th to 16th

MAYFLOWER HOTEL HEADQUARTERS

The International General Assembly of Spiritualists of America, will hold their Fifth Annual Convention at the Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio, June 13th-16th inclusive, according to Rev. Fred Jordan, President.

The Convention will begin Thursday evening, June 13th, with a banquet in the ball-room of the hotel.

The business sessions will be held Friday and Saturday morning, June 14th and 15th, at nine A. M. On these same days lecture, message and healing services, open to the public, will be held at two thirty P. M. and eight P. M.

Sunday, June 16th the lecture and message services will also be open to the public, afternoon and evening.

The following speakers and mediums have been invited to serve during the Convention. Claude S. Leaf, Los Angeles, Calif.; Raymond E. Burns, Buffalo, N. Y.; Homer Walkins, Detroit Michigan; L. A. Hosler Akron, Ohio; William Darden, Portsmouth, Va.; Edith Green, Detroit, Michigan; Lucy A. Walker, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mamie Pirtle, Long Beach, Calif.; Bertie Lilly Candler, Miami, Florida and Alma L. Moser, Lily Dale, N. Y. Many other mediums from Ohio and various states have also been invited to serve.

The I. G. A. S. Incorporated as a religious body of Spiritualists, adheres to the Holy Bible as a key to Ancient and Modern Prophecy, Healing and discerning of Spirits and according to Rev. Jordan it is an organization that strives to prove that Spiritualism is the one religion based upon the teachings of Jesus The Christ.

All Spiritualists are cordially invited to attend this convention.

For additional information write: Rev. Fred Jordan, 154 Seaboard Avenue, Portsmouth, Va., or the Secretary, F. W. Constantine, 43 Norwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKER



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FRED JORDAN

He invites all Spiritualists to attend I. G. S. Annual Convention.

all scientific investigations, and challenges all questioners as to how great are the POWERS OF THE INVISIBLE KINGDOM, TO PRODUCE PHYSICAL PHENOMENA, IN THE WORLD TODAY.

It was on the occasion when Belshazzar holding a special celebration, and so very desirous was he to make this an elaborate affair, as well as impressive with his guests and the lords of his provinces, that he brought forth the gold and silver vessels, stolen from the "Temple at Jerusalem," (the same, shown to David) and served drinks from them. By this gesture, he was desecrating spiritual things, bringing them down to the level of the drunken debauchery into which he had sunk.

At the height of this revelry, when he and his guests in a drunken, hilarious mood, arose to give praises, (offer a toast in other words) to the "God of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood and stone," that suddenly and without warning, a hand materialized out of the invisible, the fingers of which "WROTE ON THE PLASTER OF THE WALL" the words, "MENE MENE, TEKAL, UPHARSIN." The hand dematerialized, but the words remained, indelibly impressed, just as those written on the "slate stones for Moses."

So alarmed was Belshazzar, that it sobered him enough to send for his "Magicians, astrologers, soothsayers and wise men," but none could give an interpretation. Then the Queen informed them, that a man named Daniel, had received messages and interpretations from the spirit world, during the days of Nebuchadnezzar, (Belshazzar's father), and so, Daniel was sent for, and this is what he told them: "You have been praising things that can neither SEE, HEAR nor KNOW, when you ought to have praised GOD, the SOURCE of these things. You have not been glorifying God in anything, and so this WRITING on the wall is to inform you." "Thy Kingdom is numbered and finished." "You are weighed in the balance and found wanting." "Thy Kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." And truth to say, that night, the enemy came and Belshazzar was slain. Dan. 5:5,11,23-31.

How Spirit was able to perform the writing, under such great odds, with not one harmonious vibration from which to draw, is beyond human ability to explain, yet the facts followed to corroborate the phenomena. You do not have to accept the scriptural version, you can consult history

Just a word about INSPIRATIONAL WRITINGS. The Apostle John, an exile on Patmos, when under deep spirit control, (entranced) HEARD A VOICE say, " \* \* \* \* what thou SEEST, WRITE in a book, \* \* \* WRITE the things thou has SEEN; the things that ARE; and the things which SHALL BE hereafter." Then followed, long individual messages, dictated by the materialized spirit of Jesus, to each of the seven churches of Asia. John wrote them in words just as they came from the lips of Jesus, who had been "dead" for over 60 years. There were warnings, counsels, and advice for future activities that must be carried out, lest they become too great a distance from God, thereby, losing their spiritual estate and their heritage in the Kingdom of Heaven. Why not reread the Book of Revelations?

# This "HERESY SERMON" Caused The Dismissal Of Rev. B. F. Austin From The Methodist Church

FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE HERESY SERMON, FROM THE TEXT: "BUY THE TRUTH AND SELL IT NOT." PROV. XXIII. 23:

To know the truth, to love the truth and to live the truth is the whole duty of man. We have excellent authority for the statement that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of truth proceeding from God, whether that word be written on the rocks and read by the astronomer, or in the heart of man or in the statements.

To know the truth about our bodies, i. e., the laws that govern our physical being, and come into sympathy and accord with those laws, means health, bodily vigor and physical strength and enjoyment. To know the laws of our mental nature, to know how the mental faculties are strengthened and developed, and to bring ourselves into harmony with the laws of mentality, is to attain intelligence and mental health and vigor.

To learn the laws of our spiritual being and how our spiritual faculties may be cultured and perfected, to learn and love and obey the great spiritual laws by which we are related to the spiritual universe (this is the foundation of all religion). To know God and Jesus Christ, whom God has sent is, according to Scripture, eternal life. Now God is spirit, and to know God, is to know spirit in its essential qualities, in its infinite possibilities, in its universal relationships, and hence spiritual knowledge is, according to Scriptural teaching, the foundation of all religion and the beginning of eternal life.

### "Truth Cannot Perish"

The whole world has been slow and the Christian church inexorably slow in recognizing the supreme value of spiritual knowledge or truth, though Jesus emphasized its importance, and the prophets declared that the people perished for lack of knowledge.

Truth is set before us in the text as an object of supreme value, and we are exhorted to buy the truth and sell it not — implying that in purchasing no price is too great to pay for it, no sacrifice, toil, suffering or worldly goods is to be for a moment considered in comparison with it; and once possessed, all worldly riches, all that men covet and seek and think most valuable, is to be scorned as insufficient inducement to part with the truth. Would it be possible in a few words to emphasize more highly the supreme value of truth to man?

The merchandise we are exhorted to seek at all costs and never to sell is heavenly and divine. Truth is the daughter of God and in all her attributes God-like and eternal. Truth never depreciates in value. Every day of a man's life, every age of the world's history, truth becomes increasingly beautiful and valuable. Truth can never perish. There have been times in human history when for a period it has suffered apparent defeat or eclipse and for a brief hour has seemed to perish. But like the Phoenix, it has risen from its ashes to soar to greater heights, assume more

*Is it Spiritualism vs. Orthodoxy or is it Orthodoxy vs. Spiritualism? In either case, history tells us that the struggle — if we can indeed, call it a struggle — has been going on for ages. We know about the present day differences aired against the teachings of Spiritualism by Orthodox clergymen. It has ever been thus. The great pioneers of Spiritualism had their struggles too. J. Clegg Wright, W. J. Colville, William Lockwood, Cora L. V. Richmond and hundreds of others.*

*Only recently, the editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER, received a clipping from a Rochester, N. Y., newspaper, "THE UNION AND ADVERTISER," dated March 21, 1910. This clipping covered the entire text of a sermon delivered in Plymouth Spiritual Church by REV. B. F. AUSTIN. The article states further that Rev. Austin, after delivering the sermon, was charged with heresy and found guilty by the Methodist conference.*

lovely forms and demonstrate to men and angels its immortal character.

"Truth crushed to earth shall live again;  
The eternal years of God are hers,  
But error, wounded, writhes in pain  
And dies amid her worshippers."

Error must and will assuredly perish. Sin and suffering must cease. The tares will be burned up. The wheat gathered into the garner. Whittier truthfully sings:

"The tares may perish, but the wheat  
Is not for death."

### A Greater Understanding

Falsehood and error and sin have their brief rule in God's universe, but are destined to end. The cloud may shut out the sun for an hour and boast that it has blotted out or hidden the powerful king of day, or at least has divided the world's empire with the sun. But the sun shines on and the cloud dissipates. Error and sin, I repeat, are temporal; truth and righteousness eternal. If not, how vindicate the character of God?

If sin and error are to become permanent principles, then the empire of the universe must be divided between God and the devil, error and truth. No, a thousand times, no. As sure as you mist shall be dissipated by the morning light, as sure as light and darkness cannot co-exist, as sure as God reigns, error and falsehood and sin and suffering shall be blotted out and truth and righteousness prevail. Then comes Millennial dawn.

Man can not live in his higher spiritual faculties without truth any more than the plant can live without air and sunshine or the body without food. Truth is the vitalizing air in which the soul expands and stretches her pinions for lofty flight. Truth is the sunshine of the soul, in which alone the soul can put forth its bud and blossom and send out its perfume. Without truth the soul can never develop its power or come into spiritual strength and beauty.

Truth should be set before all the rising generation by parents, teachers and preachers, as the most valuable acquisition of life. I wish I could impress the thought upon the hearts of the young people especially, that out of all possible acquisitions between the cradle and the grave, truth is the only real and permanent possession. Truth sought, truth found, truth loved and incorporated into our lives, woven into the warp of our character, this is the one thing

worth seeking both for this world and the next.

I want to emphasize one point and that is that all truth is sacred and divine. There is not a truth in heaven or hell but is sacred and pure and desirable for man to know. There is no profane truth, no immoral truth, no truth belonging to his Satanic majesty. There is no secular truth. A truth taught in the school or college is as sacred as a truth taught in the pulpit. How is it that men have not outgrown the narrow conceptions of past ages that made certain places and times and persons and truths sacred, and stamped the rest profane. In Christ's time men thought there was one holy city, Jerusalem; one holy day, the Sabbath; one holy place, the temple; but Christ taught not men so. He showed that every spot was holy ground, the Sabbath was made for man and no man for the Sabbath, and thus he lifted up all the life to the spiritual plane. Every teacher of truth is therefore doing a sacred work and the church and school are as sacred as the church and more important in their influence for good, because they deal with the youth and because they teach less human opinions and their influence tends more to personal investigation and research.

### Indifference To Truth

I want to note a few of the hindrances men meet in searching for truth and to show what we must pay to secure it. The only hindrances we meet with in finding the truth are in ourselves. First then, we have indifference. It is simply wonderful how little genuine appreciation of the value of truth there is with the average man or woman. Truth lies all around them, unsought, unappreciated, waiting to enrich their mind and heart and exalt men to broader vision and richer experiences. Men are so immersed in business and so occupied with pleasure that the great and only permanent acquisition of life is neglected. Truth is within hand-grasp of every one. Treasures of it lie buried at our very feet, richer than the gems of India, or the gold of Ophir.

We have only to open our eyes, to reach out our hands, to exercise our faculties and we shall find these eternal possessions that will lift us out of intellectual and spiritual poverty and give us rank with the noblest spirits of earth and heaven. Bunyan's picture of the man with muck rake gathering dust and entirely unconscious of the presence of the angel holding a crown above his head, is but a faint representation of human indifference to truth. Not one angel, but all God's militant host surrounds us, not one crown, but ten thousand do they offer us, if we will only listen to their voices and be led by them up the heights of truth and blessedness.

A second and very serious difficulty in seeking the truth is the notion so prevalent that certain men are ordained of heaven to seek truth for all mankind, and that we are to accept their acquisitions in place of seeking for ourselves. We can never attain truth by proxy. By divine ordination every man is an original investigator of truth. He stultifies his own intellect, he denies his own reason, who hands over his religious views and opinions to

## ONE OF SPIRITUALISM'S GREAT PIONEERS



REV. B. F. AUSTIN

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—B. F. AUSTIN

any priest or religious teacher.

We are to accept nothing on opinions of others. What another man has thought or believed, what a church council or synod has formulated, is nothing to me, only it may be a reason for personal investigation ending in acceptance or rejection, as I may find it in harmony with reason and well established truth. This is the one great defect in our schools and churches today. Young people are banded together and fed on the opinions and views of men formulated, it may be, thousands of years ago, in place of being taught to think out these religious problems for themselves and reach their own conclusions. A generation that is brought up and educated on the principle:

"Open your mouth and shut your eyes,

And I'll give you something to make you wise."

will never be intellectually rich. The most valuable lesson a public school teacher can give a scholar is to teach him intellectual independence, to think for himself and not rely on another's opinion. And so our Sunday schools would be infinitely more serviceable to the youth if in place of cramming the minds of the youth with the theological opinions of last ages we set them to study rationally and freely this grand old book in the light of present day science.

Another great hindrance to the reception of truth on the part of church people especially is the mistaken notion that all spiritual truth was given to the world in one complete system nearly 2,000 years ago. I for one do not question the lofty morality, the exalted character, and the unspeakable value to the world of the teachings of Him we call master, the Jewish carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth. The ethical system of Jesus has never been surpassed, and I think had never been equaled up to His time. That system enforced by His life of lofty devotion to humanity and his heroic death must ever stand as an illustration of the highest inspiration and development of which humanity is capable.

### "Teachings" Not Final

But a point neglected by most of us who are His followers is this: His teachings were never set before his followers as a finality. He declared plainly and repeatedly implied in His discourses that fact that he was not giving out to humanity all the truth he had received. "I have many things to say unto you but ye can not bear them now." He declared that after him would come a teacher, the spirit, that should guide His followers into all truth. So he refrained from uttering truths too advanced for His hearers and cautioned His disciples not to cast pearls before swine, i. e., to give out doctrines so far in advance of the spiritual development of their hearers that they could not appreciate their value of beauty any more than swine could appreciate the beauty of pearls. God has dealt with humanity as we deal with children. He has given to every nation and to every age truths adapted to their development. We teach a few elementary truths to our children of three or four years of age. To those of 10

or 12 we can give more advanced truth, and to our youth of 20 or 21 we can teach truths suitable for young manhood or womanhood.

In the earliest times men got very crude and even contradictory conceptions of God. At first He was a being, awful in character, dreadful in His fierce dealings with humanity, and only known as a being to be feared and propitiated by blood. Even in Old Testament times the conception of God was that of a cruel and jealous ruler, an angry, frowning Jehovah who was to be placated with a multitude of offerings, and who required the death of the offender in some slight transgression of his law were made either wittingly or unwittingly.

### The "Church" Crucifix!

Jesus came and his conception of God is that of a loving Father, one whose love went out to all men and who delighted to hear and answer prayer. Now if my proposition is true regarding God's revelation to man you will see that it is a continuous revelation, a progressive revelation, a revelation to every people and age, and if the character of the truth revealed depends (as I claim it must) on the ability of men to receive it, then revelation is to continue forever and we have it today as truly, aye, more fully, than in any preceding age. Again, revelation is not, as men have taught, a reversal of ordinary growth and development, not an irruption of truth to any one people or age, but a continuous divine stream of truth and inspiration to humanity in every age and clime, and limited only by the capacity of the race to receive it.

If that be true, then we should be looking in every age for new truth outside the teachings of the fathers and sometimes for truth so far surpassing all the conceptions our fathers formed as to appear not only new, but contradictory, to their teachings.

Now, I have a few words to say on the attitude of the church toward new truth. Unfortunately, from a variety of causes this attitude has not been generally what it should have been, and enlightened men, pious men, men of devout spirit, have often been repelled from the church because the church has assumed a hostile attitude toward new truth. If we go back to the time of Christ we find the churchmen of His day were not sympathetic toward new truth.

If any doctrine came to the people through the priesthood the church would hear it and heed it, but if it came from an out-of-the-way place, like Nazareth, they would scorn and persecute it. It was churchmen who put Jesus to the shameful death of the cross. In Luther's time, when he hurled his advanced ideas like a bombshell into the camp of the Roman church, it was the churchmen of his day who sought his life. In Wesley's time, though he preached the purest form of spiritual truth that was proclaimed in his age, yet the churchmen of his time drove him out and he had to preach in graveyards and coal mines and on the markets.

I fear that, while our church (Continued on Page 6, Col. 3)

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### Is there a devil existing outside of the human mind?

The greatest, the most perfect devil that we ever knew, had an existence in the human mind—in that portion of it that is the result of human education. The devil, as a distinctive personality, is a thing of time, a something that has been wrought out through your defective educational system.

You are here educated, religiously, morally, intellectually and physically. And that portion which runs through the whole system entire, is that which has produced this personal devil. It has made his horns, and his hoofs, and all his various appendages.

It has called upon humanity to exercise a fear concerning him, but it is all the result of a false education. Those persons who have never been educated at all in such matters have no thought of a devil.

### Is not science one of the greatest and most important studies in the spirit world?

It is the foundation of all true educational systems. It is the only true basis upon which intelligence can rely for information, whether here or there.

All spirits, when they become divested of the mortal form, and have risen beyond the prejudices incident to human life, when they begin to desire to know more concerning themselves and their surroundings, at once start off, attended by science. This attendant never forsakes them.

They are never satisfied with any demonstration that is not truly scientific, that cannot be resolved to a clear point beyond dispute. And it would be far better for our religionists of earth, our moralists, and, indeed, far better for all classes of being, would they adopt a similar plan, and investigate therein by science.

Let science be the basis of your religion, and worship at no shrine that is not a scientific shrine. When you do this, you will seldom have occasion to look back with regret over the many mistakes you have made.

If this Spiritualism is what it purports to be, for the uplifting of humanity, ought not our mediums too, be surrounded by the highest type of intellectual and moral civilization, so that spirits of the highest order can manifest through them?

That condition is certainly something to be desired, but it is not absolutely a necessity. The returning spirit does not make use of the moral law belonging to the media. It only makes use of the physical law. The physical body only becomes an instrument in the hands of the foreign spirit.

But if all mediums were surrounded in their earthly lives by good influences—those that you call high and holy—then they would always attract to themselves, by virtue of those surroundings, the higher. But the lower would find it very hard to come.

That which would prove such an excellent agent for the one would prove a most formidable obstacle to the other. A wise providence has made selection of its subjects, you call mediums, from the middle strata of life.



THEODORE PARKER

Jesus was found eating and drinking with publicans and sinners. So frequently was he in their company that his opponents called him a wine-bibber. He stood between the high and the low. Angels ministered unto him from above, devils came unto him from below. He preached to the one, he received from the other.

If you will observe closely, you will find that it has always been thus. Our mediums are carefully selected from the middle strata of human life, for from that plane they can be made capable of doing the most good. They can receive the most, they can give the most from that plane.

There is a power behind all life which shapes and fashions all things, all thoughts, all exhibitions of mind and matter, and whether we trust it or doubt it, it will move on its mighty course just the same.

What are claims of Spiritualism, when viewed in the light of a common test, which is as fair for one class as for another, viz: "The tree is known by its fruits?"

The claims of Spiritualism are as wide, as deep, as high, as Spiritualism is itself. Spiritualism claims homage from all things—true Spiritualism, not that which is such only in the exterior, but that which is such in its internal life.

The opponents of Spiritualists and Spiritualism, sometimes determine very harshly concerning the "ism" and the "ists." They tell us they have not determined unwisely or unrighteously, for they have judged by their fruits which they perceive. That is right.

Spiritualists should be judged, and should expect to be judged, by the fruit they bear, by the moral light which they are able to shed upon humanity, by the golden age which they are expected to usher in.

Spiritualists should expect to be weighed in the balance of public opinion and, if they are found wanting, they should remember that not they alone will suffer, but the holy cause which they represent.

It behoves everyone who claims communion with the angels to walk honestly, uprightly in that faith, keeping the golden rule where they can see it, making it a part of their lives, ever being in harmony with it, and never at any time suffering themselves to be in antagonism to it.

When considered in conjunction with the external unfoldings of some Spiritualists, Spiritualism will bear no test whatever. If it were dependent upon some of its exponents for merit, for real value, it would be found sadly wanting. But, thanks be to God, it does not depend upon any "ist" whatever.

Inasmuch as it is pure and undefiled itself, it can march through the ages unsoiled. Those persons who are able to look beyond the mere bubbling, foaming surface can see it in its purity. Spiritualism, or spiritism, and Spiritualists differ, there is a wide line of demarcation between the two.

One is a mere shadow, the other is the reality. In order to test Spiritualism, in God's name do not test it through Spiritualists. Throw it into the scale in all its purity, weigh it, and it cannot be found wanting.

Is the mind, or that power or principle called intellect, a sep-

arate organism, or does its action or growth depend on the spiritual organization for its objective expression, as spirit depends on matter for its medium of expression?

Mind is almost entirely dependent upon the formation of the external body for expression. It is the medium between spirit and crude matter. It is a mirror through which the spirit reflects itself upon matter. Its capacity is increased or decreased in correspondence with the increase or decrease of harmonious matter. It belongs to matter.

Can you give me a clear, perspicuous definition of the connecting relations of the three principles, matter, spirit and mind?

Spirit I believe to be the all-prevailing presence called life. Mind I believe to be the medium between spirit and matter; matter the machine through which the spirit manifests through the medium of mind while in the external life.

As the spirit passes on, or changes states of being, it becomes less and less dependent upon crude matter for its expressions. It is dependent upon matter for its expression even in the spirit world, but not the class of matter that it is dependent upon while here. It is so refined that human senses take no cognizance of it what-

ever; but yet it is matter. How do you explain the word "seer," as used by the ancients? Seer is another term for clairvoyance, or the spiritual condition, a condition in which the spirit can enter the past and future, as well as the present.

Did not these seers, being, as you say, "wiser than they knew," actually foretell events?

Perhaps so. At all events they were not styled prophets.

Is anything impossible with God?

Certainly, to me, there is. The breaking of His own law would be an impossibility. He would destroy Himself, and annihilate all the forms that are in being. I do not believe that God can step outside of Himself. He must always live in His own being.

To perform a miracle, according to my idea, He must step outside of Himself. He must trample upon His own law. He must totally disregard all that which constitutes the law of life.

No, I do not believe it is possible for God to create a world in six days, nor in six thousand years, nor in six hundred thousand years. No, to me there are many things impossible, even unto God.

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# WHY I AM SPIRITUALIST

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I haven't always been a spiritualist. In fact, about 12 years ago I was a skeptic. I did however know a family in our village who were spiritualists. I was desirous to know what seances were like, and asked them if they would invite me next time they had a meeting. They promised they would.

A short time later a medium, J. J. Carroll, came and arranged to have a seance as usual. Father and I were invited. It was a trumpet seance. I was too scared to enjoy it very much, although he gave some wonderful demonstrations, and we left wondering how it was done. We were interested and anxious to go again.

The next day after attending the first seance I was talking to a friend of mine, telling him of my experiences of the night before. He said he was sorry I had gone and asked me not to go again as there couldn't possibly be anything to it. But I had seen and heard too much to stop now so I asked him if he would go just once. He agreed.

### Interest Begins

A little later the same medium came again and this time my friend went with us. My brother also was with us this time. He had an idea the medium wasn't always in his chair although a lady from the audience was always selected to sit with him and hold his hands.

Before starting the seance he gave a short talk on developing mediumistic power. It was very interesting. I made up my mind then if I could get some one to sit with me I would follow his instructions although I hadn't much faith in getting anything worth while.

I persuaded my friend to sit with me. I realized that he agreed to do this only because he knew it pleased me. We used a small table about three feet square. We turned off the lights placed our hands on the table and waited. Nothing happened at first, then I remembered the instructions were to sing, have music and count together.

Well we tried a little of everything and soon the table was sliding and tipping. I began asking questions. I said, "If you are a spirit tap three times and they did that at once." They answered every question. Three taps for yes, one tap for no, and two taps when in doubt. Even then we couldn't believe it could be a spirit but we agreed to sit regularly for a reasonable time at least.

I think we averaged about three sittings each week. Sometimes we would hold a pencil together and get messages. By this means they told us we each had a spirit guide and gave their names. They explained what a guide was for and also told us what their work had been on the earth plane. My friend's guide could answer any questions we asked concerning the Bible.

### After Six Months

In the early days of my friend's development, we sat about a half hour each time. I would have enjoyed sitting longer but after that length of time our guides would write "Good Night" and leave us. I say my friends development because by this time I was beginning to realize he was the medium, and that nearly everything was written by his guide, Sam Long.

I think it was about six months from the time we began sitting until they were able to pick up the pencil and write unaided. Then one evening we were surprised when they lifted the table and placed it on my lap. About this time my younger brother was getting interested and he made us a trumpet of card board. Of course we were anxious to try it out and it was on the table when we had our next sitting.

By this time we were getting light touches like the tip of a finger and they would move any objects we placed on the table. I also placed a rope on the shelf under the table and they would pick it up and place it on top. The first night that we had the trumpet we turned off the lights as usual. The radio was playing in the next room. We sat at the table, our hands touching. In a moment I could hear them take the trumpet and they started tapping us on the head with it. They also picked up a tablet I had on the table and pressed it against our faces.

### Parents Disgusted

All this time my parents were disgusted with me, thinking that my friend was making a fool of me. They imagined he was lifting the trumpet with his mouth and the table with his foot, and when they came into the room it seemed to interfere with conditions and we were never able to get anything. I told my younger brother about this and he told them, "I am going to sit with them", and I was glad to have him do this as I knew he had an open mind at least. After sitting with us about a half hour he came out and told the folks, "I am convinced." That made me very happy and my folks



HAZEL GLEITZ

agreed to sit with us next time.

Next day a cousin of mine in Toledo, a Mrs. Brown, invited us down and asked us to bring our trumpet. In Toledo, we were able to purchase some luminous paint. We also got a small bell and a few other trinkets at the dime store. We painted a band around the trumpet. We also painted the bell, a pencil, and the edge of a tablet to make it visible in the dark.

We had a meeting that night in my cousin's home, including my cousin, her husband, and her sister and brother-in-law, a Mr. and Mrs. Berry. We had never included so many in our circle before and we were in doubt whether or not we would have good results. It might be well to explain here that Mr. and Mrs. Berry were ardent spiritualists. Conditions were perfect on this evening after being instructed by the spirit forces to remove some of the paint from the bell as my cousin had covered it completely and it cast a glow over the whole table and they made this known by rapping loudly. After this was done we were able to resume our seance.

### Spirit Instructs

I was careful to place the tablet at one end of the table and the pencil at the other. Almost immediately it seemed that they were attracted to each other moving toward the center of the table. Then we could hear them writing on the tablet. After completing the message we could hear them tearing the paper. They would then squeeze it into a ball and toss it to the one for whom it was written. Later I instructed them to fold the paper. After this they were careful to follow my instructions.

I am a telephone operator and of course I often talked to the girls about Spiritualism. Some believed in spirit return, some were skeptical. When I told them the table would raise and stand in the air by simply placing our hands on it, I remember one girl saying, "I never heard of anyone being able to do that unless they were a medium." This girl believed in spirit return and had attended many seances. This night at my friend's home, I remember very distinctly. It was the first time my guide was able to speak through the trumpet. R's guide came through first speaking to each one in turn. Of course his voice was only a whisper but very distinct. Then we heard another voice and he carried the trumpet around the circle repeating his name.

My guide had told us months before that his name was Bert Croin. He carried the trumpet around the circle tapping each one and then it came over to me and he told me he was my guide and gave his full name. I asked him if he would speak to the others also and he did. After both of our guides were able to speak to us I believed we could accomplish almost anything.

We had heard of other mediums sitting for years before they were able to receive anything, but we had accomplished all this in less than a year.

## "HERESY SERMON"

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preaching and teaching is in many ways in advance of that of any preceding age, in the attitude of church leaders toward new truth there has been little if any improvement. Is it not true today that new truth is not heartily welcomed by the church — that church leaders are afraid new truth may disturb theological beliefs, and so fight shy of it and then afterwards embrace it.

New truths in astronomy have been denounced and men have been imprisoned for accepting views that churchmen thought contrary to their misunderstanding of the Bible. New truths in science are often condemned, and two years ago, it was very common and very popular for preachers to sneer at the evolution theory, but today it is no longer sneered at, for there is arising in all intelligent minds who have candidly examined the evidence, the conviction that this was the method of creation, and no scientist of note today denies it.

### Christ Inspired

So it is with new truths in philosophy and psychic research. The scientific truths of telepathy, clairvoyance, soul flight, psychometry and prophecy are well established by incontrovertible evidence, yet to mention them in certain church circles is to ostracize yourself. Now why should new truths have to get into the church through the back door? Why should old opinions, old interpretations of Scripture, old statements of belief — all of which must reflect the ignorance and prejudice and limitations of the age in which they were formulated — bar the way to progress in our own day. Have we not a right to our own views and our own interpretations and our own creeds and our own new truths equally with those who preceded us. Must we forever wear the cast-off garments of past ages?

Another hindrance to receiving the truth is the belief so prevalent among church people that the days of inspiration have passed, never to return. I for one can never believe it. I recognize the inspiration of past days. Christ had it — so has the apostles and the prophets of earlier time. No one,

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unaided of heaven, wrote the sublime utterance of Isaiah or the 13th of First Corinthians, and no one uninspired wrote:

"There's a wideness in God's Mercy."

limited to one age? If possible

### Spiritual Laws

Why should inspiration be in one age why not in another? If it came to Paul 1900 years ago it can come to you today. If John had it in Patmos you may find a modern Patmos and share it also. In the broadest, truest sense God is no respecter of persons. Heaven is as near to earth today. God is loving and kind today, men as much in need today, and truth as abundant today, as in the ages when men are said to have possessed this inspiration.

The truth is the foundation of inspiration, is open to all who will climb the heights where it is situated. If men can not attain it, it is only because they are too worldly, too much the followers of pleasure, too selfish, and will not undergo the mortification of the flesh, the crucifixion of self, the putting away of ignorance and doubt and prejudice.

We must learn the laws that govern our spiritual nature. We must develop our spiritual faculties so that we can see and hear and realize spiritual things. We must wait upon God — alone and in silent expectation — listen for his voice. And we must see ourselves about the spiritual education of our faculties as the great business of our lives. If we do this we shall not wait in vain.

If we ascend the spiritual Alps and hide in the cleft of the rock we may not, indeed, hear His voice in the fire or tempest or whirlwind, but we shall hear the still small voice. Angels will become our companions. Heaven will open its portals to our vision as it did to Stephen of old, and the boundary between earth and heaven will become so low and narrow that the inhabitants may pass to and fro at will. And then shall inspiration be the birthright of every one thus spiritually educated.

## Kansas Camp To Open

The State Spiritualist Association of Kansas will open their summer Camp meetings at Winfield, Kansas, August 25th, continuing through September 8th. Secretary of the State convention will

According to Grayce Diller, Secretary, also be held in Winfield. The dates, Sept. 5th to 7th, inclusive with a banquet on the evening of the 4th of September.

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## A MAGICIAN'S DREAM

By WILLIAM H. BURR

The other day I saw a picture published in a Chicago paper of a magician standing on a bridge with a book in his hands with his face looking heavenward. He claimed to be waiting for the Spirit, Clarence Darrow, to come and turn the leaves in his book. This scene reminded me of an idiot I saw on the street some time ago. The idiot laughed at every one he saw. At times he would look upward and hold out his hands. No one could know why he did this but it may be that he was waiting for the man in the moon to bring him a ham sandwich.

There was a striking parallel suggested to me between the two individuals above mentioned for the reason that the man on the bridge and the idiot on the street gave evidence of about the same grade of intelligence.

There is nothing especially wrong in the magician-trickster-crown business. It is just a pastime at which some make money by "scientific" tricks and deceptions. It consists only in concealing truth and leading others to believe that which is not so.

Among other stunts that several of these "gentlemen" have claimed to have are secret pacts with certain prominent men whereby the prominent men would make themselves manifest by sending back some message after death. These

alleged secret pacts have served as a kite tail to which the magician has hung to get his name written in the skies to advertise his business. If we see a clown trying to telegraph without electric current or transmission wires we think of it as a clown trick only. If we see others trying to do impossible things we know that it is because of their ignorance. By the same analogy we properly judge such glaring evidence of ignorance of psychic laws as the antics of a shallow mind. Such antics may interest some people but for serious minded investigators of psychic phenomena, clowns and such so-called magicians all belong to the same class. Their boastful declarations that they can duplicate genuine psychic manifestations by tricks and frauds is but another way to get publicity.

If Clarence Darrow ever made any such pact with any magician, he did it when he knew no more about psychic laws than the average magician knows today. The whole performance is too silly to be dignified by a serious thought. Long before this time the undertaker has taught Clarence Darrow more than is known by all the wise magicians in all the world. If it were possible for the Spirit, Clarence Darrow, to return to the magician on the bridge under conditions provided for him instead of turning leaves in the book, Darrow would be far more likely to give him a kick.

## FRED ALLEN DUPED BY "EXPERT" RESEARCHER

Fred Allen, Radio's "Funny" man, and an "expert" Psychic Researcher, staged a pathetic attack on Spiritualist Mediums Wednesday night, May 15th. It was a sad comedy and would have been truly funny but for the fact that the "expert" didn't even know that she was being RIDICULED by Allen and poor Fred really THOUGHT that he was talking to an "expert".

It seems that, since the "early" passing of Harry Houdini, there has been a great scramble for his QUESTIONABLE LAURELS.

The clamor goes on. All seek to "expose" Spiritualist Mediums and not one of the whole crowd knows enough about Psychic Phenomena to discuss the "A, B, C's." They cry out that they don't really mean to attack Spiritualism as a religion and then proceed to make a lot of silly statements they cannot prove about the mediums they think they have "exposed."

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### WHAT — NO CALAMITY?

The Psychic News, London's Spiritualist weekly carries as a regular feature, the column "ALL WORLDS ARE ONE." In the April 20th issue, this column, written by Maurice Barbanell, included an article, "Am I Unlucky?"

The article reads:

"Friends tell me that I must be more discriminating about my choice for holidays.

"Last year I went to Scandinavia, starting my holiday at Norway and ending at Denmark. Before that I went to Italy. A few months later Mussolini invaded Albania. Prior to that I chose Spain and found myself in the middle of a revolution!

"No calamity, however, has so far befallen Lily Dale Assembly, the American Spiritualist camp which I visited three years ago."

Since Barbanell has not visited Lily Dale in three years, how would he know whether or not any calamity has visited Lily Dale Assembly? Just what is a Calamity? To a Spiritualist, a calamity is any situation that would appear to stifle the growth of Spiritualism. Hitler stifled the growth of Norway — Mussolini stifled the growth of Albania and it remains to be seen whether it has been possible for anyone to completely stifle the growth of Lily Dale Assembly. —Ed.

### CARRINGTON—A SCIENTIST?

On Page 6 of The Occult Psychic Review, a Chicago monthly, there appears an article written by Louis D. Brandt entitled, "Radio's Opportunity."

Hereward Carrington, "noted" New York Psychic Researcher is quoted by Mr. Brandt as making silly statements in a recent broadcast. Carrington is quoted as saying that "98% of the psychic manifestations that take place are fraudulent." The eminent researcher also is said to have attributed some strange psychic power to Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain and others.

Poor Mr. Carrington — he has been searching for over 50 years to ascertain facts relative to spirit communication. He has witnessed marvelous psychic demonstrations through the mediumship of Eusapia Palladino, Margery Crandon and hundreds of fine mediums. Still he insists upon belittling the truths of Spiritualism by posing as an authority on a subject which is evidently too deep for EVEN his marvelous mind.

Carrington always wants to make everything sound so scientific. His main idea seems to be to try to confuse the public with a lot of high sounding phrases which he, himself doesn't even try to explain.

Doesn't Carrington know that there is no record of Lincoln's psychic ability? Lincoln did receive direct communication through the mediumship of Nettie Colburn Maynard, which, of course, does not mean that he possessed psychic ability.

Mr. Brandt sums up the whole case very aptly. He says, "Carrington's figures are true but he has them backwards. He should have said that 98% of the mediums were true."

### SCIENTISTS ENTHRALLED

According to an Associated Press release from Columbus, Ohio, the scientists have "rigged up" a radio microscope which has revealed an entire world of "unseen rays." This announcement was made by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The article continues:

Man himself, as well as all kinds of supposedly inert matter, constantly emit the rays that this in-

### strument "sees."

The radio device actually is a radio frequency spectroscope. It does the same thing for cool, non-glowing matter that the spectroscope does when it reveals the kind of atoms that make the stars. It was reported by I. I. Rabi, P. Kusch and S. Millman of Columbia University, to a crowded hall filled with eminent physicists who listened enthralled.

The discovery shows that every atom and every molecule in nature is a continuous radio broadcasting station. Thus, even after death, the substance that was a man continues to send out its delicate rays.

Those who believe in telepathy, second sight and clairvoyance, have in yesterday's announcement the first scientific proof of the existence of individual rays which really travel from one person to another.

### ONLY "SOME SURVIVE DEATH"

A United Press release from London, England, says that Dr. W. R. Matthews, Dean of St. Paul's Church, has disclosed his belief in the possibility of survival after death. Well, coming from a DEAN, this indeed is quite a concession.

Dr. Matthews, a member of the Archbishop's Commission on Spiritualism is said to have based the statement on a report of a two-year investigation which was submitted to the bishops last spring but was not published because of a divergence of views. Dr. Matthews told the Society of Psychical Research that there are established facts of survival.

"It is evident at the most," he said, "that some persons survived bodily death, but the investigator could not show that all persons did, nor could it be shown that all persons triumphed over death so that it had no more domination over them. The possibility would remain that extinction overtook them at the end."

He said some persons apparently make contacts with some source of energy which reinforces natural endowments and gives them unification of purpose which makes them most formidable."

### WALTER'S VOICE HEARD

The spirit voice of WALTER, brother of Margery Crandon, famous Boston medium, was heard, recently at a seance held in The Psychic Observer Seance Room, Lily Dale, N. Y.

This was the first time the Editors of PSYCHIC OBSERVER were privileged to hear Walter's voice. Frank Decker, New York City, was the medium.

The medium being entranced, Walter's opening salutation was not recognized. The sound of a man whistling was heard at first and then the voice which later proved to be Walter's said: "I came down here to look things over. . . I don't suppose you recognize me. . . I generally manifest through Sis" (meaning his sister Margery).

After generalities regarding the possibility of a future sitting with Margery in Boston, Walter made some remarks relative to Hereward Carrington to the effect that he (Carrington) had not been fair in the way he had described her mediumship. This is the second time, spirit people have informed the Editors about the tactics of Carrington. On a previous occasion, Eusapia Palladino had expressed her dislike at the way she was treated by the New York Psychic Researcher.

## "ROSES from JEAN"

By ABIGAIL BAILEY

Jean Harlow was an inspiration to me in life. Eagerly I viewed her pictures, always returning home with the remembrance of her magnificence. The vitality with which she moved across the silver screen impressed me so that when her life ended abruptly it was bewildering. Constantly I thought about her and it did not seem possible that she had vanished into nothingness. My mind seemed to search the high empyrean for traces of this lovely girl. Finally the answer came.

One day while resting and looking out my window at a big tree whose branches stirred softly, I thought intensely of Jean Harlow. "Where is she now?" was my thought and I wished I could see her once again. Then suddenly above me, straight ahead, there formed the top of a cream colored wall, just the top, the rest lost in misty atmosphere. Over this wall peered Jean's face. I could see her shoulders misted in white and upon her hair were bands of pearls. She seemed so sweet and friendly, smiling down at me. Then a shower of sparkling snow fell before this picture, faintly blurring it, though lending it an indescribable loveliness and delicacy. After it faded, I wrote down the words "Jean dwells beyond a veil of sparkling snow" and then wove them into a poem:

### WHERE JEAN DWELLS

Jean dwells beyond a sparkling snow,  
Within a land where pale blue roses grow,  
Where pink wisteria in festoons gay,  
Sends haunting fragrance thru the sunny day,  
Where gold plumed nightingales make night time rare  
In that celestial garden, distant fair.

This manifestation of the lovely actress was a surprise to me. I think she was attracted to me by my kind thoughts for her. You see I have written and published a booklet of poems about her entitled "Jean's Roses."

Jean appeared several times after that, robed in the unfading dyes of Paradise. I beheld her once clad in wheat yellow chiffon with a band of yellow about her hair and again clad in delicate violet chiffon, with violets in her hair. Each time she appeared suddenly near me, seemingly out of a mist.

Each time I beheld this fair gifted girl from the beyond, her face wore an expression of joy and happiness, a confiding look as of someone who knew nothing of fear or anything unkind. Her radiant smile seemed to say, "I am so happy. God bless you!"

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## "Is Death the End?"

By JOHN HENRY REMMERS

### "THE PRESS" vs. "THE CHURCH"

*The Daily Newspapers are too busy featuring war, crime, divorce and all the sordid things of life to give any serious attention to the trifling question of SURVIVAL; and then, too, the Press might accidentally encroach upon the Orthodox teachings of the Church, which would never do from a commercial point of view.*

(Continued from Last Issue)

#### THE DIRECT-VOICE

The direct-voice phase of mediumship is, in my opinion, the most convincing of all manifestations. When the conditions are good during such manifestations, personalities from higher realms speak aloud and as naturally as though they were standing before us in the physical body. They are, in fact, standing before us in the ethereal body, and through the use of psychic energy, are materializing the voice, making it audible to our physical senses.

I have witnessed more than a hundred direct-voice seances, many of which took place in my own home. Ask those who condemn and ridicule this subject loudest how many independent voice seances they have attended. If they answer you truthfully, you will find that the great majority of them have never put forth the effort to witness a single manifestation. Such individuals are of the same class as those who stood on the banks of the river and cat-towed Fulton when he launched his first steamboat. Are the opinions of such individuals of the least value? The wise man consults an experienced banker before investing money, an experienced architect before building, and a good doctor when his health is failing. We trust and have confidence in the judgment of such individuals because of their knowledge, gained through experience. Does not the same principle apply generally, and likewise to psychic phenomena? Is not the opinion of individuals who have witnessed hundreds of seances of far greater value than that of those who have witnessed half a dozen, or none at all, especially when such witnesses who testify for the truth of communication number among them some of the world's best thinkers?

#### I, Too, Have Suffered

Thus far throughout this entire work I have endeavored to place the truth of survival and communication clearly before you in such a light, where you may view the question from all its various angles. I have risked the gauntlet of persecution, and am ready to bear it with a smile if this message will but reach you, who through sorrow and misunderstanding have lost the joy of Life.

I know; I have suffered as you have; and unless you can be convinced, as I am, that the personality you love so deeply has survived, nothing under the sun will ever lift you out of your sorrow and despair. I do not care a tinker's dam for the scoffers; so far as I am concerned they can stand on the river's bank and sneer. This Truth, like Fulton's boat, will move ahead against the current.

Has it ever occurred to you that when an individual or individuals bitterly oppose a subject of which they know nothing, that there must exist some ulterior reason for such opposition? Men and women of this type avoid those who possess knowledge of the subject which they oppose, and seldom, if ever, agree to meet them in open debate.

During my investigations I have listened to more than a thousand entities voice back their thoughts from other realms of Life. Would it be possible in any manner to so often deceive a man who possesses a fair amount of intelligence? Think about it!

Approximately one thousand times I have experienced the independent voice manifestation. Does it seem at all reasonable that fraud, conscious or unconscious, could be carried forward on such a scale without detection? The es-

sence of the whole matter is, that Survival and Communication is so overwhelming in its reality that the vast majority of men cannot comprehend it in their present state of mental development. And I honestly admit, that if it were not for my own efforts and experiences, I, too, would still be among those who question. Therefore I can find no fault with the honest skeptic who is open for conviction.

But of what value is the opinion of those who deny and will not investigate, or jump to rash conclusions after one or two experiences? Such is not the method of men and women who labor for years - yea, even go hungry - to establish some great truth!

On one occasion, in the presence of forty other people, many of whom were strangers to the medium, I listened carefully from eight o'clock in the evening until after midnight to more than a hundred entities voice back their thoughts to earth. Each person present, including myself, spoke voice to voice with at least two personalities of the next dimension. Each and every personality manifesting identified him or herself and carried on a conversation of the most intimate nature.

#### Deception Ruled Out!

Would it be humanly possible to employ such deception among a group, many of whom were total strangers, for a period of four hours? How would it be possible for one human being to impersonate more than a hundred personalities, each and every one distinctly different, and carry on (in various languages, some of which the medium could not speak) intimate conversation with total strangers?

Analyze this occurrence; try to do it yourself. Ask the know-it-all to try it; gather forty people promiscuously, or just ten whom he does not know, and then tell him to go ahead and demonstrate his wisdom. In less than forty minutes the affair will terminate, a disgusting and ridiculous farce. **No individual can, before a group of intelligent people, successfully imitate a genuine voice seance.** By a simple method I could detect the fraud and expose it in less than ten minutes.

This marvelous phase, the independent voice, seldom occurs with any strength before at least two years of effort has been made for its development. In the earlier period of your endeavor, however, there may occur an occasional manifestation of this kind.

After you have experimented with the table and photographer's lamp for eight months or a year, rappings and similar manifestations will gradually grow weaker, and when they cease completely, the time has arrived for the unfoldment of the independent voice phase. It is at this critical period when most people become discouraged, give up, and begin to frequent seances held by professional mediums. The professional medium cannot be blamed when you seek his or her services and by so doing dissipate the very energy which your own controls desire to conserve for the higher phases of communication.

The body of a physical medium is like a storage battery, and when it has been depleted it must be recharged with new energy before any genuine physical communication can again take place. **Therefore, at no time, under any circumstances, enter what is called a "development class" conducted by a professional physical medium. If you do, your psychic energy will be drained to the utmost for no other purpose than to recharge the depleted body of the medium.**

When you enter such environment you are at the mercy of the

medium's controls, whose first concern is their own instrument. An occasional meeting with a good medium, perhaps once every sixty days, will not hinder your own progress. **An honest psychic will never allow his or her energy to be depleted for monetary purposes, and such a one will tell you, just as I have, that you can never develop your powers for physical mediumship by frequenting the seances of professional mediums.** This truth is of such importance that I cannot make it too emphatic. The best advice which can come to you, if you desire absolute proof of survival, is to depend upon yourself and the development of your own powers.

When rappings and the cruder demonstrations cease, purchase or have made an aluminum megaphone. It should not be more than two feet six inches in length and as light as possible. The small end should have an opening of one-half inch and the large end about six inches. Place the megaphone on the center of the table in a vertical position. Turn off the red light, and be sure that all other light rays are eliminated. Total darkness is essential. Relax and place your hands lightly upon the table, each sitter's fingers interlocking with the others. This condition makes it impossible for any sitter to levitate the megaphone without the knowledge of those whose fingers interlock with his own.

This method will convince the sitters that Other Forces are moving the megaphone and the confidence which it arouses will greatly assist the unseen operators in their work. All present should be in a rational, receptive frame of mind, but never over-anxious nor tense. The talk should be cheerful and natural, and when the conversation lags, singing may be introduced, but by all means avoid the solemn church hymns. Cheerful songs should be sung. There is no reason to be mournful, no one is dead.

There is no death! What seems so is transition:  
This life of mortal breath  
Is but a suburb of the life  
Elysian  
Whose portal we call "Death."  
- Longfellow.

During the voice development period very little of any consequence will occur. Once more will come the test of your patience. Months will pass before the slightest manifestation will again take place. The operators are now conserving all energy - magnetizing the megaphone, neutralizing the psychic force flowing from the sitters, nurturing it with other elements - charging the body of the one they have selected as the medium with it, again withdrawing this same energy, now lowered in its vibratory nature, from this body, and inducing its flow toward the magnetized megaphone.

#### Years To Develop

Such procedure requires much experimenting, time and patience. Invariably the operators, or controls, are personalities who have been chemists or medical doctors upon the earth-plane. Clairvoyants very often observe the process, which in most cases is about the same.

The fact that years are required for the voice development, and many months pass without the slightest manifestation, proves in itself that we of earth do not produce the manifestations, but are only, through patience and perseverance, cooperating with higher intelligences. Professor Crawford, a very able investigator, has the following to say regarding the work which is actually done by the operators of the next dimension:

"I have no doubt whatever that the operators, i. e., the entities producing the phenomena, have to do a great deal of experimenting in order to obtain satisfactory results. For it must be remembered that these entities are making use of natural laws that we of this world know little about at present. The time is coming, of course, when we shall know quite a lot about them. If he, the investiga-

tor, could have a peep behind the scenes while phenomena are taking place, he would probably be greatly surprised at what he would see.

"My deliberate opinion, after years of research work in this field, is that it requires the cooperation and work of many unseen entities to produce physical phenomena. All the real work is done on their side of the line, and all we do when we sit in the seance room is to supply suitable conditions. That is to say, the sitters are only the instruments through whom the work is done."

#### Results Vary

I know from my own experiments in my own home that where honesty prevails, manifestations cannot occur until the necessary work has been done by the intelligences of the next dimension. At times our own experiments are splendid, and again they may be negative. Much depends upon the mental and physical condition of the medium and sitters. The results are determined mainly by the amount of psychic energy the operators may take from our physical bodies and their success in combining it with other energies as yet unknown to us. Regard such unknown energies and the reality of the next state. Professor Crawford has the following to say:

"That there are very real energies in the next state which have some form of correspondence to the energies we have here I have no manner to doubt. . . . From my experience, I conceive the next state as being a very solid one to the senses with which we shall be equipped when we are its inhabitants. I am satisfied that it presents to those living in it an appearance of reality at any rate as great as this world does to us, and probably greater. It seems to me to be all a matter of sense perception. We can be quite sure that the entities existing on the other side of the veil do not possess the material senses that we do. But the peculiar thing is, that they do possess senses in a general way similar to ours.

"Probably even in our state of existence such senses are latent within us and suddenly spring to maturity just at or shortly after death of the physical body. But, however it is, with whatever instruments of perception the unseen entities are equipped, their world, according to their own accounts and according to what I can directly perceive through years of experimental study in the seance room, appears to them as a solid, real world, possessing permanent form. Incidentally, they say it is a beautiful world, more beautiful even than ours. If there is a next world, and I for one know there is, it exists subject to law and order.

"There is certain to be nothing of chaos. The laws regarding the production of electricity do not vary. The laws regarding the three states of matter - solid, liquid and gaseous - do not vary. We go on our way under constant law and order. If there is one thing more certain than any other, it is that the other world is not at some immense distance from us.

"The other world is here; it probably interpenetrates the earth and all things earthly. That we

are not conscious of its existence is no disproof of this. For me, the reality of the next state admits no doubt. I am as certain that it exists as I am that I am writing these words at this moment. My personal conviction is the result of a great amount of experimental and other investigations. When I set out on these investigations I was skeptical, but years of experimental study have entirely altered my convictions.

"I am, as I say, perfectly certain that all of humanity, of whatever race or creed, survives death and passes at once into another state of existence or plane of being. This passing is an automatic process, and is part of the scheme of nature. It is at present impossible to demonstrate the other world's reality to everybody. Each must find matter for his own conviction. Each must experiment for himself and come to his own conclusions."

W. J. Crawford, D. Sc.

Do you know that numerous men of similar rank, after years of the most careful experimenting, have testified likewise? Let us review briefly the character and standing of some of these:

Alfred Russel Wallace, naturalist; Cromwell F. Varley, electrical engineer; Camille Flammarion, noted astronomer; Herman Goldschmidt, astronomer and physicist; Sir William Crookes, famous chemist; Professor N. D. Wagner, geologist; Prof. A. Butleroy, chemist; Dr. Valdemer Dahl, scientist; Prof. Nees Von Esenbeck, President Royal Academy Science, Germany; Alex Von Humboldt, naturalist and cosmist; Prof. A. D. Mojan, mathematician; Prof. Worthen, geologist; Dr. William Hitchman, physiologist and physicist; Dr. Maximilian Perty, professor natural science; Prof. J. J. Mapes, agricultural chemist.

#### These Men Know!

Prof. Robert Hare, chemist; Prof. W. D. Gunning, geologist; Prof. J. R. Buehman, anthropologist; Prof. William Denton, geologist; Prof. William Gregory, M. D., chemist; Prof. Herbert Mayo, F.R.S., physiologist; Dr. J. Lockhart Robertson, editor Journal Medical Science, England; Prof. William James, Harvard University; Prof. Hyslop, Ph.D.; Dr. R. J. Tillyard, F.R.S.; Sir Oliver Lodge, F.R.S., D.Sc.

What a galaxy of shining lights! Compare them with the rabble on the river's bank and think for yourself! I could give you a list three times as long containing the names of philosophers, famous authors and poets, metaphysicians, philanthropists, noted physicians, and eminent statesmen. But the above should suffice to inspire even the most critical of our opponents to rise above petty prejudice and investigate thoroughly with an open mind. Once having begun your quest for truth in this field, you will be astounded by the great amount of evidence and testimony for Survival and Communication. Dig below the surface; the daily press is too busy featuring crime, divorce, etc., to give any serious attention to the trifling question of Survival; and again, the press might accidentally encroach upon the business of the Church, which would never do from a commercial point of view.

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