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BEING A SERIES OF MESSAGES RECEIVED DURING DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH LEROY S. STEVENS, WHO PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE ON MARCH THIRTIETH, 1916



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INTRODUCTION.

Fechner, in his wonderful little volume, "The Little Book of Life After Death," divides life into three periods. The first, previous to birth, being of complete rest, darkness and development; the second, between birth and death being alternate light and darkness, activity and repose; the third, following death (in reality the second birth) being continuous activity and Eternal light.

What greater comfort could you, who have seen death's gates close, hiding from your view the ones you love, desire than the knowledge that in the great plan of the Universe the Creator has made it possible for mortal minds to render themselves receptive to the influence of those who have entered the Celestial life.

What our experience has been, yours may be, and to this end this record is placed before you, not as a literary effort, but a plain and truthful statement of actual experiences; of daily

communications received by us, through the simple method of the Ouija board.

We attribute the success attending our efforts to the extreme care taken to preserve at each sitting perfect harmony, and a Spiritual atmosphere. It has been proven that Scripture reading is a very necessary item, and good music is also a great help in bringing the best influences.

While, as stated above, this is a true record, it is by no means complete, because there have been innumerable messages received which would have no interest for the public, concerning simply family affairs. Enough personal material, however, has been used to prove that our loved ones and friends on the other side take as much interest in our daily affairs as they could while in the body, and perhaps more.

Exceptions may be taken to parts of the record, which may seem light, and perhaps of a trifling nature, but our purpose in giving them, in addition to the Spiritual Truths and messages, is that stated in the foregoing paragraph.

Just a few words to make the situation clear concerning the family. Father, mother and older brother in earth

life; Leroy, the younger brother, who has had the direct charge of giving the messages from Spirit life, and younger sister, in Spirit.

Leroy was twenty years and ten months old last March, when he was suddenly taken. The little sister had passed on at birth, and is now between thirteen and fourteen years old.

Regarding those who may read these pages, doubting that it is possible to receive such accurate messages, even though they do acknowledge belief in the Life beyond the grave — we had to be convinced, just the same as anyone else, and if they cannot find something which removes their doubt, it will not be our fault, because we shall try to include everything which could in any way help to convince them.

We did not think of putting the messages in book form, until Leroy told us to do so, as he said it was the only way he could reach some people. We are very glad, however, to do our little part in taking away the fear of death, and putting in its place the hope of a far greater life to come.

Where names have been given, we have in most cases used initials, but if

they are recognized, we will be very glad to give further information to those concerned, as the material which is too personal has been omitted, for obvious reasons.

LETTERS FROM ROY.

On March 30th, 1916, at 7:30 P. M., Leroy Sylvan Stevens passed to the larger life. At that time we were living in Taunton, but our plans had been laid to move to Boston shortly. We had arranged the week before, to pass the papers for the purchase of a house in Mattapan, near Boston, Mass. Roy had been in to see the house on the Sunday before he was taken, and had picked out his room. Our reasons for mentioning this house will be seen later on in the record.

Our plans were then given up, and, being anxious to get away from our present surroundings, we hurriedly moved to a house in Dorchester, Mass. Although a good location, it proved to be very noisy, day and night, which did not take away any of our homesickness, and "Lost" feeling.

Mother had always been a firm believer in the close linking together of the two lives, and had talked some with Roy on the subject. The father and

older brother, while not doubting, still did not take up the matter with as much interest, until having such good cause to do so.

It was on April 13th, that mother received her first message, that is, the first of which she was sure. That was, for her to go to Melrose Cemetery, at Brockton, Mass., where our lot is located, instead of to Boston, as she had planned. This was the first time she had dared go there since the funeral, not being sure of herself. While there, we met the man of whom we later bought the stone for the grave, and whom, it was later on found, was the one with whom Roy wanted us to deal.

It was nearly the last of April, when we decided to get a Ouija board, to try and find out if it were possible to communicate with any one on the other side, through that means.

On April 28th, early in the evening, we sat down quietly, and waited. There was no sign whatever for about five minutes, when, very slowly, the small table started to move. In a moment or two, the words "Are you happy? I am." had been spelled.

We hardly dared ask the next ques-

tion, but, after doing so, as to whom it was, very slowly came the answer "Roy."

That was enough. We ourselves were satisfied, but it remained for the messages received daily since that time to add proof upon proof for those who might not believe. Of course such a sudden and startling discovery unnerved the mother, and the next message was "Please do not cry." After this, the board commenced to move faster, but for a few moments there came nothing but a jumble of letters. Suddenly it seemed to get straightened out, then came, "Later I will give more." A favorite slang expression of his was "Nuf Ced." He closed the evening's sitting with "I am O K. Nuf ced. Good bye."

The next morning, upon sitting down, the question was asked, "Where shall we get flowers for Melrose?" The answer came "R A N." This was evidently an abbreviation for Randolph.

We did as directed, and found a florist there, unknown to us, without whom we would have had considerable difficulty in getting flowers to the ceme-

tery, because it was rather out of our way from where we then lived.

This same morning, he said, "Nurse was O K." Which was very true. Question — Did you know you were going? Answer — "Tried to raise five times." This was noted at the time he was lying unconscious, when it was thought he was going to have convulsions.

That evening, sitting at 7:45 P. M., the question was asked, "Is anyone helping you to run this board?" Ans. "Uncle Ed a lot. I do part."

Ed is his uncle, on his mother's side.

Question by mother. Do you like our room, Roy? Ans. "Pretty slick, yes." This was also a pet expression of his.

Sunday afternoon, April 30th. The message came — "Roy Sutton. Try 6." This was found to mean that Roy had gone to Sutton, N. H., where we have relatives and friends, and to try again at six o'clock.

Sitting at 6 P. M. Father asked a mental question, which was answered "Yes." This is one of the simplest ways of proving to anyone who doubts. Let him ask any question, having the same clearly in his mind, and it will be an-

swered correctly on the board. No matter what it is, it has never failed us yet. To those who may try to explain it by "mind reading", etc., we have ample proof to the contrary, as will be seen later on.

To get back to the messages. The mental question father asked was, as he afterwards told us, "Are you happy where you are?" (The answer to the question was given three times, for emphasis.)

Next, he was evidently trying to say something about "Judea," which I afterwards found was the subject of a sermon that I had intended to hear that same night, but gave it up.

May 1st, very little was given, and after a short session he said, "Sit again tomorrow at 7."

May 2. The first message was, "You three tell others." Then — "Aunt G... will tell you something tomorrow." This referred to something very interesting concerning another relative of the family. Not knowing of this message at the time, she did just as he said she would. Question — Where have you been today? Ans. "Taunton." Question — Whom did you see particu-

larly? Ans. "Mr. T..." Question. Did he realize it? Ans. "I think so." The dates which are missing are those on which there was simply something given of personal interest to the family.

May 4th. "Sister, she's pretty. You watch for messages from us any time."

Q. How do you like that life as compared to ours?

Ans. "Not to be mentioned." (Used as an idiomatic phrase).

May 5th. Reference was made to the passing of time, and the message came, "Time is not in this life."

Q. How about people in this war? Ans. "Sad. You ought to see."

May 6th. "Justice must rule." At this point we were talking about Mr. G... S..., the Choirmaster of the Church where Roy belonged, who was taken just seven weeks before Roy. Mrs. Stevens remarked that she was afraid that he might have taken Roy, because they were such good friends. The message came, "No, he did not, he only helped others."

Q. Have you any special Church you would like to have me attend?

A. "We will show you. You will meet Roy, Fred, and Will there."

I must get ahead of my story a little here, and say that the first person I met at the Church where I am now going, was the Fred referred to, now a neighbor of ours, who, the first day he knew me invited me to join the choir, to which he belonged, at this Church in M... I am not well acquainted there yet, and do not know the others.

Q. Have you found that little boy who lived on C... St., and was shot last winter? Ans. "Yes. I am with him sometimes." "I am going to wake folks up."

May 7th. (From now on he often opens the session with some verse of Scripture.) "Search the Scriptures. 'What I tell ye in darkness, that speak ye in the light.' "

Q. I should like to know what your life is like.

Ans. "Something like yours, much better."

Q. Are there any animals in your life? Ans. "All Life." "D... is here." Q. What D..? Ans. "D.. E.." (Naming a man connected with the family on the mother's side, some years ago.)

Q. Roy, does Billy (the cat) know when you are around? Ans. "A lot."

"Every time you sit you will find it clearer."

Q. How do you learn to run the board? Ans. "Uncle Ed..."

May 9th. "You will learn great Truths if you try for them. Drop material things when you try this board. There will be strange happenings. I have tried to tell you before. Ma has known, but she did not know what they meant. W... is one of the best ones in it. Truth must win. By and by you will see why. Great Powers are at work. It is not one person. It is for God."

"P... misses me. I try to make him know."

Q. Shall I tell him? Ans. "Yes, you will, but do not try to hurry things." I was not instructed to tell him, until March 18, 1917.

May 10th. "This is great. I have something new all the time."

Q. Have you seen Miss P... yet? Ans. "She is taking care of little boys."

"Young S... is around his home a lot." (Naming a young boy who was killed by lightning.)

"We all want to be good natured.

Your life is the only one that has sorrow." Q. Why? Ans. "Adam."

Please note the above bit of truth. When one stops to think of it, it is a tremendous amount of truth expressed in one word.

"I go and come when I want to. If I am not here you know how to call me. I am glad you opened my eyes." (Referring to his mother having made him acquainted with this subject.)

"Uncle H... will brace up. He hasn't had any spirit for anything since I changed." (I remember a pause before this word, as if he was thinking just what to say, it being the first time mentioned.)

Q. Are you going to Mrs. M...'s tonight? (Naming a medium.) Ans. "If she doesn't know I am there it won't be my fault."

May 12th. "C... is with me a lot. Railroad men, he says."

C... was a railroad conductor, killed some ten or twelve years ago. Roy had worked on the railroad for about four months before passing away, and was much interested in railroad men and happenings.

Q. Do you have as good a time there as here? Ans. "Clean and better."

"A dear Shaker lady is one of our teachers. Aunt Sarah."

"Great, ma. I can do all I want to now. People do queer things."

May 13th. Here he quotes Mrs. Steven's father. "Have faith. All will be made right. Faith, Hope, and Love. The greatest of these is Love. You are going to see much. I am making it as plain as you will let me. Watch. Stand fast. You could deal with great things for human beings.

"The Springtime of Eternal Youth. Simple plain Quaker ideas were nearest to our Father's of any."

"S... W.... He did not know for some time that he was in this life." Naming a boy he used to know who was drowned in Taunton.

May 14th. "Taunton is nice today. Was there this morning." Reference was made here to some pictures of him.

"They don't look like me. That was not me. You all think death is such an awful thing. It is Life."

May 15th. "I am glad ma is beginning to see me as I am."

Q. How do you like this place where we are living?

Ans. "You will get something better when we get ready."

Q. Move again, Roy? Ans. "When we get ready you will be there before I am. It's great. You have got to get ready for business."

Q. What business? Ans. "King's. Railroad makes a chap want to.

"You must take time for this every day. There is much that would interest you all in this life when you are ready for it.

"It is all Love and Truth. Everyone has got to bow his head to Truth and Love. You can see why we are busy.

"I have got all you are ready for since I came. 'If ye forgive man, even so will God forgive you.' "

May 18th. "Don't forget that He will give His angels charge over thee. You know the rest. You can always rely on our Father's word. You will find yourselves leaning more and more on Him. So 'Trust and Obey' "

"Do you find things changed, Leon? I am with you when you want me. You have double strength. Keep your courage up. Better things coming.

You'll be surprised." I surely have been, many times in the past year.

Here we spoke of a Mrs. R..., who passed away about four years ago.

"She is the one who told me where I was. She is fine."

May 20th. " 'They that seek me early shall find me.' Your life is the only false one. So glad you can use this board. Better than games. Takes the poison out of the sting. (He used to be very fond of sitting and playing games at home.) You said, ma, that your boys would be all right in May. We are! Just listen to us. We're messengers. 'In the midst of life we are in death.' This life is so much beyond yours that you must try not to think of me as being dead, ma.

"Try and think, not of the physical but spirit. A change to real life that everyone has to go through. Helen Keller is not as blind as many folks who have good eyes. I shall change or grow right along. You must grow with me or you will not prosper. Uncle E... says he is going to church. (With Leon.) He says don't you laugh. You take the ones who didn't know how they looked from the inside.

"We have some fine persons to learn of. It seems so good to do all we want to and not get tired.

"The railroad men are many over here. They are interested just the same. J. R. K. is one fine soul."

May 22. Reference made to the pleasures he has earned and can now enjoy in that life. "A treat you can all have when you get your work done, which is not yet, you can see. I could do more from this side. A... He says tell your mother we helped show Roy up. You do not need to feel sad about me. He says I could not leave you because you need me, and I do not want to."

May 24th. "There are no dead. All is life. I should not have wanted to leave them if I had known how they felt. They would not have known if they had not felt so bad before we went."

This seems to refer to our friends before we moved to Boston. "Aunt Annie says you will have to learn patience. She teaches it. There are many more here than there, that you know, ma."

May 25th. " 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.' I try to make you folks realize lots of times. It seems

so easy. You make it harder than you need to.

"Sunbeam is her name." Q. Sister? Ans. "Yes." "She is with me most of the time."

May 26th. "I am very happy and want you to be. You will if you put yourself out and let Spirit take possession. Were you surprised to hear of it?" He referred to the passing away of Rev. Dr. H. ., very suddenly. Q. He must have felt something that Sunday? Ans. "No more than I did. He felt strange, but not unhappy."

This minister referred to gave a most beautiful sermon the Sunday night before he passed away, and as I remember it, was in an unusual mood that Sunday night.

"Convince Mrs. W... if possible. There is more I can tell later. Mr. S.. is right in his glory now. So gentle and grand."

Q. Can you tell us anything of his work? Ans. "You ask me a great deal. Teaching might answer partly."

Q. by Mrs. Stevens. Am I right in my ideas of those things which come to me? Ans. "I give them to you. It is so wonderful, ma. You would be satis-

fied. Uncle Ed says you folks are doing fine. Edna is just the same. You ought to see grandmas and grandpas. Like children, so happy."

May 27th. "If people in earth life would stop and do some thinking. Aunt Sarah says that is the only way. You have hope now, ma, because you know it is me."

May 29th. "T.. B.. calls me Sundays. (Naming a man in New Hampshire.) That country is great now.

"You must keep calm. Just trust Him."

Q. What is C... doing? Ans. "Busy all the time. The old R.R. men are so interested in R.R. men in your life. Melrose looks fine. We have a fine place. You are never alone, ma. Go to Mrs. R's developing circle."

June 2. "Uncle L.. says are you prepared? You got it right this time, ma. The spirit world will never fail you. You have more faith in them than any one else. Was in your office today, dad. G... thinks you will get over this. Not if I can help it."

June 4th. "Just go right along, in faith believing, and trust in God. It may seem dark sometimes, but, when

so, don't forget Spirit is there. 'And they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.' 'They that seek me early shall find me.' He was all right, wasn't he, Leon?" (Referring to a certain minister.)

"September 1. Aunt J... makes a change." This came true, and she was not told of this message until many weeks afterward, that is, after she made the change.

June 5th. "Capt B... says sometimes you shut us all out. Must keep your courage up, all the time looking for the good that we want to bring."

June 8th. "Great times for you, Leon. You have got to be Leon and Roy."

June 10th. "J... R... feels sober every time he passes the house. Don't see why. If he could see me now I think his eyes would come open."

Q. Why do mediums so often have Indian guides?

Ans. "They are most natural."

"Don't lean on anybody. Stand on your own feet. Thinking never hurt anyone yet. Talking can. Sunbeam is around you all the time, ma." Q. Whom does she resemble? Ans. "Ma."

Q. Dark or light hair? Ans. "Brown. She made me tell B.. about her. (Three nights before he passed over.) Some day you must tell them all the things I have told you. You want to hurry and get ready to come. You must find out things for yourself. You have got enough to help you listen."

June 12th. "I am glad I made you realize who Robert is. He is one of the finest. I am so glad you know Sunbeam. When I have work you are not alone."

June 13th. "Sunbeam is one of the sweetest singers I ever heard. G... says the sweetest. You know he told me not to get my mind on girls, but he is changing his ideas. She is so happy she sings all day long. Tell them quietly I have not gone, when they give you a chance. Aunt Sarah says it is time. Glad, so glad, ma, you are my allies. Sometime you will understand. Wake these R.R. men and you will waken great numbers."

June 14th. "Just be patient, trusting in your Master, and you will see. I want you all to do your best."

June 15th. "Accident, Broadway, Taunton." This was a serious automo-

bile accident, which he told us of at almost exactly the time it happened. "Ma, I tried to make you get up and write." She had wakened the night before with a beautiful story running through her mind, but did not get up because she thought she could remember it all right until morning, but it was gone then.

June 16th. "You must read P.. G.. till you can't forget. You forgot today, ma." Because she had been rather discouraged and down-hearted.

June 17th. "E... M... Saw him, and made him think he saw me. This is the life for me. (This was a common joking expression of his before he passed over.) If I had been kept in the body I should have been in an accident. I was glad when I got home, and wanted all home. Aunt Nellie planned the best for you. Was home all day today. I can stay all day when I want to. You have only to think of me to get me. Wait till I get things as they are going to be. Wish I could tell you about this. I know it is about all you think about. Trust and obey. You would not be happy there now, ma. It was all planned." This evidently refers to our

old home, from which we moved immediately after his going.

June 18th. "Behind the clouds the sun is shining. Into each life some rain must fall. Now what do you think of S...?"

An explanation is due on the foregoing. It is a general custom for him to give a great many names on the board, and during the past week he had given the name S... two or three times, without comment on it. We ourselves wondered if she were ill. On the 18th I went to Taunton, and on my way to church noticed a wreath on the door of the house where S... lived. They being friends of ours I finally decided that I had better make inquiries. I went to the door, and found that the mother of the family had passed away very suddenly on the 16th, without illness. It seems that he is allowed to tell us just so much, and no more.

"I could tell you some things, but Aunt Sarah says not yet."

Q. Did I tell too much today? Ans. "You told what we let you." "You cannot keep G... and I quiet. You must put people to thinking. Keep your eyes and ears open. 'What I tell ye in

darkness that speak ye in the light.' Ma, what would we have done if you had not known all that you know about this."

June 19th. "'Mark that day lost whose low descending sun sees from thy hand no worthy action done.' Patsy." This Patsy was a former employe of the railroad, in a small position. The men used to make considerable fun about him, not realizing that he felt it keenly. We have since found out what a change has come over him, in the change from physical to Spiritual life. When his name was given, Mr. Stevens referred to the attitude formerly taken toward the man. "He has cried over that many times." This incident is given because it has its lesson for all. We never know what wonderful spirit may be contained within a poor crippled or weak body.

"We work together good, don't we?" Q. Any way we can help? Ans. "Aunt Sarah says, help yourselves is the best way." "Keep busy as we want, and you will be well."

June 21. "You're doing fine. That's what they all say. Aunt M.. says you ought to have done it years ago."

June 22. "Sunbeam helped you pick out your clothes. Aunt N... says she will not get any if we don't get them now." This referred to a time some few weeks before Roy passed away, when Mrs. Stevens had her clothes made ready for Spring. It was certainly true. She would not have had the courage to bother with them if it had not already been attended to.

"I told you about F... You would pity him. Lost in this life. He wants to make amends as soon as possible. No one wants him, he says. He might have been a power for good, Aunt Sarah tells me."

F... was an atheist, a very magnetic personality and interesting speaker. He passed away about a year ago, and evidently must make amends for the wrong which he did here in spreading his belief. It is not our intention in this work to favor any one belief, or to speak against any, but one may gather from the above the attitude taken on the other side towards an atheist.

"Sunbeam is too cute. She is so different now, because she can make you know. She makes us all laugh. Mr. C... thinks she is the best ever."

June 25th. "You are teaching kindergarten now, ma. (Mother remarked she did not want to.) Not for my sake? They will listen to you now, ma, because they know it is not you. A... is going to church too, this morning. He says he has been waiting to get a call from you long enough. (A.. is a good natured old gentleman, a good friend of ours, who likes to visit us occasionally. His remark about waiting for a call is evidently a joking one referring to my failing to ask him to go to church with me.)

"Sunbeam has made you laugh lots of times when you did not know why. She made you laugh that Tuesday, she was so pleased that I was going." (We had company on Tuesday of the week before the one during which he was taken, and were feeling exceptionally happy, because we were going to our new home, as we thought.)

June 26th. "We are very glad she (Mother) can laugh. We thought she had forgotten how. Uncle Ed says you will laugh if he has anything to do about it. You will all hear from me this week so you will notice. Tell J..

for me that I am very happy. Uncle Ed says F.. wants you to write."

June 27th. "It will not be long. Everything is now taken out of your hands. (Referring to our anxiety to get moved to a quieter place.) You just keep still as you can and wait. Sunbeam says you think of her as Blossom.

"Cheer up. There are better times coming."

June 29th. "I like everybody." This was Sunbeam, who was learning to use the board. Then Roy said, "Correspondence School did that. She studied with me. It hurt her because we did not know." This meant because we did not know that she was around. Roy had spent considerable time on school work, and it was certainly a surprise to us to find out that she had been learning at the same time.

July 1. "G... says tell Mrs W... that he always was a man of his word, and that he goes to the same places that he did when in the body, and that if she will not doubt, that he will come so strong that she will not need Leon's word.

"And he says furthermore, that when

she doubts she shuts us all out. That is J...'s lesson for this time. Your life is the unreal one."

July 2. "'Then let your secret thoughts be fair. They have a vital part and share in shaping worlds and molding fate. God's system is so intricate.'" This quotation was given by him, by the instructions of a girl who used to be my Sunday School teacher in A..., Miss M... W..., who is now apparently a teacher there.

"Went to Taunton today. Went to lots of places. I think they are beginning to think. We want people to realize that they had better think about something beyond."

July 3. "I want you to feel happy so Sunbeam and I can. She and I are doing all we can, as fast as we can. A... They took me there and showed me the room I was born into that life. ("They" referred to the teacher mentioned above, and his grandma.)

"You know what a care your body has been to you. Would you have wanted me to have gone on with the frail one I had? I think that if they had asked, and you had known what was coming,

you would have loved me too much to have kept me from it."

July 5th. "I am still busy and not afraid of wearing out. Saw F... today." Q. Does he know you are around? Ans. "Sure."

July 8th. "F... will help to convince M... or anyone else who is making h—l for themselves and others. (This F... is the atheist before referred to.) Did you get enough of the S.. car? (Mrs. Stevens had persisted in using this line, which was too hard and long a trip for her. On this occasion referred to they were in the midst of a terrific thunderstorm while on the car, everyone being frightened. She has not used the line since!)

July 14th. " 'When a strong brain is weighed against a pure heart it is like balancing a bubble against a wedge of pure gold.' M... said that."

July 15th. "Now I want you to hold back a little and you will find people coming to you for advice. I want you to sit, relax, and find who controls each." This meant that we were to hold back on telling about the work that we were doing, and rather let it travel itself, which it was bound to do.

July 16th. "'The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin. The light of the world is Jesus. Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee. Once you were blind, but now you can see.'" Please note the way and manner in which these lines have been transposed to suit his purpose, telling us that we were once blind, as far as these matters were concerned. "Uncle S... said he always liked it." Referring to the hymn above mentioned.

July 18th. "Must not be a one-thought person. Must develop all sides. Remember, we like the harmonious conditions." The first remark referred to our conversation at the time, about a person who was inclined to be one-sided, and inclined to make too much of one subject, or idea. The second part referred to trying to get messages when anyone was around who was not in sympathy with the work, or at least only tolerated it.

"You would be surprised if you could know our plans. 'Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you. If it were not so I would

have told you.' Trust and Obey." Roy was handling the board while this was coming, but he said it came from "Mona." "She is like Aunt Sarah." (The Quaker teacher.) "You want to do things now, ma. Everything you have had your thoughts on." "Kent." When this name came, it called to Mr. Stevens' mind a story which was told at the old gentleman's expense for many years, at the conclusion of which Roy said that "They said they would make dad tell that story." It was very laughable, and when we were quieted down afterwards, he said, "G... says now Mrs. Stevens, have you all got enough?"

July 21. "You had better pick up gradually. At the last you will have to hurry. (This was so, in spite of our efforts to keep straightened out as far as possible before moving.) Aunt Nellie won't let you go blind."

July 23rd. "'For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.' You want to keep up on all points now. There will be new things doing continuously. Wish I could say more. We thought you could see us tonight. Keep this up. (Referring to dark circle held just before.) It can't be long. H...

Charlie says it seems so good to see such absolute faith. You will hear of an accident in which you will be interested." This was the drowning accident that same day in Meredith, N. H., a Miss Roi. This was interesting to us on account of the name, and for the fact that we knew someone who was stopping there at the time.

"C... told me to tell you."

"'Tis the promise of God, full salvation to give."

July 26th. "I wish you would get ready to get out of this place."

In another part of the book will be found more information as to how we found our new home.

"T...." Upon being asked if it was a certain person we knew of, he replied, "Yes. He is telling me how to do these things."

"Sunbeam carries a beautiful light wherever she goes. It isn't pink, nor gold, nor purple. I think azure."

July 30th. "Mabel helps me when you have flowers on the table." Q. Mabel W...? Ans. "Yes." "Four months. Pretty good, eh?" It was four months ago this date that he passed on.

"Well, let's see what the next four will do. You told C... that Roy was right in his glory, but you did not tell one fourth. I am so glad that you all make it so easy, and enjoy it as well as we do. Lots can't get near their folks. Alton Stevens says tell you he is right here, and glad he can get in so easy. (Here we remarked that we were getting mighty good results on the board.) We couldn't if there wasn't harmony. J... He says the Western States have been full of it (Spiritualism) for a long time."

July 31. "I am going down there for business." (Taunton.) Q. What business? Ans. "King's. I am allowed to go with them when they take my friends home. (This we found was a Mrs. W... further referred to on August 3rd.) I can make impressions now, all right, can't I?"

August 2. "Deacon S... Grandma took us to see them today. She always believed in Spirit. Grandpa S.. says Hello. He says he comes very often, but you have got so many he can't get a chance to say anything."

August 3rd. We were talking about the day he went, March 30th. "I was

really born that day. That Mrs. W... who died in Taunton was a friend of mine. G... S... is home, as usual. His mother knows he is there. He says it takes mothers to know. This ought to be in every home. It is going to be universal, but we have something to do."

August 8th. "G... and I went to Taunton this noon. Sunbeam says dad had a fine sleep in the hammock. She is always chasing butterflies. She was with you Saturday afternoon in the woods."

At this point we were talking about the time she "Shocked" me. It happened this way. During our dark circle one night, I suddenly felt a good sized electric shock, and at the same time was frightened by what seemed to me to be a blinding flash of light, although it was not noticed by mother and father. Mother did experience a peculiar sensation at the same moment, but not nearly as bad as I did. I jumped, and said "Oh!" Then I thought of what Sunbeam had said during a previous session, when she said that she would fix me for teasing her. Then Roy said, "She has laughed every day about that.

She says my brother knows I am around now."

"Perkins." In a joking way I said, "Who, Dorothy?" Referring to the crimson rambler by that name. Mother swallowed the bait and said, "Who is Dorothy Perkins?" Never thinking about the flower. Of course we laughed at her, for being so easy, when Roy started the board moving and said, "That was what I said Perkins for. I planned it when I was on the piazza this afternoon. I made up my mind that I would make you laugh tonight." We speak of this to show how easily one can be led to do just about what his guides wish, if one listens at all.

"You do as we tell you from day to day. This has been a hard day for ma. We helped her all we could."

August 9th. "Wait till you get in my house."

August 10th. "Packard. She was not in her right mind."

August 12th. "You can't have harmony where there is such a racket. Now Leon, stop trying to find out until we get ready. (This in answer to a question as to where we could move.)

"Sunapee is great this weather. C..

was there when I was. I talked with him. Saw T.... Poor old T... I get at him often. Tell Leon to be a good boy. I watch him lots." (This from Sunbeam.)

August 12th. Q. Isn't Roy here? Ans. "I am always here only when you folks send me away, when you don't have faith to hold me."

Mother spoke here concerning her poor health. "That is the trouble with your solid body. I can travel now as I always wanted to. I had the spirit but not the strength. Grandmas are here a lot lately. H... says he is glad dad spoke to S... the other day. (About our work.) Sunapee is all wet. (This from Sunbeam.) She likes Sunapee. She calls it Soonipi. G... and I have been with J... some. We saw Niagara Falls. I wish you folks could see it. (This J... was at this time on a vacation trip through New York State.)

"Do just as we say, from day to day, and we will clear the way!" These small rhymes were common to him before he passed on. "Try and have faith in the Holy Spirit."

August 15th. "I tell you, folks, if you could see something of our lives you

could not feel sad, unless it was because some get treated so by their nearest in your life."

August 16th. "Norton is great today. I went to the S... today. I made them feel creepy." This evidently meant that he had made his old friends think of him so strongly that they thought it strange.

August 18th. "There are a great many things I wish I could tell you but there is a censor. You listen real hard and I may be able to make you understand. They are willing we should do that if you are able to discern."

August 19th. "We took some folks home last night. If you had seen them last night, you would have been glad I went out just as I did." This referred to a little boy killed.

August 20th. "H... says how does it seem? He says it is all true, everything, and more than he could tell. Something doing in our circles all the time now. You will see and hear it from all quarters. That is what I was going to say for your benefit. Sunbeam and I went to Brockton this morning. Met G.. in Taunton. Aunt Nellie, Grandmas, Sunbeam and I

went to Melrose." (The cemetery at Brockton containing our lot.)

Q. How many are here now? Ans. "How long will you give me? If you could see them all waiting when they know someone is going to talk."

August 22. During these next few weeks there is considerable message work concerning our change to a new home.

I wish to take a few moments here to tell of the way in which we found ourselves situated as we now are, in a little home of our own, where conditions are much better than they ever have been for us.

It will be remembered that we changed our plans last Spring, and moved to Dorchester, where we were not at all satisfied.

It seemed to us for some months, in fact up to at least midsummer, that we should never want to buy a home, as we had planned in the Spring, but it seems that the plans of those on the other side who were helping us were already laid. It was about the last week in July, after we were nearly discouraged with being able to tell where we were to locate. Mrs. Stevens was finding her

situation especially unbearable, being at home all day. On the day spoken of, she said, "Oh, Roy, can't you tell me where to go to look for a house that will be what we want?" As clearly as could be came the response to her, "River St. Station." She took the car for that point, and was walking in the direction of the house which we had planned to buy last Spring, and, while passing along the street near there, saw a little house being built. She felt immediately that it was her home, and wanted to see it, but could not because there were no steps or porches finished. The name of the street on which the house is located was given us on May 31st, also on June 11th and July 13th, but of course we were not able to place it at that time. The name of the real estate Agent through whom the papers were passed was given us on June 21st, and the name of the builder was given on April 30 and May 22. The name of our next door neighbor was given on June 30th, and July 1. Please remember that none of these were known to us at the time. Mrs. Stevens sent Mr. Stevens and myself out the following Saturday to see the house if possible, but

here is where we made a mistake which complicated matters for a while.

We had an idea that it was the former house that they were trying to get for us, so we looked at that again, and finding it still unsold, we went to see the agent from whom we were planning to buy in the Spring.

This was not what was wanted, however, and all the time that we were talking about the first house, mother felt that the second one was the right one. She asked Roy to find a customer for the first house, if it was the second one that was the right one.

Matters went on, rather unsettled, until the twenty-third of August, and we had planned to look at the house on that morning, to make the final decision. Finding the Real Estate office closed, they decided to go up and look at the house themselves, and, on reaching it, found the "Sale" sign removed. Then Mrs. Stevens felt relieved, and they at once went down to the second house, were shown over it by the builder's foreman, and three days afterward completed the bargain.

Here I am going to give the messages

received on this date, August 25th, as follows: —

"Oh, dad, you make us laugh, running around just as I say. When you went to the agent, I was pretty sure that he wasn't there, and you told ma that you didn't leave your card, as she told you. I picked that house out when I found out what kind of a man Mr. W..., the builder, was. Now you will have to hurry to be ready when the house is. I must tell G... all about it now. He doesn't know that I have told you about it."

Here we are, and if anyone had told us last Summer what would happen since then, we could not have believed it.

It will be found that the house is referred to quite often in August and September, in the records of messages.

"Uncle Levi thinks it will be the right place for you all, even kitty! L... S... says he wishes more people would stop and get acquainted with themselves in this way. You will know very soon what you want to know. (Something about the house, which we were trying to settle.) Get your things all ready as fast as you can."

August 23. "The Railroad men are interested as much as they ever were in railroads. Aunt Nellie thinks a good deal of them, and they just worship her. E.. E... He is a teacher."

August 24th. "Roy isn't ready so I will talk. (Sunbeam gave this message.) She gets ahead of me every time lately. I don't try very hard! Shall be glad when you get all moved. We have been out there a lot."

August 25th. "Ma is beginning to know what my change was, and that I am more alive than I ever was; and you will be surprised at the things they are going to let me tell you about, and show you. The way I engineered the house convinced her better than any other."

This latter seems to refer to the mother, who still wanted to be perfectly sure that the messages had absolutely nothing to do with our own minds. When they found that she was entirely convinced, it seems that it then became possible for more to be told, knowing that it would be received in faith.

August 26th. "I picked that house out when I found out what kind of a

man Mr. W.. was. Sunbeam has been anxious for me to tell you what we have been doing. (Concerning the house.) Now you will have to hurry to be ready when the house is."

August 27th. "You ought to see the homes some people have here." At this point we made comments on this subject, as to how people conducted themselves while here, thereby determining the kind of Spiritual home they were to have. "That is the right idea; just according to their unselfishness."

Q. Roy, who was it I heard singing this morning, before I woke? Just a few words to explain: I was just between sleeping and waking, early that morning, when I heard a wonderfully sweet voice singing "Home, Sweet Home." There was also the most beautiful harmony blended with it. Gradually, as I awakened, it died away. I shall never forget the sweet melody of that song, and, coming as it did when we were planning for our new home, it struck me very forcibly, and I was anxious to find out more. Some may think it strange when they read his answer, but after a moment's thought, it is by no means impossible. Ans. "You

would not know her now. Sometime. Nordica. She is a friend of Aunt Nellie's. That is why ma cut out her picture. (Mother had placed Nordica's picture in a scrap book, years ago.) The harmony was caused by one of the heavenly singers. Ma heard it one night."

It may easily be seen that I was deeply grateful for this beautiful bit which was given me from the other side. Another thing rather curious about the incident: it had entirely slipped my mind that her real name was Norton, until called to my attention on January 26th, 1917, and then I suddenly remembered that that name had been given on the board many, many times, with no explanation.

We had taken it for granted that he was always speaking of the little town near Taunton, our old home. Now I do not think so.

"Sunbeam and I like the Church at M.... You remember about the persons I told you you would meet at the right church."

It will be remembered that in an earlier part of the book I was told that I would know when the time came,

which was the church I was to attend, and the names of three persons given me, whom I would meet there.

August 27th. 7:30 P. M. Sunbeam said, "Hello. You want to know my real name?" Roy then said, "She laughed and said 'I am going to make them guess.' It was often on my lips. She says I may tell you. I should think you could guess, ma. RUTH. Aunt Nellie named her. We are going to give you a lot more than this. M... is here again. You would like her, ma. She is learning to be a teacher, same as I."

August 28th. Q. Were you helping me today, Roy? (After I had had an unusually busy day in the office.) Ans. "Between you and ma and dad you have kept me going."

August 29th. "Saw A.. T.. after I left you, dad, and he asked me my name. I told him who I was and he said he used to know my folks. Do you know what made me write to F... for a job? A... told me today that he put it into my head when he saw how bad I wanted to get on the road."

August 30th. "M... He is one fine man. He would like to reach his son.

He said you don't know how I wish I could reach my folks as you can."

August 31. "We are going to do things when we get in our house. H.. knows that we are around, but he does not think it best to say anything, but he knows he receives it fine."

Sept. 1. "G... says you will move sooner than you expect if he has anything to do about it."

Sept. 3. I was planning a trip to Taunton that day, and when such is the case, we have always communicated early in the morning, just before I start, in order to see what he has to say for the day.

"G.. and I are going to church with you. I'll impress you what to say."

He refers to this subject, which he is apparently spreading carefully among his old friends. Of course it is something which, I am sorry to say, one has to be rather diplomatic as to where any words are dropped concerning it. I have so far, however, found that the majority of people are very willing, and in some cases quite anxious, to receive any information on the subject, coming from one whom they know, and in whom they have

always been able to trust, rather than from some stranger, about whom they knew nothing.

It is the absolute sincerity which must be kept intact, and the note of truth must ring through one's statements, in order to keep this wonderful study on its proper high level, rather than the elements of charlatanism, which, to the great discredit of some, have appeared from time to time in the past.

I speak of this at this time, because it occurs to me that in the spreading of these words one to another, much of the truth may be lost sight of, and other things creep in which have no place there.

I may not make myself quite clear, but I wish to lay particular stress on the Truth, as you will find spoken of a number of times later on in the record. It is the one important element to success of any kind.

Sept. 4th. "'Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me.' All is coming out fine if you folks do as we say. We have lots of clean fun. Take things as they come, with no complaints, and you will see

how much better things will be. In other words, just trust. G... often goes with me to see the Railroad men, and enjoys it. (It seems by this statement that they are often with the Railroad men in this life, and other statements he has made on the same subject lead one to think that they take a great interest in that work. Perhaps more especially so in our family, in which there are quite a number of R.R. men.) H.. believes I have helped him wonderfully."

Sept. 5th. "B.. says tell Uncle B.. we are all ready to save people in that life. We want all the help from your side. E... K... has been thinking of me a lot. I go to see her often. I am going to make her know I am around."

Sept. 7th. "H.. is on that I am helping him. You have not got one thing to worry about, and when you do it upsets all of us."

Sept. 9th. "Mrs. C.. was one of the many who took Mr. S..., (naming a Taunton man who passed away very suddenly just before this.) I saw him, of course, but did not say anything, until later, he felt so strange. Uncle Ed says you will be there before you

know it. He says ask Leon if he remembers what I said about moving."

This referred to the time I asked Roy if we would have to move again, and he replied that when the time came I would be there first.

Sept. 10th. "I heard L... W... today. (The day of Mr. S..'s funeral. This L.. W.. is a Taunton man.)

"Saw a lot of our old friends. And they called it heart disease! (Please think this over, for there is a world of meaning behind it.) Leon must see them when he goes down."

Sept. 11th. "Watch out today, Leon. I am onto everyone that has anything to do with mine, and if you do as I tell you, I will see you where I want to. Be quiet, kind, courteous. Remember, the fellow who yields the last knock is thought the good fellow."

Sept. 13th. "Cousin Edna is here. She says 'Hello, Aunt Carrie. I know these are your boys. I am not gray, and never shall be. I have used these many times. (The board.) Tell Uncle H.. I came and used this.'" Then Roy said, "She is a grand woman. I have lots of fun. I wish you could all feel as good as I do."

Sept. 15th. "C.. H.. says does dad remember W.. A.. I can't take time to tell you all that were around while you were talking. (This was while Mr. Stevens was talking to some Railroad men.)

"Patsy is with you a great deal. He is so anxious to have them all know how it is with him. (This was the poor fellow who used to frequent the railroad offices for so many years, spoken of elsewhere.) We want you to remember that we are not dead. You are the dead ones, A... says!"

Sept. 17th. "Lots of fun mixed in with business in this life." Q. Who showed me the storm? (Referring to a storm at sea, which I saw pictured very plainly.) Ans. "A guide. Your grandma has been trying to guide you for some time. Now she is going to."

Sept. 18th. "You will hear of an accident, carriage." This came true shortly afterward, being a runaway.

Sept. 19th. "There is a minister around you who makes you want to pronounce the benediction." Q. Who? Ans. "I can, but I don't want to." Q. Was it S... H...? Ans. "Yes."

Sept. 22nd. "Here is your friend

A.... Where do you think he has been? To the S.... He used to go there with me often. He said he knew I did not feel like going lots of times, so he went along to keep my courage up." Q. He is a star, isn't he? Ans. "He is that and more." "Hello to you all." (Mr. W...) "He says he knows it doesn't take long to find out your friends in this life. The veil is different." (This man passed away suddenly, in the fall of 1915, at Taunton.) Q. Ask him if he remembers the good times we had bowling? Ans. "He says Ha, Ha, Leon. I don't forget so easily."

Sept. 24th. "G.... His father saw him last night. (The father is in earth life.) We had a picnic with him. He did not know what the matter was with him. Grandmas and grandpas here. We went to our house this morning." Q. by mother. Did you take me? Ans. "We took your astral." Here mother referred to the uselessness of carrying around our physical bodies, which was quite natural, considering the amount of suffering she has had with hers, and from which she is by no means free now.

"You will have to travel with that some time longer."

Sept. 26th. This was the day on which we moved into our new home, and, in the consequent confusion and extra work, there was of course less time devoted to this work, but we took a little time for it every day, just the same.

"How do you like your new home? New to you! We will have great times here. This is something like living."

Sept. 27th. "I went to Taunton this P. M. Pretty, but this is pretty, too." This particular evening I had some business to attend to, and as I left the house set a time about when I expected to return. I was somewhat late, and, while mother tries not to get nervous, knowing it is unnecessary, she felt worried for fear something had happened. She did not tell me, though, when I reached home, and the first I knew of it was when we were using the board Roy said, "I found ma out on the steps looking for you tonight." Then she admitted it.

Sept. 29th. "Tell Aunt G... the flowers were O K. I do have all kinds

of fun with you folks." Here Ruth said, "He means we do."

"Uncle Ed says hello, how do you like? He says 'I want you to know that I was in on that.'" (Building the house.)

Sept. 30th. "I have got my semi, haven't I, dad. Now how about me for planning?" This referred to a semi-direct light, which, boy-fashion, he was crazy to have put in our new house, that is, the one we were planning on last Spring.

Referring to the planning part, I wish to speak here of the numberless times that we have found out how they plan for us here, and sometimes have to take a longer way round than they would if we listened to them more carefully. If people would only think of this, much trouble might be saved.

Oct. 1. Mrs. Stevens was talking about the day he was sick, March 30th, and said then that she hoped he would be better the next morning. "Well, wasn't I? Hard work to make her see it. I don't see how you can stand it without the cars! I was with Mr. S.. at Taunton today. He has made them think."

Oct. 3. "Miss D... She was talking about you today. They still tell how sad it was. It makes us laugh when we hear some people talk. Say, won't we have fun when ma comes to this life? She will be surprised all the time."

Oct. 4th. "Mrs. C... wants to say Good Evening." Here I remarked in a joking way for her to come in and sit down. "She laughed and said you were too late. Now, here comes A... He says 'I am all down, Leon!' He and G... and Uncle Ed and I will be at Brockton Fair tomorrow. Our language is so much simpler than that one. I want you all to study it. The unruly member gets folks into trouble."

Oct. 5th. "We have a lot of Railroad men coming. (That evening, I suppose, to visit.) J.. told them how pretty your bouquets were. C... says he is going to take one! A... He likes the boys. He says they are so jolly. (The R.R. men.) G.. says good evening."

Oct. 6. "Can't you find your glasses, ma? Remember the time you found dad's?" This was an incident we had forgotten about, one summer, about

five years ago, at Middletown, R. I., where we were staying. Mr. Stevens lost his glasses while in bathing, and Mrs. Stevens found them, the next day, which we thought very lucky. As we look back now, we do not lay it all to luck, judging by other things which have happened.

"Great day at Brockton. Some window cleaner. How does it go?" Another little incident to show how people can be impressed.

We were unable to get our windows cleaned, being a new house and covered with paint spots as they were. We did not know what to do, until one morning Roy impressed it upon his mother's mind to try vinegar! This she had not known about before, and, incidentally, we pass it on now, if it will do anyone any good!

"Hello, my ma. I love you, every one." This was Ruth. "She leaves me out on purpose." Q. Why? Ans. "Because she knows she will get all the loving she wants."

Oct. 7th. "I want you all to learn my method of communication. Aunt Sarah says mediums cannot live too clean lives."

Oct. 8th. "M.. A.. W.. wants to be announced. What made you play a march? (I answered that I thought I did it of my own free will.) "You are only Grandma's, Sunbeam-Ruth's, and my instrument, or rather, the Holy Spirit's ... ... told about my swerving when I carried the cross (in the choir.) That hurt my feelings then. Now it hurts his. His folks made him understand why I was chosen, and why I could not carry it straight. (This was on account of lack of physical strength.) I took the ginger out of him, as I did lots of others, who were impatient because I did not see things in their way. Quiet people, if you will observe them, make the most noise. They were talking about me down to choir today. Strange? I don't think so. G... and I feel more natural than we did there, and the best part of it is that I can stay right here all day when I want to, or when you need me. Don't cry. I am having a better time than you. Hello, Leon and our two. They all like my house, don't they? Don't tell things we say. They make us weary, trying to prove by their little puny ways that there is nothing in

what you have told them. Grandma says let them alone. You will get better results. (All this refers to someone who doubted.) She says she knows them, and you know what you know, and if they would use common sense they would see, but they haven't had enough yet to beat it into them. She says you wait a while and they will be trying to find out things, and you keep as dumb as an oyster."

This proved to our satisfaction that our spirit friends get impatient at too great an exhibition of "thickheadedness."

Oct. 9th. "G.. and I will be at the Guild, all right. Great. I go any time I want to. It makes us laugh when we stop to listen. (To unbelievers.) Great times coming. Glad you are on the right train."

Oct. 11. "H.. was with us this P. M., while we were talking to Uncle B..."

Oct. 12. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Mrs. ... says she wishes her family cared enough to do as you folks are doing. Ruth has been out with Billy. (Our cat.) She is a darling. Wait till you can know her as I do. Uncle Levi says

she and ma are as much alike as two peas in a pod, as ma was at her age."

Oct. 13. "C.. and someone else you know. L.. says hello. She says, 'Oh, I wish my folks would do this.' "

Oct. 16th. "Was down to the S.. today. It's great making people feel that they saw you or heard you speak. Mr. G.. knows there is something in this."

Oct. 17th. "Tell Mrs. W.. I am very happy with my sister, and I have met lots of people who sing her (Mrs. ...) praises. Adams. He says you tell Uncle B... that I have been with him more than one trip that he didn't know about." Adams was a former railroad man.

Oct. 20th. "I am going to tell you something, Leon. I am going to run you up against some mighty fine people, but you don't want to once lose your head, because you will be more sorry than I can tell. When you are in doubt, just do as ma told me to do; put your mind on higher things. You have got to do our work, or we shall have to resort to extreme measures."

Oct. 21. "Tell Mrs W... that I talk with my mother, just as I used to do.

Tell her or anyone who is interested that I did not know what it was to feel strong, same as some boys, but I am well and very happy. But I should not be if my mother did not know that I am. Grandma says she has got you boys just where she wants you."

Oct. 22. This Sunday I planned a trip to Taunton. "Some work for me today, Leon. Tell J... what grandma said. Get a word in where it seems suitable, but keep your head. I want them to see that I am bringing you up." "Hello, ma and my big brother. (Ruth.) May I go with you boys? I should, anyway."

Oct. 27th. "Mr. L... knows there is something different from the everyday grind."

I told this man a few days before about some of our results and evidently gave him something to think about.

Oct. 29. "A.. said last night that you are in the same class as his wife. You cannot get away from those with whom you belong. Aunt Nellie, Mrs. W.. J.. E... and a good many others are in the same class. C... is in the same class as Leon. It is a wonderful study, if people would only open their eyes.

B.. F.. is in ma's class. E.. is in Leon's. Ruth just came in and said, 'What are you talking about, Roy?' I had my cap and gown on. (This is the first time he has made a statement like this one, and we hardly knew what to make of it. It opened up something new for us to consider, and that was that he was able to give us something a little more advanced than heretofore.) L.. has done some thinking. The H...s think it is wonderful. I did once."

Oct. 30th. "I tried to tell you who took E..'s money. T.. C... Saw him today, with H.. L... I told them my mother told me about them. They are up to their old tricks, making people laugh. T.. played at the C.. S.. long after folks thought he was dead. H.. L.. travelled a good deal playing heavier parts after they thought him gone."

People who used to attend this theatre in Boston some years ago will readily place these two.

Nov. 3. "Mr. H.. says your roses are fine. He says we know we are welcome at this place."

Nov. 4th. "Saw E.. M.. today. It seemed to him that he saw me. Leon,

you had some time cleaning up the ashes. Did pretty well, though. Patience is one of the things they are trying you out on. Oh, those things used to bother me so." This referred to my discovery of our ash barrel tipped upside down on the sidewalk in front of the house, evidently done in a spirit of rowdyism during the night, and which made me somewhat angry at the work caused. When he gave this message I was glad I did not get more impatient.

Nov. 5th. "Mr. H... was taken for the great work, which is nearing completion. He is wonderful."

Nov. 6. "It's funny you don't know how many good qualities a fellow has until you think he's dead."

Nov. 14th. "Now G.. says I must put on my cap and gown. Harmony is the keynote of the grandest music; of success in everything. Strive for it. It means health, happiness, prosperity. It is the secret of all truly great souls. Do not go in the room with any inharmonious feelings. Enough; you learn that well and we will give you more." The room referred to is one we reserve especially for work of this nature, for

holding sittings, and nothing is allowed to disturb the feeling which seems to surround it. We call it Roy's room.

Nov. 18th. "Tell F.. we want him to be ready to receive our messages."

Nov. 19th. "Mary was here last night. She makes ma talk every time. Sometimes they don't like it, but she says it goes. She is a teacher. 'Oh, Death, where is thy sting? Oh, Grave, where is thy victory?' Dr. G... One of our teachers, and a special friend of Mary's."

"Prayer is the only way to begin the day."

Nov. 20th. " 'And He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.' Aunt Sarah."

Nov. 23. "I went to High St. Saw P... It seems to him as though I was around a good deal."

Nov. 24th. "A.. says in a year from now we shall miss a good many from our midst. They will leave their bodies and put on immortality. Some one here who has seen the Alps. You could never guess. Enlighten E... as soon as you can. Mrs. R.. says, and so you are brothers, and did not tell me she was your mother; and she says, and so

they are your boys. She came last night. She said, when I read for you (Roy) I did not think we would both be out of the body so soon. (She was a medium who read for Roy in February, 1916. She passed on in July, 1916.)

"Oh, I wish you could see the crowd. No use, I had better not begin to name!" He evidently was discouraged at trying to give us the names of people present, as was his method some evenings.

Nov. 26th. "The boy might go to a meeting this afternoon, if he wishes. (I did go, and was given a fine reading by a stranger in the city.) Gray Eagle says if you don't want him just say so. He would like to come. But you must not try to shake the one who has been around patient so long. (This is a young Indian chief, who has been with me for at least thirteen years, being first called to my attention by a man in New Hampshire, who described him to me for the first time. How long he was with me before that, I do not know, but I do know he is still with me, and has been described to me a number of times since then. As near as I can ascertain, his name is Sunset.) He has helped

you out of a lot. Has kept your head above water. Say, it's fine to see the way you folks understand Ruth and me."

Nov. 27. "Lecture. Be careful about the truth. Some can exaggerate, but this class it tears down immediately. Others, it may be centuries which they have to account. 'The stone which the builders refused has become the head of the corner.'" The message just before this may not be quite clear in its wording, but the meaning as taken by us is that it may take some people centuries to account for something false, or wrong.

Nov. 28th. "What I tell ye in darkness, that speak ye in the light. A... says that is significant." About fourteen or fifteen years ago A...'s wife came to Mrs. Stevens at midnight, one night, with this quotation. This was shortly after she had passed on. It was so vivid an experience that it somewhat frightened her, and she aroused us all, at the time, to tell us about it. It was indeed significant to us, judging by the experiences of the years between.

Nov. 29th. "Tell E... that I would like her to read ... and ...," (naming

two books of this nature.) E... is the daughter of the Mr. S... referred to before, who passed away in Taunton early in the fall of 1916.

Nov. 30th. "This is the day you want to see every chance to be happy. Many hungry hearts today. Many trying so hard to make it known that they have not gone away off somewhere in the skies. Mrs. P.. says she wishes someone she knows would try this. (Board.) She says I am a lucky boy. The T... boy has about given up trying to make his family understand. His mother thinks she imagines things."

Dec. 3. "Are you going to Taunton today? You will be surprised before bedtime. You will not feel impressed to say much until the impression comes. They will put the words into your mouth. C.. says he is going with me this morning. He says he likes the W.. family. I will be with you when you go to Melrose (Cemetery.)"

Dec. 4th. "Let a son shine in? Sunbeam in, too! She always understands me but doesn't always know it." Referring to his mother being able to understand what he says to her.

Dec. 5th. "1917 is going to be a

great spiritual awakening. Strong men and women will be found in great numbers. You want to see me in my cap and gown? It is not my fault that you cannot. Mrs. W... She has been here before."

Dec. 6th. "Some glory for Taunton. (It went no-license.) I did more than you and dad together. Many worked hard to influence ..... Now we are going for Boston. I have had some fun watching folks lately. They don't know that each one has a great many watching."

Dec. 9th. "Mrs P.. says she thought you (Mrs. Stevens) were coming before I did. Maggie. (An Indian girl, a guide belonging to a woman in Bridgewater. This is the American name she goes by, evidently.) Q. Has she been here before? Ans. "Surely. You wait until you know her. She is O K."

Dec. 10th. "We are doing things to the serpent of all serpents. (Liquor.) Decency abhors it.

"If you could see, when you are sitting especially, the faces around you.

"I dreaded it when I thought I had to go, but you could not get me back again. H... He likes our minister.

They could all have lots of help if they would only look for it."

Dec. 11. "Don't get impatient. That is your lesson, you know. Tom G... (A young man drowned in the accident at the Summer St. bridge, Boston, shortly before this, and who boarded at the house of my aunt.) I found him as soon as I could. He is an unusual character. High ideals. Too much so for that life. It was lonely. Few friends. He found he could not mingle with them. Their ways were not his."

Dec. 13. "There is something going to happen. I should like to tell you, but I have been warned. Marion. We think a lot of her. H.. wants to be remembered to all."

Dec. 14th. "That is the thing I want you to do when you want our help or advice. Ask, and then forget it. (This concerned his picture, for which his mother was very anxious, because we then had no good likeness of him at the time he passed on. More about this will be found in another part of the book.) A.. would like to say good evening. You will hear something which will please you."

Dec. 16th. "You have often thought

that you would like to mingle with the greatest thinkers. You have only to think of it. They often come and have to wait to get in. That is why inharmony throws you down. That is why you feel so buoyant when in this. It is all so simple, when we get in harmony. G... likes to get here when the boy feels the way he did tonight."

Dec. 17th. "W.. W... He likes our choir. He says he is doing some travelling now, farther than to Boston. Harvard is in black. They had better have used white." (When Professor Munsterberg passed away.)

Dec. 19th. "Mr. A.. says tell E.. that he will be right around on Christmas, as he is most of the time. He wishes they would all realize that he is only anxious to be called on. He is making his presence felt. He is helping each one as they give him opportunity."

This was in response to my request for a Christmas message for a certain family, when I asked Roy to ask the member of that family if he could not send some word to the rest of them, at Christmas time.

Dec. 24th. "A.. wishes you a Merry

Christmas. You won't go alone to Melrose. Say, they keep me busy tonight. You ought to see C... Ruth thinks it is fine. Those joyful times draw a crowd from this side." (Referring to Christmas trees, and carol singing.)

Dec. 25th. "We had a great time last night. How do you do this fine Christmas day?" (Ruth.) Q. I guess you are a happy girl this year. Ans. "Happy! I guess I am. You tell dad I am a happy girl." "Edna says she always wanted a brother, same as Roy wanted a sister. She says she always comes here when you get on a "tear". (Meaning on the days when I feel full of fun.) Maybe you don't know it. Uncle Ed says you draw a good crowd when ma don't get blue.

"When you cannot see and hear it is not our fault. There is a little stranger added to our group. Boy. He came from Colorado. He is a cherub. A baby. Harry. My cap is on! Now listen. When you go into my room drop all thoughts of what you are going to get. Don't think at all. We will do the best we can. You cannot see from our side, so just be patient. Don't you

suppose I shall talk just as soon as it is favorable? It is better to be quiet. Don't tell what you get until after, for each one gets something different; and, don't you see, each one has different forces. Ruth is coming, so here goes the cap! Hello, everyone." Q. Where have you been? Ans. "Out with L... to see her folks."

Dec. 26th. "Edna wants to know when you are going to write some of these truths down, as they ought to be written. You can almost see us, can't you?"

Dec. 28th. "I am quite a sub for a wireless. H.. was there." Then Ruth said, "I am glad I stayed with ma tonight."

The last paragraph refers to a wreck on the railroad at Dorchester, which delayed me on the way home. We had stopped at the Dorchester station some few minutes. The conductor told us of the trouble ahead, so I decided to get out. I walked up ahead, and found that a fast freight had crashed into an empty passenger train at the siding. It was a bad one, both engines being overturned, and the engineer of one train killed. I knew I would have a

long wait if I went home over the railroad, so took a long way round, which was really the shortest way home. While walking to the car I thought about mother, who would be wondering what was the matter. So I said to my brother, whom I felt was still with me, as well as while at the wreck, "Can you make it plain to mother that there has been trouble, but that I am all right?" When I got home I found that she had received his impression, just as I asked him to give it. This explains his first remark. H.. is a railroad conductor, who passed away early last summer, I think, and who is mentioned in this record a number of times.

Roy then said, "If I had been as you tonight I should not sleep."

He was of a nervous temperament while in the body, and anything out of the ordinary would be hard for him to forget.

Dec. 29th. Some months ago I explained something of this subject to a young man, and wanted to know what he really thought about it. This night I asked Roy how the man really felt, whether he believed it, or did not understand it, or was only appearing inter-

ested for politeness' sake. "He is like lots of others; half frightened, and doesn't know what to think. Surely, he is all right."

December 31. "Now that you know about us, we can laugh, grandma says. The spirit friends never like to see anything but happiness, but sometimes we have to see suffering for discipline. Sometimes the wrong person, so you think from that side, suffers. That will all be made clear when the right time comes. (Gallilee was played on the Victrola, in the dark.) You would always do that if you could see the good influences around fine music."

Some remark was passed concerning the weather, and in a joking way I asked him how he stood the cold. "Don't feel it. We are not made to feel every physical condition."

Jan. 1. "Did ma find the article? (On Dec. 30th he told us to read the next day's papers carefully. The "Carefully" was a joke on mother, who the next day started looking for some small item which would be the one he wanted us to find, when in reality it was a good sized article, concerning communications received from a sol-

dier who was killed in the present war.) You know now why we are anxious about my book. That is the only way I can reach some people.

"This cannot be kept within any limit. You must not settle down into any selfish grooves. There is too wide a scope. T. . . ."

Q. What does he want to say? Ans. "He would like to say a lot if you were ready."

T. . . is a man who passed away years ago, and has since given messages through a medium, which I think are out in book form, as part of a collection through the same source.

Jan. 8th. "'Tis love that makes the world go round, Love will rule again some day."

Jan. 13th. "Earnestly believe in us and we will do all we can to make you realize that we are around."

Jan. 14th. A very rainy Sunday morning. We as usual Sundays used the board shortly before I went to church. "You must swim this time, Leon. Don't you wish you could be like me? J. . crawled out and 'Took a bit squint out the winder' (Quoting

from a Scotch song) and said, I am going to stay in."

In a day or two after this I did receive a letter from the young man mentioned, who, in the same, said that he had done just as Roy said he had on Sunday morning.

Before we sat down in the evening Mr. Stevens was reading from a book, concerning the foundations of man's eternal life. "I guess you have as good as any. I think ma will like her picture. (This referred to the painting which was made of him, concerning which more is found in another part of the book.)

"T... Poor old T... He is shaky, but happy. He talks with some of us all the time."

Jan. 15th. "Every man's belief is right as long as it doesn't leave out God. If it comprises God it cannot fail him. 'No man cometh to the Father but by Me.'" This last was in response to a mental question by father, as to what constitutes the Christ attitude.

Jan. 16th. "Tell J... I gave him away! (Jan. 13th.) Tell him I was right there that night he felt me, and I

wished he could see me. You ought to see how interested the spirit friends are in my book."

Jan. 23. "Now do you see why I sent you to that church? We laughed at ma last summer when she stood on River St., waiting for the Hyde Park car. She had to find out the name of that church. We thought she was going back without seeing."

The incident referred to happened before mother made her trip out to the place where we now live, concerning which more will be found elsewhere. She came back to Dorchester and said that she had seen a very pretty little church at M..., and thought I would like it.

His first message on January 23rd refers to a statement I made that I felt more at home in that church, than in any other I had ever attended, it seems on account of the highly Spiritual atmosphere which pervades it, as well as the "Homey" feeling.

Jan. 24th. "Anarchy and Socialism are slowly meeting the fate that belongs to such ideas. Pretty weak against such a power as you and many

others feel. She is feeling mighty mean tonight, but don't worry."

This referred to a lady of my acquaintance, who had been at home, sick for a few days. I had no knowledge as to how sick she was, and asked Roy, with the above result. The next day, I found that she had felt just as he had said, but in a few days more was much better.

Jan. 26th. "In a nutshell." This meant the writings before you, which he desired put in as condensed form as possible, yet containing enough information to fulfill his purpose.

"Maybe some folks on this side are not pleased. Go to bed and think about what you have started." This last referring to an important conversation I had that day, concerning the book.

Jan. 27th. Q. Anything to say about V.. yet? (Naming a Railroad man who had passed away very suddenly, shortly before.)

Ans. "That's what the matter is. Upset the whole crowd. They are all guessing if it will be their turn next."

The board worked very hard that night, and there seemed to be a strange

feeling in the air, which he explained as above.

Jan. 28th. "However you may be tempted, stick to the truth, about these things especially. The whole truth and nothing but the truth goes. Didn't I have fun with you this A. M.? Say, I almost gave up trying to make ma understand. Trying to make you forget your aches. (This was Sunday morning, and I was sleeping rather later than usual. Mother was on the point of calling me, when my brother told her to "Play a record." She did so, and just as I came downstairs, she put on one humorous song, quite widely known, which deals quite in detail with a lazy Sunday morning, and is the Scotch song referred to some days ago! Remember, she is not familiar with our system of numbering our record books, and simply took one at random each time. She continued for some time, and we had considerable amusement at the results. His message above gives the reason for doing this unusual "stunt", namely, to help mother to forget her physical sufferings.) Call Aunt G.., and tell her to call Hyde Park, also about V..." When I did

so, I found that my aunt had been calling the wrong exchange, consequently could not locate us. This he discovered, and corrected as above.

I speak of this trifling incident merely to show how simple it is for them to straighten us out in any matter, small or otherwise, if we but can get into communication with them.

"How did you happen to go to Mr. H.., I wonder? Such a lark. Ma, I am having more fun than I ever did when in the physical body."

Mr. H... is a man to whom I took this work for inspection, and whom I afterwards found knew many of our townspeople.

I speak of this because it is another illustration of the manner in which we can be guided about in our daily affairs.

This is a common trick of my brother's, to speak afterwards about something I had done, and had not realized at the time that someone was helping me. I am somewhat used to it now, and when anything out of the ordinary happens, I can usually rely on getting some comment on it, and which sometimes brings the laugh on me!

Jan. 30th. "I guess when they read

my book, they will say, as A... did, that we were inseparable. There is something I am going to tell you later. A man with a domino says hello. (We thought this was Mr. C.., who did it for a joke.) I thought I would spring something original. That was not all. I want to warn you two. A hold-up. (The sequel to this will be found on February 3rd.)

Jan. 31. "Uncle H.. says I am quite a manager. Some one here from Moreland St. That babe is a darling. Oh, why don't folks see!

(Message received here about the war but it is not neutral.) "There are others just the same. ———. Only one of many. But wait. That is all I am allowed to say. Nuf? O K. Think the best things for that man Wilson." (Referring to the war.)

Feb. 3rd. "Dad broke the latch, or I did. That nail did the trick. You would not have heard him if he hadn't had such a bother with that nail. His name is Ben. He is taller than dad, thinner, and some crook." Q. Did he do any damage elsewhere last night? Ans. "He is too slick. They'll get him. He knows this section. Capt. B.. was

on." (Referring to a former Boston Police Captain.) Q. Will he show up again tonight? Ans. "I shall make a racket if he don't."

On Friday, February 2nd, father came home in the afternoon, with his arms full of bundles, and when he came in, failed to latch the front storm door. He had hardly reached the kitchen, when the door blew back with terrific force, breaking the thumb latch, which passes thro' the door, and lifts the catch. As a substitute, to use in opening the door until he could get a new latch, he placed a six inch nail in the hole which formerly held the latch. This of course was awkward in handling.

That night, at 1:30 A. M., mother woke suddenly, hearing a slight noise, she thought. She rose, to see if by any chance it were caused by our cat. He was quiet, but was sitting up, eyes wide open. Mother stood in the upstairs hall a minute, listening. Again came this slight rattle. Quickly she pulled on the light, and called Mr. Stevens.

On doing so, she heard footsteps hurrying away over the snow. She did not think to look out the window, until

after she had aroused my father. Then the man had gone.

This was a case where our spirit friends were "right on the job," and able to let us know it. We were on the watch for something of the sort, although not thinking of house-breaking so much as a street hold-up.

The warning was given us three nights before it happened, and on the day that it was to happen, the door latch, apparently thro' an accident, was put into such a condition that an extraordinary make-shift had to be used, thereby causing enough noise when the time came, to accomplish their purpose!

To say that we were pleased is putting it rather lightly, when we discovered that we were "Burglar-proof."

Another thing. None of us got the slightest look at the man, but just the same we got the above description of him, with enough information to satisfy us that should he attempt it again there would be "Something doing."

Feb. 4th. "H.. will think this is something he had better have. (Referring to the attempt to enter our home.) Congress is busy these days. They

can't play much. They all feel a great respect for Wilson. Critics are willing to keep still. You will hear of a crime committed."

Feb. 5th. "How did that suit last night? Some Zeppelin, ain't I?

(The night before we were sitting in the dark for a few minutes, and heard a slight rap on my father's chair, as I thought, and said so when mother asked what it was. The words were hardly out of my mouth when we nearly jumped out of our chairs, because there came a terrific crack in the front hall near us. It was more like a pistol shot than it was a rap, and by far the loudest we have ever had. I suppose he did it to show us how easily he could waken us if need be.)

"She don't make much noise but.... (We spoke of the little girl then.) She got me all right. You had better believe I was some pleased, and if my breath could have been taken away it sure would."

Feb. 6th. "Notice tomorrow's papers. Don't worry about what you may see or hear." "Oh, my! I have got to take my chance quick. Roy is so

sober." (Ruth.) "I guess you will think so. I said don't worry."

He seemed very sober this evening, and after quite a personal talk, asked for some music. The next day we of course looked for the papers, and supposed for a while that he was disturbed at the war news.

But when father and I reached home at night, mother showed us the Taunton paper, and the death notice of a young man named ... . This boy was a great friend of Roy's, and we were very familiar with his name, through hearing Roy speak of him so many times, while we were in Taunton. This is what sobered him, as will be noticed by the following two days' messages.

Feb. 7th. "Now you know about last night. If you were shocked, if possible they were more so, and they do not realize that he is still at home with them. (He meant if we were shocked at the time Roy went, and that we had realized that he was still with us.)

"I have been watching ... . I knew he was coming, and of course I was pleased; but I went to his home and tried to warn them. I think he

will get near his mother. I can help him, I think." Q. Can we? Ans. "You will know. I have been thinking. He was a good boy, but he should have been home. His mother wanted him home, but he was ambitious. Now give us more music. I can't forget that family."

Feb. 8th. "S.. W.. was down there with us today. You would not want to be in that house tonight. I shall go with ... when he wants me to. He wants them to know that he is there, just the same as I did you folks, but their grief is going to make it hard. They are so shocked. Ma, we were more blessed than I can tell you. H... You will probably hear from him tomorrow, if all goes right. I may have to go with ... any time for a while. Sure, S... and I were there with others, but we were right there so that he saw us among the first. O K for now. I may have some more later."

Feb. 9th. "... is trying so hard. He feels so good and they feel so bad. It takes the smile all out of him; but his mother stopped and said it can't be so. That is a good beginning. It takes these mothers to find that out. (He

seemed to think that as long as ...'s mother said that it could not be so, that it would not be such a difficult task to have her learn the truth about her boy.)

"Peace is the one cry, now that Wilson says fight."

Feb. 10th. "Jerry, a fireman who was killed at a Boston fire comes with H.. M... (At this point I called the folk's attention to our cat, who had been racing around, as is usual during some part of nearly every one of our sittings. He was staring up into a corner of the room, near the ceiling, in a very strange manner; then he suddenly started and ran upstairs. I remarked that perhaps my sister had "ducked" down after him.) "I did not duck. I floated. Wouldn't you like to? Why cannot you see if Billy can? When ma shuts her eyes at night she can."

Feb. 11th. "Accident, Blue Hill Av. You will be surprised sometime this week. Watch out for it. (We were, at two separate times.)

"Lucky ma and I were so much alike now, wasn't it? You would all be staggering around, not knowing which way to look for what you now find coming

your way. Say, that picture on the .. magazine is all right. Ruth laughed at that. It seems so good that we know you are going to listen for us every night and know that we are ready when you are."

Feb. 12th. We expected company this evening and sat upstairs in Roy's room. While father was reading just as we started, there came a sharp knock just back of my head, on the wall. I jumped, and for fun clapped my hand to the back of my neck and exclaimed, "Right in the neck!"

"You bet you, right in the neck, and he can't hit back or smash my derby. (Referring to one time when I pushed his derby down over his head while fooling.)

"Did you find out about Blue Hill Ave.? (We puzzled over it for a few minutes, and none could remember seeing a word in the papers about anything of the sort. We usually do this when told of something coming, in the nature of news which is of general interest.) Didn't?"

Feb. 13th. "Blue Hill Ave. (We had seen nothing yet concerning it.) Oh, say! It ran into Mattapan Sq.!

(Another habit of both him and myself was to come home and spring something of the sort on mother.)

"... would have laughed good, only his folks feel so bad he can't smile. It pleased Patsy when he found out. (This was the fellow spoken of before, who used to frequent the Railroad station at Boston.)

"G... is trying to help.... We want you to compose a letter soon. You three. You want to hear of an accident? Don't be looking for them. My kind are the safest."

Feb. 14th. "Harry comes and goes. He is a messenger. (This is the little boy who joined our band some few months ago. We were told that he came from Colorado.) He likes to be here only it is hard to make you realize he is around unless we speak his name."

Feb. 15th. "Watch ye. Stand fast. Quit you like men. Be strong. Oh, say. This is the life, and when Leon has a chance to tell ...'s folks, I think it will be his sister, we shall feel mighty good. Now ma, you got what I meant about Ralph. Asa. F.. and B.. will have a chance to think a little. (About the progress shown concerning

this publication.) O K. Don't forget I am very happy because I am getting where I want to, and ... says if we will only help him. He comes here with me to see what we do, and to hear the music. O K."

Feb. 16th. "I've set the ball rolling, and I guess before long they will think I have got the whole alley going. This is going to touch more than one class. That is why I wanted to know everybody. (That was his habit while in the body, to make friends with everyone.)

Feb. 17th. About an hour before our session this evening we mentioned the name of a New Haven Railroad engineer during the conversation.

While father was reading and we were in position at the board, waiting, we felt a sharp snap under the little table, something that has happened but once before. When he started he said, "A.. wanted me to do that. (A.. was the engineer mentioned above.)

"The letter was very gratefully received. We are glad. Know what that means? You want to know who took Leon upstairs when he wrote his part? G.. S... (The letter is the

one he had us send to the family of . . ., mentioned during the last few days, and in which we each had a share in the writing. G.. S.. it will be remembered is the former Choirmaster mentioned several times.) Tell them what I've said about it sometime. . . . feels so bad you can't get him away at all. We don't try because we know it takes about so long. G.. and I try to help him all we can. G.. and I took you to R.. H..." (Naming a man concerned in the publication of this book.)

Feb. 18th. "I've made you understand a lot in the last 11 months. Aunt J.., how do you like the chromo?"

It was Sunday afternoon, and my aunt was visiting us, being present during our sitting. The "chromo" was his picture on the wall in the living room, and which she had been studying just before he said it. Then the next message was from my little sister, who said, "Hello, Aunt J... You don't know me, do you? Well, I am like ma when she was little."

We had a long session today, but it dealt almost entirely with family affairs.

Feb. 19th. "As a man soweth, so

shall he reap. The book is making an impression. (He meant the manuscript.) Aunt J.. got more than she could carry home. She wants to come again."

Feb. 20th. "I am glad that mercy is free. Yes, that would be the last thing that many would buy if they had to pay out cash for it."

He is here referring to the present disturbance over the high cost of living, and takes the opportunity to give a little bit of wisdom.

He then started in and gave us the following information concerning the present war, and the difficulties which our President is having in order to keep this country safe from serious trouble. I want to take this time to say that Roy was a boy who never believed in fighting, and hated it in others. That is, it disgusted him to see a display of "I'm going to be first" spirit. The following will give, once and for all, his opinion of those who do believe in it, whether they be king or poor man, and will settle the question which many will ask, "Why, if he gives so much information from the other world, does he not speak more about

the war, as many a young man would do?"

"If any one wants to know why I don't talk war, tell him straight from the shoulder that I do not believe in fighting. If all the kings and kaisers that ever breathed in this beautiful world all want to fight to be first, (that is what they really want,) I have not one particle of respect for it. I am worse than Bryan or Henry Ford ever thought of being; and it is not what the Man of all men would do. And you know, ma, that what I had no respect for, I did not soil my mind or hands with. And I will tell you this, that the ones who are trying to drag the great man at the helm in (President Wilson) have got more than they know anything about to deal with. They don't stop to think. If they could be made to realize that they have Abraham Lincoln to reckon with. A man who believed in God, and showed it by his life. You don't have to ask about that. That's all right, ma, we will help you to rest. (The board was working with such speed and apparent power behind it that it was fast tiring her. I myself was feeling unusually strained, if that

is the way to express it.) And with Lincoln are some of the greatest souls this world has ever known. Don't worry about the H C of L, or the war, because 'God's in His Heaven and all's right with the world' Hello. (This was Ruth.) O, dear! I do not like to have Roy so serious. I took Harry and Marion upstairs to Roy's room."

Feb. 21st. "Sleep well last night, ma? Guess you want some more. But we don't think it best."

It is true, that we hoped he would give us a good session this evening, but it will be seen that he did not think it best. Later we could see why, because mother, although having had a good rest, still was in no condition for a long sitting. I myself had had an unusually hard day at the office, and was quite tired. However, he made up for it on the next day, the 22nd, being a holiday and giving him a good chance to do so.

"Asa says good evening." (A former railroad conductor.)

Q. by Mr. Stevens. Is the boat train on time? Ans. "Is it?" "He says, I do not bother with them very often now. Oh, say! I wish I could tell you a lot that I want to, but she will not let

me yet. (Aunt Sara.) She is so fine and calm we want to do as she says. (The next is from Ruth.) He says I must not tire ma tonight. He wants to use her tomorrow. Billy does not want to play. He went upstairs tonight. Dad, I was home. Roy picked them out. (Referring to a pair of slippers bought for mother, and about which father asked a question, as to whether or not she helped him pick them out.) I shall be glad when you all get over on our side. You wait. Better all turn in early. Music first. O K."

Feb. 22nd. "There shall be no night there, neither sorrow nor suffering. They who are wise will be prepared, for God knoweth all. Nothing can be hidden. Some will have all to learn because they have literally thrown away their time and bodies, and brought dishonor on many, instead of using their God-given talents and abilities for what they knew was right.

"And no other person can stand in your place. You have got to stand on your own feet. Everyone has got to learn their own lessons, either in your life or this one, and the sooner they begin the better it will be for them.

You can pay with money for anything you want done, except your own soul's salvation; and, that, no man can do for you.

"The sooner you realize what the man Christ means to you the better. It has to come to everyone before he begins to learn.

"If called to war, I think every true American will be ready to do his part. But the mothers! No one knows how their prayers have ascended to Heaven for a long time now.

"If there is war in this country many will pass on, and they won't go in the battle. They will go of broken hearts.

"But don't worry. We know more than we are allowed to tell.

"I want to get my messages going as soon as you can now, and later I will give more." Here Ruth came on and said, "And now I am coming if Roy has finished that serious (here she paused a moment or two, while we were wondering what would be the word she would use) ....stuff. You see how quiet we have been. When Roy looks so serious I go right away because I don't like to bother him. But I shall be glad when he is through with it." Here,

Roy came back on and said, "O K now. She has told you how she sees your life."

As you will remember, she has never been in this life, and consequently seems to be able to look on it in its real light, as compared with the real life there.

Feb. 26th. "Always keep the cross before your mind's eye. It helps out of many treacherous places."

Feb. 27th. "Oh, I can't wait, but Aunt Nellie said last night I must try and be patient till just the right time comes. (About his book.) Say, you know I've got friends all over the country, and if they hear what I've been doing they will stop, look, and listen. Well, ma is getting so that when she wakes up nights she thinks of the book, and then she thinks some more, and I don't think you will get much for a while but the kind of stuff the kid likes, and you know what that is!

"Now we want some light music that Ruth and I both like. She is tired of serious things. I shall be home more now for she wants me to."

March 1st. "Why isn't Sweden trying to fight the United States? Because

they try to follow the Christ man. Unless they happen to be bad, which is not common."

March 4th. "Say, he's great. (Rev. Mr. H.., who passed away very suddenly last summer.) Saw him today. Made myself known and he said, 'Why, I met your brother at Pilgrim Church. Well, I'm glad to meet you, son, and will you give my love to your brother, and to Mr. and Mrs. W...? Thank you, my boy, and we'll meet again soon, I hope.' (Every word of this sounds just as he would speak, in his hearty, friendly way, and just as I heard him three Sunday nights last early summer, at the Church mentioned. The Mr. and Mrs. W... are relatives of ours, who knew Mr. H.. very well and often went to hear him preach.) Now, if Uncle H... doesn't believe that's me I will try a more strenuous way! C... says of course he knows it's you, and tell him just to wait till he gets over on this side and we will show him what real living is."

March 6th. "Generals Lee and Sherman are on the anxious seat just now, ready for a chance. McKinley is with Wilson, and he says, 'We have been too

proud of him to let a few bother him, when they know better, and there is more than one that's got the number, and we are all watching to see when the crisis comes, for come it will.

'Germany could go on quite a while longer in the way she has been going if the only power was man's, but just so sure as there is a kaiser and a Germany, and I must add, a Wilson, so there is an Almighty God to be reckoned with, and seeing it from our side it is a different matter.'

"I should like to say more but you must be patient and just trust, and *don't fear for America.* Your idea of children playing and learning — and fighting — is what we call pretty near right as we see your life.

"Now give us some music."

March 7th. "Hello. Roy is not ready yet so Miss Ruth Stevens takes his place, as she does some others! You say war, and I go. I don't like to see or hear one thing about it, dad." (Then Roy.) I am planning your trip to Taunton. Don't think it will be this week. It may. There is a psychological moment for everything, and if people would realize that, there would not be

nine-tenths of the so-called mistakes made. Six of us made the change (passed over) in a short time, and more coming, I cannot say just how soon. H.. says he don't know as they would believe it if he sends a message, but he would like for them to know that he has been assigned to the work of building up where he tore down, for which he is very glad. He is now trying to help them all, for he thought a great deal more of them than they knew. So he says if your brother wants to he shall be much pleased. Don't think about going, but be so you can go when I tell you. You have got to be wise in your remarks to people about these things. O K."

March 8th. He gave us the name Russell this night, and on March 13th, five days later, we saw in our paper where a man he used to know, whose name was Russell, was married, this being the first we knew of it. "Patsy says 'Hello, boy, how are you tonight? Was down along the line Tuesday. Had a little snow.' (Mr. Stevens mentioned a letter coming from the Hawaiian Islands.) 'It sure was some letter,'

He says; 'Coming from away out there almost off the map.'"

March 9th. "Good news. I know what it is." The rest of the messages this evening were personal.

March 10th. "Unknown commits suicide. Unknown? Don't go to Taunton tomorrow. Keep your ears open. See more than you say. Lettie. She feels bad every time she thinks about me. Oh, say! Wait till my book gets ready. They will all think I have been fooling them. Say, you ought to have seen .... (A man to whom I wrote a five sheet typewritten letter at Roy's dictation and suggestion, on this subject.) He did not know for a minute whether he was going or coming. You mustn't send a thing like that to a man and expect him to get busy until he gets his wind. (Here it struck me forcibly as to how my letter must have seemed to ..., and I got to laughing so that I cried. Then Ruth came on and said, "Now I think I had better come, for Roy upset you three same as automobiles do." Then when we laughed still harder she said, "Did I?" "Oh, my poor Leon, crying. A little music now. O K."

March 11th. "Hello, Carrie and Leon. How are you? All right I guess, the way things seem around here this A. M. I have been out to see By. Pretty scared, but he don't need to be. Scott and I will be right there when, (he paused). And I guess there will be enough there to call the station for him. (By is a conductor, on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and my uncle.) He will have to work along a while longer."

Here Ruth came on and said, "Good morning. I haven't seen much of you folks for a long time. It must be five (here she paused) minutes! (She was running the board slowly and strangely, so as to fool us into thinking it was some one else, and when she said five, she then started down almost to the letter Y, thereby making us think that the word "Years" was coming. You can see how she finished up!)

"Now I am not going to let her upset you this A. M., 'cause I want Leon to go to Church right side up."

6:10 P. M. "Dad is going to have a suggestion made to him. 3. Things coming our way. Yours also."

March 12. "Believe me for the

very work's sake. (Ruth now came.) My good people, how noisy the wind is tonight. (Here I remarked how she liked to speak in this way, imitating old-time characters in their speech, and said that she must have been reading stories.) I have. I guess you would think so if you could see our literature."

(Roy now came back.) ... is awake, or, conscious, but for heaven's sake don't do that to anyone else! They are not all as swift as you."

He referred to the man to whom I sent, at Roy's request, a five page letter on this subject, part of it at Roy's dictation. As near as I can ascertain, it must have been a tremendous surprise to the man, from what Roy has said since.

March 13th. "Calvin says you must not worry about Byron. He will have plenty to look out for him, but he has been pretty sick. He has got lots of friends both in your life and ours. (Here mother remarked that we had better write tonight.) That's what we want. I will dictate. (I will give the letter in part, as a fair sample of the way in which he is steadily doing the

work he wants to.) Tell him what Calvin said, and that Byron, (his son Byron is the one referred to here) Uncle Levi, Scott and Ed all went out to see him, and of course, Grandma. Tell him not to worry and that he better take a good rest.

"Tell him I hope it will not make him sick to hear from me, as it did one man! For I am more real than I ever was in that life, and that he need not feel sorry that I shook my old clothes; and that I never was meant for that life, never was well, and never could have been a strong man. If they had succeeded in patching it up for a time, I would not have been happy, knowing that it was only a matter of time. I am very happy, or will be when I get ma well, and don't be afraid of what you call death. It is life.

"If you dare read this I may write again some day, but you have been helped many times from this side, or you would not be in that body. See you again, Roy."

Ruth came home then, having apparently been out with father, and said, "Hello. O, my, what has Roy said?"

March 14th. "Do you folks know

Harvey?" He gave us this name a few days before, and we could not place it. On this date Mr. Stevens brought home a magazine with an article in it very interesting to us, and the writer's first name was Harvey.

"George says how is the boy coming along with the material? Shall not give much tonight. Gave enough last night."

March 16th. "Give that to some paper tomorrow." (Some material I wrote on this subject.) Get ready for a long talk Saturday. Think you will go to Taunton Sunday. Phil gets his message.

"...'s folks I want to talk about tomorrow."

March 17th. "I have been there today when some of them were there. It's great fun to travel where you like.

"Do as you please about Taunton. (I had two families whom I found he wanted me to make acquainted with the work we were doing, families in which he knew some member well, and which I planned to visit the next day, if the weather should be at all favorable.)

"Pick out things you think would con-

vince them. Write them down. Not too much. Too much is apt to cause indigestion! As ... can testify.

"Tell ...'s folks that you have come on a strange mission, but feel that perhaps you might bring them a bit of comfort, especially as you were asked to do it. Tell about our first coming back to Boston, so different. All felt lost." (He gave us a few details as to what he wished made known to them, and the next morning, March 18th, he gave the message for the other young man whom I felt pretty sure I would meet.)

March 18th. "Tell P.. if he is there that you have been getting messages from this side ever since, you know when. Tell him I was there that Sunday (of his own funeral) and helped fix the music, (Which was his custom at Church) but I didn't know who for. I kept asking him but he didn't seem to answer. Tell him I was one of those who met H... He is going to help them all as fast as he gets strong enough. Tell them carefully, he says. He says not to doubt. I always told the truth, and this is all truth. I'll go with him, ma, so don't worry!"

March 18th, 9 P. M. "Oh, say! I've had some time today. I thought I would split! ... (Here he mentioned a man's name. This man had approached me during the day, asked me how I was, and suddenly asked, "How is your brother?" I was not sure that I had caught it, and I asked him what he said. He repeated, "How is your brother?" And then he thought! He realized in an instant what he had done, and, although his expression did not change, I saw the whole story in his eyes, and I understood that he would have given worlds to bring the words back, thinking, naturally, that I would feel hurt at having my brother recalled in such a way. I of course would have, once, but this time I understood just what had happened, and, while I pitied the man, and would have helped him out if I could, still it was not the right time!

Strange as it may seem to some, the only thing to spoil the joke, for such it really was, was the fact that the man himself could not be set straight in the matter.

Some time, though, he will know, and look upon the incident in a different light from that in which he saw it at

that time. It can easily be seen how it struck Roy, though, for I give his next remark below.)

"Some sweet day in the near future he will remember, and guess again." He gave us several personal messages concerning the day's doings, and spoke then about the flowers on the table.

"Those peas are fine, dad. I've been hustling, and haven't had time before. Old top keeps me spinning." He used to call me this once in a while, and felt so good over the day's work that he could not keep serious. "Now don't worry how things are coming out, ma. All your planning went in a hole. You can't push us."

March 19th. "How do you like doing the world's work? That ... case puzzles us. We will find a way out, though."

March 20th. "W... That copy, he says, is all right if you change a few little things. You three read it together and we will show you. There are more than just us that want that printed, and we are going to have it. Just be patient."

CONCERNING THE PICTURE.

It has been a source of great regret to the family that, although a photographic record has been kept of Roy from the age of five up to seventeen years, after which time no photograph existed, to our knowledge, that represented him as he was at the time of his passing.

On one occasion mother, feeling his influence about her, said, "Oh, Roy, can't you get me a picture of you as you were?"

Immediately the impression came strongly to her, "Look in my box." The box is one in which his boyish treasures, books, etc., had been packed away. She did so, and found a small Church magazine containing a group photograph of the Rector and Choir of the Church he had attended, his face showing quite clearly in the back of the group.

None of us knew of the existence of the picture, not having seen the mag-

azine, and he not having made mention of it.

The photographer was located, and a two-inch enlargement obtained.

The remark was made on the board, "You will get a picture you will like, ma." In the course of a few months an artist reproduced his features in the most lifelike portrait we could wish, this same artist coming to our attention in response to a most urgent request from us, and in an apparently roundabout way.

I speak of this point, not only as a link in the chain, but as one which is very important to us, and on which, when we so earnestly asked, we obtained the desired result. It teaches one to have faith in all things, great or small, and what we desire, if it is good for us, we shall receive. "Ask, and it shall be given unto you."

I believe that it is at this point that this first book is to be closed.

It is our earnest hope that not only a few, but many, may be helped by it, may be given a little insight, which perhaps they did not have before, and thereby know that by living rightly

while here in the body, they may receive their reward when they leave it.

If we have given anything that has not appealed to some, we trust that all will realize that we give what we have received, and no more.

If we have helped some to strengthen their faith, we trust that it will not stop there, but that each may do as we have tried to do, in fact were ordered to do — tell others. But, in doing so, just one caution — be careful about the truth, all of it, and nothing else. We realize that distortion is the worst thing that can happen to a communication in passing from one to another, and so on. That, and an inborn desire in some for sensationalism, is what has hurt true Spiritualism far more than anything else in its history. Therefore, remember, as told in this work, to be always careful of the truth.

One word more, concerning mother. We have been told by Roy that she is doing all they intend to have her do, on account of her poor health, and it has been rather a hard task for her sometimes during the past few months, and it must be remembered that all kind thoughts help.

So, if anyone has been cheered by this work, please give her the credit, and think kindly of her, for it is through her close communion with Roy that the same has been made possible.

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