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**A SPIRIT FRIEND: THE CYPRIAN PRIESTESS.**

The spirit friend, whose materialised form appears above, has, since her entrance into spirit life, been photographed more than once under test conditions. She kindly arranged to pose again for this book, and on May 17, 1907, she appeared on the sensitive plate, in full spirit robes, with Mrs. Lobb, who, at the request of the spirit, joined me to assist in the process of materialising, but the picture is not so clear for printing as the one reproduced here from 'The Veil Lifted,' by permission.

Editor

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JOHN LOBB, F.R.G.S.

FOR THIRTY YEARS MANAGING EDITOR OF 'THE CHRISTIAN AGE'

I merely mean to say what Johnson said,  
That in the course of some six thousand years,  
All nations have believed that from the dead  
A visitant at intervals appears.

BYRON

And ever near us, though unseen, the dear immortal spirits tread;  
For all the boundless universe is life—there are no dead.

LYTTON

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One question more than others all  
From thoughtful minds implores reply ;  
It is, as breathed from star and pall,  
What fate awaits us when we die ?

W. R. ALGAR.

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## PREFACE

THIS book is not more for the man in the street than the Archbishop.

The great beyond has engulfed many of our dear ones, and we ourselves are moving fast forward to it, and may at any time break through the thin veil that divides us.

What is it that awaits us there?

The following pages supply an answer.

For the past fifty years I have believed in a future life, now I have added to my faith knowledge.

Upwards of eight hundred of the so-called dead have materialised and appeared at circles where I have sat during the past three years.

I have looked into their faces, received messages from their spirit-lips, been amazed at their intimate knowledge of my early life, have felt the touch of their celestial hands.

I have had an accumulation of indubitable evidence of the future life beyond all question or doubt. The Bible, Christ and Christianity, are more precious to me than ever.

The first edition of two thousand copies of 'TALKS WITH THE DEAD' were bought up within a few months, without the ordinary trade methods of 'subscription,' 'on sale or return,' and advertising. Letters have reached me from all parts of the world, and the crowded audiences assembled to hear more, testify to the awakening.

JOHN LOBB.

*July 1907.*





NOTE.—The Editor is indebted to Mr. A. Glendinning, to whom Spiritualism is under so many obligations, who was the first President of the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists, and has been for so many years one of the best helpers of the movement in London, to the Controls of Mrs. S. G. Horn, Mr. Lawrence, Madame Burchell (the Prophetess of the Servian Massacre), Madame Weedemeyer, 'Clairibelle,' Mrs. McLennan, Mr. Ronald Brailey, Mr. Harry Harrison and his wife, Mrs. Eva Harrison (the authoress of 'A Soul's Unfoldment,' &c.), Mrs. K. de Wolfe, residing at the present at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mrs. Fairclough Smith, the spirit Controls of Mr. Robert J. Lees (the recorder of 'Through the Mists,' &c.). Last, but not least, his dear wife, who has lovingly sustained him in his varied public work, and whose recent development of clairvoyance, clairaudience, and normal materialisation has enabled him to talk with many of the so-called dead.

### SPIRIT-PHOTOGRAPHS

THE reality of spirit-photography has for the past forty years been an established scientific fact. Portraits of the so-called dead have appeared on the sensitive plates to the amazement of the operator. The famous scientist Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, F.R.S., in his book, 'MIRACLES AND MODERN SPIRITUALISM,' pages 188 to 205, and Dr. Minot Judson Savage (Harvard) in his work, 'LIFE BEYOND DEATH,' pages 279-280, both these writers deal with spirit-photography scientifically, supplying an abundance of indisputable evidence of the fact that spirits from the unseen world do materialise for their portraits, and are identified by their friends. Mr. Henry Blackwell, who for many years has taken an interest in this phenomenon, possesses a large collection of spirit photographs, which he has on several occasions exhibited publicly, and has lectured on Psychic Photography before the leading Photographic Societies in London. The Editor is indebted to him for some of the spirit-portraits which appear in this volume, together with communications from the same spirit friends.



**A SPIRIT FRIEND MATERIALISED.**

The Editor is indebted to the spirit friend whose lovely face appears above. For four years she assisted the mediumistic photographer in visualising spirit friends which has brought consolation to many bereaved ones.