

Copy of a Letter from

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Postal Card addressed to Elder Giles B. Avery.

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Vastly increased powers were manifested at yesterday's Second National Soul Communion. The illumination is surely going over the world. I send you some advance slips to use as you think best in extending notice of "Whole World Communion" on the 30th of August.

H. N. Maguire, Ed.

Letter.

Aug 21st 1887.To the Shaker Societies:The Spirit says write:

Again the call comes from heaven; "Go ye into all the world and teach the Gospel unto every creature."

Who but the Shakers, as a community, realize that which is spiritual, and understand the nothingness of that which is, "of the earth, earthy?" Can they longer keep their light hid? Has not the time come for their esoteric spiritual power - having been gathering strength for over a century - to be exoterically manifested over wider fields? The harvest is now ripe for the gathering.

The call for Whole-World Soul Communion we solemnly declare to have come from the angels of God, and wherever the light has penetrated it has been received as having so come. It is the Divine plan of harmonizing human affairs to the degree of making possible the inauguration of governments of love, justice and fraternity to succeed the existing ones of discord, injustice and oppression. Labourers are now called for - labourers who will be living examples of the truths they shall be inspired to teach. Such must visit all the nations and the distant islands - not to condemn & antagonize, but to build up upon and add to the good they may find

among all peoples, by giving new vitality to the Divine Command, "Love ye one another". This will be done by instituting and endowing with spiritual life Whole-World Soul Communions everywhere, to devote thirty minutes on the 27th day of each calendar month to silent prayer or thought co-operation for universal peace and higher light regarding human duty and destiny.

God's Messengers will go with and protect all engaging in the holy work; and they will conduct and continue the work, under the guidance of the Most High, until Universal Brotherhood shall become a realization.

By engaging in this work Shakers can best learn who are ready to enter their Primitive Christian Communal System. Accession of strength to their families being a matter of self-preparation, rather than ^{for} indiscriminate proselyting efforts thus securing adherents would not be introducing a disturbing sectarian element, but the garnering of the earliest grain of humanity's fields in the common interest of all.

Soul Communions are already being organized throughout the nations, and in Europe and America the tone of the public press and popular sentiment seem to be in sympathy with the movement. Missionaries such as Shakers would be - should at once be put into the field.

The Shaker Societies might have an Elder and Eldress visit us here in Salem at once, to personally learn regarding the spiritual influences surrounding us, and with the view to prompt action if they should be inspired with faith in the movement as of God. The responsibility of the "Father's Work" is ^{now} upon all - and is not the most expected ^{of those} who have the most?

Yours, in all good works, as we are given to see the paths of duty.

H. N. Maguire
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Second Letter.

Salem Oregon September 15th 1887.

Friends.

Since writing you in regard to missionary work on your part, I have received a special inspiration to submit to your consideration a plan that will involve but a trifle of cost in money, and not much labor. Among you are some fine inspirational writers; These might go to work right away, writing short, brief, concise and interesting letters to journals and newspapers wherever published throughout the world, on Soul-Communion.

These letters should all be written, not printed; and they must be written by true, earnest, soulful Shakers; thus your own quickening spiritual influences will go with them to be felt, and do its holy heavening work.

Now excuse me for suggesting some points to be embraced in such letters. First and most important of all, to ensure favorable consideration of editors of all creeds and in all countries, do not allow it to prominently appear that you are proselyting for your own particular faith, but work to get spiritual natures everywhere to write in monthly Soul-Communion. This will bring all such into receptive condition for your silent forces to act upon, and they will act. This is Heaven's plan, and it is the best and surest way for you to get your own.

A short paragraph might end such letters inviting all disposed to send a report of their experiences to your central station, with a view of having a printed report made thereupon.

The following will be points of weight and interest with all intelligent people. 1st That the object is, by concentration of thought, or ^{united} will-power, to invoke universal peace and additional light in the nature and destiny of the human soul.

2nd That Soul-Communion is in harmony with the faith of all religious devotees in the efficacy of prayer.

3rd That Soul-Communion as a metaphysical experiment fills the broadest field, and in the most satisfactory way to the student of metaphysical science.

4th That no better method can be devised for the student in any department of study, to train his or her mind to concentration of thought.

5th That in entering Soul Communions the mind must be divested of all selfish and personal considerations, and the whole consciousness of being directed to universal objects, the blessings of peace and higher spiritual light for all mankind.

In this way half a dozen Shaker pens, industriously used, can do more for the regeneration of humanity, than was done by all the swords of the Crusade Wars.

Will you not go right to work? How begin? Go to the newspaper offices in Albany and ask the loan of the second volume of "Hubbard's Newspaper and Bank Directory of the World". This wonderful book I believe to have been compiled expressly for the purpose. It will furnish you with a list of all the magazines and newspapers in the world, and in all languages. The book is an expensive one, the two volumes 10 dollars; but if you cannot borrow the second volume. The first volume is made up of American publications, you had better send to the publishing office for the work. "H. P. Hubbard. New Haven Conn.

I now leave the matter with you.

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P.S.

Your work would be greatly facilitated by sending to your Congressional Representative for a copy of the "Congressional Directory," giving the addresses of our foreign representatives abroad. Nearly all points where newspapers are published are now reached by the "International Postal Union" 5 cts per 1/2 ounce from America.

Better, if practicable, write to French journals in French, and English journals in English.

Yours for Spiritual Progress.

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