



SEVEN BISHOPS GIVE OPINION ON SPIRITUALISM

**Opposition by Anglicans Shown in
Statements Issued in England**

LONDON, Sept. 3.—Seven Church of England Bishops have made public statements in denunciation of popular spiritualism. This is undoubtedly the beginning of what will grow to be a formidable opposition to the wave of popular interest in that subject which has swept over England.

The campaign of pro-spiritualism reached a climax with the publication in Lord Northcliffe's Sunday Weekly Dispatch of a series of full-page articles purporting to give in great detail an inspired account of life after death by the Rev. G. Vale Owen, an English vicar.

Undoubtedly it is this last outburst from an English churchman which has rallied the Bishops to concerted action against spiritualism. Here is what five of them say:

Bishop of Hereford

"Nothing is more certain than that spiritualistic investigations are, for ordinary people, mentally and morally debilitating. No progress is made in them and it is difficult to believe that any genuinely scientific character attaches to researches so barren, so heavily shadowed by fraud and so plainly unwholesome to the investigators."

Bishop of Norwich

"So far as spiritualism relates to communication with those behind the veil I do not believe that we can obtain anything so strong and comforting as the consciousness of the love and fellowship of Christ who unites the living and the dead."

Bishop of Truro

"In this life the future is veiled from our eyes. If it were not so, life would be hardly tolerable and our very freedom of will would be in jeopardy. Therefore, fortune-telling, crystal gazing and all such things are clearly, so far as they are in earnest, efforts to cut across the wisdom of the Divinely ordered plan."

"Of the life to come we are told some little and then the veil is drawn. If spiritualism attempts to lift this veil so that we may gain from its lifting some knowledge of the future, then clearly we are going outside the divine plan of life. Success in this endeavor would make us all, not creatures of circumstance, but mere automata at the will of the future."

Bishop of Lincoln

"Those attempting to probe the future are trying to open a door closed by God."

Bishop of Lichfield

"On the main point the welcome I should give to any scientific demonstration of the conscious existence after death of personalities whom I have loved and revered on earth and of real intercourse with them, then I am sure I am not prejudiced against spiritualism.

"But it is impossible for me to read without some prejudice the exposition of the nature of that conscious existence, which spiritualists hold to be revealed to them by the departed through 'controls' and 'mediums.'

"Their conception of survival—that is, the continuance of a life closely resembling our present life—is not identical, indeed, with my conception, which I believe to be the Christian conception of a 'revival,' a renewal of spiritual, a being with Christ. Everlasting life is not to us, as it seems to them, very like earthly life prolonged eternally."

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