

PUBLISHERS FOREWORD

In the last few years there has been a truly remarkable growth of interest in the psychical side of the universe.

This interest, so far as the British people are concerned at any rate, has run into two main streams one being represented by Spiritualism, and the other by the many centres of psychic investigation.

Though Spiritualists and Psychic Researchers are often poles apart in thought, the subject matter of their interest is a common one, and their activities can hardly be separated.

Therefore, despite the several warnings which we have received, we have decided to make no attempt to cleave our *Manual and Who's Who* into two separate volumes, believing that, in the end, Spiritualists and Psychical Researchers must rejoice in what is their common fund rather than dilate upon what may appear to be their differences.

To both parties in the cause of psychical religion and research we offer our respects, and trust that the volume which we have laboured with the Editor to prepare for them will meet with their increasing approbation as the years pass, and it grows both in quality of completeness and in quantity of material.

To Mr. James Leigh, our most able Editor, we publicly offer our best thanks for his unfailing alacrity and cheerfulness.

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

The compilation of the *Manual and Who's Who of Spiritualism and Psychic Research* was a task more easily conceived than accomplished. It has entailed a tremendous amount of correspondence and research, involving many months of labour. In this I have been greatly fortified by the enterprise of the publisher, Mr. Francis Mott, whose ready foresight and wholehearted co-operation has been of inestimable value. I am also greatly indebted to the authors of the various articles published herein-contributions which present in each case the findings of specialists who are pre-eminent in their respective domains. To the Editors of the *Contemporary Review* and the *Nineteenth Century and After* I owe my thanks for permission to reproduce certain matter which originally appeared in their columns. Lastly, but by no means least emphasised, is my indebtedness to my colleague and fiancée, Miss M. Kemp, whose generous clerical assistance was a great asset in this undertaking. To all those collaborators and friends-my most hearty appreciation.

And what of the result? We have here, for the first time, essential facts concerning every phase of Spiritualism and Psychical Research, every important organisation, every noteworthy personality. In some cases information volunteered by a Society or an individual came to hand too late for publication, but wherever possible either the publisher or myself endeavoured to provide the important data notwithstanding.

I have initiated and compiled this work with two objects in view. First, I saw the need of an annual reference work forming a key to all departments of psychic interest. This interest has of late years become so widespread and has reached such magnitude that a Year Book has become an indispensability. Second, and perhaps of even greater significance, I felt that the institution of such a work as this would do more than a thousand lectures to bridge the chasm which divides Spiritualism and Psychical Research. No good would come of trying to merge these Movements; each one, being quite separate and distinct, has its own individual ambitions. On the other hand, I believe that much good would accrue from a more friendly relationship, a fuller understanding, between the two. If the Manual can help to enlighten the students of each department on the ideals, methods, and objectives of the other, then, I venture to hope, its advent will not have been realised in vain, and its annual appearance, replete each year with additional features and more recent statistics, should continue the work thus optimistically begun. It is this consideration (must I confess?) which was the deeper and more outstanding influence prompting the publication of the *Manual and Who's Who of Spiritualism and Psychical Research*.

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PART ONE

WHAT SPIRITUALISM IS

By the Editor

Among the many pursuits and interests which engage the attention of mankind, few have been more repeatedly abused and misrepresented than the investigation of supernormal phenomena.

Nor is this due entirely to extraneous and opposing forces. Some responsibility must be accepted by Spiritualists and Psychic Researchers themselves, for, though acting with the best of intentions, they have helped to provoke the confusion and doubt which now exist in the public mind.

Since 1848, the time when this interest began definitely to assume a more or less organised form, there has been something more than a mere resurgence of belief in the reality of supernormal phenomena. There has, in fact, been a manifest wave of inquiry, even of enthusiasm, such as perhaps never before in the history of man has been experienced to this extent. Consequently many diverting complications have taken place.

A new religious denomination has been established, having these phenomena as its very foundation. In the lofty domain of philosophy there has been a certain amount of preoccupation with "occult" happenings, and innumerable books testify to the theorising which has taken place. Lastly, and perhaps most important of all, the spirit of science has invaded this mysterious borderland, and thus was born the young but extremely virile inquiry called "Psychical Research."

Of these two latter developments, adequate treatment will be found elsewhere. It is the initial development that concerns us here. The foundation of a Spiritualist Church was a natural, almost an inevitable, step when it is remembered that psychic phenomena have always played an important part in religion, though of late they have been much in abeyance. Their reappearance was at once a challenge to scepticism concerning the old records, and a signal to those who waited for a sign that at last their time was come. Orthodox religion regarded this outbreak askance. Indeed, many representatives of old established denominations went out of their way to pour ridicule on any reported happening of the kind. So it was that those who viewed these experiences as proof of the reality of a spiritual world, peopled by the spirits of the departed, decided at length to form a religion of their own, in which due emphasis could be laid on what they were pleased to call the "New Revelation." Thus was Spiritualism born.

Followers of the Spiritualist flag are truly a cosmopolitan group. Under the ensign of Spiritualism are banded together men and women from all walks of life, all schools of thought, all forms of faith, all races of mankind. They are bound together by their convictions that the spiritual world is real, that man survives, and that communication with their promoted friends is an actuality. It follows, therefore, that there should be many and varied shades of Spiritualistic faith. The Christian Spiritualist and the Jewish Spiritualist has each his

own reservations, but upon some few fundamental principles all members of the community are united.

Now it will be noted from the foregoing that use of the term “Spiritualism” in this work is not strictly in accord with its historical meaning; rather have we employed it in the sense in which it is now in common usage, as indicating a religious sect which regards itself, if not as the custodian, at least as the exponent, of proof that man is victorious over death, and has means of demonstrating his victory.

It maintains strict independence both in respect of Psychological Research and also as regards all other religious movements. It has its own peculiar orders of service, its own methods of organisation, its own forms of propaganda, and its own type of teaching. It might also be said that it has its own priesthood, but it is a priesthood with a difference. Its ministers are not chosen: in a very literal sense they are “called.” Up to the present it has not been necessary for them to study any curriculum. It has not even been essential that they possess an average education, although efforts are now being made to remedy this situation. A sufficient credential has been that they could, either normally or in a psychic condition, expound the Spiritualistic teaching in a manner that did it no serious disservice. If they were fortunate enough to possess the faculty of “discerning spirits” (as Paul called it), they used this in their public work as a means of demonstrating their claims. Few of the Churches care for resident ministers, so that most of the platform personalities have been itinerants.

In view of these facts, it is not surprising that there is no clearly defined Spiritualistic philosophy. Spiritualists are jealous of the liberty and freedom that is in their ranks, and although several efforts have been made to formulate the gospel of Spiritualism they have not been carried very far. One of the earliest attempts in this direction is outlined in the *British Spiritual Telegraph* for 1857. At Rochester, New York, in 1868, a convention of Spiritualists adopted a series of resolutions which laid down the foundations of their philosophy. Other conferences have made somewhat similar contributions, for as a pioneer Spiritualist, E.W. Wallis, has said:

“Facts of themselves are of little practical value; isolated phenomena mean no more than isolated letters of the alphabet. But if we take the letters of the alphabet and combine them intelligently, we have words that appeal to reason and stir the emotions.”

From as few as twenty-six letters all the varied combinations that go to make the literature of the English language have been evolved. Our isolated psychic phenomena, then, mean little of themselves, except when surveyed from a purely scientific point of view, when they offer material for investigation. It is only when they are grouped and classified, and an effort is made to detect the purpose behind them, that they begin to assume importance for religion and philosophy. The Spiritualist who never advances beyond observation of the phenomena cannot hope to realise the nature of Spiritualistic philosophy.

These original attempts to outline what an avowed Spiritualist should believe paved the way for the adoption of seven affirmations, an eighth is sometimes added, which are today accepted by nearly all Spiritualists. They constitute a philosophy in embryo, but no fuller official statement of principles has been undertaken. Even in respect of these affirmations,

liberty of interpretation is reserved to the adherent. An outline of these principles is given elsewhere, and from that it will be seen that there is little or nothing in this profession of faith which is incompatible with liberal Christianity. In fact there is scarcely any room for quarrels between Christians and Spiritualists, unless the former belong to Churches which refuse to acknowledge the fruits of modern scholarship.

For example, a Spiritualist can have no difference with such a Christian as Dr. Percy Dearmer, Canon of Westminster, whose definition of Christianity goes only so far as the following four statements:

The religion of Christ, his message or gospel, is:

1. The Kingdom of Heaven.
2. The Fatherhood of God.
3. The Brotherhood of Man.
4. Eternal Life.

Compare this with the basic beliefs of the Spiritualist and a remarkable resemblance will be noted.

In asserting that they have incontrovertible proof that personality persists beyond the incident of death, Spiritualists point to clairvoyance, direct voice and writing, phantasms, "possession," and kindred phenomena. These are the letters of their alphabet. The purport of the information received by means of these phenomena is, they argue, beyond reasonable question. It proves, first of all, that human memory and character survive absolutely intact. The spirit world is not a distant realm, but

...around this world of sense
Floats like an atmosphere; and everywhere
Breathes through these earthly mists and vapours dense
A vital breath of more ethereal air.

In order to appreciate what this other world is like, imagine yourself divorced from your physical body. What is left? No material mechanism to move, no ponderous objects whatsoever. Primarily, it is thought that persists. Now the next life is an immaterial one. We are given to understand that just as in this world matter is of the first importance, so in that nonmaterial realm thought is pre-eminent. Modern science has been given a glimpse of this fact, for one of our greatest scientists, speaking of reality in the universe, tells us: "The universe is a thought in the mind of God." We are informed that our state in the spiritual world will be determined, influenced and moulded by thought. True, it is thought that already is the motif-force of life on earth. But here it only acts indirectly through the medium of matter. In the world beyond, thought is absolutely dominant, achieving results instantly and no longer dependent on matter to make an objective manifestation.

Now let us see the implication of this. If the next life is so influenced by thought, the type of life we will experience there will be dependent on our thought processes. We will apprehend that world more directly by thought than is possible here. In other words, we will live very largely in our own mental sphere. It is by our thought now that we are deciding whether our early life in the next world will be free and emancipated, or cribbed, cabined, and confined.

Therefore Spiritualists insist that the individual must make himself a very congenial companion to himself if he is to inherit a joyful experience hereafter. A life of devotion to the interests of others is the best preparation for fuller scope beyond the veil.

Those who pass through the mists of death emerge to find themselves not vapoury ghosts, having no form. Although deprived of the matter-body, they have not become phantoms. On the contrary, a spiritual body exists to serve the needs of the emancipated spirit, and it reacts to the spiritual world in the same sensitive fashion that our material bodies are responsive to earth. Spiritualists maintain that we possess this spiritual organism here and now, and that death only means severance from the grosser form of flesh.

What happens to the soul which is born into the spirit world? Dr. J.M. Peebles was wont to say, "Death is not a sponge which cleans life's slate with a dying spasm, nor does it make saints or savages in the twinkling of an eye... Every child is a possible archangel or wandering prodigal in Cimmerian spheres." And a greater sage has told us, "In the Father's house are many stages or tarrying-places." The departed are not suddenly transformed: they are as they were before the moment of death, except that they no longer possess a physical form. Life, to the Spiritualist, then, is less a journey to a far-off terminus than it is an eternal and progressive experience

...leading from light to light through a brief darkness.

Other statements which are common currency amongst Spiritualists are that those lately translated into the larger life do not suddenly release their hold on this world's affairs. They frequently manifest an abiding interest in, and close association with, the things that were of importance to them here. Particularly do they continue to care for the friends left behind, and in times of crisis and danger their thoughts are often apprehended by sensitive folk on this side. By and by comes a time when there is an apparent desire to press on to the upward slopes, and then slowly the link with material concerns is withdrawn. However, the contact with personalities is seldom wholly severed.

Holding as he does this principle of Eternal Progress, the Spiritualist has no place in his philosophy for souls that are fallen beyond hope. He cannot conceive such a thing as a spirit eternally "lost." He speaks of Higher Powers whose joy is in helping the fallen to find their feet, and in removing the scales from the eyes of the spiritually blind.

Another doctrine that is stressed is known elsewhere as the Law of Karma, that is to say, "What a man sows, that shall he also reap." Thus arises the principle of personal responsibility. Every being is his own saviour, and there is no such thing as vicarious atonement. Looked at from this standpoint, the greatest punishment of evil is surely in the doing of it, for as evil acts are repeated their perpetrator sinks deeper and deeper into the mire. It is the law of nature that abuse must be followed sooner or later by distress; whereas, on the other hand, those who seek God by leading an unsullied life must, as surely as the night follows the day, find added blessing and richer joy in His service.

Man is a spirit here and now. Indeed, one of the soundest facts psychical investigation has yielded is that we live here in a very restricted sense. Mr. F.W.H. Myers and Sir Oliver Lodge have expounded the theory that only a tiny part of our consciousness is related to the present. There is an infinite repository both below and above the threshold of our present

consciousness, but our workaday life restrains any fuller expression. In a very real sense, therefore, the best is yet to be. If psychical investigation has taught us anything, it is that "man is not man as yet." As a distinguished scientist has said, "Human eyes, being formed to help us in the struggle for existence, are not necessarily satisfactory tools for fashioning the picture of reality." This is clear to anyone who knows anything of the wonders of modern physics and astronomy; but even before science had arrived at a stage where this observation was possible, Spiritualists had insisted on the very same fact. We are immersed in the sepulchre of five earthly senses, evolved to enable us to battle for existence. Scientists may yet find that it is those dormant, deeper psychic senses that link us with the world of reality.

Finally although references have been made to "this life" as distinct from the "next life," we would emphasise that literal interpretation of these phrases is not justified by the facts. The life on earth and the life beyond cannot really be placed in separate compartments. Many Spiritualists fall into the error of assuming as real the very artificial barrier, the barrier of our own senses, which seems to cause a chasm. Life goes on. It is not a new life that you assume on the morrow after death: it is only a new lease on life. All our facts show that there is simply continual. The latent faculties and possibilities which earthly experience restrained and suppressed there blossom into fullest fruition. It may be that some of the faculties we now regard as wholly important will, when we pass hence, pale into insignificance. Our faculty for speech is, so far as this world is concerned, of paramount value. In the world to come, the formulae of speech may be overshadowed by the formulae of thought. Life persists; and one of the facts which even Spiritualists must realise more than they do now, is the essential solidarity of the human race, whether the local setting be vested in mortality or in the invisible realm of space.

In a few hundred words it is not easy to do justice to a whole philosophy, but this epitome may serve to give some pointers as to the general outlook of Spiritualists. Our next thought must be of organisation, and here it is important to note that Spiritualists usually trace their Movement to the last day of March, 1848, when, in an obscure hamlet in Rochester, America, rappings on the walls and floors of a little cottage disturbed a peasant family. The records show that after neighbours and visitors were unable to find a natural cause for these unaccustomed happenings, a supernormal cause was postulated; and rap by rap each rap indicating a letter of the alphabet, there were spelt messages which foreshadowed a new religious revival. Certain evidence relating to the survival of deceased persons was also forthcoming, but for an adequate account of these incidents Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *History of Spiritualism* should be consulted. It is sufficient to say that hardly had there come a shower of raps on the walls of the humble dwelling in Rochester than there were repercussions throughout America, and indeed all over the world, and the great wave of Spiritualistic inquiry was thus summarily begun.

When it was known that neither the orthodox Church nor official science was prepared to welcome this remarkable interest, devotees of the supernormal began to form their own societies for investigation. These societies, or Churches, sprang up a thousand fold. Their officials were ardent Spiritualists, but they had seldom had any previous experience of organisation, and many of the ventures came to grief. Yet the number overall continued to multiply, and national federations came into being.

At present there are in England two national organisations, the Spiritualists' National Union and the Greater World Spiritualist League. It cannot be gainsaid that the former, perhaps because it is the older, is the more representative of the two and has accomplished by far the greater amount of work. Some allusion to the antecedents of these organisations may be found of interest. One of the first pioneers of national organisation in this country was Mr. James Burns, the enthusiastic Editor of a Spiritualist periodical which was called *The Medium and Daybreak*. Another pioneer was Mr. W.H. Harrison, the Editor of *The Spiritualist*. Both these journals have been defunct for many years, but they helped to rally the Spiritualist forces together, and did a tremendous amount of work.

In 1865, at Darlington, the British Association of Progressive Spiritualists was formed. In 1872 it was supplanted by the British National Association of Spiritualists. This federation, which had its headquarters in London, subsequently became the Central Association of Spiritualists and, ultimately, the London Spiritualist Alliance, which survives to this day. However, the effort lost its national character. In due course, in 1890, to be precise, the Spiritualists' National Federation was formed at Manchester, and in 1901 was incorporated under the Companies' Acts, becoming known as the Spiritualists' National Union.

This Union has been responsible for a vast amount of intensive effort, not only in propagating the facts of Spiritualism, but in attempting to secure legal status for the Movement. Undoubtedly one of the factors which has opposed the progress of Spiritualism is its unsatisfactory position in relation to the law. Legally there is no recognition of genuine mediumship, so that the honest person and the charlatan are condemned in the same manner. In the face of wilful exploitation of Spiritualism, sincere adherents can only spread their discovery amongst their fellows. There is no legal machinery to curb such offences which could not be applied quite as effectively against a genuine medium. As will be found in the statement of the legal position, one of the injustices is that the laws which penalise Spiritualists were framed long before the Movement was founded, and certainly were not intended to persecute a religion.

A direct development of this most unsatisfactory state of affairs is that hundreds of proprietary rooms have been opened, ostensibly as "Spiritualist Churches," but in reality as fortune-telling centres, to provide financial means for their promoters. The writer would not suggest that genuine mediumship is never found in these enterprises, for neither the Spiritualists' National Union nor any other federation has a monopoly of intercourse with the other world. What he does suggest is that the possibilities of genuine phenomena being experienced are intensely more remote than where there is no desire for personal gain. A "Church" which is formed for pecuniary advantage is less likely to be organised "decently and in order" than where that condition is absent. The inquirer may take it that genuine Churches have a committee elected by the members of the society, and a statement of accounts is presented annually at a general meeting. One of the objects of the *Manual* is to give details of the more important bona fide Churches, and armed with this information the inquirer should have no difficulty in locating a society worthy of support. Having established this contact, his next wish will be to experience some of the phenomena upon which Spiritualists rest their case, and it is hoped that the instructions which follow will be found helpful in his investigation.

And now a few words of caution in closing this chapter. A familiar adage has it that "Rome was not built in a day." These words are recalled here for two reasons. First, the inquirer must not expect to find the Spiritualist Church as highly organised, as perfect in operation, or as well endowed as is usual in the case of older denominations. It cannot be too clearly emphasised that Spiritualism, as a religion, is *in process of becoming*. Most of the scholarly men who are associated with other faiths look upon it as the spiritual "ugly duckling." In fact, Spiritualists have had to contend with the same indifference or opposition from religion that the Psychic Researchers have received at the hands of orthodox science. It was ever so. New methods are always regarded with suspicion. If it were otherwise, both religion and science would be exploited beyond hope. Just as it appeared at first that Psychical Research would not fit into the accepted framework of science, so, too, it seemed that Spiritualism would not fall into the plan of religion. To some Spiritualism may appear "ugly," it may seem unacceptable, but it has come to be a power in the land. Whatever the present deficiencies in organisation, time and experience will put them right. Moreover, discipline is hard to enforce where absolute freedom and liberty hold sway.

Secondly, this adage is quoted because it has an implication so far as personal research is concerned. The inquirer may decide to investigate, but hold! Proof of survival is not secured as easily as turning on a tap. Some people, the writer included, have found it uncommon hard to come by. Others are fortunate enough to get it easily. But with perseverance and the exercise of an open mind, cogent and crucial evidence will be forthcoming to everyone of average common sense. An interesting fact is that some of the keenest advocates of demonstrated survival have been men who, in the initial stage of their investigations, regarded the whole subject with contempt. Some of the greatest of the S.P.R. leaders, nay, perhaps the greatest, have been forced, after long analysis of the facts at issue, to admit that the evidence was overwhelming. Dr. Richard Hodgson, who was described as the most "incurable sceptic in America," is one of many who became champions of the hypothesis which lies at the heart of Spiritualism.

Much depends upon the mental attitude of the sitter, and in order to inculcate a congenial frame of mind a certain amount of preparation is advisable. In addition to the suggestions advanced in the succeeding chapter, the inquirer is asked to exercise patience and fortitude. If he does this, and retains an open mind it is more than likely that he will share with F.W.H. Myers the conviction that personality survives in a spiritual world where man's true citizenship lies.

HOW TO INVESTIGATE SPIRITUALISM

We commence our quest into the unknown with minds that are freed from preconceptions. Spiritualism may be based on facts, as so many eminent witnesses have testified. On the other hand, it may be delusion and fraud, which form the foundation of much that is attributed to the Unseen. Many eminent personalities have claimed that also. We may or may not be impressed by the fact that those who condemn Spiritualism off-hand are generally either ignorant from the standpoint of personal experience or biased from the point of view of one having another system to maintain. As a last resort, we refer neither to the one section of eminent combatants nor to the other. We appeal to ourselves as reasonable, intelligent and critical human beings, endowed with minds of our own. We ask ourselves two questions: (1) "Will these extraordinary phenomena transpire in our presence?" (2) "If so, will they enable us to come to a conclusion regarding the supposed action or impact on our world of people who no longer inhabit it?"

In that spirit, a truly scientific and impartial spirit, we commence our investigations. But we have already equipped ourselves for the task, first by stripping our minds of bias one way or the other; and second, by familiarising ourselves with the conventions of the work we have in hand. This latter qualification is of great importance. What would we think of the air pilot, or motorist for that matter who set off to explore a foreign country without map or guide? These necessary aids may or may not lead him to form an advance opinion concerning a country with which he is personally unfamiliar. In our case we must see that they do not influence us in that way. Like the cautious pilot, we are keen for personal experience, and don't want to form any opinions until we have secured it. But that must not blind us to the value of a map or guidebook to point the way to our destination. Naturally, we are anxious to profit from the experiences of others, if only in so far as they will lead us by precipices and guide us through danger until at last we arrive at a point where we may begin to rely on our own observations.

Now Mr. J. Arthur Hill, a sound and careful explorer of this new world, which you and I are contacting, has likened mediums to delicate pieces of machinery. No one would think of manipulating a machine until they understood something of its mechanism. So Mr. Hill, like all other pioneers in this realm, urges the inquirer to study the literature bearing on psychic investigation before blundering into the séance room. He urges this because it is important (1) to know what you are likely to meet; and (2) to avoid falling into error in your initial investigations. An acquaintance with the literature will give you a sense of intelligent anticipation concerning the ramifications of psychic phenomena. In the absence of such preparation "the investigator will be liable to give things away by talking too much, or will create suspicion and discomfort by being too secretive." It is a fact admitted by the most sceptical researchers that the attitude and conduct of the sitters at a séance is no less significant than the behaviour of the medium. Sitters apparently can make or mar the success of any experiment in supernormal phenomena.

We have already cautioned the inquirer, as touching professional mediumship, that it is best to sit with mediums who are attached to accredited societies. Indiscriminate séances with this or that professional medium rarely, if ever, bring absolute conviction. Unfortunately, the desire to know what the future holds is frequently an obsession with those who consult professional mediums, so that it is only to be expected that many such mediums have been persuaded to spend more time in sounding the possibilities that lie ahead than in

endeavouring to provide evidence of human survival. Prognostication is, of course, a legitimate province for Psychic Research, but only indirectly does it throw light on the problem of death and man's relationship to that inescapable phenomenon. The sitter should make it plain that he demands nothing, but he would welcome conviction on those points most fundamental to Spiritualistic thought, the survival of the soul, and a spiritual world.

Certain forms of psychic phenomena are demonstrated at public meetings. Clairvoyance is an example. But however convincing the evidence may appear superficially, it is only of value to the recipient; often enough it is impossible to estimate how convincing the evidence appeared to the individual who received it. To the looker-on it should be no more realistic to hear a marvellous delineation given and accepted than it should be to read of such an experience in an autobiography. Second-hand personal experience is no great improvement on the second-hand testimony available in books. By personal experience we mean direct conviction in our own case that we have been privileged to speak across the chasm of death.

Very many Spiritualists will tell you that they became convinced of survival as a result of phenomena, which occurred in their own family circle. "What!" you say. "In the absence of any medium?" In the absence of any known medium psychic phenomena are often observed. So it has come to be regarded as a tradition amongst Spiritualists that "the best place for observing psychic phenomena is the home." The suggestion is that generally there is, in a group of some half-dozen people, one personality who possesses psychic propensities in sufficient degree for them to yield to development. There are people who will tell you that they know nothing of Spiritualism, but they confess to having had strange but veridical dreams, or "hunches," or visions, etc. These people, providing their claims are true, are mediums in embryo. Nearly every outstanding medium whom Spiritualists have known was something of a psychic before associating with Spiritualism. Spiritualists did not present them with mediumship. The latent faculties, which they already possessed, were simply classified and made lucid. In other words, the sensitive suddenly realised that he was not "queer"; he was simply responsive to impressions which other (psychically) denser folk never apprehended. Instead of suppressing his God-given gift, he tried to understand and develop it.

Accepting this to be the case, Mr. J. J. Morse's assertion that "the most wonderful results have been obtained by private families," is scarcely as surprising as it might otherwise appear. Mr. Morse advocated the formation of Spiritualistic "home circles," and conducted even in the absence of any "previously developed media, private or professional." The first question to be settled is the reality of any supernormal phenomenon; later arises the problem of locating their causation. For those who have no Spiritualistic friends, or who wish to investigate the subject in the strictest privacy, the following suggestions by Mr. Morse might be considered after a course of reading:-

HOW TO INVESTIGATE

A private circle, formed of the members of the family, is best. This spirit-circle is a gathering of persons who desire to establish relations with the world of spirits, and receive communications there from. As such communication is a matter of fact, proved by oft-repeated experiment, it follows that the observance of those conditions which experience suggests will be the surest way of obtaining the desired results.

Among the conditions required to be observed, the following should receive careful consideration:-

THE PLACE

This should be a comfortably warmed and cheerfully lighted apartment, which, during the progress of the sitting, should be kept free from all intrusions. Circles for inquiry should always be held in the light.

THE SITTERS

Those only should be requested to join the experiment who are willing to devote time and patience to a methodical pursuit of the inquiry. Circles entirely composed of either sex are not so suitable as those in which the sexes are in proportion. In experimental circles from five to seven sitters are sufficient.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE SITTER

The sitters should be so arranged that a lady alternates with a gentleman at the table used. There is no need to, restrict the sitters to any particular form of table. When the communication is established, changes in the seating of the sitters may be desired by the communicating intelligence. Such change should invariably be made and adhered to at subsequent meetings, unless and until otherwise directed.

THE PHENOMENA

Do not look for “marvellous phenomena” at first. The simplest phenomenon that demonstrates the existence of an agency external to the sitters is of more importance to the inquirer than the more extraordinary phenomena, which are at first accepted with reserve. The initial phenomena will most likely take the form of tilts, or movements of the table. Such “tilts” or “movements” can be made to serve as a method of communicating with the unseen operators by using the following code of signals i.e., one “tilt” or “movement” being understood as “No,” two as “Doubtful,” three as “Yes,” in response to the questions, which should be addressed to the agent at work as soon as the movements are obtained. Should “raps” be heard, the above code of signals can still be observed. Should any sitter exhibit a desire to write, as indicated by the movements of the hand and arm, supply the person so influenced with a sheet of paper and pencil, and await results. Should any sitter become entranced, do not get alarmed, nor hastily break up the sitting, as such cases are rarely dangerous.

FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

Spirits adopt various forms of communicating with mankind. Trances, visions, impressions, personations, and writing are among the more general forms resorted to. In most of these cases the medium is put under a psychological or mesmeric “control” by the spirit operating, and during the continuance of the state may deliver addresses, describe spirits present, and also scenes in the spirit land; personate the character of departed friends, and repeat characteristic actions and personal incidents, names, dates, etc. connected therewith; and either by aid of the Planchette, Ouija Board, or similar agent, or by a pencil held in the hand in the ordinary manner, write out messages from the intelligences communicating. Generally, the fact of communication is most easily established by the process known as “table movements,” as above referred to. Seat the company at the table, and follow the code of signalling previously mentioned when motions or sounds are obtained. There are many other

forms of communication, but these now stated will suffice for all practical purposes to help the inquirer in the early stages of investigation.

THE DURATION OF CIRCLES

Let the circle be continued for not less than one hour, even if no results are obtained. Twice in one week is frequently enough to form a circle. Let it be remembered that all circles are experimental; hence no one should be discouraged if phenomena are not obtained at the first few sittings. Stay with the same circle for eight sittings at least, and if no results are then obtained (providing the above conditions are observed), you may conclude that the requisite psychic elements are not presented by the sitters. In that case the members of the circle should try the plan of introducing fresh visitors of a suitable character. A single change is frequently sufficient.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

1. Endeavour to retain the same sitters at each sitting.
2. Music, vocal or instrumental, is advised to open each meeting. It is not an absolute necessity.
3. Avoid excitement or fatigue for some hours before attending the circle. Never indulge in stimulants previous to a sitting. The forces used are drawn from the physical and psychical parts of our nature, and are therefore affected by the bodily and spiritual states of all concerned.
4. Do not sit with, or admit to your circle, anyone whom you dislike, or in whom you have not perfect confidence. Avoid acrimonious discussion. Honest scepticism is no barrier to the inquiry, but prejudice and suspicion are undesirable anywhere.
5. The absence of visible results is no proof that no advance has been made. Often most is done when the least is evident to any of our senses. Much may have to be done by the spirit operators before the object of the meeting is accomplished. They are the workers; therefore it is not unreasonable to ask that you bring to each meeting of your circle the requisites most desired, patience and perseverance.
6. If you have any deep-rooted religious objection to the subject, or any bigoted aversion to it, leave it entirely alone. You are unsuited to the inquiry, and will derive no benefit there from. While the facts crave no one's favour, they fear no one's opposition, but a scientific inquiry, as is this, is no place for the ventilation of intolerant opinions or prejudices, religious or scientific.

The inquirer into Spiritualism must not be disappointed if results, at first, are slow or fragmentary. The marvel is that we can experience any phenomena at all. Even amongst Spiritualists there is an appalling oversight of the difficulties of spirit communication. The astonishing thing is not that the signals from across the veil are frequently dim and intermittent, but that it is possible for us to apprehend any sign of life beyond at all. There is this also to be considered: discarnate spirits manifestly do not spend their whole time transmitting messages to inhabitants of this planet. The experience of communication with earth is by all accounts as strange and foreign for them as it is for us. In the Society for Psychical Research Proceedings the student will find many fine evidences that certain of the investigators and pioneers of that Society retained, after death, an abiding interest in its welfare, and demonstrated their continued enthusiasm. The records, however, serve also to

show that the communicators, though life-long students of Psychical Research, found themselves beset by all manner of difficulties when they sought to bridge the gulf of death. Temporary loss of memory, even of earth consciousness, seemed frequent enough, but they at length recovered and were able to transmit another sentence in the long chapter of evidence. We have, first, a communicator attempting to overcome resistance; secondly, a medium endeavouring to apprehend his signals. There may be any number of intermediaries, but these are the two extremes of the line of communication, and both are in an abnormal condition. Each lives in a different world, the only thing in common seems to be thought.

And yet, in spite of the obstacles, which ban free communication, we have a vivid and eloquent body of evidence, which defies all attempts to explain it away. The fact is another illustration of the truth that nothing worthwhile is ever gained without effort. Some Spiritualists may say that the difficulties of communication have here been exaggerated, but that is not so. We are speaking of foolproof evidence of the survival of human personality. Unevidential contacts seem easy enough, but they are useless unless maintained by clear-cut proofs. The inquirer does not want to have a prolonged conversation with the alleged spirit of (say) his grandmother unless he is first sure that it is his grandmother who is speaking! To gain that conviction, both spirit and medium are put on their mettle; but having proven to a bereaved and despairing soul, or to the cold reason of the man of science, that human personality is endowed with enduring qualities, there is reason for satisfaction. For we then know that man is indeed but a "little lower than the angels," that life is something more than the struggle for existence, and that love, character, and memory do not perish in death, but survive to assist the conquering soul in its search for fuller reality. Life is seen in the large as a panoramic but purposeful drama, in which we are all perpetual actors, deriving more and more satisfaction as our capacities increase. Religion becomes vindicated, our highest hopes and aspirations are seen to be worthwhile, and the trials and vicissitudes of incarnate experience appear to be but stepping-stones to higher things. This is no mere emotional peroration. It is the actual and inevitable outcome of the fact, being proved, that man has been stamped with the seal of immortality, and so continues, after death, as a conscious personality.

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SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION

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Note

1. In the foregoing lists:
 - A indicates "Inspirational speaker."
 - B indicates "Normal speaker."
 - C indicates "Demonstrator."
 - * certificated prior to 1916.
2. All the foregoing Diplomas and Certificates were granted under the 1916 regulations. All future issues will be governed by the New Regulations.

CERTIFICATION OF EXPONENTS

1. The Spiritualists' National Union is prepared to grant certificates to platform workers who satisfy the Exponents Committee as to their knowledge of, and ability to expound, the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism (based upon the Seven Principles which are set out in the Memorandum of Association) and/or to demonstrate the survival of the human spirit after bodily death.
2. Persons desiring to be granted a certificate shall make a written application to the General Secretary (or other appointed officer) of the Union. All applicants must be members of, and in good financial standing with, an affiliated Church and/or subscribing members of the Union.
3. The certification of all applicants shall be contingent upon their being accepted as subscribing members of the Union, and certificates shall only remain valid for as long as the holders maintain their membership and pay the annual fee fixed by the Council in addition to their subscription to the Union.

4. Applications shall be accompanied by a fee of five shillings and sixpence, and when the applicant is not already a subscribing member of the Union by a further sum of five shillings as a minimum deposit for one year's subscription to the Union.
5. Certificates shall only be granted subject to the applicants pledging themselves not to serve any Church or other meeting place conducted by one or more persons for private gain, or a Church which has been expelled from the Union. Certificate holders must on no account make use of them for personal advertisement without the written consent of the Union.
6. The Union reserves the right to cancel, withdraw, or suspend the certificate of any holder who is guilty of conduct likely to discredit the cause of Spiritualism, or who fails to comply with any of the conditions under which certificates are granted.
7. All certificates are subject to periodic review by the Exponents Committee of the Council, and any complaints preferred against certificate holders shall be investigated by the Exponents Committee, who shall submit their findings and recommendations thereon to the Council.
8. The Union shall issue annually to each certificate holder whose fee has been paid an appropriate card indicating the continuance of the certificate for the then current year. There shall also be issued annually to every affiliated Church, and every certificate holder, an official list of the names and addresses of all persons holding certificates for the current year.
9. The Union (through the Exponents Committee) shall set up regulations for examining and testing applicants, and keep a register of the names and addresses of all persons to whom certificates have been granted, together with such other particulars as the Union considers necessary to record.

CLASSIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES

For the purpose of the scheme certificate holders shall be divided into five classes:

- (A) **NORMAL SPEAKERS**, comprising those who have been awarded not less than 75% marks in the Final Grade of the graduate (SNU) section of the National Spiritualists' College (or such other course as may at any future date be determined), and who also satisfy the Exponents Committee of their ability to expound the Religion, Philosophy and Science of Spiritualism. (See regulation 1. above)
- (B) **CONTROLLED AND INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS** who satisfy the Exponents Committee of their ability and of their personal knowledge of the Seven Principles and their implications by written essays.
- (C) **DEMONSTRATORS** who satisfy the Exponents Committee of their ability to demonstrate the survival of the human spirit after bodily death, and who show a reasonable knowledge of the Seven Principles and their implications.

- (D) OTHER DEMONSTRATORS - i.e., all classes of physical and healing mediums, who must satisfy the Exponents Committee of the reality of their respective powers. Applicants for the healing certificate must be recommended by the Healing Committee (whenever such is in operation).
- (E) NOVITIATE certificates may be granted to successful candidates in the Entrance and Grade V. examinations, who also satisfy the Exponents Committee of potential speaking ability. Applicants must have obtained not less than 70% marks in one or other of these examinations, and are expected to continue their studies with a view to becoming eligible to apply for the Class A certificate in due course, failing which the Exponents Committee shall have power to cancel the certificate.
- (F) LECTURERS. The Council may add to the published list of exponents the names of well-known lecturers on Spiritualism, subject to their becoming subscribing members of the Spiritualists National Union.

Successful applicants will be awarded Certificates as follows:

Class A.	Certified Exponent.	DNU
Class B.	Certified Controlled and Inspirational Speaker.	CSNU
Class C.	Certified Demonstrator.	CSNU
Class D.	Certified Healing Medium.	CSNU
Class D.	Certified Physical Medium.	CSNU
Class E.	Novitiate Speakers' Certificate.	

Unsuccessful applicants may apply the following year at a reduced fee of 2s. 6d.

Persons holding certificates under earlier regulations shall be entitled to continue, but shall be subject to these regulations as far as they apply.

Applications for any of the above certificates must be made on the official form, which may be obtained from the General Secretary of the Union or the Secretary of the Exponents Committee.

CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS GRANTED UNDER REVISED REGULATIONS

Class A (DNU) Certified Exponents

Who have also passed the final grade of the Education Scheme with Honours or Distinction.

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- Nellist, E., 127, Queen Street, Coatham, Redcar, Yorks.
- Paling Mrs E., 'Lucknow', Muriel Road, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.
- Reynolds, A., 47 Wolverleigh Terrace, Gosforth, Northumberland.
- Shaw, Mrs J.M., 27 Ramsey Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.
- Stewart, J.M., 51 Silverleigh Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
- Thompson, E., 6 Davidson Street, Park Road, Lancaster.

Class B (Cert. SNU) Certified Controlled and Inspirational Speakers

Bogue, T., 'Ferndene', West Park Road, Gateshead on Tyne.

Harris, R., 31 Lightfoot Street, Hoole, Chester.

Keeling, E.A., 8 Knocklaid Road. Tue Brook, Liverpool.

Class C (Cert. SNU) Demonstrators

Ball. Mrs A.A., 101 Ashton New Road, Beswick, Manchester.

Bell, J., 48, Kippax Street, Moss Side, Manchester.

Bostock, R.P., 47 Leigh Street, Warrington.

Clements, Mrs E.A., 36 Park Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey.

Davies, R., 83 Cleveland Road, Crumpsall, Manchester.

Davies, Mrs G., "Windermere," 88 Rowland Road, Worthing.

Gow, Mrs, 22 Sefton Road, Walton, Liverpool.

Harris, Mrs B., 31 Lightfoot Street, Hoole, Chester.

Hughes, Mrs S., 10 Flaxman Street, Liverpool.

Maunders, Mrs M.M., 42 Flaxman Road, Loughborough Junction, London SE15.

McConnell, Mrs, 49 Kestrel Avenue, Herne Hill, London, SE24.

Class D (Cert. SNU) Healing Mediums

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Hare, Mrs L.M, 39 Africa Gardens, Cardiff.

Kite, J., 'Malvern House', Whalley Range, Manchester.

Langley, P., 975 Bristol Road, South Northfield, Birmingham.

Spruce, W., 39 Chesham Road, Norbiton, Surrey.

Vandenburg, Mrs L., 3 Pease's Row, Tindal Crescent, Bishop Auckland.

Physical Mediums

Duncan, Mrs H.V., 1 Wauchope Place, Craigmillar, Edinburgh.

Class E - Novitiate Certificates

LeNoury, J., 153 Blackburn Meadow, Sheffield.

Maddison, Miss M.E., 17a Dartmouth Park Hill, London, NW5.

Smith, D.R.S., 3 Baronald Street, Rutherglen, Glasgow.

Adams, Miss D.M., Waterworks, Ripley, Derbyshire.

THE SPIRITUALISTS' NATIONAL UNION

Outline and History

By J. B. M'Indoe, President

Prior to the advent of the Spiritualists' National Union, attempts had been made from time to time to promote national organisations. The last and most successful was the National Federation of Spiritualists, comprising societies, local unions, and individual Spiritualists. It did much useful work in co-ordinating the activities of its members. Its constitution, however, was not such as to provide any legal protection or status for its constituent members, nor did it possess the legal qualifications for holding property. The growth of the Movement, the acquisition by societies of land and buildings, made this an urgent question, for experience had shown how difficult it was to prevent property belonging to Spiritualist bodies being alienated to other purposes.

After much discussion, it was agreed that the best solution was the formation and registration of a company limited by guarantee. The word limited aroused some hostility then, and is still criticised, but apparently the objections of Board of Trade officials to its omission were insurmountable.

The inaugural meeting of the Spiritualists' National Union was held at Bootle On July 5th 1902. It took place during an interval in the proceedings of the thirteenth annual conference of the National Federation of Spiritualists, and the Union took over the property, obligations, and rights of the Federation.

The officers of the Federation Mr. Wm. Johnson (President), Mr. Wm. Harrison (Secretary), and Mr Greenwood (Treasurer) retained these positions in the new organisation.

The new constitution, set forth in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, gave wide powers for promoting various activities in the interests of Spiritualism and its propagation as religion, science, and philosophy.

A national panel of trustees was provided to hold the Union's own property, and also by a system of joint trusts with local trustees to provide a simple and cheap method of legally holding and conserving the properties of its member societies.

The affairs of the Union were governed by a National Council of sixteen, elected annually at the general meeting.

The first annual general meeting was held in July 1903, at Keighley, Mr J.J. Parr being elected President, while Messrs. Harrison and Greenwood retained their offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

The religious aspects of Spiritualism have always been kept in the forefront by the Union. At its first annual meeting a motion was discussed, and received considerable support, to exclude the presentation of phenomena from the religious services.

Gradually the word "Church" has become more common in the titles of organisations connected with the Union, and they are encouraged either to adopt the designation "Spiritualist National Church," or to incorporate these words as a sub-title.

The membership fee was fixed at 5 shillings for each delegate or individual member. This modest fee did not provide substantial amounts annually for the work of the Union, but by purely voluntary labour in its early days steady progress was made.

Mr. Hanson Hey became General Secretary of the Union in 1903, and held office till his transition in 1920. An enthusiastic propagandist, he was responsible for the initiation of so many new Spiritualist churches up and down the country that it is fairly certain that no one will eclipse his record. His work for the Union was of such an outstanding character that after he passed on a voluntary testimonial fund, sponsored by the Union for the benefit of Mrs. Hey, reached £1,000 in a few months. A large proportion of this sum was bequeathed by Mrs. Hey to the National Fund of Benevolence at her death in 1932.

At first appointed on a purely voluntary basis, as the work increased Mr. Hey received small honorariums, latterly amounting to £40 per annum. Nominally a spare-time occupation, the work gradually absorbed practically all his time, until failing health curtailed his activities and necessitated the appointment of an assistant, in the person of Mr. Robert Yates, of Huddersfield, in 1919. Mr. Yates succeeded Mr. Hey as secretary in 1920, resigning in 1922 through a breakdown in health. Mr. George F. Berry became General Secretary in 1922, on a full-time basis, and the registered offices of the Union were transferred to London Road, Manchester. In 1932 more commodious premises were taken at Hollins Chambers, Bridge Street, Manchester 3.

In 1933 it was decided to transfer Mr. Berry to the position of National Organiser, and he was succeeded as General Secretary by Mr Frank T Harris.

In 1921 considerable alterations were made in the constitution of the Union. It had become advisable, indeed necessary from a legal standpoint, to define in precise terms the word Spiritualism in the constitution of the Union. As a religious organisation or denomination it had to set forth definite tenets, acceptance of which would clearly differentiate its members from those of other religious bodies.

It was decided to adopt for this purpose the Seven Principles of Spiritualism. These principles had been more or less generally accepted by most Spiritualists. They are very similar to those of the National Spiritualists' Association of the U.S.A. Later they were adopted, with slight variation, as the basis of membership of the International Spiritualists' Federation. The particular wording of the principles adopted by the Union had come first through the mediumship of Emma Hardinge Britten. The Union has always stressed the importance of freedom of conscience and liberty of belief, holding that only the minimum affirmation of belief should be asked for.

In pursuance of this policy, full individual liberty of interpretation of the Seven Principles is specifically reserved to members. An attempt to add an eighth principle, "The leadership of Jesus," was made in 1925. Although this had the powerful advocacy of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, it was rejected by a large majority, and at subsequent annual meetings this position has been confirmed.

The attitude of the Union to this eighth principle, and to what is called Christian Spiritualism, is set forth clearly in a leaflet, which may be had for 1d. stamp from the General Offices.

An attempt to add the negation of certain generally obsolete Christian beliefs to the basis of membership was carried at the 1934 annual meeting, but was later rejected by a postal ballot of the members.

Thus for the Union, Spiritualism is defined by the Seven Principles, and a simple signed statement of belief in these is the basis of membership of the Union and of its constituent churches. But the interpretation of these principles, the holding of other beliefs not conflicting with them, and the avowal of disbeliefs are matters for the individual.

The financial basis of the revised constitution was a capitation fee of 6d. per member from each of its constituent churches, and a minimum of 5s. from each individual member of the Union designated as "Subscribing Members."

Churches were given the right to send one delegate to the Union general meetings for the first twenty five members, and an additional delegate for the major part of each subsequent fifty members.

Thus, membership of a church constitutes membership of the Union, though only the elected delegates of the churches represent the church members.

The democratic principle of government prevails throughout the Union. Its constituent churches must keep (a) members' roll; (b) hold an annual meeting, at which the officers and executive committee are elected by vote of the members, and to which a properly audited financial statement is submitted.

Organisations which are run for the personal profit of individuals, or which are not under the democratic control of the members, are thus ineligible.

The National Council was considerably enlarged, and a system of area representation introduced. The country was divided into eight geographical areas Lancashire, London, Midlands, Northern Counties, Scotland (with Northern Ireland), Southern Counties, South Wales, and Yorkshire. In each of these areas a "District Council," composed of the affiliated churches in the area, was set up as a local committee of the Union. Each district council elected its own officers and executive, held its own business meetings, and had a very wide measure of control of affairs in its area. It elected two of its members to sit on the National Council, and received back from the Union one half of the amount collected in capitation fees from its area. Large district councils, such as Yorkshire and Lancashire, were left free to set up subsidiary groups in their areas.

Provision was also made for election on the Council of two representatives of the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, which had affiliated as a kindred organisation. Subscribing members also sent two representatives to the Council, which, including the three officers and a full-time secretary, thus numbered twenty-four.

The expenses of such a council, meeting in different parts of the country four times a year, were heavy. Salaries were a serious item; the capitation fee system did not bring in so much cash as had been hoped; commercial depression had set in, membership fell, and the financial reserves of the Union were depleted.

Further revisions of the constitution followed, whereby each electoral group elected one in place of two National Councillors. Thus the number was reduced by ten, but three elected by a postal ballot and designated National Councillors were added, giving a council of

sixteen, plus the general secretary. Additional finance was secured by raising the capitation fee to 1s. per member.

In addition to its executive officers, the Union has an honorary president and vice-presidents. Sir A. Conan Doyle was its first honorary president. Mr. Hannen Swaffer succeeded him in 1931.

Among the honorary vice-presidents are notable Spiritualists associated with various phases of thought in the Movement. Their names are sufficient evidence of the catholicity of the Union's appeal to Spiritualists.

Never overburdened with funds, and always having to exercise economy, the Union has had to face financial crises more than once, but the loyalty of the members has always surmounted these.

The Union has been well served by its honorary treasurers. The 21 years' service of Mr. Thos. Wright was recognised by a presentation on his retirement 1929, when Mr. J. M. Stewart succeeded him. The income of the General Fund for 1934 was £1013 0s. 6d. and the expenditure £1008 17s. 4d. The net assets at December 31st 1934, were £428 16s. 1d.

The number of churches affiliated to the Union at December 31st 1934, was 490, with a total membership of 14,693. These figures should not be regarded as indicating the numerical strength of Spiritualism. They are a measure of the number of those who accept Spiritualism as their religion, and are willing to pay an annual membership fee, varying from 5s. to 10s., to their church.

Some relaxation of the rules prescribing proper constitution and control of churches, or less emphasis on the religious aspects of Spiritualism, would doubtless attract more members, but there is no likelihood of any departure from the ideals, which the Union has stood for, since its inception.

It is absurd to suggest, as ignorant or biased critics sometimes do, that we regard the Seven Principles as unique or original, or that we accept them merely because they were set forth in certain words through a medium. In substance, if not in the actual words, all of them are to be found in some other religion, and most of them in all the great religions. They are unique only as the statement of beliefs, which forms the basis of membership of a religious organisation. We accept them because they appeal to our reason. They are our creed in the sense that a creed is a statement of belief, but not in the sense that acceptance or rejection implies any merit or demerit.

The Union has a number of activities directed by committees of the National Council: -

The Fund of Benevolence was taken over from the Federation. It is supported by donations and by collections taken by the churches. It is run for the benefit of old and infirm workers for Spiritualism, and its operations are not confined to members of the Union. Grants of money are given in special cases, but in the main, assistance is by monthly pensions.

Last year the income was £594, the expenditure £870, and the working expenses, practically all for postages and remittances, were £16 7s. 3d. The number of pensioners was 67. The Secretary is Miss M. L. Stair, 4, Ravensworth Gardens, Sutton Mill, Keighley, Yorkshire. She will gladly acknowledge any donations.

Trust Property Committee. The Union has a system of joint Trust Deeds for the safe holding in trust of lands and buildings, cash, and other effects belonging to its affiliated churches. The foundation of these is the National Panel of Trustees, the main qualification for which is five years' prior membership of the Union.

The Union's own property is vested in them. In joint trusts with churches, the usual procedure is for the church to nominate two of the trustees on the National Panel, to act as trustees for the church, along with two local Spiritualists, usually members of the church, and nominated by it.

The legal costs incurred are small, especially where the Union's own solicitors carry through the trust in standard form, and a variety of forms meet varied requirements. The system is sound; it has stood the test of time; none of its trusts have ever been seriously challenged; its growth, though slow at first, has been rapid during recent years, and the vested property now amounts to many thousands of pounds. At December 31st 1934, there were 90 joint trusts, covering land and buildings, and 35 for cash and effects only.

Full particulars of the various systems of trusts will be found in a pamphlet (price 4d. by post from General Secretary).

Building Fund Pool. - This is a building society within the orbit of the Union. Its purpose is to finance the acquisition of land, buildings, and furnishings, or to take over existing mortgages. The funds are derived from churches in the Union, who lend surplus money to the pool, or who deposit money in it to entitle them to an advance at some future date for the purchase of land or buildings, etc. Advances are made only for such purposes, and only to churches affiliated, and a joint trust deed with the Union is an essential condition. The Pool serves a very useful purpose, as it makes advances on a class of security - Spiritualist churches - which the average building society is seldom prepared to consider. A church was built at Cwm, in S. Wales, mainly by the labour of unemployed miners, the money to purchase materials being advanced by the Pool. Existing mortgages have been taken over on terms advantageous to the churches. Rented buildings have been acquired through the Pool on terms involving interest and repayment, charges which were little heavier than the rents previously paid, and several substantial church buildings have been erected.

Equal quarterly repayments of capital, spread over terms of years varying with the circumstances, are made, with corresponding decreases in the interest charges.

From very small beginnings the Pool has grown slowly but steadily. At first only small advances could be considered. It has financed two churches each costing over £1,000, and is committed to one involving £2,500.

Up to December 31st 1934, it had advanced money to churches, and its risks had been spread so that each of the eight district councils in the Union had at least one church among these. Its assets at that date were £6317 19s. 10d., which included a reserve fund of £186. The reserve is small, but representing as it does about 3 per cent of the assets, and accumulated during the necessarily difficult early years of such an undertaking, it must be considered satisfactory.

Full particulars of the scheme are given in a pamphlet, "The S.N.U. Building Fund Pool," price 4d., by post from General Secretary.

Insurance. - The adequate insurance of church property on which advances have been made is obviously necessary in the interests of Pool and church alike, and such insurances are always placed, through the agency of the Pool, with leading insurance companies. This business has extended so that the Pool benefits financially through acting as agent for the insurance of church buildings generally. A growing business is also done in insurance against third-party risks for churches, a potentially serious liability frequently overlooked, though the premiums are small. A recent extension provides for insurance against accident risks, through a well-known company, of Spiritualist workers.

Legal Business.- All this insurance, trust deed, and mortgage work is constantly bringing the various legal problems, which sooner or later confront every church, to the notice of the Union. Churches are encouraged to place their legal problems in the hands of the Union.

In a recent case, in which extortionate charges had been made in connection with a church mortgage, the Union secured the return of the money improperly charged, and a new mortgage on much more favourable terms.

In other cases the Union has successfully negotiated the sale or purchase of property for churches, and where the legal charges involved in these or other transactions have been beyond what the church could conveniently meet at once the Pool has advanced the money and taken repayments over a period of years.

Education.- From the first the Union has recognised the need for education of its members, its mediums, and its platform workers. It encourages the formation of discussion groups as one of the activities of its churches, and the organisation of classes or circles for the unfoldment of psychic gifts, and the development of mediumship is a regular feature in many of its churches.

An important scheme was initiated for the certification of recognised platform workers and mediums. Later, this developed into a system which included written examinations and the issue of diplomas.

Subsequently, in conjunction with the British Spiritualists' Lyceum Union, a more elaborate educative and examination scheme was inaugurated. This includes grades for young people, the final examination for which also forms the entrance examination for the adult section. A three-years' course then follows and successful candidates, who complete this course and wish to obtain the diploma of the Union as public workers, undergo further tests as to their platform abilities.

Other diplomas, with much less stringent examinations as to normal educational attainments, are issued to demonstrators of mental and physical phenomena, and to healing mediums.

Full particulars of the various grades, etc., may be obtained from the General Secretary.

Publications.- The Union has a publications department, intended to promote :

- a. Items required in the administrative side of church work, such as roll books, account books, forms for keeping records of cases dealt with by healing circles.
- b. Pamphlets and books relating to Spiritualism, while valuable to the Movement, are not likely to attract the attention of commercial publishing firms. Many pamphlets of great educational merit have been issued, but in recent years the public demand for pamphlets has been small. One, however, has a steady sale, *The Seven Principles of Spiritualism*, price

3d., by Hanson Hey. It is an excellent and readable summary of Spiritualist principles, and one of the best introductions to the subject available today.

Mr. Stanley de Brath generously made over to the Union the copyright of his famous book, *Psychic Philosophy*, originally issued by him under the pseudonym, V. C. Dissertes, and a new edition, revised and brought up to date by the author, was issued. It may be obtained from the National Union. As a matter of fact there is no better book on the subject. It covers the various phases of the phenomena, outlining their religious, scientific, and philosophical implications, and presents the subject as a natural religion. As a sound and comprehensive summary of the subject the book can be confidently recommended alike to those who aspire only to a sound, general knowledge of Spiritualism, and to those who may wish to proceed to further and specialised study of the subject.

Mention must also be made of the Spiritualists' National Union hymn book, which is the joint property of the Union and of The Two Worlds Publishing Co. It is now in its eleventh edition, and the demand for it has been almost literally world wide. The price is 1s. 6d.

Parliamentary Committee.- This Committee was set up in order to secure the Amendment of the Witchcraft and Vagrancy Acts, which penalise mediums. The antiquity of these Acts make it obvious that they could not have been intended to apply to mediumship or Spiritualistic phenomena. Yet they have been so applied, and numerous prosecutions of mediums have been taken under them. It is the contention of the Union that ample protection against fraudulent persons posing as mediums is provided by Common Law. Under it the prosecution would have to establish intent to defraud. But in prosecutions under these antiquated and obsolete Acts even the honest medium is bound to be convicted.

It is noteworthy that in Scotland these Acts are not now invoked in prosecutions of so-called "fortune tellers." Lord Young, in the Court of Sessions, quashed a conviction, laying it down that intent to defraud must be established to secure conviction.

For some years the Union has concentrated on securing the passage of a short Act which will exempt from the operations of these old Acts mediums who are certified by recognised Spiritualist organisations.

Many MPs had promised support. The late Mr. W. Kelly, of Rochdale, himself a Roman Catholic, introduced the Bill. The Government had definitely promised to give facilities for the Bill, if it secured a second reading. When the Bill came up, however, the Whips were put on to prevent a quorum in the House, and the Bill automatically dropped.

In 1935 the work of the Committee got considerable publicity in the Law Courts. Mr. John Lewis, in his monthly journal, *The International Psychic Gazette*, had accused the Union of maladministration of the Parliamentary Fund. Repeated efforts to secure a retraction of these charges having failed, a libel suit was instituted. A jury in the King's Bench awarded £1,500 damages to the Union; Lord Hewart making some scathing comments on the conduct of Mr. Lewis and one of the printers concerned.

The practice of mediumship being illegal under the Law as at present interpreted, bequests for the furtherance of it are invalid, and have actually been rendered void by decisions in Court. This state of affairs the Union hopes to see altered ; but, meantime, there are methods by which testators can ensure that legacies for such purpose will be made use of in

accordance with their wishes. A letter to the General Secretary of the Union will elicit the necessary information.

In England marriages are frequently performed by Spiritualists in their churches, many of which have been registered for the purpose.

In Scotland it is the person officiating, and not the place where the ceremony is performed, that matters in the eyes of the Law.

Lord John Russell specifically declared in Parliament, when carrying through the Registration Act, that the Law was not concerned as to the form, of the ceremony, or as to who performed it, but only to see that a marriage regarded as binding by the parties concerned took place, and was duly registered, and although a number of such marriages have been performed by Spiritualists and registered without any challenge, during recent years the Registrar-General for Scotland has adopted an arbitrary attitude, and has intimated that such marriages would not be registered. On the matter being raised in Parliament by a question put by Capt. Hay, a very cynical Scottish Secretary replied that the matter could be settled by an action at Law. That involved an action in the Court of Sessions by a couple married by a Spiritualist, to enforce the registration, with all the heavy legal, expenses, delay, and unpleasant publicity associated with such procedure. Meantime, so-called "irregular marriages" i.e., marriages without any religious ceremony increase in number annually, and the clergy wail about what they describe as the "scandal" of Gretna Green marriages performed by a blacksmith.

International Committee.- The Union took a prominent part in the formation of the International Spiritualist Federation. Its two first Presidents were Mr. George F. Berry and Mr. E. W. Oaten, both ex-presidents of the Union.

The 1928 Triennial Congress met in London, and the 1937 one will be held in Glasgow on the invitation of the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists.

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Lancashire District Committee: AGM, Mar. 21st. EC, Feb. 1st, April 18th, June 6th, Sept. 26th. *Half-yearly*, Oct. 3rd.

Manchester District Group: AGM, Feb. 8th, EC, May 9th, Sept. 5th, Dec. 5th.

North East Lancashire District Group: AGM, Feb. 8th. EC, May 10th, Aug. 9th, Nov. 8th.

North Lancashire and Cumberland District Group: AGM, Feb. 1st. EC, Jan. 25th, April 25th, July 18th, Oct. 25th.

South West Lancashire and Cheshire District Group: AGM Feb. 1st, EC May 2nd, Sept. 5th, Nov. 7th.

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Rochdale (Regent Hall) Spiritualist Church, Rochdale. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Matthews, 266 Milnrow Road, Rochdale, Lancashire.

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Stretford National Spiritualist Church, Watson Street, Stretford, Manchester. Sun. 6.30pm Philosophy; 8.00pm, Clairvoyance; Mon. 3.00pm and 8.00pm Psychometry, Tue. and Sat. 8.00pm, Open Circle; Wed. 3.00pm, Psychometry; 8.00pm Clairvoyance. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum. *President*: Mrs M. Jackson. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs D. Watts, 54 Milton Road, Gorse Hill, Stretford. *Treasurer*: Mr. Jones.

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Barnoldswick Central Spiritual Church, St. James' Road, Barnoldswick, via Colne. Wed. Circle 7.30pm. Sat. Circle 7.30pm; Sun. Services 2.45pm, 6.00pm, and 7.40pm. *President*: Mrs Fletcher. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Harwood, 50 Lower East Avenue. *Treasurer*: Mrs Bowker.

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Liverpool Spiritualists' National Church, 14 Daulby Street, Liverpool. Lyceum, Sun. 10.30am *Conductor:* Miss Gladys Owen; Public Services Sun. 3.00pm, 6.30pm and 8.15pm; Healing Service Tue. 7.30pm; Wed. Service 8.00pm Clairvoyance. *President:* J.J. Parr. *Hon. Secretary:* H.W. Phillips, 24 Aylesford Road, Old Swan, Liverpool. *Treasurer:* N. Wright.

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Warrington National Spiritualist Church, Academy Street, Warrington. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Foster, 20 Cairo Street, Warrington, Lancashire.

Westhoughton National Spiritualist Church, Bolton Road, Westhoughton. Wed. 7.30pm Phenomena; Sun. Lyceum 10.30am, 3.00pm Phenomena, 6.30pm Philosophy, 7.45pm Phenomena. *President:* Mrs F. Powers. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Watkinson, 8 Gladstone Street, Westhoughton. *Treasurer:* T. Cornwall.

Widnes Spiritual Church, over Kirkman's Cafe, 2 Deacon Road, Widnes. *Hon. Secretary:* C. Harford, 78 Fairfield Road, Widnes, Lancashire.

Wigan National Spiritualist Church, New Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Simm, 110 Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge, Wigan.

Wrexham First Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Humphries, Dalton Avenue, 12 Norman Road, Hightown.

IRELAND

First Dublin Spiritualist Association, 64 Adelaide Road, Dublin, IFS. Sun. Service 7.00pm; Mon. Propaganda 8.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm Mr Owen's Circle and Mr Wilson's Circle. *President:* Robert A. Owen. *Vice-President:* Thomas J. Wilson. *Hon. Secretary:* William Steele, 11 Herbert Place, Dublin. *Hon. Treasurer:* William R. Wilson.

LONDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: M. Stewart, 51 Silverleigh Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Secretary: A. Townsley, 49, Oxford Road, Ealing, W5.

Treasurer: Arthur Challis, 43 Hillside Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex.

Dates of Fixed Meetings:

AGM Mar. 21st EC Meetings Jan. 8th, Feb. 12th, Mar. 11th, April 8th, May 6th, June 3rd, Sept. 2nd, Oct. 7th, Nov. 11th, Dec. 2nd. Quarterly Meetings, June 10th, Sept. 6th, Dec. 8th. May Convention May 8th. Discussion Meetings at Food Reform Restaurant (Chancery Lane Station), Mondays 7.45pm, till Mar. 1936.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE LONDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Aldershot National Spiritualist Church, Birchett Hall, Elm Road, Aldershot. Services: Sun. 6.30pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

Battersea National Spiritualist Church, Bennerley Hall, Bennerley Road, Northcote Road. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm; Wed. 3.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

Bounds Green National Spiritualist Church, Canning Hall, Canning Crescent, High Road, Wood Green, N22. Sun. 7.00pm.

Bowes Park National Spiritualist Church, Shaftesbury Hall, adjoining Bowes Park Station. Sun. 11.00am, 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm.

Brixton Spiritual Brotherhood Church, 143 Stockwell Park Road, Brixton SW9. Sun. 11.30am Lyceum, 3.00pm Evening 7.00pm; Mon. 7.30pm Ladies; Tue. 8.00pm Members' Circle; Wed. 7.00pm Healing; Thu. 8.15pm Public Circle. *President:* James Payn. *Hon. Secretary:* Francis Brown, 255 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton SW. *Treasurer:* James Payn.

Cambridge National Spiritualist Church, Carpenter Hall, Emmanuel Road (Thu. Services); Central Hall, Market Passage (Sun. Services). Service Sun. 6.30pm Address and Clairvoyance; Service Thu. 7.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Healing Circle Mon. 8.00pm at 48 Jesus Lane. Membership fee 5s. per annum. *President:* J.C. Drake. *Hon. Secretary:* W.K. Islip, 158 Tenison Road, Cambridge. *Treasurer:* E.S. Worthy.

Chatham National Spiritualist Church, George Street, Chatham, Kent. Sun. Morning Service 11.00am, Lyceum Session 3.00pm, Evening Service 7.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. Ladies' Afternoon 3.00pm, Evening Service 7.15pm Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* L.G. Rundle. *Hon. Secretary:* E.C.A. Rundle, Rosemary, 54 Woodlands Road, Gillingham. *Treasurer:* J. Austin.

Clacton On Sea National Spiritualist Church, Hydesville Hall, Chapman Road. Sun. 6.30pm; Sat. 7.30pm.

Clapham Spiritualists' Church, Bedford Road, Clapham SW4. Sun. 11.00am Open Circle, 7.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Mon. 3.00pm Psychometry; Tue. 8.00pm Phenomena; Wed. 8.00pm Developing Class; Fri. 8.00pm Short Talks and Clairvoyance. *President:* Mrs M. Clempson. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Tilling, 25 Bessborough Gardens SW1. *Treasurer:* J.M. Alien, JP.

Colchester National Spiritualist Church, Liberal Club, Colchester. *Hon. Secretary:* H.C. Burnham, 68 Ipswich Road, Colchester.

Croydon National Spiritualist Church, Bedford Park, West Croydon. Sun. Services: Lyceum 3.00pm, Evening Service 6.30pm; Wed. Evening Service 7.45pm; Thu. Ladies' Meeting 3.00pm; Fri. Healing 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Healing Circle 7.45pm. Founded in 1927. Possesses own Church through the aid of SNU Building Fund Pool. *President:* J.M. Stewart. *Hon. Secretary:* R.H. Rossiter, 34 Waddon Court Road, Waddon, Surrey. *Treasurer:* W.H. Charlton.

Deal National Spiritualist Church, Watermarks Road, Mill Hill, Deal. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Whitehead, 58 Betre Road, Mill Hill.

Dover National Spiritualist Church. Usually Sat. Evenings 7.30pm; Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm; Mon. Circle 2.45pm. *President:* R. Igglesden. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* S. West, 103 Heathfield Avenue, Dover.

Ealing National Spiritualist Church, 8 Bakers Lane. Sun. 11.15am and 6.30pm; Healing Mon. 8.00pm; Public Service Wed. 8.00pm.

Eltham National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Well Hall Road. Sun. 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Mon. 3.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

Fulham National Spiritualist Church, Kelvedon Road, SW6. Sun. 11.30am, 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Tue. 8.00pm; Thu 8.00pm.

Golders Green Spiritualist Society, Broadwalk Hall, Golders Green Road, NW11. Sun. 6.30pm; Tue. 3.15pm and 8.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm; Fri. Healing 7.30pm, Diagnosis one Mon. in each month. *President:* A.W. Challis. *Hon. Secretary:* E.L. Haynes, 6 The Grove, NW11. *Treasurer:* W. Baldwin.

Great Yarmouth National Spiritualist Church, Albert Hall, Middlegate Street. Tue. Only 7.30pm.

Guildford National Spiritualist Church, The Ward Street Hall, Ward Street. Sun. 6.30pm.

Hackney National Spiritualist Church, 2 Sutton Place. Sun 7.00pm; Mon, Tue, and Thu 8.00pm.

Hampton Hill Spiritualists' Church, Windmill Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex. Sun. 11.00am Open Circle, 6.30pm Service, Address and Clairvoyance; Wed. 3.00pm Ladies' Guild; Thu. 7.30pm Service, Address and Clairvoyance or Psychometry. *President:* J.F. James. *Hon. Secretary:* B.A. Adams, 18 Lindsay Road, Hampton Hill, Middlesex. *Treasurer:* Mrs J.F. James.

Harrow Spiritualist Church, Vaughan Road, Harrow (Five mins. Met. Station). Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm; Wed. 8.00pm. *President:* B.T. Crosook. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Marks, 10 Hibbert Road, Harrow. *Treasurer:* A.W. Boyland.

Hemel Hempstead National Spiritualist Church, New Labour Hall, Wood Lane. Sun. 6.30pm; Tue. 7.45pm.

High Wycombe National Spiritualist Church, Technical School, High Street, Frogmoor. Sun. 6.30pm.

Hounslow National Spiritualist Church, Whitton Road, Hounslow. Sun. 6.30pm; Wed. 3.00pm and 8.00pm.

Iford (Psychical Research) National Spiritualist Church, New Hall, Clements Road. Sun. 7.00pm; Thu. Ladies 3.00pm; Fri. 8.00pm.

Kenton Spiritualist Church, Northwick Park Hall, Kenton, Middlesex. Phone: Byron 2033. Services: Sun. 6.30pm; Thu. 8.00pm; Women's Meeting Tue. 3.00pm, Healing Circle 7.45pm. Quarterly magazine Kenton Outlook, price 6d. *President*: Arthur C. Islip. Acting *Hon. Secretary*: Miss E.H. Islip, 11 Kenton Road, Harrow. *Treasurer*: Walter Islip.

Kilburn Psychic Centre, Mayfield, 3 Priory Road, Kilburn, NW6. Phone: Maida Vale 6734. Mon. 3.00pm Psychometry Tea, 7.30pm Clairvoyance; Tue. 7.15pm Healing; Fri. 3.00pm Psychometry Tea, 8.30pm Psychometry. *President*: Mrs Dolores Smith. *Hon. Secretary*: F.P. Smith, Mayfield, 3 Priory Road, Kilburn. *Treasurer*: S. Wood.

Kingston National Spiritualist Church, Villiers Road, Kingston on Thames. Sun. 11.00am, 3.00pm and 6.30pm; Wed. 7.30pm.

Letchworth National Spiritualist Church, The Howard Hall, Letchworth. Sun. Services 6.30pm. *President*: R.A. Rogers. *Hon. Secretary*: G. Kenyon Rogers, 25 West View, Letchworth, Herts. *Treasurer*: J. Dillaway.

Lewisham Spiritualist Church, Limes Hall, Limes Grove, Lewisham, London, SE13. Sun. 11.00am Open Circle, 3.00pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Service; Mon. 3.00pm Ladies' Own Meeting, 8.00pm Healing Circle (Free); Wed. 8.00pm Service; Fri. 8.00pm Study Class. *President*: H. Hall. *Hon. Secretary*: F. Gardner, 51 Blessington Road, Lee SE13. *Treasurer*: G. West. Lyceum Conductor: Miss G. Last, 91 Brookbank Road, Lewisham.

Little Iford National Spiritualist Church, Third Avenue, Manor Park, E12. Sun. 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm; Fri. 8.00pm.

Luton National Spiritualist Church, Castle Street Hall, Luton. Sun. 11.00am, 2.30pm and 6.30pm; Wed. 8.00pm.

Manor Park Spiritualist Church (St. Andrew's), Strone Road, Manor Park. Sun. 11.00am, Lyceum 3.00pm, 6.30pm; Thu. Ladies' Meeting 3.00pm, 8.00pm.

Margate National Spiritualist Church Mercers Arch, High Street. Sun. 7.00pm; Tue. Thu. and Sat. 7.30pm.

New Malden National Spiritualist Church, Park Road, New Malden, Surrey. Sun. 6.30pm Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. 3.30pm, Ladies' Meeting, 7.30pm Address and Clairvoyance. *President*: B. Lilliot. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs B.M. Watters, 40 Green Lane, New Malden. *Treasurer*: C. Fitzjohn.

New Southgate National Spiritualist Church, Adult School Hall, Palmer's Road, London, N11. Sun. 7.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm. *President*: Mrs M. Cox. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs M. Hackett, 7 Hartland Road, Friern Barnet, N11. *Treasurer*: Jas. H. Mason.

Peterborough National Spiritualist Church, King Street, Peterborough. Sun. Lyceum 10.45am, 2.45 and 6.30pm; Mon. 2.45pm.

Plaistow National Spiritualist Society, Cumberland Road, E13. Sun. 11.00am Healing Service, 3.00pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Service; Mon. 8.00pm Service; Wed. 3.00pm Ladies' Meeting; Thu. 8.00pm Service; Fri. 8.00pm Guild. *President:* H. Wright. *Hon. Secretary:* W.G. Giles, 78 Whitwell Road, Plaistow E13. *Treasurer:* W.E. Webb.

Ramsgate National Spiritualist Church, Townley Hall, Chatham Street. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.30pm Sat. 7.00pm.

Richmond National Spiritualist Church, The Free Church, Ormond Road, Richmond. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E.E. Knox, 29 Onslow Road, Richmond.

Rochester Square Spiritualist Society, Rochester Square, Camden Town, London, NW1. Public Services: Sun. 11.00am and 6.45pm; Thu. 8.00pm; Healing Services: Sun. and Mon. 3.00pm; Tue. 7.30pm; Women's Guild, Mon. 3.00pm. *President:* Mrs A. Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Chas. R. Tims, 28 Rochester Road, NW1. *Treasurer:* H. Auger.

Southend National Spiritualist Church, Westborough Road, Westcliffe on Sea. Sun. 11.00am, 3.15pm and 6.30pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

South London National Spiritualist Church, Lausanne Hall, Lausanne Road, Peckham, SE. Sun. 11.30am, 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Thu. 8.15pm.

Sutton National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Benhill Street. Sun. 6.30pm; Tue. 7.45pm.

Tooting Bec. Progressive Spiritualistic Society, Trevena Hall, Boundaries Road, Balham, SW12. Sun. Circle Service 11.00am. *President:* Frank W. Jarman. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Aland, 20a Louisville Road, SW17. *Treasurer:* Mrs K.E. Jarman.

Tottenham National Spiritualist Church, Warmington House, 744 High Road, Tottenham. Sun. 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

Tottenham And Edmonton National Spiritualist Church, Linnell Road, Edmonton, N. Sun. 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm; Thu. 8.00pm.

Walthamstow Spiritualist Lyceum Church, The New Hall, Coleridge Road, Walthamstow, E17. Meetings are held every Sun. 3.00pm to 4.30pm. The Lyceum splits into three groups - Adult Group, Senior Group, and junior Group. The Adult Group is a speakers' training class, the other two Groups are taught subjects suitable for their age, such as nature, travel talks, history, religions, planets, etc. Conductors: Mr V.M. Thomas and R. Parfitt. *Hon. Secretary:* E.A. Whiter, 6 Elmsdale Road, Walthamstow, E17. *Treasurer:* C. Newson.

Walthamstow Spiritualist Lyceum Church, Coleridge Road, Walthamstow, E17. Sun. Evening 7.00pm, Lyceum Afternoon 3.00pm; Ladies' Meeting Wed. Afternoon 3.00pm; Healing Circle Thu. Evening 8.00pm; Developing Circle Wed. Evening 8.00pm. *President:* J.S. Thomas. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Bowring, 70 Kenilworth Avenue, Walthamstow, E17. *Treasurer:* R. Parfitt.

Watford Christian Spiritualist Church, 15 St. Albans Road. Phone: Watford 2351. Sun. Services 6.30pm, Halsey Masonic Hall; Morning 11.00am at 15 St. Albans Road. Psychometry Thu. 7.30pm at 15 St. Albans Road. Established 14 years. *President:* E.J. Bount. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss G. Home, 4 Sherwoods Road. *Treasurer:* T. Mansfield, J.P.

Wembley National Spiritualist Church, Union Hall, Ealing Road, Wembley, Middlesex. Sun. Services 11.15am and 6.30pm; Lyceum 3.00pm; Wed. 3.00pm Psychometry, 8.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. 8pm Members' Circle; Sat. 8.00pm Whist Drive. *President:* A.E. Taylor. *Hon. Secretary:* Capt. F.J. Powell, 37 Elm Road, Wembley, Middlesex. *Treasurer:* M.G. Nason.

Wimbledon National Spiritualist Church, 136 Hartfield Road, Wimbledon. Sun. 11.00am, 3.00pm and 6.30pm; Wed. 7.30pm.

Woolwich And Plumstead Spiritualist National Church, 1 Villas Road, Plumstead, SE15. Sun. Services 11.00am and 6.45pm; Mon. 3.00pm Women's Guild of Service; Wed. Service 8.00pm Address and Clairvoyance or Psychometry, occasionally questions. *President:* Walter Nunn. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Mrs L. Scarlett, 54 Rippolson Road, SE15. Delegate to London District Council: Mrs S. Goddard. *Hon. President:* Mrs May Bird.

MIDLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: Mrs E. Paling, "Lucknow," Muriel Road, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

Secretary: W. Blount, 42 Fletcher Street, Ripley, Derbyshire.

Treasurer: C. Anthony, 17 Devonshire Avenue, Hasland, Chesterfield.

SUB-DISTRICT COUNCILS

The South Midlands Subsidiary Committee

President: B.P. Membery, 936 Pershore Road, Selly Park, Birmingham.

Vice-President: P. Langley, 975 Bristol Road, South Northfield, Birmingham.

Secretary: Raymond Oakley, 212 Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Herring, 60 Twyning Road, Stirchley, Birmingham.

Treasurer: B. Hardwick, 189 Ingram Road, Bloxwich, near Walsall.

Associate Representative: Mrs George, "Lyndhurst," 135 Jeffcock Road, Wolverhampton.

Dates of Fixed Meetings: AGM Feb. 1936. Town Hall Meeting, Sep., annually in Birmingham.

The North Midlands Subsidiary Committee

All information from Mr Raspin, 15 Melville Street, Lincoln.

Charitable Organisations

The Birmingham and District Poor Children's Fresh Air Fund. Organised by Spiritualists for taking poor Children to the country. All information from Mrs Culwick (Hon. Secretary, FAF) 36 Crosbie Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE SOUTH MIDLAND GROUP

Birmingham Central Spiritualist Church, *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Deakin, 25 Hillaries Road, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham.

Birmingham National Spiritualist Church, Walmer Buildings, 248 Corporation Street. Sun. Services 11am and 6.30pm; Mon. Meetings 3.00pm and 8pm Address and Clairvoyance at each Service; Members' Circles, Tue. 3.00pm and 8.00pm; Public Healing Tue. and Fri. 7.00pm; Thu. Public Circle 8.00pm; Sat. Social Night, 7.00-10.00pm. *President:* D. Macdonald. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. Annie Deakin, 25 Hillaries Road, Erdington. *Treasurer:* Mrs. Dunn.

Bloxwich N.S.C. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Haycock, 21 Marlboro' Street, Bloxwich, Staffordshire.

Brownhills National Excelsior Spiritualist Church, Brownhills, near Walsall. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss M. Small, 57 Hedgesford Road, Brownhills, Staffordshire.

Cannock Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs O.A. Griffiths, 33 Lloyd Street, Cannock, Staffordshire.

Catshill N.S.C. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Litdey, "The Poplars," Hedgesford Road, Brownhills, near Walsall.

Coventry Broadgate Progressive Spiritualist Church, Coventry. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. A. F. Fox, 147 St. George's Road, Coventry.

Coventry Progressive Spiritualist Church, New Hall, Bull Street, Coventry. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A.M. Morris, 2, Sherbourne Crescent, Coventry.

Darlaston National Spiritualist Church, Pinfold Street, Extension, Darlaston. *Hon. Secretary:* A.E. Cotterell, 49 King Edward Street, Darlaston, Staffordshire.

Fenton National Spiritualist Church, Fenton, Staffordshire. *Hon. Secretary:* N. Gordon, 15 Nelson Street, Fenton, Stoke on Trent.

Hall Green National Spiritualist Association, 1494 Stratford Road. *Hon. Secretary:* Edwin Dennis, 13 Featherstone Road, King's Heath.

Handsworth Forward National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* F.W. Dunn, 208 Albert Road, Aston Manor, Birmingham.

Hanley National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* R. Timmis, 124 Leonard Road, Birches Head, Hanley, Stoke on Trent.

Kettering National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* H.C. Bryan Smith, "Ingledene," Kingsley Avenue, Kettering.

Langley National Spiritualist Church, Trinity Street Langley, Staffordshire. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs F.E. Petworth, 260 Pound Road, Langley, Birmingham.

Leamington Spa National Spiritualist Church, Oxford Street. *Hon. Secretary:* L. Wincote, 16 Portland Road,

Longton N.S.C, Stone Road, Longton, Stoke on Trent. (Accepted April 1933). *Hon. Secretary:* R.G. Bourne, 27 Wolsterne Road, Adderley Green.

Newark Progressive Spiritualist Church, 50 Cartergate, Newark on Trent. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.30pm Services; Tue. 7.30pm Service; Thu. 7.30pm Circle; Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* Mrs E. Janssens. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Squires, 92 Lime Grove, Newark. *Treasurer:* Mrs C. Spray.

Northampton National Spiritualist Church, Manchester Unity Hall, Northampton. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss E. Waite 56 Mansfield Road, Northampton.

Northampton National Spiritualist Church, 6a Newland. Sun. 11.00am Lyceum, 3.00pm and 6.30pm; Mon. 2.30pm; Wed. 7.45pm Members' Developing Circle; Fri. 7.45pm A Prayer and Healing Circle; Sat. 7.45pm Service. *President:* H.G. Brown, *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A.M. Brown, 87 Bailiff Street, Northampton. *Treasurer:* A. Ashby.

Nuneaton National Spiritualist Church, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Day, 2 Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Rushden National Spiritualist Church, Rushden. *Hon. Secretary:* George F. Flaun, 46 Washbrook Road, Rushden, Northants.

Saltley National Spiritualist Church, 5 Alum Rock Road, Saltley, Birmingham (Co-op. Meeting Room). Sun. 6.30pm and 8.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Mon. Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* F. Harrison. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Olive Wilkins, 62 Great Lister Street, Nechells. *Treasurer:* Miss F. Price.

Small Heath National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs D.M. Samuels, 87 Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, 10.

The Smethwick National Spiritualists' Church, Church Lane, Smethwick, Birmingham. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Services, 3.00pm Lyceum Services; Mon. 3.00pm and 8.00pm Services and Healing Circle; Tue. 7.30pm Social Club; Thu. 8.00pm Members' Circle; Friday, 8.00pm Members' Circle; Sat. 8.00pm Open Circle. *President:* E. Skelding Esq. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Twist, 367 Beaswood Road, Smethwick. *Treasurer:* E.J. Biddle Esq. **Psychic Centre:** *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs V. Biddle 23 Walter Road. West Smethwick.

Stirchley National Spiritualists' Church, 1346 Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham. Sun. 11.00am Lyceum, 6.30pm Public Service, Address and Clairvoyance; Mon. 7.45pm Public Service, Address and Clairvoyance; Tue. Healing Circle; Thu. 3.00pm Public Developing Circle, 8.00pm Members' Guild and Developing Circle. *Acting President:* G. Smith. *Hon. Secretary:* Raymond Oakley, 212 Tiverton Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham. *Treasurer:* Mrs F.J. Phillips.

Stoke on Trent Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Bradbury, 34 Gordon Street, Hartshill, Stoke on Trent.

Stourbridge National Spiritualist Church, Union Street, Stourbridge. *Hon. Secretary:* A.E. Jones, 39 Western Road, Stourbridge.

Sutton And Wylde Green, 5 Western Road. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Adderley, 53 Britwell Road, Wylde Green, Birmingham.

Tunstall National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Bowler, "Lynton," Victoria Road, Tunstall.

Walsall National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E.M. Thompson, 491 Caldmore Road, Walsall, Staffordshire.

Wellingborough National Spiritualist Church, Oxford Hall, Oxford Street. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.15pm Services; Thu. 7.30pm Service. *President:* G.W. Walton. *Hon. Secretary:* D.W. Byles, 127 Priory Road. *Treasurer:* Mrs Oiger.

Wolverhampton National Spiritualist Church, Molineux Alley, Drummond Street, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. (Founded April 24th 1910). Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Services, 2.45pm "Zenith Aim" Lyceum; Mon 3.00pm Ladies Guild, 7.30pm Service; Wed. 7.30pm Healing Circle; Thu. 7.30pm Members' Developing Circle. *President:* C.H. James. *Hon. Secretary:* J.H. Palmer, 17 Dudley Street, Bilston, Staffordshire. *Treasurer:* C. George.

Worcester National Spiritualist Church, 5 Edgar Street, Worcester. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Bailey, 3 Mealcheaper Street, Worcester.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE NORTH MIDLAND GROUP

Belper Spiritualists' Church, Jubilee Hall, New Road, Belper, Derby. Sun. 10.30am and 2.00pm Lyceum, 2.30pm and 6.30pm Service. *President:* Fred Wheeldon. *Hon. Secretary:* John H. Hawkins, Brookside, Belper. *Treasurer:* Fred Wheeldon.

Beeston No. 1 National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Edward N. Morris, 11 Derby Street, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

Chesterfield National Spiritualist (No. 2) Church, Hollis Lane. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Richardson, 52 Chapel Street, Whittington Moor, Chesterfield.

Chesterfield No. 1 Spiritualist Church, Old Assembly Rooms, Low Pavement, Chesterfield. Sun. 10.30am Lyceum, 3.00pm, 6.30pm and 8.00pm Services; Mon. 3.00pm and 7.00pm Services. *President:* Mrs. Liddelow. *Hon. Financial Secretary:* H. Knight, *Treasurer:* J.J. Hobster. *Corresponding Secretary:* H. Heath, 17 Station Road, Brimington, near Chesterfield.

Coalville National Spiritualist Church, Adult School Hall, Bridge Road. *Hon. Secretary:* W.T. Wildgoose, 34 Gutteridge Street, Coalville.

Derby National Spiritualist Church, Charnwood Street, Derby. *Hon. Secretary:* Geo. Brentnall, 74 King Alfred Street, Derby.

Eastwood National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* T. Walker, 86 Walker Street, Lynn Croft, Eastwood, Nottinghamshire.

Edwinstowe Progressive Spiritualist Church, Sixth Avenue, Edwinstowe. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. Dixon, 75 Sixth Avenue, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire.

Grimsby National Spiritualist Church, Kent Street, Grimsby. *Mrs Ayscough,* 65 Heneage Street, Grimsby.

Heanor National Spiritualist Church, Bircumshaw Road, Heanor. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Pullan, 12 Mayfield Avenue, Heanor, Nottinghamshire.

Hucknall National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss A. Pegg, 75 Connery, Hucknall Nottinghamshire.

Ilkeston National Spiritualist Church, Old Post Office. *President:* Mrs E. Alton. *Hon Secretary:* Miss I. Turton, 63 Park Road, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Ilkeston National Spiritualist Church, St. Mary's Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Page, 180 Church Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Kirkby Spiritualist Church, Sherwood Street, Kirkby. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Gibson, 89 Milton Street, East Kirkby, Nottinghamshire.

Leicester Belgrave Gate Spiritualist Church, 15 Roberts Road, Leicester. (Phone 61346). Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* A.F. Walker. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Rudkin, 53 Weston Road, Leicester. *Treasurer:* A.F. Walker.

Leicester National Progressive Spiritualist Church, Marston Street, Leicester. *Hon. Secretary:* C.W. Banton, 63 Fairfield Street, Leicester.

Leicester National Spiritualist Church, Causeway Lane, Bond Street, Leicester. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Services; Philosophy and Clairvoyance: Mon. 8.00pm, Tue. 3.00pm, Wed. 8.00pm, Thu. 6.15pm, Sat. 7.00pm. *President:* E. Seaman. *Hon. Secretary:* C.J. Warren, 119 Wilberforce Road. *Treasurer:* S. Burton.

Leicester National Spiritualist Church, Belgrave Gate, Leicester. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs S.H. Crutchley, 39 Hunter Road, Leicester.

Leicester Progressive Spiritualist Church, Rupert Street, Leicester. *Hon. Secretary:* J.H. Wicks, 'Hydesville,' 57 Tentercroft Avenue, Syston, near Leicester.

Lincoln Progressive Spiritualist Church, Coultham Street, Lincoln. *Hon. Secretary:* J.W. Raspin, 15a Melville Street, Lincoln.

Lincoln United Spiritualists, No. 4 Room, Oddfellows Hall, Lincoln. *Hon. Secretary:* Chas. Wm. Lunn, 56 Gaunt Street, Lincoln.

Long Eaton Progressive Spiritualist Society, 4 Gibb Street, Long Eaton. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Comery.

Mansfield First National Spiritualist Church, Dallas Street, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. Sat. 7.30pm Public Service; Sun. 3.00pm, 6.30pm, and 8.00pm Public Services; Mon. 3.15pm and 7.00pm Public Services; Tue. 7.30pm Developing Circle. *President:* W. Biggins. *Hon. Secretary:* G.W. Richardson, D.N.U., 33 Bolsover Street, Mansfield. *Treasurer:* Miss G. Hall.

Newark Progressive Spiritualist Church, Corinthian Rooms, Carter Gate, Newark. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Squires, 92 Lime Grove, Newark.

Nottingham National Progressive Spiritualist Church, Midland Chambers, Wheeler Gate, Nottingham. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs B. Smith, 37 Northville Street, Nottingham.

Nottingham Spiritual Evidence Society, North Church Street. Sun. 10.45am and 6.30pm. *President:* John E. Collingham. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* H. Edge, Hazel Grove, Mapperley, Nottinghamshire.

"The Nottingham" National Spiritualist Church, 168 Sherwood Street, Nottingham. Sun. 10.45am and 6.30pm Services, 2.30pm Lyceum; Mon. 3.00pm and 7.30pm Services; Wed. 8.00pm Services. *President:* W. Beal. *Hon. Secretary:* L. Shipley, 132 Hartley Road, Nottingham. *Treasurer:* A. Shipley. *Financial Secretary:* J. Green.

Ripley Progressive Spiritualist Society (No. 2), Ripley. *Hon. Secretary:* F. Home, 8 Heath Road, Ripley, Derbyshire.

Sheffield Meersbrook Spiritualist Church, Regent Terrace, West Street, Sheffield. Sun. 2.45pm and 6.30pm, 11am Healing; Mon. 7.30pm; Thu. 8.00pm. *President:* W.G. Hibbins. *Hon. Secretary:* C.E. Quastel, 50 Endcliffe Rise Road, Sheffield.

Skegness National United Spiritualist Church, Drummond Road, Skegness. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E.S. Farmer 27 Richmond Drive, Skegness.

Sleaford National Spiritualists' Church, 5 Church Lane, Sleaford. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs J. Robinson, 3 Queen Street, Sleaford.

South Wigston National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* J.W. Rouse, 3 Gold Hill, Saffron Lane Estate, Leicester.

Star of Progress Spiritualists' Church, Fennel Street, Loughborough. *Hon. Secretary:* E.F. Ball, 26 Shelthorpe Road, Loughborough.

Sutton in Ashfield National Spiritualist Church, Twitchell, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. Services: Sun. 3.00pm and 6.00pm; Mon. (in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild), 3.00pm and 7.00pm. *President:* Thos. Victor Staton. *Hon. Secretary:* William Finney, 18 The Hillocks, Sutton in Ashfield.

NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: James Slimin, 69 Newcastle Road, Sunderland.

Secretary: P. Hamill Baldwinson, 39 Kingsley Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland.

Treasurer: G.P. Robson, 53 Bamborough Terrace, North Shields.

Fixed Meetings:

AGM, Mar. 8th Quarterly Conferences, June 7th, Sept. 6th, Dec. 6th.

Executive Meetings: Feb. 5th, Mar. 25th, May 6th, June 24th, Aug. 5th, Sept. 23rd, Nov. 4th, Dec. 23rd.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE NORTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ashington National Spiritualist Church, 9 Laburnham Terrace Lintonville, Ashington. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Dawson, 59 Bolsover Street, Ashington, Northumberland.

Bedlington National Spiritualist Church, Reay Hall, Bedlington Colliery. *Hon. Secretary:* T. Bell, 18 Pioneer Terrace, Bedlington Terrace, Bedlington Colliery, Northumberland.

Billingham Spiritualist Mission. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Cowing, 107 Teesdale Avenue, Billingham.

Birtley National Spiritualist Church, 42 Hostel, Elizabethville, Birtley. *Hon. Secretary:* F. Bell, 12 McDonnell Terrace, Elizabethville, Birtley, C.D.

Bishop Auckland National Spiritualist Church, 6 Frederick Street, Bishop Auckland. *Hon. Secretary:* T. McAdam, 184 Byerley Road, Shildon.

Blackhill National Spiritualist Club, Back Park Road, Blackhill. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Harrison, 6 Roger Street, Blackhill.

Broom National Spiritualist Church, Labour Hall, Ferryhill. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Watts, 4 Wolseley Street, Ferryhill Station.

Burradon Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Wm. Murray Means, 21 Weetslade Terrace, Burradon, Northumberland.

Chester le Street National Progressive Spiritualist Church, Mechanics' Institute, Chester le Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Curry, 1 Menceforth Cottages, Chester le Street, County Durham.

Choppington National Spiritualist Church, Church Avenue, Scotland Gate, Choppington. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs W. Doud, 13 Seventh Row, Choppington Colliery.

Chopwell National Spiritualist Church, West Council Boys School, Chopwell. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Burns, South Road, Chopwell, County Durham.

Collingwood Street Welsh Chapel, Coundon. *Hon. Secretary:* J.W. Tutin, 15 Bellvue Terrace, Coundon, near Bishop Auckland.

Cornsay And District Spiritual Evidence Society, The Labour Hall, Cornsay. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M.H. Johnson, 45 North Terrace, Waterhouses, near Durham.

Craghead National Spiritualist Church, Front Street, Craghead. *Hon. Secretary:* J.G. Cook, 25 Edward Terrace, New Kyro, Annfield Plain.

Cramlington And Seaton Delaval National Spiritual Church, Wheatridge Road, Seaton Delaval. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Rutledge, 67 Ashley Road, Seaton Delaval.

Crook National Spiritualist Church, Crown Rooms, Commercial Street, Crook. *Hon. Secretary:* F.P. Myers, 6 Commercial Street, Crook, County Durham.

Darlington National Spiritualist Church, Elmfield Estate, 181 Northgate, Darlington. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Arrowsmith, 47 Salisbury Terrace, Darlington.

Darlington (Psychological Society) National Spiritualist Church, Talbot Yard, Port House, Wynd. Sun. 2.00pm Lyceum, 3.00pm and 6.15pm Services, 8.00pm Circle; Mon. 2.45pm Afternoon Meeting, 7.45pm Service; Tue. 8.00pm Open Circle; Thu. 8.00pm Open Circle; Fri. 7.30pm (Winter Months) Discussion Class; Sat. 8.00pm Service. "Father" Church of the Movement. Established by David Richmond, 1853. *President:* Mrs A.F. Mitchell. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Gilliam Mitchell, 460 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington. *Treasurer:* Miss E. Slinger.

Dawdon National Spiritualist Church, 1 Princess Road, Seaham Harbour, County Durham. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.00pm Service; Mon. 2.30pm Sisterhood; Wed. 7.00pm Service; Sat. 7.00pm Healing and Open Circle. *President:* Mrs M. Wilson. *Hon. Secretary:* W.H. Dickinson, 4a Dalton Avenue, Deneside, Seaham Harbour, County Durham. *Treasurer:* Mrs E. Goodwin.

Dudley Spiritualist Church, Station House, Dudley. *Hon. Secretary:* G. Stewart, 8 High Row, Seaton Burn Colliery.

Dunston National Spiritualist Church, Ellison Road, Dunston on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* W.G. Harrison, 73 Haig Street, Dunston on Tyne.

Durham National Spiritualist Church, 6 Sadler Street, Durham. *Hon. Secretary:* Ernest Farnworth, 104 High Street, Carrville, County Durham.

Easington Colliery National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Lineton, 28 East View, Easington Colliery.

Esh Winning National Spiritualist Church, Recreation Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs J.T. Charlton, 4 George Street, Esh Winning.

Fence Houses National Spiritualist Church, Dubmire. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Hayes, 11 Ewe Hill Terrace, Station Avenue, Fence Houses.

Ferryhill And District National Spiritualist Church, Town Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. Metcalfe, Gordon Terrace, Broom Ferryhill.

Gateshead - Beaconsfield National Spiritualist Church, Catherine Terrace, Gateshead on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* Wm. Belshaw, 84 Faraday Grove, Saltwell, Gateshead on Tyne.

Gateshead - Consecration National Spiritualist Church, Beaconsfield Hall, Gateshead on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Stappard, 10 The Crescent, Gateshead.

Gateshead - Eden Progressive National Spiritual Church, Rectory Hall, Gateshead. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm and 8.00pm Services; Wed. and Sat. 7.30pm Open Circle;

Mon. Afternoon Ladies' Guild. *President:* M. Mather. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A.E. Kieth, Claremont House, Claremont Place, Gateshead. *Treasurer:* Mrs Reid.

Gateshead Eden Progressive Spiritualist Lyceum, Rectory Hall, St. Cuthbert's Place, Gateshead. Sun. 2.30pm. Conductor: Mrs John Costley. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Mather, 49 Claremont North Avenue, Gateshead. *Treasurer:* E. Broughton.

Gosforth National, High Street, Gosforth, Northumberland. Sun. 6.30pm Philosophy and Clairvoyance; Mon. 7.30pm Developing Class; Tue. 7.30pm Open Developing, Practice Circle; Wed. 2.30pm Ladies' Class, 7.30pm Open Circle; Fri. 7.30pm Whist Drive; Sat. 7.30pm Open Circle. *President:* A. Reynolds DNU. *Hon. Secretary:* T. Peart, 53 Henry Street, Gosforth, Northumberland. *Treasurer:* Mrs N. Larcombe.

Grangetown National Spiritualist Church, Pochin Road, Grangetown. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Mackie, 34 Edlington Road, Grangetown.

Gurney Valley National Spiritualist Church, Gurney Valley. *Hon. Secretary:* H.H. Mawson, 6 Leonard Terrace, Coundon Grange, near Bishop Auckland.

Haverton Hill National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Graham, 37 Grange Avenue, Billingham.

Heaton and Byker National Spiritualist Church, Tosson Terrace, Heaton, Newcastle on Tyne, Northumberland. Sun. 11.00am Healing Class, 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Evening Service; Mon. 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Tue. 7.30pm Choir Practice; Wed. 7.00pm Lyceum Guild; Thu. 7.30pm Open Circle; Fri. 7.30pm Members' Developing Class. *President:* R. Hunter. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss A.C. Shadforth, 19 Haig Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland. *Treasurer:* Mr Ronaldson.

Hetton And District National Spiritualist Church, 1 Chapel Street, Hetton. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Symmons, 19 Maudlin Street, Hetton Downs, Hetton le Hole.

High Shields National Spiritualist Church, Barnes Road, High Shields. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Slessor, 10 Oak Avenue, Cleadon, South Shields.

Hirst Spiritualist Lyceum, Milburn Road, Eshington, Northumberland. Sun. 2.45pm Session. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Stafford, 53 Myrtle Street, Eshington, Northumberland.

Horden National Spiritualist Church, East Coast Road, Horden. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Langston, 36 Northumberland Street, Horden, County Durham.

Howden Le Wear National Spiritualist Church, Howden le Wear. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. J. Downs, 31 West View, Wheatbottom, Crook.

Jarrow National Spiritualist Church, 52a Ellison Street, Market Square, Jarrow on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* A.E. Bales, 3 Railway Street, Jarrow on Tyne.

Jarrow On Tyne National Spiritualist Church, 101a Ellison Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr Wales, 50 Clyde Street, Jarrow, County Durham.

Leadgate National Spiritualist Church, The Temple, Durham Road, Leadgate. *Hon. Secretary:* J.J. Milburn, 4 Woodlands Terrace, Durham Road, Leadgate, County Durham.

Middlesbrough National Spiritualist Church, Grange Road West, Middlesbrough. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Bonney, 26 Montrose Street, Middlesbrough.

Middlesbrough United Progressive Church, Settlement Hall, Church Street. Hon. Secretary Mrs C. Conroy, 80 Ernest Street, Middlesbrough.

Millfield Victory National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Hylton Road, Millfield Victory, Sunderland. Hon. Secretary.. Mrs J. Holborn, 26 Ports Street, Millfield, Sunderland.

Monkwearmouth National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Green Street, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Ball, 47 Back Brooke Street, Monkwearmouth.

New Benwell National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Adelaide Terrace, New Benwell, Newcastle on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Winyard, 99 Durham Street, Newcastle on Tyne, 4.

Newbiggin By Sea First National Spiritualist Church, Cleveland Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Wm. Perry, 11, High Double Row, North Seaton Colliery.

Newcastle On Tyne Spiritualist Church, 20 Royal Arcade, Newcastle on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary:* W. Moore, 353 Rectory Road, Gateshead on Tyne.

Newcastle Upon Tyne Central National Spiritualists' Church, 58 Rye Hill, Newcastle upon Tyne, 4. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Church Service, 7.30pm Phenomena; Mon. 2.30pm Women's Meeting, 7.30pm Members' Developing Class; Wed. 7.30pm Public Circle; Fri. 7.30pm Healing Class; Sat. 7.00pm Public Circle. The Society first established October 31st 1902, joined the Northern Counties Spiritualists' Union, 1905. Lyceum commenced August, 1909. Church affiliated to SNU, July, 1911. *President:* Mrs A. Price. *Hon. Secretary:* J.G. Gladstone, 21 Rye Hill, Newcastle on Tyne, 4. *Treasurer:* Mrs Goldsbrough.

New Delavel And Newsham Spiritualist Church, Infants' School Room New Delavel. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss J. Moore, 747 Plessey Road, Newsham, Northumberland.

New Shildon National Spiritualist Church, Newlands Avenue, New Shildon. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Smith, 30 Charles Street, Shildon, County Durham.

North Shields Lyceum, Ripon Hall, 42 Stanley Street, West North Shields. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum Session; Thu. 6.30pm Social Session. Founded 32 years ago. Conductor: George Place Robson. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs G.P. Robson, 53 Bamborough Terrace, North Shields. *Treasurer:* Daniel Cato.

Seaham Harbour National Spiritualist Church, 21 Lord Street, Seaham Harbour. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Readymarcher, 20 Maria Street, Seaham Harbour.

Shotton National Spiritualists' Church, Burns Terrace, Shotton Colliery, County Durham. Sun. 6.00pm Services, 6.00pm Philosophy, 7.00pm Clairvoyance; Mon. 6.45pm Members Circle; Tue. 7.00pm Open Circle. *President:* Bro. Jesse Mountain. *Hon. Secretary:* Sister Sarah A. Seymour, 31 Railway Street, Shotton Colliery. *Treasurer:* Bro. M. Paxton.

South Bank National Spiritualist Church, Middlesbrough Road, East South Bank. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Price, 27 Ann Street, South Bank.

South Shields National Central Spiritualist Church, 14 Cambridge Street, South Shields. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Address; Tue. 2.30pm Open Circle, 7.30pm

Developing Class; Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat. 7.30pm Open Circle. *President:* Mrs M. Cook. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Evans, 5 Aldwych Street. *Treasurer:* J. Cook,

South Shields National Spiritualist Church, 36 Fowler Street, South Shields. Sun. 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Public Service; Mon. 2.30pm; Tue. and Sat. 7.30pm Open Circles; Thu. 7.30pm Members' Developing Class. *President:* Jos. Ridley. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Wood, 5 Corstorphine Town, South Shields. *Treasurer:* Mrs Swinburne.

Southwick On Wear Spiritualist Mission, Alexandra Hall, Clockwell Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Bryce, 15 Dean Terrace, Southwick on Wear, Sunderland.

Stockton No. 1 Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* G.R. Neale, 60 Cecil Street, Stockton on Tees.

Stockton On Tees Spiritualist Progressive Church, Brunswick Street, Stockton on Tees. Sun. 6.30pm Philosophy, 7.45pm Clairvoyance; Mon. 2.30pm Phenomena; Thu. 7.30pm Philosophy and Clairvoyance; Sat. Open Circle. *President:* Mrs M. Jones. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Miller, 56 Westbury Street, Thornaby on Tees. *Treasurer:* Miss R. Winter.

Sunderland National Spiritualist Church, 21 Derwent Street, Sunderland. Sun. 6.30pm Public Service; Mon. 2.30pm Women's Meeting; Tue. 7.30pm Public Service; Thu. 7.30pm Members' Circle; Sat. 7.30pm Open Circle. *President:* Ada Collins. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Mary Featherstone, 12 Woodside, Sunderland. *Treasurer:* Jane Slimin.

Sunniside Spiritualist Church, Elm Street, Sunniside. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M.M. Shorten, Prospect Terrace, Sunniside, Newcastle.

Swalwell National Spiritualist Church, Malton House, Swalwell. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M.I. Graham, 10 Alice Street, Winlaton on Tyne.

Tantobie National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* J. McClarence, 6 Allan Square, Tantobie.

Thornaby On Tees National Progressive Spiritualist Mission, Scout Rooms, Thornaby on Tees. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Sanderson, 14 Cheltenham Avenue, Thornaby.

Thornaby On Tees United National Spiritualist Church, 27 Gilmour Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Aithwaite, 18 Spring Street, Thornaby on Tees.

Tyneside National Spiritualist Church, 75 High Street East, Wallsend on Tyne. Sun. 2.45pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Evening; Tue. 2.30pm Ladies' Meeting, 7.30pm Open Circle; Thu. 7.30pm Service; Sat 7.30pm Open Circle. *President:* Mrs Pottinger. *Hon. Secretary:* Geo. Macdonald, 64 Laburnum Avenue, Wallsend. *Treasurer:* Mrs Jennings.

WALLSEND NATIONAL SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Co-operative Hall, Wallsend. *Hon. Secretary:* W.S. Claghan, 30 Percy Street, Wallsend.

West Cornforth National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Teasdale, 13 Maughan Street, West Cornforth.

West Hartlepool Ever-Onward Spiritualist Church, West Hartlepool. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Ryder, 34 Furness Street, West Hartlepool.

West Hartlepool National Spiritualist Church, Hallowdown Hall, Musgrove Street, West Hartlepool. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs A. Elder, "Hydesville," Nelson Estate, Hart Station, West Hartlepool.

West Hartlepool Pioneers' Progressive National Spiritualist Church, Charles Street. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs M. James, 15 Dyke Street, West Hartlepool.

Westmoor and Forest Hall National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: W.M. Hince, 42 Broomfield Road, Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne.

West Pelton National Spiritualist Church, Middle Hold. *Hon. Secretary*: P. Cahill, 3 Popular Street, High Hold, Pelton.

West Stanley National Spiritualist Church, Belle Street, West Stanley. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Northey, 2 Red Row, Beamish, near Stanley.

Wheatley Hill Progressive Church, Black Lane, Wheatley Hill. *Hon. Secretary*: H. Havelock, 5 Bum Street, Wheatley Hill,

Whitley Bay National Spiritualist Church, 10 South Parade, Whitley Bay. Sun. 6.30pm Service; Mon. 7.30pm Study Class; Wed. 7.30pm Service; Sat. 7.30pm Open Circle. *President*: Mrs. Blackey. *Hon. Secretary*: J. Blackey (Vice-President, NDC), 23 Melrose Avenue, Monkseaton. *Treasurer*: Wm. Hall.

Willington National Spiritualist Society, Chapel Street. *Hon. Secretary*: George Little, 6 Oxford Street, Nunwick, near Willington, County Durham.

Winning On Tyne National Spiritualist Church, Band Room, Winning on Tyne. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs B. Morris, 15 Algernon Terrace, Newburn.

Witton Gilbert National Spiritualist Church, Fold Yard, Front Street, Witton Gilbert. Mrs. H. Hardy, 41 Hillside, Witton Gilbert.

Witton Park National Spiritualist Church, Viaduct Terrace, Witton Park. *Hon. Secretary*: G.W. Meek, 33 Garden Street, Witton Park.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: D.M. Campbell, 85 Wallace Street, Falkirk.

Secretary: J.H. Alexander, 87 Greenhead Drive, Glasgow, SW1.

Treasurer: Hugh Munro, Junr., 50 Boswell Avenue, Wardie, Edinburgh.

Fixed Meetings: Jan. 11th, Mar. 21st AGM, May 9th, Sep. 12th, Nov. 7th.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE SCOTTISH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Aberdeen Bon-Accord National Spiritualist Church, Room No. 2, Shepherd's Hall, Union Terrace, Aberdeen. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Public meetings. *President*: Herbert Hill. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: Mrs Bowman, 4 Claremont Place, Aberdeen.

Airdie And District Association. *Hon. Secretary*: Jas. Sangster, c/o Penman, 19 Elder Terrace, Airdie.

Alloa Christian Spiritual Church, High Street, Alloa. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs J.M. Syme, 7a Shaftesbury Street, Alloa.

Ayr Spiritualist Association, St. James' Masonic Temple, Fullarton Street, Ayr. Thu. 7.30pm. *President:* D.M. Mackay. *Hon. Secretary:* Alex Martin, c/o Brown, 26 Sandgate, Ayr. *Treasurer:* Mrs R. Forrester. Librarian: Mrs A. Winter.

Bellshill Spiritualist Church, Masonic Hall.-*Hon. Secretary:* A. Burrows, 4 Cochrane Street, Bellshill, Lanarkshire.

Cowdenbeath Spiritualist Association, Waverley Rooms, Cowdenbeath. Sun. 6.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. 7.00pm Development and Healing. *President:* Ralph Erskine. *Hon. Secretary:* Leslie Hume, 97 Foulford Street, Cowdenbeath. *Treasurer:* Miss K. McCallum.

Dundee Society Of Spiritualists, South Union Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. Geo. Webster, 69 North Tay Street, Dundee.

Dundee Spiritualist Church, 86 Nethergate. *Hon. Secretary:* Robert Bayack, 9a Macaulay Street, Dundee.

Dunfermline National Spiritualists' Church, Masonic Hall, New Row, Dunfermline, Fife. Sun. 11.30am Morning Service, Address, Clairvoyance, and Healing, 2.30pm Lyceum, 6.30pm Evening Service, Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* M. Halliday. *Hon. Secretary:* G. Taylor, 49 Campbell Street. *Treasurer:* J. McCall.

Dunfermline XN Spiritualists' Alliance, 25 Randolph Street, Dunfermline. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Barr, 37 High Street, Dunfermline.

Edinburgh Association Of Spiritualists, 9 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh. Sun. 11.15am and 6.30pm Service, 1.15pm Lyceum; Mon. 8.00pm members only; Wed. 3.00pm and 8.00pm Public Meetings. *President:* H.D. Munro. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Jean Boyack, Craigholm, Colinton, Edinburgh. *Treasurer:* Mrs W. Cowan Telfer.

Edinburgh Scottish Psychologian Society, 22 Stratford Street, Edinburgh. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Churchill, 2 Coltbridge Gardens, Edinburgh.

Falkirk National Society Of Spiritualists, Falkirk. *Hon. Secretary:* James Dunsmuir, 1 Russell Street, Falkirk.

Glasgow Association Of Spiritualists, 26 Holland Street, Glasgow ('Phone: Central 808). Sun. 11.30am and 6.30pm Service, 1.30pm Public Circle, 3.30pm Lyceum; Mon. 8.00pm; Tue. 3.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm; Fri. 8.00pm Healing Circle. Founded January 26th, 1866. Meetings advertised each Saturday in *Glasgow Herald*, *Evening Citizen*, *Evening News*. *President:* W.T. Shields. *Hon. Secretary:* J.B. M'Indoe, 157 Invercyle Drive, Cardonald. *Treasurer:* W. Kirkwood.

Glasgow First Southern Association Of Spiritualists, 11 Bridge Street, Glasgow. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Stark, 7 Tabard Place, Glasgow, W3.

Glasgow Spiritualist Alliance, 35 Dundas Street, Glasgow. Sun. 11.30am and 6.30pm Services, 1.30pm and 8.00pm Open Circles; Tue. and Sat. 7.45pm Healing Circle; Wed. 8.00pm Open Circle. *President:* Mrs Barlow. *Hon. Secretary:* Richard Armour, 4 Stirling Road, Glasgow, C4. *Treasurer:* Mr Goldie.

Glasgow Spiritualistic Brotherhood, 24 Forbes Street, Glasgow, SE. Sun. 3.00pm Open Developing Circle, 6.30pm Speaker and Clairvoyance, 8.15pm Open Circle, Healing, Speaking, Clairvoyance; Wed. 8.00pm Open Circle, Healing, Speaking, Clairvoyance. *President:* James Thomson. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs I. Barron, 66 Buchanan Drive, Cambuslang. *Treasurer:* Mrs J. McLellan.

Govan Spiritualist Association, 3 Broomloan Road, Govan, Glasgow. *Hon. Secretary:* WM. Wylie, 25 Smith Street, White Inch.

Hamilton Spiritualists' Church, Old Town Hall, Hamilton. *Hon. Secretary:* John Rae, 12 King Street, Burnbank, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.

Kirkcaldy Society Of Spiritualists, Kirkcaldy. *Hon Secretary:* Mrs E. Park, 5 Banner Crescent, Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Montrose National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, Lr. Balmain Street. *Hon. Secretary:* R. Mathers, 60 North Esk Road, Montrose.

Motherwell Spiritualist Association, Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Motherwell. Sun. 6.30pm and 8.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. 7.30pm Developing Circle. *President:* A.E. Jones. *Hon. Secretary:* T. Hunter Falconer, 87 Coursington Road, Motherwell.

Paisley National Association Of Spiritualists, Paisley. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Lindsay, 'Helenlea', 27 Greenlaw Avenue, Paisley.

Pathead And Dysart NSC, 65 Nether Street, Kirkcaldy. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss H. Duncan, 11 Cairns Street, Kirkcaldy.

Peterhead Spiritualists, Eastern Order, 15 St. Andrew's Street, Peterhead. *Hon. Secretary:* S. Napier, 86 Ugie Park, Peterhead.

Rutherglen National Spiritualist Church, Rutherglen Town Hall, Main Street, Rutherglen, Scotland. Sun. 6.30pm Address and Clairvoyance, 3.00pm Lyceum, 8.00pm Clairvoyance Service; Wed. Service. *President:* David Burnett. *Hon. Secretary:* David R.S. Smith GNSC, 3 Baronald Street, Rutherglen.

Stenhousemuir Spiritualist Association, Masonic Hall, Newmarket Street, Falkirk, Stirlingshire. Sat. 7.30pm Clairvoyance; Sun. 11.30am Public Circle, 6.30pm Service (Address and Clairvoyance), 8.00pm Public Circle. *President:* Wm. Burns. *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* D.M. Campbell, 85 Wallace Street, Falkirk.

Stirling Spiritualist Association, Coulls Hall, 41 Lower Craigs, Stirling. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. Forbes, 52 Broad Street, Stirling.

AFFILIATED ULSTER CHURCHES

Belfast Association Of Spiritualists, Cameron House, Cameron Street, Belfast. Sun. 11.30am and 7.00pm Services; Wed. 8.00pm Study Class. *President:* Joseph H. Irwin. *Hon. Secretary:* Samuel S. Keith, 180 Crumlin Road. *Treasurer:* Joseph H. Irwin.

Belfast Spiritualists' Alliance, 29 Rosemary Street, Belfast. Sun. 11.30am and 7.00pm Services; Wed. 8.00pm Service; Thu. 8.00pm Healing Circle. *President:* Samuel Morrison. *Hon. Secretary:* O.D. Mahood, 398 Old Park Road, Belfast. *Treasurer:* I. Edwards. The

President, S. Morrison, was the conductor of the famous Goligher Circle, which conducted experiments with the late Dr. Crawford, of Belfast, the results of which are set out in his two famous books on psychical phenomena.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: Frank T. Blake, 128 Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth.

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Carwithin, C., 28 Blenheim Avenue, Southampton.

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Auditors:

Crichton-Bell, E.R., 44, Whitwell Road, Southsea.

Russell, F., Lodge Road, Cosham, Hants.

Fixed Meetings:

Full Executive meetings on the last Wednesdays in March, June, and November. Annual meeting of members last Wednesday in March. Annual picnic third Saturday in June. Thirty-four Churches affiliated with the Union are attached to the Council.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Bath National Spiritualist Church, 7 North Parade Buildings, Bath. *Hon. Secretary:* G. Wintersgill, 4 Lansdown Place West, Bath.

Bristol Bishop Street Universal Spiritualist Church, Bristol. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs S. Crocker, 34 Hayward Place, Redfield, Bristol.

First Bristol (National) Spiritualist Church, Surrey House, Surrey Street, St. Paul's. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.30pm Services; Mon. 3.00pm Ladies' Guild; Tue. 8.00pm Public Circle; Wed. 8.00pm Members' Developing Circle; Thu. 8.00pm Public Circle; Fri. 8.00pm Members' Circle. *President:* H.E. Oaten. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Hitchon, 10 Harrow Road, Brislington, Bristol. *Treasurer:* J. Merchant.

Bristol United National Spiritualist Church, Grosvenor Road. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Hoskins, 7 Dunmore Road, Belle Vue, Totterdown, Bristol.

Bournemouth Charminster Road Spiritualist Mission, 107 Charminster Road. Sun. 11am and 6.30pm; Tue. 7.30pm; Thu. 3.00pm Phenomena Meetings, 7.30pm Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* H. Hiscock. *Hon. Secretary:* W.G. Hayter, 52 Richmond Park Avenue, Bournemouth.

Bournemouth National Spiritualist Church, 16 Bath Road, Bournemouth. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Services; Tue. 8.00pm Phenomena meeting; Thu. 3.00pm Phenomena meeting, 8.00pm Lecture; Fri. 6.00pm Healing. Started September, 1906. Founders: John Walker,

Vincent N. Turvey, James Gartside, William and Percy Street, and Frank T. Blake. Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, O.M., F.R.S., was hon. president of this Church from January, 1907, until his death in November, 1913. *President*: Frank Bessant (died April 5th, 1935, successor not yet elected). Hon. Secretary and *Treasurer*: F.T. Blake, 'Oakleigh', 128 Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth.

Brighton National Spiritualists' Church And Sussex Psychic Bureau, Mighell Street, Brighton. Public Religious Services, Sun. 11.15am and 7.00pm; Wed. 8.00pm; Public Circles, Tue. 3.00pm and Sat. 7.30pm. Transfiguration Séances, Thu. 3.00pm. *President*: Herbert Everett. *Hon. Secretary*: Miss Annie L. Scroggins, 3 Upper Hollingdean Road, Brighton. *Treasurer*: Mrs Nora Ardley.

The Sussex Psychic Bureau is under the direction of Mr H.J. Everett, who has held the position of president of the Church for twenty years, being annually re-elected. Under his direction twenty special meetings, propaganda and otherwise, over and above the usual Church activities, have been successfully organised during the past year. The Church, besides organising the devotional services, aims at healing the sick by the laying-on of hands, etc., comforting the bereaved by demonstrating survival after physical death, and teaching the philosophy of Spiritualism. The Sussex Psychic Bureau is an extension of these activities established to supply the needs of every class of psychic student by engaging (chiefly on weekdays) those mediums and speakers best qualified to teach and demonstrate so that the combination makes a perfect organisation second to none of its kind in the county.

Cosham National Spiritualist Church, Co-operative Hall, High Street, Cosham. Hon. Secretary; L.B. Lilley, 63 Oriel Road, North End, Portsmouth.

Cowes National Spiritualist Church, Sun. 6.30pm Service. *President*: John Bostock. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Harding, 'Cosmea', Oakfield Road, East Cowes. *Treasurer*: E.M. Bostock.

Devonport Progressive National Church, Ferry Hall, Ferry Road, Devonport. Sun. 2.30pm and 6.30pm Services; Tue. 7.30pm; Wed. 2.30pm; Fri. 7.30pm. *President*: Mr. Webber. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Pearce, Cowdray Cottages, St. Stephen's, Saltash, Cornwall. *Treasurer*: Mrs Hammett.

Eastbourne National Spiritualist Society, Dicken's Fellowship Hall, Upperton Road, Eastbourne. *Hon. Secretary*: J. Adams, 56a Susan's Road, Eastbourne.

Eastleigh National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: S.J. Eley 175 Nutbeam Road, Eastleigh.

Exeter National Spiritualist Society, Market Hall, Fore Street. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Granger, 'Manoah', 23 Clifton Hill, Exeter.

Exeter Sidwell's Spiritualist Church, Locomotive Institute, Sidwell Street, Exeter. *Hon. Secretary*: F.J. Graves, 51 Portland Street, Newtown, Exeter.

Gosport National Spiritualist Church, Stoke Road, Gosport. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs G.N. Chase, 3 Peel Road, Gosport.

Newton Abbott National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: I. Cornall 145 East Street, Newton Abbot, Devon.

Paignton National Spiritualist Church, Torquay Road, Paignton, Devon. Sun. 11.00am and 6.30pm Address and Clairvoyance. *President:* Mrs. Horsley. *Hon. Secretary:* G.F. Nosworthy, Wakefield, Adelphi Road, Paignton. *Treasurer:* Mr Catt.

Paignton Spiritualist Church, Manor Road. *Hon. Secretary:* G.F. Nosworthy, Wakefield, Adelphi Road, Paignton.

Parkstone National Spiritualist' Church, Co-operative Hall, Churchill Road, Parkstone. Sun. 6.30pm Address and Clairvoyance; Wed. 7.00pm Phenomena. *President:* Thomas H. Stevenson. *Hon. Secretary:* William James Atkins, 'Tynedale', Good Road, Rossmore, Parkstone. *Treasurer:* Lawrence R. Dempsey.

Portland First National Spiritualist Church, King Street, Portland. *President:* Mr Scriven, c/o NSC, King Street, Fortuneswell, Portland.

Portsmouth National Progressive Spiritualist Church, 245a Francis Avenue, Southsea. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E.C. Walsh, 73 Bramshott Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

Portsmouth National Spiritualist Temple Church, Portsmouth. *Hon. Secretary:* J.G. McFarlane, 'Allendale', 6 St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor, Portsmouth.

Portsmouth Temple Of Spiritualism, 73 Victoria Road, South, Southsea, Portsmouth. Sun. 11.00am and 6.00pm, 3.00pm Lyceum; Mon. 8.00pm Members only, 7.15pm Healing; Wed. 8.00pm Public Meeting. The Temple is our own property, secured by joint trust with SNU and fully paid for. Last valuation £1,928. *President:* Captain W.G. Lawrence RN. *Hon. Secretary:* J.G. McFarlane, 6 St. Piran's Avenue, Copnor. *Treasurer:* S. Lawrence.

Portsmouth "Unity" Spiritualist Church, 31 New Road, Portsmouth. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs W.F. Isacke, 'Rothbury', Stakes Road, Purbrook, Portsmouth.

Reading National Spiritualist Church, Reading. *Hon. Secretary:* Robert Weeks, 50 Westview Terrace, Star Road, Caversham.

Ringwood Christian Spiritualist Church, Conway Hall, Furlong Lane, Ringwood, Hants. *Hon. Secretary:* A.J. Champion, 'The Larches', Ringwood, Hants.

Ryde Christian Spiritualist Church, Newport Street, Ryde, IOW. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Oak, 'Hazledene', 66 Monkton Street, Ryde.

Ryde National Spiritualist Church, Belvedere Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs O. Perkis, 80 Well Street, Ryde, IOW.

Ryde National Spiritualist Church, Newport Street, Ryde, IOW. Sun. 6.30pm Service, 3.00pm Lyceum; Wed. 6.00pm Healing Group, 7.00pm Service. *President:* Miss A. McLean. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Perkis, Bedford Lodge, Player Street, Ryde. *Treasurer:* E. Oak.

Shirley Spiritualist Church, 10 Grove Road, Shirley, Southampton. *Hon. Secretary:* E.W. Long, 11 Firgrove Road, Shirley, Southampton.

Southampton Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* F.B. Davies, 'Acacia', 94 Wilton Road, Shirley, Southampton.

Swanage Spiritualist Church, The Labour Hall, High Street, Swanage. Sun. 6.00pm Public Services with Address and Clairvoyance; Thu. 7.30pm Developing Circle. President and Secretary: C.J. Dashfield, 'The Mill', Swanage. *Treasurer*: D. Thomas.

Swindon Spiritualist Church (Christian Spiritualists), Burton's Hall, 92 Temple Street, Swindon. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Buckland, 26 Volta Road, Swindon, Wilts.

Taunton National Spiritualist Church, The Mount, Paul Street, Taunton. *Hon. Secretary*: Mr Hancock, 26 East Reach, Taunton.

Ventnor Spiritualist Church, Ventnor. *Hon. Secretary*: Harold Jowett, 'Cravenscroft', Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

Weston National Spiritualist Church, Weston super Mare. *Hon. Secretary*: C. Hill, 1 Wooler Road, Weston super Mare.

Weymouth National Spiritualist Church, 3 Maiden Street, Weymouth. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs M. Fox, 39 Brownlow Street, Weymouth.

Winchester Spiritualist Church And Psychic Research Society, Hyde Abbey Road, Winchester. Mon. 7.45pm Developing Circle; Wed. 6.45pm Healing, 7.45pm Open Circle; Sun. 3.00pm Circle, 6.30pm Service, Clairvoyance. *President*: W.H. Loveland, J.P. *Hon. Secretary*: H.T. Pallister, M.M., 'Wintonia', 86 Fairfield Road, Winchester. *Treasurer*: J. Clarkson.

Worthing Spiritualist Church, Grafton Road, Worthing, Sussex. Sun 11.00am Morning Service, 6.30pm Evening Service; Thu. 3.00pm Members' meeting, (own members only), 6.30pm Public Service. *President*: Miss D.E. Fearn. *Secretary and Treasurer*: Percy W.H. Ravaison. 'Peveril', Roberts Road, Lancing.

BRITISH WEST INDIAN AFFILIATED CHURCH

First West Indian Spiritualist National Church, 'Lemon Grove', Westbury New Road, St. Michael, Barbados, BWI. ('Phone - 1054). Sun. 7.00pm Service; Wed. 7.30pm Psychic Lectures and Demonstrations; Fri. 7.30pm Free Discussions. *President*: Jas. Arthur Tudor. *Vice-President*: James Cameron Tudor. *Hon. Secretary*: Richard Alvan Maynard, Church Village, St. Michael.

SOUTH WALES DISTRICT COUNCIL

President: A. H. Jones.

Secretary: C.N. Foreman, 71 Toln Row, Ton Pentre, Rhondda.

Treasurer: George Ricketts, 13 North Street, Caerau, Bridgend.

Fixed Meetings: Mar. 2nd AGM, Sept. 1st Half-yearly, Feb. 2nd EC, May 4th, Aug. 3rd, Nov. 3rd.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE SOUTH WALES DISTRICT COUNCIL

Aberavon And Port Talbot National Spiritualist Church, 3 High Street, Aberavon. *Hon. Secretary*: C.H. Borkett, 11 Trefelin Street, Port Talbot.

Aberkenfig Spiritualist Church, Pandy Park, Aberkenfig. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Harding, 1 Tyncoed Terrace, Bryncethin, Bridgend.

Abertillery Central Spiritualist Society, Abertillery. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Pearses, 26 Victoria Road, Six Bells, Abertillery.

Abertillery Six Bells National Spiritualist Church, King Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Elsie Jones, 28 King's Head, Abertillery.

Bargoed First Progressive Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* S. McCarthy, 22 North Road, Bargoed.

Bargoed National Spiritualist Church, North Road, Bargoed. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss C. Gardner, 45 Llaneayo Street, Bargoed, Glam.

Barry National Spiritualist Church, Buttrills Hall, Buttrills Road, Barry, Glam. Sun. 6.30pm; Tue. 2.30pm Sisterhood, 7.30pm Members' Developing Circle; Wed. 7.30pm Public Service. Our own leasehold property. Trustees, SNU. *President:* John C. Hopkins. *Hon. Secretary:* E.J. Taylor, 81 George Street, Barry. *Treasurer:* Mrs G. Financial Secretary: Mrs. Salisbury.

Blackwood Central Spiritualist Church, High Street, Blackwood. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E.M. Hart, 16 Bridge Street, Blackwood, Newport, Mon.

Bridgend National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* D.N. Watkins, 'Glen View', Litchard Cross, Bridgend.

Caerau National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Wm. Griffiths, 7 Carmen Street, Caerau, near Bridgend.

Cardiff First National Spiritualist Church, Park Grove, Cardiff. *Hon. Secretary:* O. Evans, 3 Lady Smith Road, Roath Park, Cardiff.

Cwm And District National Spiritualist Church, Mill Terrace, Cwm, Ebbw Vale, Monmouth. Sun. 2.00pm Lyceum, 3.00pm and 6.30pm Public Services; Mon. 6.30pm Public Circle; Thu. 7.00pm Public Service. The first Church to comply with the Rules of the National Pool also built by its aid. *President:* Mrs H. Marks. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Parfitt, 105 Curre Street, Cwm, Mon. *Treasurer:* Mrs M.A. Parfitt.

Cynlais Spiritualist Church, Cynlais near Swansea. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs S. Collins, 6 Bryn Road, Ystradgynlais, Swansea.

Ebbw Vale First Spiritualist Society (late St. Mark's). *Hon. Secretary:* Geo. Moore, 102 Dryside Street, Ebbw Vale, Mon.

Ferndale National Spiritualist Church, Ferndale, S. Wales. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Craven, 23 Commercial Street, Blaenllechau, Ferndale.

Georgetown Spiritualist Church, Georgetown, Merthyr. *Hon. Secretary:* S. Rees, 200 High Street, Cefn Coed, Merthyr.

Guaen Cur Curwen Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* T. Thomas, 9 Cefn Road, Guaen cur Curwen.

Llanelly First Spiritualist Church, Edgar Street, Llanelly. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Morris, 137 Felinfoel Road, Llanelly.

Llanelly National Spiritualist Church, St. Stephen's, 30 Stepney Street, Llanelly. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs J. Tyler, 51, Florence Street, Llanelly.

Maesteg Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* P. Watters, 8 St. Michael's Road, Maesteg, Bridgend.

Manselton National Spiritualist Church, 6 Bohan Street, Manselton. *Hon. Secretary:* F.G. Roberts, 6 Verig Street, Manselton, Swansea.

Mardy Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* I. Bond, 21 Oxford Street, Mardy, Glam.

Markham Progressive Spiritualist Movement, Council School, Markham, near Newport, Monmouth. *Hon. Secretary:* W.A. Watkins, 44 Penywerlod Road, Markham Village, Monmouth.

Merthyr Tydfil National Spiritualist Church, Miners' Hall, Trevethick Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* Hugh Owen, 5 William Street, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.

Merthyr Tydfil National Spiritualist Church, The Temple, Tram Road, North, Merthyr Tydfil. *Hon. Secretary:* I.H. Davies, 13 Gwladys Street, Penydarren, Merthyr Tydfil.

Mid Rhondda Spiritualist Society, 117 Dunraven Street, Ton y Pandy. *Hon. Secretary:* W.H. Lucas, 23 Gilfoch Ton y Pandy.

Nantymoel National Spiritualist Church, 96 Ogwy Street. *Hon. Secretary:* W.A. Thomas, c/o National Spiritualist Church, 96 Ogwy street, Nantymoel.

Nantymoel Spiritualist Progressive Church, Committee Rooms, Nantymoel Workmen's Hall, Nantymoel. *Hon. Secretary:* Alfred Taylor, 24 Oakfield Street, Nantymoel, Glam.

Newport Central Church, Charles Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs A. Parsons, 'Cwrdys', Bassaleg, Mon.

Newport National Spiritualist Church, 181 Dock Street, Newport. *Hon. Secretary:* T. O'Brien, 66 Chepstow Road, Newport, Mon.

Ogmore Vale Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr. W. Redwood, 3, Gwendolene Street, Nantymoel, Glam.

Penrhiwceiber National Spiritualist Church, 31 Rheola Street, Penrhiwceiber Road, Penrhiwceiber. Mon. 7.00pm Members' Developing Class; Wed. 7.00pm Public Service; Sun. 6.00pm Public Service, followed by Open Circle. *President:* Mrs Bolwell. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs D. Jones, 2 Monmouth Street, Penrhiwceiber. *Treasurer:* Mrs J. M. Haynes.

Pontcymmer National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* W.T. Hengoed, 24 Pant Street, Pontygog, South Wales.

Pontypool (Crane Street) Progressive Spiritualist Church, Pontypool. *Hon. Secretary:* F. Pettitt, 16 Nicholds Street, Pontypool, Monmouth.

Pontypool (Osborn Road) Spiritualist Church, Pontypool. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M. Bessell, 52 Trosanant Road, Pontypool, Monmouth.

Pontypridd Central Spiritual Mission Church, River Street, Pontypridd. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Parry, 67 Cardiff Road, Rhydyfelin, near Pontypridd.

Pontywain National Spiritualist Church, Cross-keys. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs F. Fisher, 3 Western Terrace, Crosskeys, Monmouth.

Porth National Spiritualist Church, 101 North Road, Porth. *Hon. Secretary:* D. Davies, 97 Aberrhondda Road, Porth.

Rhondda Progressive National Spiritualist Church, Dumfries Street, Treherbert. (Accepted July, 1934). *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs M.D. Hibbs, 17 Station Road, Treherbert, Rhondda.

St. David's National Spiritualist Church, Wyndam Street, Troedyrhiw. Sun. 2.30pm Sunday School, 6.00pm Address and Clairvoyance; Tue. 7.00pm Clairvoyant Circle; Thu. 7.00pm Address and Clairvoyance. Has been in existence as St. David's since 1928; known previously as the First Spiritualist Church, Troedyrhiw, for about seven years. *President:* Mrs P. Thomas. *Correspondence Secretary:* Mr Ford, 6 Tydfil Terrace. *Financial Secretary:* Mr Mason. *Treasurer:* M.J. Isaac.

Swansea First National Spiritualist Church, 1 Castle Square, Swansea. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Treleavyn, 24 Benthale Place, Swansea.

Swansea Progressive Spiritualist Church, The Labour Hall. *Hon. Secretary:* Geo. R. Harvey, 37 Matthew Street, Swansea.

Tir Phil National Spiritualist Church, Gas Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Simmonds, Clifton Villa, New Tredegar, Monmouth.

Tonyrefail National Spiritualist Church, Waunryydd Road, Tonyrefail. *Hon. Secretary:* R.F. Barrett, 52 High Street, Tonyrefail, Glam.

Tredegar First National Spiritualist Church, Park Place, Tredegar. Sun. 3.00pm Lyceum, 6.00pm Service; Mon. and Thu. 7.00pm Circles; Tue. 7.00pm Psychic Development Group. *President:* F. Cains. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Brown, 109 Glyn Terrace, Tredegar. *Treasurer:* N.H. Adlam. *Financial and Correspondence Secretary:* W.G. Halestrap.

Treforest National Spiritualist Church, Broadway, Treforest. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr Tittley, 33 Herbert Street, Abercynon, Glam.

Treherbert National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs R. Davies, 19 Brynwyndham Terrace, Treherbert, Glam.

Wrexham First National Spiritual Church, Odd Fellows Hall, Bellevue Road, Wrexham. Sun. 11.00am Lyceum, 3.00pm and 6.30pm Services; Wed. 3.00pm and 6.30pm; Sat. 7.00pm Healing Circle. *President:* Mr. Bottomley. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs K. Humphreys, Dalton Avenue, 12 Norman Road. *Treasurer:* Mr Bottomley.

Ystalyfera Spiritualist Society, Tirbach Road, Ystalyfera Swansea. Sun. 2.45pm and 6.00pm Services; Tue. 7.00pm Members' Developing Circle; Thu. 6.30pm Members' Developing Circle. *President:* J.W. Downing. *Hon. Secretary:* W.R. Steel, 86 Wern Road, Ystalyfera, Swansea. *Treasurer:* William Davies.

Ystrad National Spiritualist Church, Ystrad. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr Davis, 10 Church Street, Ton Pentre, Rhondda.

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Bradford District: F. Leng, 5 Tichborne Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

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Hull District: L. Darley, 14 Brougham Street, Hull.

Leeds District: J. Riches, Luneville, Carr Lane, Glasshoughton, Castleford.

Sheffield District: B. Hall, 171 Martin Street, Sheffield 6.

FIXED MEETINGS

Yorkshire District Council: AGM Mar. 9th, EC June 1st, Sep. 21st, Dec. 7th.

Bradford District: Meet every 3rd Sunday in month.

Halifax District: Meet every 4th Sunday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.

Hull District: Meet every 4th Sunday in month.

Leeds District: Meet every 2nd Sunday in month.

Sheffield District: Meet every 1st Sunday in month.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE BRADFORD GROUP

Bankfoot National Spiritualist Church, Bankfoot, Bradford. *Hon. Secretary:* F. Leng, 5 Tichborne Road, West Bowling, Bradford.

Batley Carr National Spiritualist Church, Carr Street (off Town Street). *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Lumb, 39 Albert Street, Barley Carr, Barley, Yorks.

Batley National Spiritualist Church, Zion Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Hurst, 13 Warwick Mount, Warwick Road, Barley.

Birstall National Spiritualist Church, Railway Terrace. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs E. Sharp, 9 Westbrook Terrace, Bradford Road, Barley.

Bradford Britton Spiritual Society, 16 Lansdowne Place, Bradford. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Matilda Glover, 42 Finsbury Drive, Bolton Villa, Bradford.

Bradford National Spiritualist Church, Otley Road, Bradford.

Bradford National Spiritualist Church, 236 Park Lane, Bradford. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr Cook, c/o National Spiritualist Church, 263 Park Lane, Bradford.

Cleckheaton National Spiritualist Church, Old Robin, Cleckheaton. *Hon. Secretary:* J.H. Walker, Thorne House, 53 Westgate, Cleckheaton.

Dewsbury National Spiritualist Church, Wellington Road. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Amy Bentley, 15 Battye Street, Dewsbury.

Harrogate Spiritualist Church, Central Chambers, Beaulah Street. *Hon. Secretary:* J.W. Cockell, 14 Mount Parade, Harrogate.

Heckmondwike National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Miss Amy Saville, 16 Regent Street, Hcckmondwike, Yorks.

Idle National Spiritualist Church, Highfield Road, Idle, Bradford. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Bulman, 407 Highfield Road, Idle.

Morley Spiritualist Church, Queen Street. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Walton, Mill Lane, Gildersmere, near Morley.

Shipley National Spiritualist Church, 7 Moorhead Lane, Shipley. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Hartley, Taunton Street, Shipley, Yorks.

Skipton Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Bradley, Temperance Hall, 18 Sackville Street, Skipton, Yorks.

Yeadon National Spiritualist Church, Harper Terrace. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Slater, 'Ambleside', Belmont Grove, Yeadon, Yorks.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE HALIFAX GROUP

Brighouse Alliance Spiritualist Church, Commercial Street. *Hon. Secretary:* Horace Firth, 8 East Mount Place, Garden Road, Brighouse, Yorks.

Conisbrough National Spiritualist Church, Old Road, Conisbrough. Sun., Mon. and Thu. Evenings; Sun. 6.30pm; other Evenings, 7.00pm. *Hon. Secretary:* Wm. Hall. (Minister), 39, Ivanhoe Road, Conisbrough, Rotherham.

Elland Progressive Spiritualist Society, Westgate. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs J. Smith, 2 Dean Street, Elland, Yorks.

Halifax Queen's Road National Spiritualist Church, Queen's Road, Halifax, Yorks. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.00pm Services; Mon. 8.00pm Developing Circle; Tue. 3.00pm and 5.30pm Service and Demonstration; Sat. 7.15pm Demonstrations. New Church opened on June 13th 1925. Accommodation, 300. *President:* G. Scales. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Dunkerley, 26 Ashville Grove, Halifax. *Treasurer:* E. Scales.

Halifax St. Paul's National Spiritualist Church, Alma Street, Halifax. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Chapman, 67 Wadsworth Street, Halifax.

Halifax Unity Church, King Cross Bandroom. *Hon. Secretary:* S. Thomas, 53 Trafalgar Square, King Cross.

Hebden Bridge National Spiritualist Church, Hope Chambers, 5 Hope Street. *Hon. Secretary:* E. Green, Church Lane, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge.

Huddersfield Ramsden Spiritualist Church, 23 Ramsden Huddersfield. Sun. 10.30am Lyceum, 11.00am Discussion Class, 3.00pm and 6.30pm Services; Mon. Afternoon Service, Evening Members' Circle; Tue. Afternoon, Demonstration Service; Wed. Evening Study Group. *President*: W.G. Gush, DNU *Hon. Secretary*: S. Downes, 47 Haigh Street, Lockwood, Huddersfield. Treasurer. Mrs E.H. Law.

Huddersfield Spiritualist Church, St. Peter Street. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Kaye, 88 Birchhouse Lane, Moldgreen, near Huddersfield.

Keighley National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs S.A. Pullam, 94 Woodhouse Road, Keighley, Yorks.

Kippax National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: G. Hambleton, 8 Albert Street, Bowers' Row, near Leeds.

Marsden National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: F. Howson, 76 Woods Avenue, Marsden, near Huddersfield.

Quarmby National Spiritualist Church, Quarmby, near Huddersfield. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Greaves, Firs Cottage, 263 Longwood Road, Huddersfield.

Slaithwaite National Spiritualists' Church, Hollins Glen, Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield. Sun. 2.45pm and 6.00pm Services; occasional Sat. Evening meetings, 7.00pm. *President*: Miss Sutcliffe. *Hon. Secretary*: F. Barren, 167 Cowlersley Lane, Milnsbridge, near Huddersfield.

Sowerby Bridge National Spiritualist Church, Hollins Lane, Sowerby Bridge. Sun. 2.00pm Lyceum Session, 6.00pm Evening Service; Weekly Services, alternate Wed. 3.00pm and 7.00pm; Thu. 7.15pm Members' Open Circle. *President*: Coun. A. Butterworth. *Hon. Secretary*: F. Sutcliffe, 34 Crow Wood Park. Halifax. *Treasurer*: W.A. Rowson. Lyceum Secretary: Miss F.M. Lees, 7 Charles Street, Tuel Lane, Sowerby Bridge.

West Vale Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs T.S. Mitchell, 20 Eastgate, Elland, Yorks.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE HULL GROUP

Bridlington National Spiritualist Church, Foresters' Hall, St. John's Street. *Hon. Secretary*: F. Cockburn, 22 Littlebeck Road, Bridlington.

Hull Daierycoates Spiritualist Mission, Eastbourne Street, Daierycoates, Hull. *Hon. Secretary*: R. Jackson, 3 Eastbourne Avenue, Street, Hull.

Hull Holborn Hall National Spiritualist Church, No. 1 Holborn Street, Witham, Hull. Sun. 3.00pm and 6.30pm Public Services; Mon. 2.00pm Public Service; Tue. 8.00pm Members' Circle; Wed. 7.45pm Public Service; Sat. 7.45pm Bible Service. *President*: Mr. Chatwin. *Hon. Secretary*: Mrs Roberts, 6 The Limes, Ella Street, Hull. *Treasurer*: Mrs Brown.

Hull Gipsyville Mission. *Hon. Secretary*: H.M. Davy, 7 Somerset Street, Hull.

Scarborough National Spiritualist Fellowship, Scarborough. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs L. Pyke, 93 Murchison Street, Scarborough.

LIST OF CHURCHES AFFILIATED TO THE
LEEDS GROUP

Armley National Spiritualist Church, Theaker Lane, Armley, Leeds. *Hon. Secretary:* S. Wass, 8 St. Ives Grove, Whingate, Leeds 12.

Carcroft National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mr Hames, 9 Station Road, Ardwick le Street, near Doncaster.

Castleford National Spiritualist Church, Lower Oxford. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Riches, 'Luneville', Carr Lane, Glasshoughton, Castleford, Yorks.

Hemsworth National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* A.W. Cox, 22 Grove Avenue, Grove Lane, Hemsworth.

Horsforth National Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs B.A. Eccles, 67 Victoria Gardens, Horsforth, near Leeds.

Leeds Central Spiritualist Society, Working Men's Hall, Park Street, Leeds. *Hon. Secretary:* John Charnley, 'The Nook', Winstanley Terrace, Headingley, Leeds.

Leeds Easy Road National Spiritualist Church, Leeds. *Hon. Secretary:* J.W.L. Warner, 103 Rookwood Avenue, Osmondthorpe.

Leeds Hyde Park National Spiritualist Church, 5 Hill Top Street, Hyde Road, Leeds 6. *Hon. Secretary:* L. Hall, 15 Mayville Avenue, Cardigan Road, Leeds.

Leeds Psycho National Spiritualist Church, Brunswick Place. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Daisley Junr., 45 Middleton Park Square, Middleton, Leeds 10.

Morley Spiritualist Church, No. 7 Church Street. H. Benn, 42a Station Road, Morley, Leeds.

Normanton National Spiritualist Church, Queen Street. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Rothery, 30 King Street, Normanton, Yorks.

ShIPLEY National Spiritualist Church, Market Buildings, Teale Court. *Hon. Secretary:* E.H. Coles, 46 Scarborough Road, Shipley, Yorkshire.

South Elmsall Spiritualist Church. *Hon. Secretary:* J. Brown, 12 High Street, South Elmsall, near Pontefract.

South Kirby National Spiritualist Church, Longbottom Yard. *Hon. Secretary:* Mrs Betteridge, 30 Faith Street, South Kirby.

Upton National Spiritualists' Church, High Street, Upton, near Pontefract, Yorkshire. Sun. 6.30pm to 7.30pm Psychology; 7.45pm to 8.30pm Delineations; Mon. 6.30pm to 8.00pm Delineations; Wed. Open; Thu. Members. *President:* J. Sumner. *Hon. Secretary:* A. Rowlands, 40 Smeaton Road, Upton, Yorkshire. *Treasurer:* Mrs Walker.

Wakefield National Spiritualist Church, Public Benefit Building, Kirkgate, Wakefield, Yorkshire. Sun. 1.45pm Lyceum, 3.00pm, 6.30pm and 8.00pm Church Services; Mon. 3.00pm and 7.00pm Services, 8.00pm Open Circle; Thu. 3.00pm and 7.00pm Services,

8.00pm Open Circle; Tue. 7.45pm Members' Developing Circle. *President:* Coun. Tuke Brewer. *Hon. Secretary:* H. Wright, 3 Davy Street, Bailey's Buildings, Eastmuir Road. *Treasurer:* Wilson Parkes.

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6.00pm; Wed. 7.45pm Members' Circle. This Society was formed 40 years ago. *President:* Charles Plank. *Hon. Secretary:* J.F. Smith, 174 Worthing Road, Sheffield 9. *Treasurer:* John Pownall.

Sheffield Centre Spiritualist Church, Firtree Lane, Sheffield 1. (Est. 1887). Sun. 11.00am, 3.00pm, 6.30 and 8.00pm; Mon. 2.45pm and 7.45pm; Tue. 7.45pm Services. Wed. 7.45pm Open Circle; Sat. 7.30pm. *President:* Mrs Marshall Hancock. *Hon. Secretary:* D.B. Elrod, 100 Sydney Road, Sheffield 6. *Treasurer:* G. Robinson.

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THE LAW RELATING TO MEDIUMSHIP

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“It is not right to look with scorn upon the whole theory and practice of Spiritualism. We are told that it is a religion. There is no credit in being tolerant about one's own religion. Toleration only begins when you are tolerant about someone else's religion.”

These words were spoken by the Lord Chief justice in summing up a case in the King's Bench Division, a case which arose out of certain allegations which had been made concerning our Parliamentary Fund. They form a fitting introduction to a review of the legal status of Spiritualism, and constitute some measure of proof that our fight against the Vagrancy Act has not been entirely unfruitful.

The Spiritualists of this country labour under material disabilities which are hindering investigation and restricting the religious freedom of the King's subjects. Under the Witchcraft Act, 1735, and the Vagrancy Act of 1824, mediums are liable to prosecution, and are frequently prosecuted and convicted. Section 4 of the Witchcraft Act, 1735, lays it down:

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any person shall, from and after the 24th day of June, “pretend to exercise or use any kind of witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment, or conjuration,” or undertake to tell fortunes ... every person so offending, being thereof lawfully convicted on indictment or information in that part of Great Britain called England, or on indictment or libel in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, shall for every such offence suffer imprisonment by the space of one whole year without bail or mainprize, and once in every quarter of the said year in some market town of the proper county on the market day there stand openly on the pillory by the space of one hour, and also shall (if the Court by which such judgment shall be given shall think fit) be obliged to give sureties for his or her good behaviour in such sum, and for such time, as the said Court shall judge proper, etc.

The Witchcraft Act virtually claims that there are no spirits, there is only pretence, and that anyone claiming to hold communication with spirits is in the very nature of the case, pretending. The very title of the Witchcraft Act is its own refutation, and in practice it has been superseded by the Vagrancy Act. The Act which is generally brought into operation is the Vagrancy Act of 1824, and the decision in *Monck v. Hilton*, 1877, has very largely influenced the administration of this Act ever since. May I quote Section 4 of the Vagrancy Act, 1824:

Every person pretending or professing to tell fortunes, or using any subtle craft means or device by palmistry or otherwise to deceive and impose on any of His Majesty's subjects . . . shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond within the true intent and meaning of this Act.

In *Monck v. Hilton*, the charge was not fortune-telling, but “using any subtle craft, means or device, by palmistry or otherwise.” Monck was convicted, because the justices on the Bench said that there was no need to prove an attempt to deceive.

Since Spiritualism and Psychological Research in this country date from 1850, an Act of 1824 could not possibly have contemplated the psychical activities against which the Act is so frequently used. It is obvious from the very title, “the Vagrancy Act,” that it was intended to apply (in times far different from these) to the vagrant gipsy who went from door to door (very often back doors) imposing upon the ignorant classes, servants and suchlike, and often instilling into them superstitious fears. These were times when the education of the masses was an unknown thing, and when pretenders who claimed strange powers struck terror into the hearts of the credulous. We are living in different times. To apply the term Vagrant and Vagabond to an individual who has a permanent residence, and is often the owner of the house in which he lives, is an anomaly which surely speaks for itself. It is obvious that such Acts were never intended to apply either to those who serve a bona fide and legally registered religious body, or to those who serve a scientific body comprising a large number of learned professors, whose investigations are conducted along purely scientific lines.

The Vagrancy Act is an extremely difficult Act to administer. The writer has interviewed quite a number of Chief Constables, individually, and led a deputation which waited upon the Chief Constables’ Association some years ago at the Hotel Waldorf, and a number of Chief Constables have admitted in conversation that the Act is an antiquated one, is out of date, is difficult to administer, and should be simplified and better defined.

Those are the admissions of the authorities themselves. Again, the Act is intended to protect the public, but we would stress the fact that the Act is never put into operation save by the police, and then only through *agents provocateur*. A careful reading of the Act suggests that the police take action on the complaint of the common informer, but it should be noted that there has never, to our knowledge, been a case in which any member of the general public has gone into Court and said that he was either injured, deceived, or cheated. We have no evidence that there have ever been bona fide complaints by the general public, although we have heard statements to that effect. No witnesses have ever been put into the box other than *agents provocateur* employed by the police. Without such *agents provocateur*, presumably at the instigation of unnamed persons in the background, we are certain the authorities would have no case. Sittings are often held in private, and no one is present but the police agent and the medium. There is generally a total denial by the medium of the evidence given by the police agent, and since there are only two persons present, corroboration is virtually an impossibility, save in so far as one sitting may offer, corroboration of a previous one. There is, generally, a total denial by the medium of the evidence given, but the evidence of the paid police agent is always taken, usually without corroboration.

It goes without saying that a new movement, which is building up a religious organisation, has excited, I do not want to be offensive, but shall I say the antagonism, even the enmity of certain other churches. It is no secret that a “Papal Bull” has been issued by the Roman Catholic Church against its practice, and we have every reason to believe that when complaints have been received by the police, such complaints have often emanated from one

particular Church, which has been able thus to oppress others, while itself remaining unseen. We submit, most respectfully, that any Act which lends itself to exploitation by one religious community for the persecution of another is an unfair Act, which needs drastic revision. Under the Act practically every form of mediumship has been declared illegal by the Courts, and the tendency is for the power of restriction to increase. In the famous Cantlon Case, the secretary of a *bona fide* and legally registered organisation was prosecuted as accessory, so that the police are not only attacking the mediums, but even the Societies who employ them. Thus a new weapon was forged by which the officers of any Spiritualist Association, acting in perfectly good faith, are equally liable to prosecution with the medium. The Press of the whole country took note of this case, and was strong in its condemnation of the use of the police for these purposes.

Several magistrates have openly protested upon the Bench against having to put into operation an Act which they consider unfair, while several have remarked that such prosecutions were both childish and trivial. When in 1896 the first appeal of any citizen convicted under these Acts in Scotland was brought before the Scottish High Court of justiciary in Edinburgh, Lord Young, in delivering judgment, said that he had never heard or supposed that professed fortune-telling by astrology or palmistry or seership was an act of roguery or vagabondry. It was conceivable that such professional fortune-tellers might commit acts of roguery or vagabondry, but if so, these acts ought to be stated and proved. So emphatic was his Lordship in his judgment that he said, "I am informed that this is the first case that has occurred during the twenty-five years since the Vagrancy Act was made applicable to Scotland, and I express the hope that it will be the last attempted."

The law has been applied in such an uncertain and changeable manner that gradually every defence has been whittled away.

Mr. Justice Sankey, in the *Rex v. Davies* case in 1917, held that an intention to deceive and impose on His Majesty's subjects was an essential ingredient in any offence under the Vagrancy Act. He pointed out that this essential to criminality in fortune-telling had already been decided in the historic cases of *Regina v. Entwistle*, 1899, and *Penny v. Hanson*. It had previously been held in *Monck v. Hilton* that there was no need to prove intent to deceive; the very claim to communicate with spirits was in itself evidence of such intent. Then there was the case of a Mrs. Bloodworth, who was haled before Mr. Ralph Bankes at Battersea for professing to tell fortunes. Mr. Bankes, in giving judgment, said, "I absolutely think that the defendant believes she has the power of foretelling. Startling though the decision may be to some, I shall dismiss the case." At Brighton, Mrs. Taylor Woodall, a clairvoyant and medium engaged by a Spiritualist Church, was conducting a week's mission. During her spare time she gave clairvoyant readings in the church hall to persons desiring them. Her consultants dropped half a crown in the plate, and handed it over to the pastor of the church, Mr. J. J. Goodwin, for the benefit of the church funds. It was not taken by Mrs. Woodall. Two women, the wife and sister of a Brighton detective, solicited readings; they came, in fact, in widow's weeds, and pretended to be in very serious trouble, and subsequently the medium was prosecuted, and these two women gave evidence. There were two different sésances, and the medium totally denied the whole of the statements.

After retiring for half an hour, the Magistrates found both guilty, the medium and Mr. Goodwin, and fined them each 40s., with 20s. costs, with the alternative of nine days' imprisonment. Mrs. Woodall at once paid her fine and costs, but Mr. Goodwin declined to do so on principle, and elected to go to prison for nine days. He expected to be conducted to the cells, but he was told that he could go. The Court had not sufficient faith in its own judgment to carry out its sentence: as an alternative they seized his goods. Mr. Justice Channell, in the case of *Regina v. Entwistle*, said, "I think that in order that there may be a conviction under this Statute in respect of fortune-telling, it is necessary that the thing should be done in order to deceive," and this position was taken up by Mr. Justice Sankey in *Rex v. Davies*. Mr. Justice Lawrence, in another case in 1921, says, "I cannot reverse the decision on the claim that the intention to deceive was not necessarily to be proved. The act of fortune-telling is an offence in itself" The fact is, that the law has been vacillating and oscillating like a pendulum from side to side over a number of years, and I submit that it is time the matter was settled by law and not by the decisions of the Courts.

As in Biblical times there were priests and prophets, so we claim that our mediums are the prophets of the modern church, and without them the spiritual voice is silenced. The very phenomena of the Old and New Testaments, upon which the religion of this country is based, is of exactly the same nature as that of modern psychical phenomena. Yet while we are trained to believe that such phenomena are sacred when located in the past, they become illegal when indulged in in the present. There is scarcely a phase of mediumship, whether clairvoyance, psychometry, prophecy, healing, writing, or spirit messages of any description, which has not been held to be illegal, with the result that every medium who practises is liable to prosecution, however honest, however conscientious, or however genuine. I would like to say that the Spiritualists have already presented a petition to Parliament, which was signed by 40,000 signatories, praying for relief from these disabilities. That, I think, was received in February, 1928.

These are some of the legal disabilities under which we suffer as a result of the fact that mediumship is continuously held to be illegal by the Courts of this country, but dependent upon these decisions there are several civil disabilities. In Scotland, where we have a number of Spiritualist Churches, the Registrar-General for Scotland has deprived the Spiritualists of the right, which they previously exercised unchallenged in common with other religious bodies, of performing marriages through and by their recognised officials and pastors. A Glasgow Registrar, to whom application was made before the performance of an intended marriage, said that if performed by a Spiritualist pastor the marriage could not be registered, and in reply to a question in Parliament, we were merely told that we could seek redress by a test action in Court. We submit that to ask a young couple entering upon life to contract the marriage tie, and then go into Court for a declaration that such marriage was legal, is to risk their whole moral reputation, as in the period between their marriage and the findings of the Court they are virtually living in adultery. Surely, the legal authorities know that no young couple could be expected to face such an impossible position, and I submit most respectfully that a Parliamentary reply of that kind is both callous and inconsiderate.

Again, as the result of the case *in re Hummultenberg Beattie* and the London Spiritualist Alliance (1923, Chapter 237), it has been held that a gift by will for the purpose of training mediums is not a valid charitable gift, because mediumship is illegal. As a result of this case

the Spiritualists are held to be unable to receive legacies bequeathed them when one of the objects of the gift is the training of mediums, and the Charity Commissioners have refused to recognise as a charity a Spiritualistic body which has been established for thirty years, and which has received money, because the training of mediums has been stated in its Trust Deed as one of the objects of that body. One of the consequences of such a position is that many charitably disposed Spiritualists will not make such bequests for fear of their bequests being nullified. Our legal advisers are still in a position of uncertainty as to whether we as a body have the power to hold churches, which have been bought, built, and paid for by Spiritualists, upon religious and charitable trusts. The present position is that it is by no means certain that a religious body, consisting of 600 churches, has the right to own its own property as trust property held by trustees for religious and charitable purposes. Cases have arisen in which the right of interment of Spiritualists in a churchyard under the Burials Act of 1880 has been disputed, and in one case at Sheffield we had to take the body of one of our old and faithful workers, deposit it in the grave, and walk away without either a committal service or a word of prayer. Had our representatives insisted upon forcing the issue, there would have occurred a breach of the peace, and they, therefore (wrongly, in my opinion) sacrificed their moral rights, rather than create a scene at a funeral, and disturb the public peace. We must insist that such treatment is intolerable. Such civil disabilities press heavily upon us, but my point is, that they all depend upon the major factor, that in law mediumship is illegal.

In New Zealand, the Government have passed an Act of Parliament incorporating the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand, and entitling it to hold its properties, and to deal with them on the same lines as other religious bodies. In April, 1929, the Canadian National Association of Spiritualists were granted a charter which enables them to work out the full development of mediumship under their own constitution. In New York, the law under which fortune-telling persons have hitherto been prosecuted, which was very largely a copy of the English law, was amended, and provides that after September 1st, 1929, such sections shall not apply to, the incorporated ecclesiastical Spiritualist Associations, nor to their duly licensed teachers and ministers, all of whom are mediums, provided they are acting in good faith and without personal fees. In New South Wales, Australia, legislation has recently (1935) placed Spiritualism on the same legal basis as all other religious bodies.

If necessary, the Spiritualists would be prepared to set up some method of control or registration of *bona fide* mediums. The whole history of the last 80 years shows that Spiritualists have been persistent and alert to denounce charlatanism wherever it is found. It would not be an exaggeration to say that, apart from police prosecutions, 80 per cent of mediums who have been denounced or exposed have been denounced or exposed by Spiritualists, but we submit that the amount of charlatanism, cheating or fraud, is no greater amongst mediums than will be found in any other department of life.

As a means, however, of overcoming the disabilities, we beg to suggest the following amendment to Section 4 of the Witchcraft Act of 1735, and Section 4 of the Vagrancy Act of 1824:

Provided always that there shall be expressly excluded from the provision of this section all persons who may, now or hereafter, be *bona fide* engaged in the

science of Spiritualism or Psychic Research, or any similar scientific investigation, or in any religious practice or service in connection with Spiritualism or Psychic Research, or any similar scientific investigation, and no proceedings shall be instituted, carried on, or maintained against any person acting or engaged in any such science or scientific investigation as aforesaid, or in any such religious practice or service as aforesaid, whether acting as a Spiritualist medium or otherwise, in the absence of proof of a deliberate intention on the part of such person to deceive and impose upon any of His Majesty's subjects.

That is the remedy we propose, and justice demands that it be granted. Otherwise all claim to religious freedom in this country is a mere pretence.