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At one period, when Lightner Witmer, director of the psychological laberatory at the University of Pennsylvania, made a half-jocose, yet cutting remark concerning the financial side of Sir Oliver's advocacy of comminication with spirits of the dead, hisses were heard from a few of the distinguished Englishman's supporters. In the main, however, the large and fashionable audience at the Bellevue gemed inclined to agree with Doctor Witmer and other speakers who exposed the trickery of spiritism.

Joseph F. Rinn, of New York, the "ghost breaker," whose offers of large eash prizes for absolute proof of spirit communication have recently created as great a sensation as Sir Oliver Lodge's ideas about the presence of the spirits of the dead, amused the audience with his graphic description of how he had tricked scientific "investigators."

Walter Franklin Prince, official investigator of the American Society for Psychical Research, recited at length the "revelations" of a dead mother concerning her child. He was greeted with laughter when he asserted that there was only one chance in "ten quadrillien, two bundred and forty trillion times" that the facts which he declared were proved could have been the result of coincidence. Later in rebuttal he mildly resented the suggestion made by one of his opponents that they might

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Dr. James H. Leuba, professor of
psychology at Bryn Mawr College, led
the assault on Sir Oliver Lodge and his
lectures in this country. The speaker
said that Sir Oliver's knowledge of
physics did not qualify him to speak
on psychic matters. "He is to be taken
seriously," said Doctor Leuba, "only
when he discusses physics." Doctor
Leuba refuted the assertion that scieatific men who have studied spiritism
have come to believe in it by asserting
in turn that 49 per cent of the scientists
in this country are nonbelievers and
that of the other 51 per cent very few
indeed believe in spiritism.
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rithe physical manifestations of spiritualism have been discredited utterly." said Doctor Leuba. "The spirit messages have been discredited likewise, figt because the messages themselves have been of a nature that pointed to an earthly rather than a spiritual origin; and, second, because though the spirite variend to reason wanderful. igin; and, second, because though the spirits pretend to possess wonderful powers, never has one of them offered

a clear-cut, incontrovertible proof of the authenticity of the message." Doctor Leuba ridiculed Sir Oliver's book, "Raymond," pointing out some ock, "Raymond," pointing out some the more amusing aspects of the principal "revelations" purporting to be made by the spirit of Sir Oliver's son. There was a prolonged laugh when Doc-tor Leuba reminded the audience that, according to "Raymond," they "made whisky in the other world, and the spirits can get whiskey-soaked."

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"There never was a man less entitled than Sir Oliver Lodge to regard himself as a public benefactor," Doctor Leuba concluded, "The picture of the other world presented by contemporary spiritism is a degradation of the splendid ideals and aspirations of Christianity." Dr. William R. Newbold, professor of philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania, confessed that he had been a hesitating and reluctant convert to Spiritualism.

"I don't believe anything so much that I cannot change my mind in the face of new evidence," he explained.

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Though expressing the reasoned conclusion that existence after death had been demonstrated, he solemnly warned his audience against taking for granted the myrind nonsense that masks under the cloak of spiritism.

"I have observed since this fad for spiritism that the shelves of an old book store I frequent have been swept clear of books of every sort on spiritism. I know what was on those shelves—most of it rubbish. I know that the publishers are hurrying into the market all sorts of rot. Be careful. It is as bad to be too credulous as too skeptical. It is not true that any one can go through the door of the spirit world. We are entering into an ear of investigation that will keep the best minds busy for the next hundred years."

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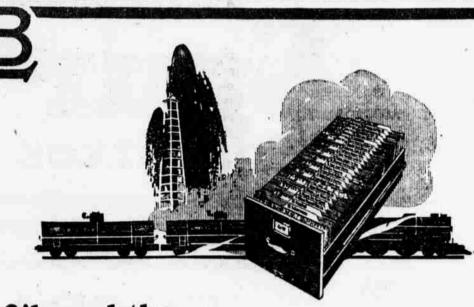
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