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ACROSS THE DIVIDE.

The news item printed elsewhere which deals with the latest development in the uncanny experiment now in progress across the Atlantic is a reminder that psychical research is being prosecuted with increasing vigour by large numbers of earnest-minded people both in Europe and the United States. Prominent amongst the English experimentalists is Mr. W. T. Stead, who, with characteristic thoroughness, is obviously determined to probe the depths of the subject. From month to month he records progress made, and, while evidently retaining an open mind, he is manifestly impressed by the pile of evidence which continues to reach him through various channels. It will be noted from our news item that a lady living England claims to be in a position to furnish unimpeachable evidence in favour of the supposition that messages from those who have crossed the Great Divide are of actual occurrence. A final experiment which was recently made in England was only partially successful, though the difficulty of making head or tail out of the bulk of the messages gave it an altogether disproportionate attention. Seven years before the experiments took place Mr. Myers, a well-known psychologist, went down to bid farewell to his friend Mr. Henry Sidgwick at Terling Place, when Mr. Sidgwick was obviously near to death. Mr. Myers took Mrs. Sidgwick out of doors, and in the porch of the house talked to her about the importance of having a memoir of her husband written. The object of the conversation was to ask Mrs. Sidgwick to induce a relative to undertake the writing of the memoir. Shortly after this incident, Mr. Myers himself died. Seven years after, two ladies being the mediums, an astral "intelligence" representing himself to be Mr. Myers was asked whether he could remember the conversation. After a long period of cross-examination, Mrs. Sidgwick says that what Myers contributed was (a) "that our conversation took place out of doors, (b) that it concerned the writing of a biography of my husband, (c) that Mr. Myers, being very anxious that it should be written, but (d) not feeling able to undertake to write it himself on account of pressure of other work, (e) asked me to get Arthur Sidgwick to help with it. It must be observed, however, that what Mr. Myers really proposed was that I should ask Arthur Sidgwick to write it. That he should cooperate with me in writing it was my own desire." Of course this is no proof of identity, because as the facts were known to Mrs. Sidgwick the telepathic hypothesis is quite sufficient to dispose triumphantly of the suggestion that the real source of information came to the automatic writer from Mr. Myers himself.

The difficulty in the way of the telepathic hypothesis is that the automatic writer did not get it more accurately. Mr. Henry Sidgwick was keenly conscious of the fact that Mr. Myers had proposed that Mr. Arthur Sidgwick should write the book, and not merely to help with the book. Therefore, that the automatic writer should have made the slight mistake she did is more incomprehensible on

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the telepathic theory that the source of her information was the living Mrs. Sidgwick, who was close at hand and who had a perfect remembrance of what had passed, than if the message came from Mr. Myers himself. Mr. Myers had been "on the other side" for seven years, the first year of which (according to messages alleged to have been received from him) he had spent in a state of oblivion; the other years had been crowded with new sensations, new impressions which burst upon the mind of the newcomer into the other world, where, to use Mr. Myers's own words in one of the communications said to emanate from his astral self, "I appear to be standing behind a sheet of frosted glass—which blurs sight and deadens sound—dictating feebly to a reluctant and somewhat obtuse secretary." It was obvious from the conversation that passed between the control and those at the sitting that Mr. Myers did not remember the conversation with the minute particularity that Mrs. Sidgwick did. Again and again he says he will think it over and try to recall what had passed. Certainly the average individual would not like to stand a cross-examination of what passed in conversation in a garden, which probably was one of many others, years after it had taken place, even though he had not passed through the great change called death in the meantime. Mr. Myers seems to have remembered quite as much as any ordinary living person would remember of such a conversation, and therefore the experiment may be regarded as successful rather than otherwise. When asked, through another medium, what was the cause of the slight confusion between his version and Mrs. Sidgwick's, he replied: "As a matter of fact the exact conversation had escaped my memory. I only remember that it related to Sidgwick's life, and that I was anxious they should make careful notes of anything he said which might afterwards give rise to controversy." There were other developments in connection with this most fascinating research, and we hope to return to the subject in a future issue.

GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

KING EDWARD'S PROGRESS.

London, December 14.

King Edward held an investiture at Buckingham Palace today of those persons on whom Orders have lately been conferred. His Majesty has given up his intended visit to Lord Burton at Rangemore, and will return to Brighton to complete his cure.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

London, December 14.

The Upper House has passed the second reading of the Port of London Bill.

PARLIAMENTARY GREETINGS TO TURKEY.

London, December 14.

An address signed by 350 members of the House of Commons, among whom are the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the leader of the Opposition, besides many other prominent politicians, has been presented by the British Ambassador at Constantinople to the new Ottoman Parliament. The address conveys a hearty greeting from the oldest to the youngest of Parliaments, and expresses the hope that the introduction of parliamentary government may prove a blessing to the inhabitants of the Turkish Empire.

THE SÉDITION IN INDIA.

Calcutta, December 14.

The Government enquiry has established the fact that the Bengali conspiracy is more widely extended and better organised than had been supposed. The organisation includes departments for propaganda, finance, intelligence, and war.

INSUBORDINATE ACT ON A CRUISER.

London, December 14.

Part of the sights of a 4-inch gun on board the protected cruiser "Amethyst" lying in Portsmouth harbour were thrown overboard, presumably on Saturday night. There is no general ill-feeling among the ship's company, but three men have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the malicious act. The "Amethyst" is under orders to proceed early in the New Year to South Africa and South America. The missing sights have already been recovered.

SHOWING THE FLAG.

London, December 15.

The *Daily Telegraph* says: "Having regard to the fact that the flag of Great Britain flies on both the coasts of Central America, and in a certain degree to the remarkable success of the cruise of the first cruiser squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, the Admiralty has given orders for two more squadrons to cruise in South American waters. The "Shearwater" and "Algerine" will cruise on the west coast of Central America, and the "Cambrian" and "Flora" will visit

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