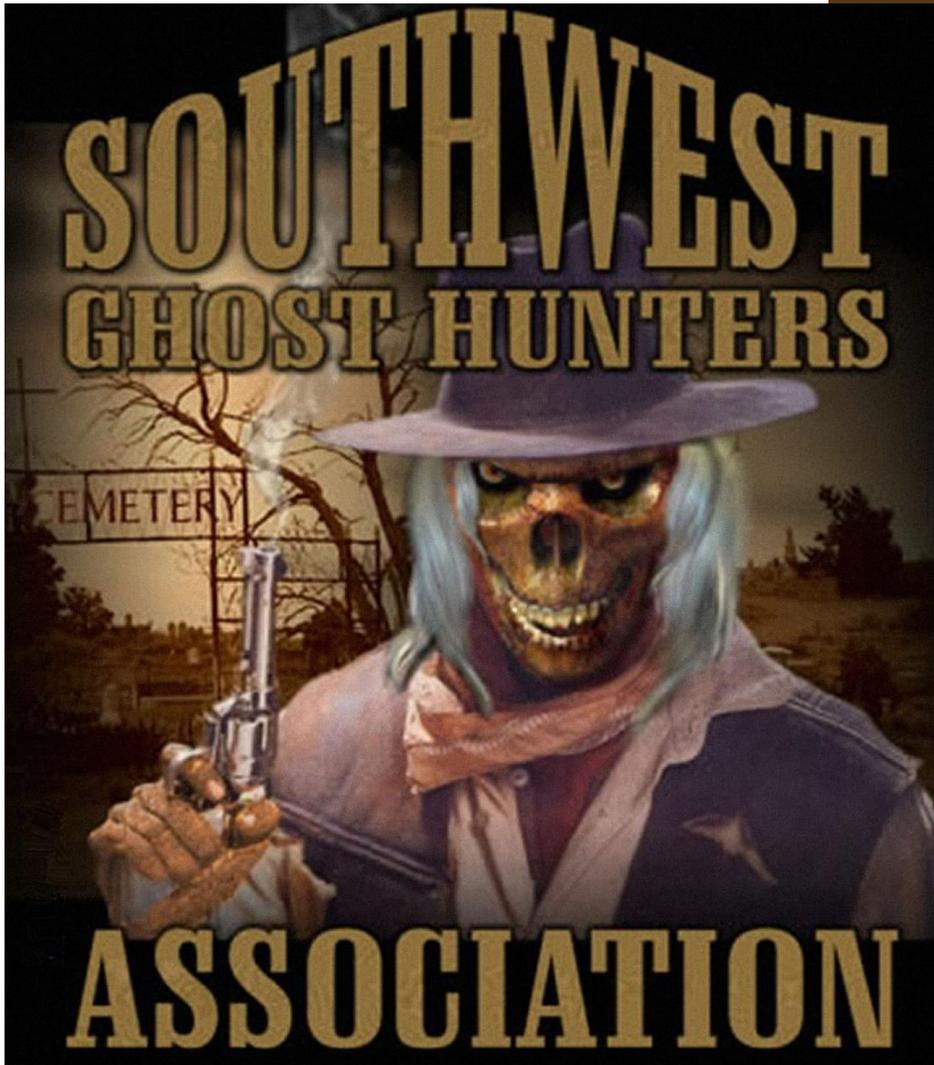


# List of Studies on Apparitions



## Studies of Apparitions ("Ghosts")

Well-organized, systematic studies of apparitions started after the Society for Psychical Research (SPR) was founded in England in 1882. The SPR was soon joined in this quest by the American Society for Psychical Research (ASPR) and by smaller research groups and individual investigators in continental Europe. Scholarly journals were established to publish ongoing research as well as theoretical speculation and fierce debates. The basic idea of these efforts was to apply scientific method to data collection, evaluation, and interpretation of psychic phenomena - an area which nineteenth-century materialistic science had ignored up to that time. Advertised appeals brought an abundance of material, much of it reported in the *Proceedings and Journals*, leading in 1886 to the publication of the voluminous *Phantasms of the Living*. This was followed by a landmark *Census of Hallucinations*, whose findings were published in the *Proceedings* in 1894.

It was a pioneering survey, 17,000 respondents were contacted. The reports were analyzed and published in several major works. The main analysis done by Edmund Gurney was published in two volumes called *Phantasms of the Living*. Other important were written by Gurney et al (1886) and Myers (1903). Several other collections appeared later, such as those by Bennett (1939), Green and McCreery (1975), Jacobson (1973), and Jaffé (1979).

With the benefit of hindsight, several conditions pertaining in the late nineteenth century can be seen to have been peculiarly conducive to research into apparitions. This is a list of the studies done on apparitional phenomena. The list is large and is by no means a complete listing of all of the studies that have been performed.

**Barrett, W.F. et al. FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON 'HAUNTED HOUSES', *Proceedings* 1, 1882-3, pp. 101-15.** Introduces the Society's research into reports of ghosts. Its methods are described and examples are given of what constitutes unsatisfactory evidence. Two cases are described that seem to warrant attention, involving repeated sightings of apparitions by different witnesses. (However, one of these cases was later withdrawn, having been found to be unreliable: see *Journal* 2, 1885-6, pp. 2-5.) **A/haunt**

**Barrett, W.F. et al. FIRST REPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMITTEE, *Proceedings* 1, 1882-3, pp. 116-55.** Describes the Society's work in collecting accounts of spontaneous psychic communications supplied by the public in response to advertised appeals. Categorises the types and gives several examples: three children are 'visited' by their absent mother who at the time is dying some distance away (121); an army officer killed in the Crimea appears to his brother in England with a bullet wound in his head (124); family members are 'visited' by relations who are dying elsewhere; and others. Concludes with a general discussion of the difficulties of the research and its purpose. **A/crisis/collect**

**Barrett, W.F. et al. SECOND REPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMITTEE, *Proceedings 2, 1884, pp. 43-55.*** Describes the work undertaken for the forthcoming book *Phantasms of the Living*, involving follow-up interviews with witnesses and their friends and relatives aimed at substantiating the original reports. An appendix gives a single example.

ABSTRACT, *Journal 1, 1884, pp. 3-4.* Report of a reading of the paper. **A/crisis**

**Stack, J.H. ON CONTEMPORARY EVIDENCE AS TO 'PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING IN INDIA', *Journal 1, 1884, pp. 72-6.***

The theosophists Colonel Olcott and Mohini Chatterji describe instances of 'Mahatmas' projecting themselves in apparitional form. **PR/A/theos/asia**

**SPECIMINS OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF CASES FOR 'PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING,' *Journal 1, 1884, pp. 77-83.*** Discussion of apparitional cases in which there is 'a clear impression of the agent's personality.' A

**Newcomb, Simon & Gurney, Edmund. ON PSYCHICAL RESEARCH, *Journal 1, 1885, pp. 268-74.*** Reprint of correspondence in *Science* between a sceptic and leading psychological researcher, on whether crisis apparitions can be explained as chance coincidence. **A/scep/scep-r**

**Barrett, W.F. et al. THIRD REPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMITTEE - A THEORY OF APPARITIONS, PART 1, *Proceedings 2, 1884, pp. 109-36.*** Justifies the scientific investigation of apparitions and attempts to provide a theoretical background to the work done so far. Topics include: the polarity of public opinion (111); involvement of the public in research (112); unscientific and scientific objections (113); statistical aspects (116); weakness of *a priori* objections (117). The implications of telepathy are also considered as a preliminary study to apparitions: a few reports of telepathic impressions are given, some experienced by scientists (122).

ABSTRACT, *Journal 1, 1884, pp. 37-8.* **A/crisis/a-theory**

**Bushell, W.D. et al. SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HAUNTED HOUSES, *Proceedings 2, 1884, pp. 137-51.***

Points out the difficulty of carrying out first-hand investigations and the resulting dependence on second-hand accounts. Lists characteristics from an analysis of 65 such cases (139-40): lack of sensational features or fixed times; manner of movement and dress; possible origins (suicide, locality). Two examples: the apparition of an old woman is seen on three separate occasions by three different people; a vicarage is plagued with bangings, human footsteps, etc.

ABSTRACT & DISCUSSION, *Journal 1, 1884, pp. 35-7.* Report of discussions on apparitions and hallucination. **A/haunt**

**Barrett, W.F. et al. FOURTH REPORT OF THE LITERARY COMMITTEE - A THEORY OF APPARITIONS PART 2, *Proceedings 2, 1884, pp. 157-86.*** Broaches the class of *visual* telepathic impressions, giving examples of people experiencing waking visions of the scene of an accident involving friends and relatives at a distance. The implications are discussed in terms of physiology, and a connection with telepathy is established (168-70). The possibility of perceptions being influenced by suggestion and prior knowledge is considered (171). Examples of death imagery (coffins etc.) in apparitional episodes are given (173); also a possible case of collective percipience (180).

ABSTRACT, *Journal 1*, 1884, p. 76. **A/crisis/collect/a-theory**

**Myers, F.W.H. SPECIMENS OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF IMPRESSIONS AND APPARITIONS AT MOMENTS OF DEATH OR DANGER, *Journal 1*, 1884-5, pp. 54-6 (and more).** Cases are described that illustrate the telepathic theory adopted by researchers. The subject is continued on pages 77-83, 94-103, 114-30, 142-52, 157-65, 182-93, 213-20, 238-45. Criticisms of the vagueness of dates and other details in the reports is given on pages 400-407, followed by a detailed rejoinder.

**APPARITIONAL CASES, *Journal 1*, 1884-5, pp. 245-53, 282-4, 292-310, 325-67, 376-98, 433-48, 469-88.**

COMMENT, pp. 400-16. **A**

**Smith, G.A. REPORT ON A HAUNTED HOUSE AT NORWICH, *Journal 1*, 1884-5, pp. 313-7.** Sighs, groans, raps, whisperings and footsteps, etc. are reported by members of a household. The investigator and neighbours are unconvinced that the causes are paranormal. **A/haunt**

**Sidgwick, Mrs Henry (Eleanor). NOTES ON THE EVIDENCE, COLLECTED BY THE SOCIETY, FOR PHANTASMS OF THE DEAD, *Proceedings 3*, 1885, pp. 69-150.** Considers anecdotal episodes that suggest the agency of deceased human beings. Hoaxing and exaggeration are discussed briefly, and illusion and mistaken identity (73, 83) more fully, with examples. Telepathic hallucinations are considered as potential explanations of collective percipience (86). Reports of various other kinds of veridical hallucination are given and possible non-psychical explanations given. Reports of hauntings are given and the lack of evidence noted of certain recurrent themes in ghost stories: connection with only old houses, significant anniversaries, crimes or tragedies, apparent purpose or intelligent action. Varieties of conditions of light, sounds, mode of appearance and disappearance and character of percipients are also observed.

Four general explanations are discussed (146), two involving spirit agency, with the notion of non-material hallucination inspired by the deceased agent viewed as more plausible than the popular belief of the ghost as a material entity. Telepathic hallucination and material influences in particular localities are also briefly described. The author acknowledges the difficulties involved in explaining veridical hallucinations, but concludes that they are too few to ascribe to anything other than chance coincidence and that other evidence is likewise inadequate at present to establish the reality of apparitions as deceased humans.

A later reinterpretation of the case discussed on p. 115 is found in *Journal 42*, 1963-64, pp. 273-82.

ABSTRACT & DISCUSSION, *Journal 1*, 1884-5, pp. 261-2, 371-4. Detailed summary, with comments by Myers and others. **A/haunt/collect/a-theory**

**RETRACTIONS AND ALTERATIONS OF VIEW, *Journal 2*, 1885-6, pp. 2-5.** Edmund Gurney explains why two cases analysed and published by the Society have been found to be unreliable and are being retracted. **A**

**CASES, *Journal 2*, 1885-6, pp. 7-25, 38-56, 64-80, 98-108, 131-50, 171-82, 208-13, 249-62, 272-80, 334-5, 347-53, 375-9, 385-404. A**

**AN ACCOUNT OF SOME ABNORMAL PHENOMENA ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED AT B-- LODGE, W--, *Journal 2*, 1885-6, pp. 196-207.** Haunting phenomena at a house in London scare away the occupants. The house is rented for six months by the Society and investigators occupy it, but observe nothing unusual. **A/haunt**

**Gurney, Edmund & Myers, F.W.H. COLLECTIVE HALLUCINATIONS, *Journal 2*, 1886, pp. 154-8.** Discussion in which, among other things, Gurney points to evidence of collectively seen apparitions as suggesting that telepathic transmission of information may be made to more than one person simultaneously. Myers states his objections to this approach. **A**

**Gurney, Edmund, et al. BOOK: 'PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING' (2 vols).** A full description and analysis of apparitional reports collected by the Society. While Myers and Podmore conducted much of the research, Gurney was chiefly responsible for the writing and theoretical approaches. Focusing on the coincidence cases generally called 'crisis apparitions' he develops the theory that they are a telepathic phenomenon. Accordingly he traces the appearance of telepathy, starting with the experiments in thought-transference conducted by himself and others that seem to confirm its existence, and continuing through spontaneous episodes, dreams and hallucinations where telepathy seems also to be operating.

Although the apparitional episode may seem linked to the death of the appearing 'agent', the latter cannot be said actually to be dead at the time; hence, in Gurney's terms, the issue is not strictly one of survival of death. Collective apparitions are dealt with in terms of the telepathic image spreading from one percipient to another. However, the question of survival is clearly implicit and was taken up by later commentators (see for instance, G.N.M.Tyrrell, *Apparitions*, 458. **A/crisis/collect**

**Wedgwood, Hensleigh. 'PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING', *Journal 3*, 1887-8, pp. 82-5.** Comment on the book and on the author's personal experiences. **A**

**CASES, *Journal 3*, 1887-8, pp. 85-94, 100-108, 115-20, 132-6, 207-12, 241-56 (322-32), 265-72, 292-7, 307-12, 333-42, 535-60.**

**Gurney, Edmund & Myers, Frederic. ON APPARITIONS OCCURRING SOON AFTER DEATH, *Proceedings 5*, 1888-9, pp. 403-85.** Describes a class of 'transitional ghosts' midway between those that appear within 12 hours of death, classed as 'phantasms of the living', and hauntings associated with particular localities. Twenty-seven cases of apparitions appearing up to one year after the death are quoted at length. Features are categorised (473) with brief discussion. This paper was begun by Gurney and completed by Myers following his colleague's unexpected death.

**ABSTRACT & DISCUSSION, *Journal 4*, 1889, pp. 52-4. A/crisis/haunt**

**Myers, Frederic. ON RECOGNISED APPARITIONS OCCURRING MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER DEATH, *Proceedings 6, 1889-90, pp. 13-65.*** Testimony is given relating to veridical apparitions occurring some time after death is given. These examples contain instances of apparent purpose on the part of the apparition, and some have been widely quoted. A man sees a vision of his dead sister in a hotel bedroom and notes a red scratch on her cheek, which only his mother knew of, having accidentally caused it after the girl's death and then covered it up (17). A woman lying in bed sees an apparition and wakes her husband, who recognises his dead father, apparently intending to warn him against a course of action which would have proved harmful (26). A man charged by a dying man with the care of an elderly relative is visited some time later by the man's apparition to complain that he has not kept his promise; investigating, he finds that arrangements he made earlier have been altered (29). A persistent unpleasant impression leads a farmer to dig in a particular spot: he finds the skeleton of a man who used to occupy his room and who disappeared suddenly, possibly murdered (35). And others. **A/purp/coll/haunt/usa**

**Podmore, Frank. PHANTASMS OF THE DEAD FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW, *Proceedings 6, 1889-90, pp. 229-313.*** A sceptical approach, focusing on weaknesses and inconsistencies in testimony and the purposelessness of apparitions, which together suggest an ordinary explanation. The author argues that narrators tend to introduce assumptions regarding survival into what may in most cases be no more than casual hallucinations. The result is a series of artificial constructions arising from misperception and mis-remembering. Regarding hauntings, the author argues that inconsistency in the reports as the apparition's form suggest a predisposition in the witnesses to hallucinate (243). Cases of collective percipience are accounted for by telepathy (285).

ABSTRACT & DISCUSSION, *Journal 4, 1889, pp. 171-4, 204-7*

**Myers, Frederic. A DEFENCE OF PHANTASMS OF THE DEAD, *Proceedings 6, 1889-90, pp. 314-57.*** A rebuttal of Podmore's case. Myers suggests that Podmore's reliance on telepathy as an explanation of certain classes of apparitions is mistaken, depending as it does on unproven assumptions about its character, while the fact of its existence opens the door to a wide range of similarly unknown phenomena, of which apparitions are one. He argues against exaggeration and wrong assumptions about the alleged lack of purpose or about what constitutes a subjective hallucination. He criticises over-reliance on theories of the transference of hallucinations from one individual to another, put forward in Myers's and Gurney's earlier work, particularly as regards hauntings, where he implies Podmore's explanations are strained.

**Newbold, W. R. REVIEW: 'APPARITIONS AND THOUGHT-TRANSFERENCE' BY FRANK PODMORE, *Proceedings 11, 1895, pp. 149-54.*** Book review offering a critique of Podmore's anti-survivalist interpretation of apparitions. **A/scep/scep-r**

**CASES, *Journal 4, 1889-90, pp. 7-15, 26-31, 39-47, 55-7, 67-76, 88-94, 138-43, 157-62, 179-84, 191-9, 210-15, 220-9, 239-43, 253-7, 268-76, 286-94, 304-316, 319-328, 334-46.***

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 199-200, 243-8, 262, 294-9. **A**

**ARE APPARITIONS OBJECTIVE, AND DO ANIMALS SEE THEM ? *Journal 4, 1889-90, pp. 94-6.*** Noises accompanying an apparition are plainly heard by the percipient's companions and dogs.

CORRESPONDENCE, p. 150. **A/animal/collect/aud**

**Joyce, Samuel. A THEORY OF HAUNTING, *Journal 4, 1889-90, pp. 165-8.*** Attempts to extend to phantasms of the dead the theory of telepathy applied to those of the living. **A/a-theory**

**CASES, *Journal 5, 1891-92, pp. 5-15, 35-43, 52-64, 68-77, 86-93, 105-10, 134-43, 147-52, 161-4, 172-7, 191-5, 204-9, 221-7, 239-48, 250-60, 268-76, 302-308, 322-4.***

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 228-32. **A**

**Kirk, J. EXPERIMENTAL THOUGHT-TANSFERENCE FROM A DISTANCE, WITH APPARITION OF AGENT, *Journal 5, 1891, pp. 21-30, 111-26 (Illus).*** The writer describes the success of experiments in which he attempts to telepathically 'impress' a female acquaintance with certain actions, at a distance. The subject reports seeing his apparition performing these actions at the time the experiments were undertaken.

Greater detail, with tables and illustrations, is provided in two subsequent papers: *Journal 5, 1891, pp. 111-26; Journal 5, 1892, pp. 182-89.* **PSI-X/A/telepath/dist/halluc**

**Procter, Edmund. THE HAUNTED HOUSE AT WILLINGTON, *Journal 5, 1891-92, pp. 331-52.*** A classic haunt: heavy footsteps and voices in an unoccupied room; farm machinery heard moving but found untouched; a luminous figure in white; people levitated in their beds; witnesses scared senseless; etc. The family flee to alternative lodgings; while sleeping on their last night a noise of furniture being moved and boxes bundled downstairs raises fears that the ghosts are planning to come with them. **A/haunt**

**Myers, Frederic. ON INDICATIONS OF CONTINUED TERRENE KNOWLEDGE ON THE PART OF PHANTASMS OF THE DEAD, *Proceedings 8, 1892, pp. 170-252.*** A number of detailed cases are given tending to indicate continuity between the apparition or spirit and the life of the person it represents. A letter informing the intended recipient of the death of a spouse is mislaid and appears to emit ticking noises to encourage percipients to deliver it (218). A proof of survival is offered by experimental test (248). The paper is especially interesting for two detailed episodes of the type later described as 'near-death experiences': one involves a complex series of events in an out-of-body state, popularly called 'astral travelling' (180); in the other, an incident often referred to in near-death literature, a mountain climber gains veridical information concerning the actions of his companions while out of the body (195).

**ABSTRACT & DISCUSSION, *Journal 5, 1892, pp. 215-7.***

**A/DV/purp/s-test/nde**

**Morton, R.C. RECORD OF A HAUNTED HOUSE, *Proceedings 8, 1892, pp. 311-32.*** Much-quoted account of a ghost in a Cheltenham house, recorded by a principal witness. The figure, a woman dressed in widow's black and holding a handkerchief to her face, was frequently seen and by a number of different people, sometimes collectively. The figure

could be followed around the house and garden, with characteristic slow and even footsteps, and would take up a position by the drawing-room window. It would not respond to communication and evaded touch by disappearing. Threads fastened in its path would be left undisturbed. Dogs appeared to react to it. Short testimonials by other witnesses are also given.

**Lambert, G.W. THE CHELTENHAM GHOST: A REINTERPRETATION, *Journal* 39, 1957-8, pp. 267-77.** The proponent of a 'geophysical' theory of poltergeists applies similar reasoning to the Cheltenham haunting reported 60 years earlier. He argues that the noises heard by a number of witnesses were probably caused by a stream passing under part of the house, and that these noises were magnified by subjective factors into the appearance of a visual hallucination, experienced by only a few.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 334-41.

**Huby, Pamela M. NEW EVIDENCE ABOUT 'ROSE MORTON', *Journal* 45, 1969-70, pp. 391-2.** Biographical note concerning the identity and credentials of a key witness in the 'Cheltenham ghost' episode.

**MacKenzie, Andrew. CONTINUATION OF A HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal* 55, 1988-89, pp. 25-32.** The celebrated Cheltenham ghost reappears in four separate incidents between 1970 and 1985. The witnesses describe an apparition similar to the one seen in the earlier reports as well as poltergeist activity.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 170-74, 302-4. **A/haunt/collect/animal/geo**

**CASES, *Journal* 6, 1893-94, pp. 9-16, 22-30, 52-76, 82-6, 101-6, 115-20, 129-40, 144-51, 163-72, 179-87, 210-14, 230-31, 249-51, 280-5, 290-6, 365-74.**

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 223-4. **A**

**CATALOGUE OF UNPRINTED CASES, *Journal* 6, 1893, pp. 171-2.** Brief abstracts of apparitional cases. **A**

**Sidgwick, Henry, et al. REPORT ON THE CENSUS OF HALLUCINATIONS, *Proceedings* 10, 1894, pp. 25-422 (contents, synopsis).** The fullest survey of its kind ever undertaken, of interest to psychologists as well as to psychical researchers. Primary aims were to discover the incidence of hallucinations generally and place the work on telepathic and veridical hallucinations into a clearer perspective. Four hundred collectors polled 17,000 answers to the question, 'Have you ever, when believing yourself to be completely awake, had a vivid impression of seeing or being touched by a living being or inanimate object, or of hearing a voice; which impression, so far as you could discover, was not due to any external physical cause?' About 1,700 answered yes, ten percent of the total.

Chapter headings and page references are given in the contents at the front of the volume and there is a useful synopsis-summary starting page 395.

The method adopted is described and tables of results given, broken down into categories of visual, auditory, tactile and various combinations of these. Possible sources of distortion are considered: deception, refusal to answer, bias by collectors, forgetfulness; and adjustments are made to allow for a more true estimate of the incidence of hallucinations by respondents. Main features are then described, examples given and the conditions favourable to the occurrence of hallucination identified. Headings include: pseudo-hallucinations; illusions; form and development;

physiology; age, sex, heredity, nationality, and health; recurrent hallucinations; mental and nervous conditions; expectancy and suggestion; organic effects accompanying hallucinations.

The report then deals with hallucinations that appear not to be entirely subjective. Apparitions coinciding in time with the death of the person seen are found to be the most numerous: after ample allowance for all possible sources of error is made the number is found to be 'far greater than the hypothesis of chance-coincidence will account for' (393), confirming the conclusions reached for the evidence of telepathy in such cases in *Phantasms of the Living*. Collective apparitions are discussed and telepathy and suggestion proposed as explanations (303). Hauntings are described (338), but no strong reasons are found for attributing them to the deceased. Stronger evidence of survival is adduced from death coincidences and apparitions of people known to be dead, discussed in the final section.

A small class of experimental apparitions is discussed in which, typically, an individual succeeds in projecting an apparition of him/herself to another person at a distance (29, 270). For later analysis see 457 and Broad, C.D., *Lectures on Psychical Research*.

**DISCUSSION, *Journal 4, 1890*, pp. 283-5.** Henry Sidgwick expresses disappointment at the small interest shown by members of the Society in the census of apparitions, and gives preliminary results. **A**

Suggestions for Further Reading. **A/crisis/collect/haunt/a-exper**

**CASES, *Journal 7, 1895-96*, pp. 7-15, 25-8, 79-80, 96, 99-111, 120-6, 138-42, 162-3, 173-8, 188-196, 238-44, 250-9, 266-74, 282-91, 329-39.** **A**

**Miss X. A PASSING NOTE ON A HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal 8, 1897*, pp. 20-25.** Describes attempt to investigate stories of hauntings in a country house near Guildford. **A**

**Johnson, Alice. A CASE OF INFORMATION SUPERNORMALLY ACQUIRED, *Proceedings 12, 1896-97*, pp. 116-26.** Russian case: two brothers are warned by a ghost to return a fur coat which will otherwise infect the wearer with a deadly disease.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 7, 1895-96*, pp. 319-24. **A/collect/purp/russ**

**CASES, *Journal 8, 1897-8*, pp. 10-16, 41-8, 74-80, 120-132, 134-147, 161-3, 192-6, 227-8, 238-244, 277-80, 298-300, 308-16, 318-22, 326-30**

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 8, 1898*, pp. 159-61, 171-9, 186-92. **A**

**Smith, Arthur. NOTE ON 'FISHER'S GHOST', *Proceedings 14, 1898-9*, pp. 111-4.** An Australian case: the apparition of a farmer who has mysteriously disappeared indicates a creek where his body is later discovered. **A/purp/austr/law**

**CASES, *Journal 9, 1899-1900, pp. 12-16, 47-8, 58-61, 73-80, 87-9, 104-12, 122-8, 134-8, 150-58, 195-7, 227, 241-51, 280-6, 298-308, 331-2.***

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 9, 1899, pp. 158-9. A*

**Podmore, Frank. MISS A. GOODRICH-FREER AND THE MARQUIS OF BUTE'S 'THE ALLEGED HAUNTING OF B--- HOUSE, *Proceedings 15, 1900-1901, pp. 98-100.*** Brief review of a published case not investigated by the SPR. **A/haunt**

**Stevens, E.W. [WATSEKA WONDER] *Journal 10, 1901, pp. 99-104.*** Describes the possession case of Lurancy Venum, a 14-year old girl in Watseka, Illinois, who became apparently controlled by the spirit of a neighbour's daughter (edited paper and summary of discussion). **A/possess**

**CASES, *Journal 10, 1901-2, pp. 2-32, 38-47, 78-80, 134-42, 161-72, 232-4, 263-7, 274-9, 298-303, 308-20. A***

**Grasset, J. THE HISTORY OF A HAUNTED HOUSE, *Proceedings 18, 1903-4, pp. 464-80.*** Repeated removal of bed-linen and other disturbances create suspicions of a supernatural agency in this French case. The author, a psychologist, explains it in terms of fraud and hysteria. **A/haunt/scep/eur**

**CASES, *Journal 11, 1903-4, pp. 25-36, 58-68, 80-84, 103-112, 113-116, 118-27, 135-41, 157-9, 177-9, 181-91, 223-8, 269-72, 315-324. A***

**Stephenson, Augustus K. GHOST STORIES OF 100 YEARS AGO: A WARNING TO 'GHOSTS' AND TO PSYCHICAL RESEARCHERS OF THE PRESENT DAY, *Journal 11, 1903-4, pp. 214-20.*** A man who shoots and kills a practical joker pretending to be a ghost is tried and condemned for murder, then reprieved. **A/law**

**[RIDER HAGGARD DREAM], *Journal 11, 1903-4, pp. 278-90.*** The well-known writer dreams of his daughter's dog, lying injured by a stream. The dog is later found to have gone missing and is discovered floating in the river, having been run over by a train. **A/crisis/animal/lit**

**CASES, *Journal 12, 1905-6, pp. 14-15, 17-23, 54-63, 99-101, 118-22, 173-6, 184-8, 193-7, 290-4, 302-13, 317-28, 340-3. A***

**THE JOURNALIST AT LARGE IN PSYCHICAL RESEARCH, *Journal 12, 1905-6, pp. 65-8.*** Criticisms of newspapers' treatment of ghost stories. **A/media**

**Crichton-Browne, James. REPORT OF A CO-COGNITIVE DREAM, *Journal 12, 1905, pp. 145-56.*** A woman gains knowledge of a fatal accident to her son during a dream vision. **A/crisis/dream**

**COLLECTIVE (?) APPARITION, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 27-30.*** Account of a hallucination apparently shared by a dog. **A/collect/animal**

**'HALLUCINATION', *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 34-5.*** Brief further discussion on the proper use of the term 'hallucination'.  
**A**

**HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 52-64.*** Detailed description of occurrences in an Elizabethan manor house, whose occupants independently and on several different occasions observe a figure, hooded and dressed in black drapery, who could not be accounted for. **A/haunt**

**DREAM ROMANCES, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 90-96.*** Report of a Russian woman who describes having been visited regularly as a child by a female apparition. The visitor is dressed in the style of Louis VI and the narrator subsequently experiences frequent dreams of Marie-Antoinette. During a visit to Versailles the narrator claims to have been able to guide friends round the Queen's apartments, finding them to correspond exactly to her dreams. **A/DV/R/haunt/russ**

**COLLECTIVE APPARITION, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 103-10.*** Anglers on holiday in Scotland see a boatman known to both of them, but in a place and at a time when he should have been elsewhere. The man is subsequently found to have fallen into the water and drowned while on his way home. **A/crisis/collect**

**HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 156-8.*** The apparition of a woman dressed in black is seen on different occasions by a number of independent witnesses. **A/haunt**

**APPARITION SEEN SOON AFTER DEATH, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 228-34.*** A man who is rejected by the woman he loves shoots himself, and his apparition is seen by a younger relative in a vision.

*See also *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 166-72.** **A/crisis**

**APPARITION AT TIME OF DEATH, *Journal 13, 1907-8, pp. 234-40.*** A young man is seen unexpectedly by his fiancée standing in her office and is later found to have died at about the same time. **A/crisis**

**APPARITION, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 41-6.*** Report of an apparition seen on separate occasions by different people. **A/haunt**

**Lang, Andrew. 'SPIRIT HANDS', SUGGESTION AND DOGS, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 65-72.*** Report of an incident in which, during a visit to a Norwegian cathedral, the author's niece sees the shadowy form of a pointing hand and arm. She later finds her vision corresponds to a similar incident that took place some years earlier. Apparitions seemingly perceived by dogs are also described. **DV/haunt/animal/eur**

**Piddington, J G. HALLUCINATION, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 136-43.*** A woman giving birth sees an apparition of her father who died a year earlier. **A**

**REVIEW, 'TELEPATHIC HALLUCINATIONS: THE NEW VIEW OF GHOSTS', BY FRANK PODMORE, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 290-92.*** Review of the SPR researcher's book, in which he argues that apparitions, although clearly not mere subjective hallucinations, can be explained by telepathy of the living. **A/scep**

**DREAM, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 295-7.*** A woman has a vivid dream of an old friend and soon afterwards learns that she died at the time of the dream. **A/crisis**

**DREAM, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 327-9.*** A woman has a veridical dream of the death of an acquaintance. **A/crisis**

**HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal 14, 1909-10, pp. 374-80.*** Report of apparition seen independently in the same house by several different persons. **A/haunt**

**COLLECTIVE APPARITION, *Journal 15, 1911-12, pp. 249-54.*** A cat dies and is buried and some weeks later is seen to walk by several people round the garden. **A/collect/animal**

**COLLECTIVE APPARITION, *Journal 15, 1911-12, pp. 289-91.*** Apparition of a living person seen by two people simultaneously. **A/collect**

**APPARITION, *Journal 16, 1913-14, pp. 3-6.*** A woman sees an apparition of her stepson on the first day of an illness from which he subsequently dies. **A/crisis**

**Mattiesen, Emil. A CASE OF TELEPATHIC HALLUCINATION, *Journal 16, 1913, pp. 119-26.*** A German shopkeeper is visited by apparitions who urge him to send money to his sister. He does so, and later discovers his sister had been praying for money. **A/germ**

**APPARITION, *Journal 16, 1913-14, pp. 152-5.*** The ghost of a priest, seen by a visitor to a mountain village, is confirmed by local reputation. **A/haunt**

**Stratton, F J M. THE HAUNTING OF --- HOUSE, *Journal 16, 1913-14, pp. 274-97.*** Testimony of unexplained rappings, groanings, poltergeist phenomena, apparitions - independently witnessed by several people over a period of years. **A/haunt**

**Barrett, W F. INVESTIGATION OF A HAUNTED HOUSE IN WORCESTERSHIRE, *Journal 17, 1915-16, pp. 34-42.*** Various members of a household report groanings and unexplained noises seemingly associated with an invisible presence. One describes the sensation of being gripped violently by the throat. **A/haunt**

**Johnson, Alice. A FURTHER REPORT OF MR GRÜNBAUM'S EXPERIENCES, *Journal 17, 1915, pp. 43-52.*** A hallucination is reported that coincides with the accidental death of a relative. **A/crisis**

**COLLECTIVE HALLUCINATION, *Journal 17, 1915-16, pp. 118-23.*** Visitors to a ruined abbey in a deserted location hear a sound, apparently of monks singing. **A/audit/collect**

**APPARITION OF THE DYING, *Journal 17, 1915-16, pp. 230-35.*** An individual's two distinct visions of a brother in Australia lying dead or unconscious are later found to have coincided with his actual sudden death. **A/crisis/austr**

**CASES, *Journal 18, 1917-18, pp. 19-29, 35-40, 51-8, 92-8, 191-6, 209-11, 225-8, 239-43.*** **A**

**CASES, *Journal 19, 1919-20, pp. 3-10, 30-32, 39-48, 56-8, 76-88, 99-101, 138-41, 161-3, 186-90, 226-34, 262-6, 269-74.***  
**A**

**CASES, *Journal 20, 1921-22, pp. 75-88, 115-8, 214-9, 333-5.*** **A**

**Barrett, W.F. THE GENESIS OF APPARITIONS, *Journal* 20, 1921-22, pp. 112-5.** The author replies to criticisms of certain of his ideas regarding apparitions, made by James Hyslop and published in the *Journal of the American Society for Psychological Research*. **A/a-theory**

**Sidgwick, Mrs Henry (Eleanor). PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING. AN EXAMINATION AND ANALYSIS OF CASES OF TELEPATHY BETWEEN LIVING PERSONS PRINTED IN THE 'JOURNAL' OF THE SOCIETY SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK 'PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING', BY GURNEY, MYERS AND PODMORE, IN 1886, *Proceedings* 33, 1923, pp. 23-429.**

A substantial contribution to the literature on apparitions, this paper considers cases received by the Society in the 36 years since the publication of *Phantasms of the Living* and not published elsewhere than the Society's *Journal*. Chapter subjects are: experimental cases (31); internalised impressions (90); externalised hallucinations and dreams (151); collective and reciprocal cases (354). Individual episodes are described and special characteristics noted.

**A/collect/crisis/a-exper/a-theory**

**CASES, *Journal* 21, 1923-24, pp. 293-7, 319-21, 328-9, 349-52. A**

**Prince, Walter F. CARBON MONOXID OR CARBON MONOXID PLUS? *Journal* 23, 1926, pp. 98-9.** Account of an alleged haunting in which the percipients were exposed to chronic poisoning by carbon monoxide. Prince points to facts indicating that the gas, though known to cause hallucinations, may not have been the sole cause, since the same hallucination sometimes occurred to different witnesses at the same time. **A/haunt/halluc/drug**

**NOTES ON RECENT CASES [HAUNTINGS], *Journal* 24, 1927-28, pp. 284-7.** Eight cases of hauntings are investigated, but no paranormal activity is observed. **A/haunt**

**ENQUIRY INTO A 'HAUNTED HOUSE,' *Journal* 22, 1925, pp. 83-8.** A dripping tap is suspected of being the cause of unexplained noises, but the occupant continues to report 'a loud groaning' and other disturbances. **A/haunt**

**AN APPARITION SEEN SHORTLY AFTER DEATH, *Journal* 22, 1925, pp. 98-104.** A woman has a hallucination of her husband and is puzzled as to why he is wearing 'a long and shapeless black garment' (100). The following morning she hears of his death which took place while he was giving a service in church, and wearing a cassock. **A/crisis**

**APPARITION OF A CAT, *Journal* 23, 1926, pp. 66-71.** Animal haunting.

**Prince, Walter F. CONCERNING AN HALLUCINATION OF A CAT, *Journal* 24, 1927-28, pp. 12-13.** The American researcher tells a story of an apparitional white kitten whose appearances were followed by the death of a person related to the percipient. **A/haunt/animal**

**CASES, *Journal 24, 1927-28, pp. 1-4, 53-7, 115-18. A***

**CONCERNING EVIDENCE FOR SURVIVAL, *Journal 24, 1927-28, pp. 336-7.*** A supposedly true anecdote is related in which a deceased individual appears repeatedly to his daughter in dreams, complaining that his tombstone has been erected over the wrong grave. Permission to exhume the grave is obtained, and it is found to contain the body of a man supposedly buried next to him. The mistake is rectified and the hauntings cease.

*See also Journal 26, pp. 64-8. DV/A/purp*

**CASE OF THE WILL OF MR JAMES L. CHAFFIN, *Proceedings 36, 1928, pp. 517-24.*** A North Carolina farmer is visited in a dream by his deceased father and told where to find a will which will restore to him a share of the property left to another brother. The will is found and the handwriting confirmed as genuine by several witnesses, persuading the current owners of the property not to contest it. Investigators are impressed by the apparent sincerity of those involved and regard the case as genuine.

**CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 24, 1927-28, pp. 177-8***

*See also Journal 41, 1961-62, pp. 407-17. A/purp/law/usa*

**Solovovo, Count P-P. A PHANTASM OF THE DEAD CONVEYING INFORMATION UNKNOWN TO THE PERCIPIENT, *Journal 26, 1930, pp. 95-8.*** An apparition demands to be given a bigger coffin. **A/purp**

**APPARITION OF A RELATIVE SEEN AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH, *Journal 27, 1931-32, pp. 34-36.*** Brief case. **A/crisis**

**Solovovo, Count P-P. A CASE OF APPARENT HAUNTING IN MOSCOW, *Journal 27, 1931-32, pp. 95-7.*** A Russian case, briefly described. **A/haunt/russ**

**TWO INCIDENTS, *Journal 27, 1931-32, pp. 126-30.*** Visions of dead individuals appear to correspond to unknown facts. **A/crisis**

**CASE OF HAUNTING AT RAMSBURY, WILTS, *Journal 27, 1931-32, pp. 297-304.*** The apparition of a deceased chimney sweep is repeatedly seen by members of his family, sometimes collectively. **A/haunt/collect**

**APPARITION NEARLY COINCIDING WITH A FRIEND'S DEATH, *Journal 27, 1931-32, pp. 337-8.*** A second priest is seen in a church where actually there is only one. The witness discovers that a burial hymn sung at the service is for an individual who has recently died, and whose apparition he has seen. **A**

**Hart, Hornell and Ella B. VISIONS AND APPARITIONS COLLECTIVELY AND RECIPROCALLY PERCEIVED, *Proceedings* 41, 1932-3, pp. 205-49.** An analysis of characteristics: how well authenticated are collective cases? how closely identical are the percipients' experiences? how closely do the apparitions conform to ordinary appearance? what evidence of self-consciousness do such apparitions show? to what extent do the apparitions fit into the space-time environment? how far apart are agent and percipient in reciprocal or coincidental cases? what emotional and intellectual links exist among percipient, agent, their concerns and the locality? what evidence of survival do collective cases offer?

Cases are drawn from the published literature of research on apparitions. Statistical analysis makes it 'overwhelmingly probable' that the reports have some basis in fact (243); apparitions can transcend space and matter, yet create impressions of ordinary sense experience on observers (246). Apparitions of the dead, collectively perceived, are found to offer similar characteristics to apparitions of persons known to be living (248). **A/collect**

**A COLLECTIVE VISUAL HALLUCINATION, *Journal* 28, 1933-34, pp. 251-3.** A couple are 'visited' by the woman's deceased mother. **A/collect**

**A HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal* 29, 1935-36, pp. 239-43.** The apparition of an old lady is repeatedly seen over a number of years by several different witnesses, some of whom had no prior knowledge of it. **A/haunt**

**Baynes. Godwin, H. THE GHOST AS A PSYCHIC PHENOMENON, *Journal* 30, 1937-38, pp. 66-79.** A physician approaches the subject of ghosts from the perspective of medical psychology, referring to anthropological accounts and to the problems of defining the unconscious. **A/anthrop**

**A PHANTASM SEEN BEFORE THE DEATH OF A FAMILY FRIEND, *Journal* 30, 1937-38, pp. 235-6.** A woman watching a funeral procession of a friend wonders who will be next to die. She then sees a vivid impression of a friend of her father, whom she has an interest in but whom she has not been in touch with, which lasts for some time. The friend dies six days later, having been ill for a fortnight, a fact which was unknown to her. **A/crisis**

**AN APPARITION OF A DEAD PERSON SEEN IN DAYLIGHT BY TWO PERCIPIENTS, *Journal* 31, 1939-40, pp. 33-4.** A couple leave home in their car to drive to London. After five minutes they pass a neighbour in the street and exchange greetings. That night they discover that the neighbour had killed her husband and then herself some 12 hours earlier. **A/crisis/collect**

**AN APPARITION SEEN BY TWO WITNESSES, *Journal* 32, 1941-2, pp. 119.** A vicar and his friend have a simultaneous glimpse of an unexpected visitor in their garden, who then vanishes. **A**

**Tyrrell, G.N.M. BOOK: APPARITIONS, (London: SPR/Duckworth, 1943/1953).** A landmark study building on Edmund Gurney's telepathic approach to apparitions and analysing examples from the Society's accumulated research, including the Census of Hallucinations. **A/a-theory**

**Tyrrell, G.N.M. HAUNTED HOUSE, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 34-40.** The occupant of a country house complains of an evil presence: rappings, alarming noises, unpleasant smells, and frequent illnesses among visitors and servants. **A/haunt**

**APPARITION, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 72-4.** A woman has a vision 'like a shutter opened slowly and then closed again slowly' (72), showing a friend apparently in bed in hospital. Two days later she hears of his death, following an operation. **DV/A/crisis**

**SOME RECENT INVESTIGATIONS IN THE BORLEY RECTORY CASE, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 107-10.** An update on Harry Price's book *The Most Haunted House In England* (see Suggestions for Further Reading, below), giving the results of investigations to 1939. Gives an outline of noises ('footsteps, knockings, tappings, hammerings, thuds, bangs, cracks, rumblings, the padding of feet, the stamping of horses' hooves, and whistlings' (109)), visual impressions, and apparitions accompanied by cold breezes. The apparition of a nun faked by students was not noticed by the investigators, although they were impressed by the hoaxers' poltergeist phenomena and knockings (109-10).

**CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 34, 1947-48, pp. 177-82.**

**Dingwall, Eric J, et al. THE HAUNTING OF BORLEY RECTORY: A CRITICAL SURVEY OF THE EVIDENCE, *Proceedings* 51, 1955, pp. 1-180 (index).** A sceptical examination of a supposed haunting investigated and publicised over many years by the independent psychical researcher and journalist Harry Price. Detailed scrutiny of the events convinces the authors that the case, far from being the outstanding example of psychic phenomena that Price claimed in his books, was a concoction of suggestion, rumour and outright fraud.

A chronology and abstract is given: the establishment of the rectory in 1863; the reporting of apparitions and other phenomena; the invitation by new occupants in 1929, via a national newspaper, to a psychical research society to quell rumours of hauntings; the ensuing publicity and appearance of Harry Price, followed immediately by poltergeist disturbances; the arrival in 1930 of new incumbents and frequent reports by them of poltergeist phenomena; their departure in 1935 and Price's renting of the building in 1937 for research purposes; planchette communications concerning a murdered nun; reports of phenomena by new owners; the destruction of the rectory by fire in 1939; continuing national interest following the publication of books by Price; the excavation of human bones; doubts and accusations by some of those involved.

Chapters 1-3 deal with the facade of suggestion put up by Price (1); the building of the rectory (9); and its history to 1929 (18). The involvement of Harry Price is then considered (29), with comparisons of Price's own claims against the expressed doubts of others tending to show that he may have manufactured the 'phenomena', and/or that they were caused by local pranksters. Phenomena following the arrival of new occupants in 1930 are analysed (75), including the appearance of supposedly paranormal wall graffiti, and are suspected of being manufactured by the young wife to attract attention. Price's tenancy in 1937-8 is described (124), and the phenomena supposedly witnessed by investigators hired by him is attributed largely to suggestion.

A final period following the building's destruction is found to be characterised by exaggerated publicity, credulity and possible hoaxing (143); this includes a much-discussed incident where a brick in mid-air, captured by a press photographer and claimed as paranormal evidence by Price, may have had a quite prosaic explanation (162). In their conclusions the authors speculate on Price's personality and motives (167).

**Coleman, Michael et al. THE BORLEY REPORT: SOME CRITICISMS AND COMMENTS, *Journal* 38, 1955-6, pp. 249-64.**

Draws attention to weaknesses in the report, and in view of the seriousness of the allegations of cheating by Harry Price expresses surprise at the lack of unequivocal evidence. The authors of the report briefly reply.

CORRECTION, *Journal* 40, 1959-60, p. 194

COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE, *Proceedings* 55, 1966-72, pp. 65-175; *Journal* 45, 1969-70, pp. 183, 115-24, 230-37, 315-6.

**Owen, Iris M. & Mitchell, Pauline. THE ALLEGED HAUNTING OF BORLEY RECTORY, *Journal* 50, 1979-80, pp. 149-62.**

Marianne Foyster, an occupant of the Rectory criticised by Harry Price in his book, here gives her version of the events.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 415-8; *Journal* 60, 1994-5, p. 414

**Coleman, M.H. THE FLYING BRICKS OF BORLEY, *Journal* 61, 1996-7, pp. 388-91.** Throws doubt on particular claims of paranormal activity made by the researcher Harry Price.

*See below* Suggestions for Further Reading. [A/haunt/scep/scep-r/media/planch/fraud](#)

**Oman, Charles. THE OLD OXFORD PHASMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 208-16.** A founder member of an Oxford undergraduate society for research into occult phenomena describes its work during the six years of its existence. **A**

**Nisbet, B. HAUNTING GHOSTS, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 222-4.** Are ghosts the representation on this plane of existence a secondary aspect of the mind of a surviving spirit? A member offers a suggestion. **A/a-theory**

**RECOGNISED APPARITION SEEN BY TWO PERCIPIENTS, *Journal* 33, 1943-6, pp. 239-42.** A young man wearing a naval uniform is seen and recognised by people in the house where he used to live, nine months after his death.

CORRESPONDENCE, p. 253. **A/haunt**

**Price, H.H. 'HAUNTING AND THE "PSYCHIC ETHER" HYPOTHESIS', *Proceedings* 45, 1938-9, pp. 307-43.** A major contribution to thinking on apparitions. Price, Professor of Logic at Oxford University, explores the possibility of 'something intermediate between spirit and ordinary visible, or tangible matter' (318), which he calls a 'psychic ether'. He hypothesises that conscious images can be endowed with causal properties, dynamic rather than static entities with a force of their own, and that such images can interact by a process of telepathic affinity. He argues that this concept can be made to fit with the requirements of a psychometric theory of haunting. Price goes on to explore the possibility that this quasi-material substance, though not physical, is not so completely abstract that it cannot be said to have an objective quality.

The theory can potentially explain hauntings, where the mind that gave birth to the image seen by the percipient is dead but the image itself is a fragment that continues to have a fleeting and temporary existence, possibly surviving for many years.

Price also refers to philosophical theories, notably by Bertrand Russell (331), which hold that matter is not a single object but 'a vast and complex *group of sensibilia*'. **A/a-theory/philos**

**West, D.J. RECENT CASES OF HAUNTINGS, *Journal 34, 1947-48, pp. 129-38.*** A mildly sceptical look at some examples of cases brought to the attention of the Society and investigated by its Research Officer. A guest at a hostel in South Kensington is disturbed by lights, voices and his bedclothes being pulled off. A Luton man fails to have his rates reduced on the grounds that his house is haunted. A family in a terraced house complain of haunting phenomena - footsteps, noises, luminous vapour - which are here attributed to their personal psychology. Occupants of a large stone house in Yorkshire are frightened by noises that suggest a haunting. A 16-year-old boy is suspected of being the cause of reported 'poltergeist' phenomena. **A/haunt/scep**

**West, D.J. MASS-OBSERVATION QUESTIONNAIRE ON HALLUCINATIONS, *Journal 34, 1948, pp. 187-96.*** A small-scale follow up of the 1890 Census of Hallucinations finds no diminution in the frequency of reports of sporadic hallucinations, although a mere two percent are claimed by percipients to be veridical and none of more than three hundred cases considered is substantiated.

*See also* pp. 223-4. **A/halluc/surv**

**West, D.J. THE 'HAUNTED' DANCE HALL, *Journal 34, 1947-48, pp. 294-300.*** The author here further develops his theme of hauntings as the effects of ordinary events magnified by suggestion in susceptible and superstitious individuals. This example concerns a dance-hall which the owners complained was losing money following a string of unlikely accidents, which they believed was due to a malevolent presence. **A/haunt/scep**

**Hope, Charles & Heywood, Rosalind. REPORT OF A VISIT TO BROOK HOUSE, FRIMLEY, *Journal 35, 1949-50, pp. 56-60.*** An occupant reports having been awoken by heavy breathing in his room, which ceased abruptly each time he switched on the light.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 91-2. **A/haunt**

**Osborne, Edward. THE WOMAN IN BROWN: AN INVESTIGATION OF AN APPARITION, *Journal 35, 1949-50, pp. 123-53.*** A 27-year-old female office worker has repeated visions of a woman dressed in brown getting up from a chair and crossing to a window, then disappearing. She is unable to describe the woman's face, however. Under hypnosis a pattern of associations is discovered, suggesting that the hallucination is a fantasy projection relating to wartime fears and experiences. **A/haunt/hyp**

**Broad, C.D. PHANTASMS OF THE LIVING AND OF THE DEAD, *Proceedings* 50, 1953-6, pp. 51-66.** Analyses the type of evidence offered in the Society's early research on apparitions, with particular reference to reciprocal cases and Edmund Gurney's theory of 'telepathic infection'. Various difficulties with this approach are noted.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 37, 1953-4, pp. 253-6. **A/a-theory**

**Hart, Hornell, et al. SIX THEORIES ABOUT APPARITIONS, *Proceedings* 50, 1953-6, pp. 153-239.** A two-part study of characteristics. Considered to be of particular significance is the suggestion in the first part that features reported in apparitions of the living are broadly similar to those of individuals known to be dead, implying that the dead continue to share the mental characteristics of the living and, by extension, that survival of death actually occurs.

In the second part, five existing approaches to the nature of apparitions are noted and a sixth proposed. Rather than trying to determine whether an apparition is composed of physical matter, 'psychic ether' or is merely a mental hallucination, the new theory classifies and compares the factual characteristics reported. Various conflicts between the data and the arguments of Gurney, Tyrrell, Myers, H.H. Price and others are then noted and a revision proposed that combines their strengths and eliminates their shortcomings (229). The implications of the theories in regard to survival are considered separately (233).

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 38, 1955-6, pp. 380-89; *Journal* 39, pp. 97-101. **A/a-theory**

**Heywood, Rosalind. EXPERIENCE IN A VILLAGE SHOP, *Journal* 38, 1955-6, pp. 87-9.** A woman takes an electric heater to her local shop to be mended. The elderly owner of the shop comes down the stairs to serve her, but his son brushes past him and serves her instead. The old man returns up the stairs. She subsequently discovers the old man had died some weeks earlier. **A/haunt**

**Gauld, Alan, A CAMBRIDGE APPARITION, *Journal* 38, 1955-6, pp. 89-91.** An undergraduate reports seeing an old man walking along the street in front of him late one night, then abruptly vanish. The apparition was visible for over a minute. **A/haunt**

**McEwan, P.J.M. THE ARDACHIE CASE, *Journal* 38, 1955-6, pp. 159-72.** A married couple arrive at a country house to take up domestic positions. Raps are heard and the woman, apparently frightened, claims on a number of occasions to have seen a female apparition, making sleep difficult. The disturbances occur over several nights. The appearance of the apparition, her apparent concern about a favourite rose garden, and other details, all correspond with facts relating to a previous occupant. The percipient is clearly excitable and certain features of the case arouse suspicion, but no motive for fraud is discerned. The author concludes that something genuinely paranormal may be occurring. **A/haunt**

**Dalton, G.F. OPERATIVE FACTORS IN SPONTANEOUS TELEPATHY, *Journal* 38, 1956, pp. 287-319.** Author's Abstract: From *Phantasms of the Living* and other sources, 124 cases are selected by elimination of (1) experimental cases, (2) those of lower evidential value, and (3) those which are possibly precognitive. The selected cases are analysed in respect of : (1) the sensitivity of the percipient, (2) his state at the time, (3) and 4) the efficacy and state of the agent, (5 and 6) the orientation of each, (7) the linkage between them, (8) the intensity of the experience, and (9) the information

conveyed. The following conclusions are reached: 1. The fundamental process in spontaneous telepathy is the transference to the percipient of a psychical experience of the agent. 2. In death cases, the agent's experience occurs after death, is of great intensity, and is connected with the loss of the body. 3. collective cases are due to interaction between percipients under conditions of positive feedback, resulting in a building-up of the experience to great intensity. 4. Reciprocal cases may be due to the similar building-up of a common drama underlying the apparently separate experiences of the percipients.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 332-4. **PSI-S/A/surv**

**Hughes, Ian. A PARANORMAL DREAM, *Journal* 39, 1957, pp. 186-8.** A man dreams he is experiencing his father's death. Subsequently he learns his father died in an accident on a ship around 24 hours after the dream. **A/dream**

**Salter, W. H. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND TO 1959 REPORT ON ENQUIRY INTO SPONTANEOUS CASES, *Proceedings* 53, 1960, pp. 83-93.** Describes the methodology used in collecting and analyzing apparitional cases in the SPR's early years. Notes the later decline in the number of spontaneous cases reported to the SPR and the subsequent renewal of interest in the early 1950s. **A**

**Cornell, A.D. AN EXPERIMENT IN APPARITIONAL OBSERVATIONS AND FINDINGS, *Journal* 40, 1959-60, pp. 120-24.** Cambridge undergraduates stage a ghost-walk on three separate evenings but the apparition is not noticed by a single one of the more than 70 people in a position to observe it. The author speculates that genuine apparitional cases have some 'psi factor' which engages the attention of the percipient, and which is here absent.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 270, 323-4

**Cornell, A.D. FURTHER EXPERIMENTS IN APPARITIONAL OBSERVATION, *Journal* 40, 1959-60, pp. 409-18.** Attempts are made to amplify the results of a previous ghost-walk experiment, with most observers resolutely refusing to see more than 'an art student walking around in a blanket' (411), but indications of inconsistent testimony also emerging. **A**

**Turner, P. THE GREY LADY: A STUDY OF A PSYCHIC PHENOMENON IN THE DYING, *Journal* 40, 1959-60, pp. 124-9.** Patients in a hospital ward for the terminally ill report being attended by a nurse in a grey uniform, who is however not known to the other staff. A number of details concerning the reports correspond with each other, among them the fact that the patients who make them to nurses consistently die shortly after seeing it. **A/DV/death-bed**

**APPARITION, *Journal* 40, 1959-60, pp. 152-3.** A British pilot is involved in a dogfight with Stukas over the Western Desert in 1942. After returning to base he is approached by another pilot who talks to him casually about the action, uncharacteristically declines the offer of a cigarette and goes into his tent. It transpires that the second pilot had actually been killed in the action and that this encounter could not in any normal way have taken place. **A/crisis/milit**

**Heywood, Rosalind. A LUMINOUS APPARITION, *Journal 40, 1959-60, pp. 185-8.*** An elderly scientist and his wife both, on independent occasions and unknown to each other, see a curious luminous figure gliding laboriously up the stairs. The apparition seems to be male, the face not visible and the clothes some kind of ribbons or 'tatters'. **A/haunt**

**Lambert, G.W. THE GEOGRAPHY OF LONDON GHOSTS, *Journal 40, 1959-60, pp. 397-409.*** A 'geophysical' theory refers to underground streams and rainfall patterns to explain ghostly noises and disturbances.

**Lambert, G. W. SCOTTISH HAUNTS AND POLTERGEISTS, *Journal 40, 1959-60, pp. 108-120; Journal 42, pp. 223-7.*** Groups two kinds of phenomena that other researchers consider to be separate, and argues that they can be linked to geophysical patterns. Fifty cases in Scotland are taken to demonstrate the point.

**Lambert, G.W. FAMILY DEATH WARNINGS, *Journal 42, 1963-64, pp. 180-87.*** Normal causes, including geophysical ones, are sought for noises, knocks and crashes reported in earlier times as supposed 'warnings' from family ghosts.

**Lambert, G.W. BEAVOR LODGE: AN OLD GHOST STORY RETOLD, *Journal 42, 1963-64, pp. 273-82.*** The geophysical theory is applied to an early case. The ghost was a tall lady in grey, often seen by the occupants of the house it frequented. **A/haunt/geo**

**AN 'ETHER IMPRINT', *Journal 40, 1959-60, pp. 429-30.*** A house servant reports seeing the apparition of his successor, who died a few weeks earlier. He had never met this man, but recognised him from a dream he had had and from photographs subsequently shown to him. **A**

**Salter, W.H., Heywood, Rosalind & Green, Celia. 1959 REPORT ON ENQUIRY INTO SPONTANEOUS CASES, *Proceedings 53, 1960-62, pp. 83-161.*** Cases of apparitions and waking and dream telepathy/clairvoyance/precognition are collected in a new survey and categorised. Two papers give the background to the research, beginning at the Society's foundation with *Phantasms of the Living* and the Census of Hallucinations, and to the present study. Celia Green analyses the 300 reports (20% of the total that provide sufficient detail, with classifications of percipients, conditions, types, veridicality, psychological or neurological interest, attitudes to the paranormal, motivation, situations, ESP themes, activity of percipient, etc. Appendices give the tables in full, also 29 of the reports of varying lengths, describing apparitions, premonitions of accident and death, precognition, spontaneous communication from the dead, out-of-body experience, etc. **A/survey/precog**

**Heywood, Rosalind. COLLECTIVE HALLUCINATIONS OF NON-EXISTENT BUILDINGS, *Journal 41, 1961, pp. 198-201.*** Two cases in which buildings seen by travellers are later found not to exist.

**Parsons Denys. A NON-EXISTENT BUILDING LOCATED, pp. 292-5 (illus).** The 'hallucination' is discovered to be unfounded.

**Lambert, G.W. PHANTOM SCENERY, *Journal 42, 1963, pp. 1-6, 346-8.*** The author gives the name 'mislocation' to such incidents, in which a building once seen is later found to have mysteriously vanished. He gives another example, reported at Bocastle in Cornwall in 1933.

**Scott, Christopher. THE ELUSIVE HOTEL, *Journal 42, 1963, pp. 34-5.*** Discusses the nature of scientific impartiality, and takes issue with Heywood's view that one must not have any presuppositions. He holds that one must take into account factors other than the directly relevant evidence.

**Russ, Sydney. AN EXPERIENCE AND THEORY OF 'GHOSTS', *Journal 41, 1961-62, pp. 329-30.*** A University professor observes a 'ghost' at length and decides it is an image imposed on his retina by his subconscious mind. **A/scep**

**Zorab, G. CASES OF THE CHAFFIN WILL TYPE AND THE PROBLEM OF SURVIVAL, *Journal 41, 1961-62, pp. 407-17.*** Cases considered to demonstrate survival are here attributed to clairvoyance, the agency of a dream apparition being a subconscious dramatisation.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 42, pp. 36-8, 157-60.* **A/purp**

**A LATENT APPARITION? *Journal 42, 1963-64, pp. 65-8.*** Impression of a female visitor, connected with an individual later found to be dead at the time. **A**

**EXCERPTA, *Journal 42, 1963, pp. 209-12.*** Relates an ESP experience of J. Hewat McKenzie and an account of an apparition by novelist Pamela Frankau. Also her experience of being psychic when in Ireland. *PsiLine* **PSI-S/A**

**HARRY PRICE AND THE 'ROSALIE' CASE, *Journal 42, 1963-64, pp. 370-73, 420-22; Journal 43, pp. 327-9.*** The authors of the critique of the Borley Rectory haunting (*above*) are taken to task for their further claims of fabrication against Harry Price in his book *Four Modern Ghosts* (Duckworth, 1958), this time concerning séance phenomena. **A/scep-r**

**Stevenson, Ian. THE BLUE ORCHID OF TABLE MOUNTAIN, *Journal 42, 1963-64, pp. 401-9.*** A British woman sees the apparition of her cousin killed in a tank battle in 1944. The apparition takes a blue flower out of his shirt and puts it back, and repeats this action. His mother in South Africa accepts this as convincing proof of his survival, since it corresponds closely to a small but significant event not known by the percipient. The apparition also names a special friend unknown to the percipient. **A/milit/purp/africa**

**Stevenson, Ian. THE CASE OF THE 'TEDDY BEAR' SUIT, *Journal 43, 1965, pp. 92-3.*** A woman has a possibly telepathic vision of her son escaping from Dunkirk.

**Lambert, G.W. AN AUDITORY HALLUCINATION APPARENTLY CONNECTED WITH A DEATH AT A DISTANCE, *Journal 43, 1965-66, pp. 363-6.*** A man hears his nephew speaking to him, although he sees no one and is not expecting a visit. Looking in his paper later he discovers news of his nephew's death. **A/crisis/audit**

**Lambert, G.W. AN APPARITION OF A CHILD, THE CASE OF JOHNNIE M., *Journal* 43, 1965-66, pp. 429-31.** The identity of an apparition, unknown to the percipient, is confirmed by a relative from the percipient's description. **A**

**MacKenzie, Andrew, A CASE OF HAUNTING IN KENT, *Journal* 44, 1967-68, pp. 131-49.** An investigator returns to a case first reported in the press in 1949. The lady of the house reports seeing a woman dressed in a 'very full grey skirt' (135) whom she first takes for an intruder; three children independently report a 'lady' walking past or into their room; a former domestic servant reports seeing a 'lady in an old-fashioned dress' who could not be accounted for (136). Footsteps and noises are reported. The episode also includes a case of apparent retrocognition, in which a percipient observes a change of scene and encounters a man wearing nineteenth-century dress. **A/haunt/retrocog**

**Cornell, A.D. & Gauld, Alan. A 'GHOST' ON TELEVISION, *Journal* 45, 1969-70, pp. 14-17.** A 'hooded monk' seen by some viewers standing next to a participant in a television programme on ghosts is discovered to be an illusion formed by the light on background masonry. **A/media**

**Turner, K.H. A SOUTH YORKSHIRE HAUNT, *Journal* 45, 1969-70, pp. 325-53.** A number of unexplained disturbances occurred in the spring of 1968 in a house in Askern occupied by a Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their two children. Movement of objects, metallic clicks, and the appearance of a figure which disappeared upon investigation were some of the inexplicable events which led to a complete investigation of the house by the Doncaster Group for Psychical Study. A total of seven observational visits were conducted by the group. The phenomena observed and recorded during these visits were mainly thermal and acoustical. Tape recorders, thermometers, a thermograph, microphones, vibration and soundlevel meters, cameras, mercury dishes, leveling devices, etc., were employed in the investigation and indicated that virtually all occurrences during that time could be explained by normal physical means. **A/haunt**

**MacKenzie, Andrew and Goldney, K.M. TWO EXPERIENCES OF AN APPARITION, *Journal* 45, 1969-70, pp. 381-91.** A well-known clergyman and writer on theological subjects describes a visit from the deceased writer C.S. Lewis, who appears in an armchair in front of him and makes remarks appropriate to his (the percipient's) personal affairs.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 46, 1971, pp. 203-5.

**Cassirer, Manfred. THE GHOST OF C.S.LEWIS, *Journal* 55, 1988-89, pp. 33-5.** The memory of the witness is found to be unreliable, diminishing the value of the original report. **A/lit**

**Gauld, Alan. THE HAUNTING OF ABBEY HOUSE, CAMBRIDGE, *Journal* 46, 1971-72, pp. 109-23 (*back*).** Describes various phenomena witnessed over nearly a century: noises that frightened servants; the apparition of an animal; the apparition of a nun; heavy footsteps; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 47, p. 60. **A/haunt/animal**

**Smith, E. Lester. THE RAUDIVE VOICES - OBJECTIVE OR SUBJECTIVE? A DISCUSSION, *Journal 46, 1971-72, pp. 192-200 (back)*.** Considers the claim made by K. Raudive in his book *Breakthrough* to have tape recorded messages from the dead. Suggests that the imagination may shape incoherent sounds into the semblance of words and phrases.

CORRESPONDENCE 47, pp. 208-12, 396, 531-2

**Ellis, D.J. LISTENING TO THE 'RAUDIVE VOICES', *Journal 48, 1975-6, pp. 31-42*.** Voices recorded by Raudive are found to be subject to different interpretations, throwing doubt on their paranormal origin.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 250-52; *Journal 49, 1977, pp. 476-7, 566-7; Journal 50, 1979-80.*

**Clancey, Patricia M. [ELECTRONIC VOICE EXPERIMENTS], *Journal 50, 1980, p. 550*.** Brief account of experiments appearing to reveal sounds and speech of paranormal origin on tape recordings. The author says: 'I suggest that spontaneous paranormal sounds on tape are a transmission from denizens of another dimension, and that the efficacy of this transmission depends on both the psychic receptivity and the electronic ingenuity of experimenters.'

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 51, pp. 189-9; Journal 61, 1996, pp. 191-2. A/electronic/scep/eur*

**Zorab, Georg. HAVE WE TO RECKON WITH A SPECIAL PHANTOM-FORMING PREDISPOSITION? *Journal 48, 1975-6, pp. 19-30*.** Zorab, G. HAVE WE TO RECKON WITH A SPECIAL PHANTOM-FORMING PREDISPOSITION? pp.19 –30. Discusses hypotheses about the presence of apparitions, citing cases and presenting alternative explanations. Manifestations such as D.D. Home's materialization of arms, hands, fingers, etc, may have been produced by Home's own psi powers, not by supernatural entities. Similarly, the phenomenon of the 'double body' is hypothesized to be produced by persons who may possess a phantom-building faculty, as some persons have a faculty for producing ESP or PK phenomena. Several phenomena which have been regarded as conclusive proof that apparitions are of subjective origin may be explained instead by the exercise of this phantom-building faculty. PA

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 247-8. **A/a-theory**

**CORRESPONDENCE: APPARITION, *Journal 48, 1975-6, pp. 61-4*.** Following several sleepless nights a visitor to a nineteenth-century workman's cottage has a vision of a hanged man. However, no official documentation can be found to confirm the incident. **A**

**Green, Andrew. A CASE OF PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL BLACKMAIL, *Journal 49, 1977, pp. 469-74*.** Describes how charlatans exploit a family's fear of haunting to extort money. **A/fraud**

**AN APPARITION, *Journal 49, 1977-78, pp. 679-80*.** A woman meditates and sees the apparition of a former employee who has recently died. The individual seems uncharacteristically aggressive and distressed (feelings which the percipient seems to directly experience), suggesting that he is confused by what has happened to him. **A**

**Bayliss, Raymond. HAUNTING - PLACE OR PERSON, *Journal 49, 1977-78, pp. 682-5*.** A parapsychologist describes unexplained noises and other 'haunting' type effects that occurred in two different houses occupied by him and his wife. **A/P/haunt**

**Macintyre, L.I. [PREARRANGED POST-MORTEM APPARITIONAL APPEARANCES], *Journal* 49, 1978, p. 768.** Suggests that experiments be made by individuals agreeing with friends that the first to die will attempt to appear as a ghost to the other. **A**

**McHarg, James F. A VISION OF THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE OF NECHTANESMERE, AD 685, *Journal* 49, 1977-78, pp. 938-48.** Description and discussion of an apparently retrocognitive experience in rural Scotland: a woman sees men wearing unusual costume and carrying flaming torches apparently looking for their dead in the aftermath of a battle.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 58, pp. 60-61. **A/retrocog**

**Lawden, D.F. REPORT ON A POLTERGEIST CASE, *Journal* 50, 1979-80, pp. 73-6.** A girl aged 17 dances over tombstones in a cemetery and subsequently her family's council house is haunted by the apparition of an old woman. A number of incidents involving poltergeist-type noises and disturbances are described. **A/P/haunt**

**Zorab, George & MacKenzie, Andrew. A MODERN HAUNTING, *Journal* 50, 1979-80, pp. 284-93.** Two experienced researchers discuss a case where a family and their home help experience a variety of haunting phenomena. **A/haunt**

**CORRESPONDENCE: A COLLECTIVE PHANTASM, *Journal* 51, 1981-82, pp. 257-8.** A young man out for a driving lesson sees his father standing by the roadside ahead of him. However, when he arrives at the spot his father has vanished. The apparition is seen also by his companion.

**A/collect**

**Williamson, C.J. A COLLECTIVE PHANTASM, *Journal* 51, 1982, pp. 257-8.** Describes an instance of a collective phantasm described to the author in 1952 (at which time notes were made) and recently reinvestigated. The incident involved a report by two young men of seeing the figure of the father of one of them by the roadside, losing sight of him, and then coming across him further on. The author concludes that the father, who had cause to worry about the whereabouts of his son and companion and who habitually followed the same road to look for his son, had 'projected' a phantasm ahead of himself. It is suggested that a projection of this kind may account for the resemblance of the medium, Florence Cook, to her 'control,' Katie King. PsiLine **A/collect**

**Hallson, Peter. [APPARITIONS RESEARCH], *Journal* 52, 1983, pp. 86-7.** Suggests the use of hypnosis for inducing collective hallucinations, as a means of testing Tyrrell's theory of telepathically induced apparitions. **A/collect/telepath**

**Stevenson, Ian. [CORRESPONDENCE], *Journal* 52, 1983-84, pp. 339-40.** Draws attention to an apparitional episode said to have been experienced by John Donne and mentioned by Stevenson in a 1962 letter (*Journal* 41, pp. 327-9). Stevenson argues here that the experience never in fact occurred. **A/hist/lit**

**[SPONTANEOUS CASES], *Journal* 53, 1985-86, pp. 331-2.** Thirty spontaneous cases reported to the Society in 1984 are compared with a similar number from a hundred years earlier. The quality of the earlier reports is found to be superior, raising questions about the nature of the evidence and its research.

*See also Journal* 54, pp. 82-4. **A**

**Haraldsson, Erlendur. THE IYENGAR-KIRTI CASE: AN APPARITIONAL CASE OF THE BYSTANDER TYPE, *Journal* 54, 1987, pp. 64-7.** A sick woman sees the apparition of a young girl's grandfather, urging her to send the girl home. The girl is reluctant, but agrees at least to telephone, finding then that her grandfather died unexpectedly a few minutes earlier. **A/crisis/ice**

**Green, Andrew. CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal* 55, 1988, p. 46.** Note on archaeological evidence of 'ghost killing' ceremonies. **A**

**Wilkinson, H.P. & Gauld, Alan. GEOMAGNETISM AND ANOMALOUS EXPERIENCES, 1868-1980, *Proceedings* 57, 1989-94, pp. 275-310.** Describes a failed attempt to replicate findings by M.A. Persinger that link anomalous events such as telepathic hallucinations with geomagnetic activity. However, the authors discover a weak but interesting statistical relationship and concludes that these merit further research. **A/geo**

**West, D.J. A PILOT CENSUS OF HALLUCINATIONS, *Proceedings* 57, April 1990, pp. 163-207.** A new survey of spontaneous personal psychic experiences, following a similar pattern to the 1894 census. A total of 1,129 questionnaires yielded 840 returns, 275 with some experience to report and 95 estimated as the number who had genuine 'hallucination' experiences, a similar result to the 10 percent reported in the original census.

A number of cases are described, mainly apparitions and hauntings, but also a few premonitions and near-death experiences. Some of the apparitions are veridical, a few are collective. However there are no cases of crisis coincidence, which leads the author to speculate that such occurrences may be less prevalent than during the period of the original census. **A/DVhaunt/collect/nde**

**Rogo, D. Scott. A TWOFOLD PORTENT OF DEATH, *Journal* 56 & 57, 1989-1991, pp. 148-154.** A female member of a theatre group in Los Angeles has a dream about another member, a young man with AIDS. After waking she sees his apparition. He is later found to have died in hospital at around the same time. **A/crisis/usa**

**Roberts, F. Somerville. AN EXTENSION OF THE 'PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTOR' IN TYRRELL'S THEORY OF APPARITIONS, *Journal* 56 & 57, 1989-1991, pp. 216-20.** A theory of apparitions based on a 'psychological idea-pattern' existing within the personality and capable of being transmitted telepathically is here explored in terms of the relationship between sensory images and consciousness (see 457). **A/a-theory**

**Berger, Arthur S. et al. SPIRIT EXTRAS ON VIDEO TAPE? *Journal* 58, 1991-92, pp. 153-64.** Images on television screens claimed by some German viewers to be of the dead are shown to be indistinguishable from images in a projective 'Rorschach' test and as such are not evidence of survival.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 410-11. **A/electronic**

**Cassirer, Manfred. AN 18TH-CENTURY HAUNT AND THE PRECURSORS OF CSICOP, *Journal* 59, 1993-94, pp. 114-19.** Describes a German case of a recurrent apparition. **A/haunt/eur**

**West, D.J. NOTE ON A RECENT PSYCHIC SURVEY, *Journal* 60, 1994-5, pp. 168-71.** Reports on an 'apparitions' telephone survey carried out by the BBC in preparation for a television programme on the supernatural. The question asked was: 'Have you ever – when believing yourself to be fully awake and unaffected by illness, drink or drugs – had a vivid experience of seeing something or someone, or of hearing a voice, when there was nothing there, and no ordinary cause that you could find?' In the sample of 1007, 22% replied in the affirmative, substantially more than in previous surveys, including the 1864 Census, the author's own Mass-Observation Questionnaire in 1948, and his Pilot Census of 1990. A second question asked: 'Have you ever had an experience which you felt was beyond conventional explanation or understanding and you believed to be an example of the paranormal – such as telepathy, being in the presence of a ghost or having a premonition?' to which 36% replied positively. West compares the results with the earlier surveys. He concludes that statistics from this kind of media-related survey are interesting in demonstrating the durability of paranormal belief and experience, but are misleading if not followed up with further detailed enquiries. **A/media/surv**

**Alvarado, Carlos S. & Zingrone, Nancy L. CHARACTERISTICS OF HAUNTINGS WITH AND WITHOUT APPARITIONS: AN ANALYSIS OF PUBLISHED CASES, *Journal* 60, 1994-5, pp. 385-97.** Statistical analysis of a study conducted into the characteristics of 172 haunting cases (Gauld & Cornell 1979). **A/haunt**

**Radin, Dean I & Rebman, Jannine. ARE PHANTASMS FACT OR FANTASY? A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF APPARITIONS EVOKED IN THE LABORATORY, *Journal* 61, 1996-7, pp. 65-87.** Describes an attempt to determine whether apparitions are subjective fantasies or reflect some form of objective reality. An experiment with seven subjects suggests that apparitions may be objectively caused by mind-matter interactions or subjective effects caused by external energies.

CORRESPONDENCE, pp. 278-81. **A/a-theory**

**Houran, James & Lange, Rense. RATIONALE AND APPLICATION OF A MULTI-ENERGY SENSOR ARRAY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF HAUNTING AND POLTERGEIST CASES, *Journal 62, 1997-8, pp. 324-36.*** Author's abstract: Evidence from field studies and case analyses implicates electromagnetic field activity in processes underpinning hauntings and poltergeist-like episodes. Consistent with these findings, a comprehensive literature review shows that previous procedures often included indices of electromagnetic field activity. Unfortunately, most of these approaches have been limited by the fact that variables of interest were collected and studied separately. Consequently, it has not been possible to establish cross-correlations between various types of electromagnetic fields through standard signal-processing techniques. To remedy this situation, this paper describes the application of MESA (a previously described computerized, multi-energy sensor array for the detection and recording of low frequency energy fluctuations) for researching the electromagnetic properties of hauntings, poltergeist-like episodes and other anomalous phenomena.

CORRESPONDENCE, p. 475; *Journal 63, 1998, pp. 242-3. A/P*

**Tandy, Vic & Lawrence, Tony R. THE GHOST IN THE MACHINE, *Journal 62, 1997-8, pp. 360-64.*** Author's abstract: In this paper we outline an as yet undocumented natural cause for some cases of ostensible haunting. Using the first author's own experience as an example, we show how a 19Hz standing air wave may under certain conditions create sensory phenomena suggestive of a ghost. The mechanics and physiology of this 'ghost in the machine' effect are outlined. Spontaneous case researchers are encouraged to rule out this potential natural explanation for paranormal experience in future cases of the haunting or poltergeist type. **A**

**Wright, Sylvia H. EXPERIENCES OF SPONTANEOUS PSYCHOKINESIS AFTER BEREAVEMENT, *Journal 62, 1997-8, pp. 385-95.*** Author's abstract: Studies from many parts of the world agree that widowed persons frequently sense the presence of their deceased mates. For example, 90% of a sample of Japanese widows and 82% of a sample of Swedish widows and widowers interviewed soon after bereavement had 'hallucinations' or 'illusions' of the lost spouse. Data are customarily collected about visual, auditory and tactile experiences and about sensing the presence of the deceased person. Little data has been collected about experiences of SPK in this context. The author's personal experiences of SPK after bereavement are compared with similar accounts in the literature. **PSI-S/A**

**Coleman, M.H. PHANTOM SCENERY, *Journal 63, 1998-9, pp. 47-9.*** Proposes a natural explanation to a 1961 case of 'phantom scenery' such as that experienced by Moberly and Jourdain at Versailles, in which a boy and girl come across an imposing Georgian house near their house which they had not seen before, which locals denied existed and which they could not subsequently find.

CORRESPONDENCE, *Journal 63, 1998, pp. 191-2, 250-52. A/retrocog*

**Puhle, Annetrin. GHOSTS, APPARITIONS AND POLTERGEIST INCIDENTS IN GERMANY BETWEEN 1700 AND 1900, *Journal 63, 1998-9, pp. 292-305.*** Author's abstract: The report is intended to make a contribution to our historical understanding of ghost and poltergeist phenomena, concentrating on cases from the so-called 'Age of Goethe.' Historical research into German RSPK phenomena and apparitions is a challenging but elusive area which has so far escaped the scholarly investigation it warrants. While the Anglo-American literature has produced a body of scholarly works on the 'poltergeist', a historical review of such phenomena, ranging from the rapping 'Klopfgest' to the

mysterious 'Weiße Frau' (white lady) cases, fills an important gap in German cultural history and suggests that these phenomena have a pervasive nature.

To date, the following collections along with some other selected libraries have been thoroughly researched for documents on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century ghost and poltergeist cases: the Herzog August Library in Wolfenbüttel, the Herzogin Anna Amalia Library in Weimar, the Bavarian National Library in Munich, and the Austrian National Library in Vienna.

From this research material an extensive selection has been made of cases concerning RSPK phenomena and apparitions, and in inventory made for future research purposes. The bibliography covers to date more than 1000 titles published in the German-speaking area between 1700 and 1900. A short-list of typical poltergeist reports, most often in the form of monographs, resulted in 50 cases, 15 of which took place before 1700 and 1900. A short-list of typical poltergeist reports, most often in the form of monographs, resulted in 50 cases, 15 of which took place before 1700, 15 in the 18<sup>th</sup>, and 20 in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A general survey of the authors and their works, as well as the spectrum of parapsychological phenomena reported in these eras, is followed by the presentation of a 'classic' poltergeist case: the 'Gerstmann' case from the year 1713. This took place in the house of a well-known physician, the family being confronted with many different aspects of these phenomena. The documentation has a diary-like precision and was written by the son in the family and also includes a report by a clergyman who had become a daily eye-witness of the incidents in Gerstmann's house.

Finally, the form and personification that these phenomena take are seen in the context of what can be learned from the tradition of Folklore. **A/P/germ/hist**

**Houran, James. [SOFTWARE FOR INVESTIGATING ELECTROMAGNETIC ASPECTS OF HAUNTING AND POLTERGEIST PHENOMENA], *Journal* 64, 2000, p. 54.** Briefly describes software the author believes could be useful in investigating electromagnetic aspects of haunting and poltergeist phenomena, and gives web site reference for its purchase. **A/P/comput**

**Tandy, Vic. SOMETHING IN THE CELLAR, *Journal* 64, 2000, pp. 129-40.** Author's abstract: An investigation into the link between infrasound and the perception of apparitions was performed in the 14th Century cellar beneath the Tourist Information Centre in Coventry. Based on the effect described in *The Ghost in the Machine* (Tandy and Lawrence, 1998) details of individuals' experiences were recorded and an analysis performed to test for any infrasound present in the cellar. Infrasound was found to be present at the point at which individuals had reported apparitional experiences at exactly the same frequency as that predicted in the original paper. **A**

**McCue, Peter A. THEORIES OF HAUNTING: A CRITICAL OVERVIEW, *Journal* 66, 2002, pp. 1-21.** The term 'haunting' is generally applied to cases involving recurrent phenomena, of a supposedly paranormal nature, that are associated with particular places. Approaches to understanding hauntings can be divided into two categories: those that attempt to explain the manifestations 'naturalistically' (e.g. in terms of the misinterpretation of normal sounds or the effects of underground water), and those that employ concepts such as telepathy or the laying down of a 'psychic trace' in the haunted location. Some psi-based theories posit discarnate agency. 'Naturalistic' and psi-based theories are reviewed, and suggestions are made regarding possible directions for future research in this area. **A/theor**

**Smith, Matthew D. and West, Donald. INVESTIGATING AN ANOMALOUS HUMAN IMAGE ON CCTV, *Journal* 66, 2002, pp. 41-6 (illus).** In April 1999 an 'anomalous' image of a male figure was captured by the CCTV system in the reception area of a Lancaster company. The two security guards on duty noticed the image on the television screen remained still for several minutes and were concerned for the man's health. Upon investigating, the guards found nobody in the reception area. The guards continued watching the image for several more minutes before the image 'disappeared'. This incident led the company's facilities administrator to contact the Society for Psychical Research in the belief that the image may have been a 'ghost'.

This paper outlines the investigation of this case undertaken by the authors on behalf of the Society. The focus of this investigation was upon examining the video tape displaying the image and exploring conventional (i.e., non-paranormal) explanations for the image's appearance. **A**

**Tandy, Vic. A LITMUS TEST FOR INFRASOUND, *Journal* 66, 2002, pp. 167-74.** A significant barrier to extending research into the link between infrasound and apparitional experiences is the high cost of monitoring equipment. This paper is offered in response to requests from researchers looking for a method of measuring infrasound within a reasonable budget. It provides the construction details for a filter-set, which can be used in combination with a commercially available sound level meter. The latter is operated slightly outside its intended parameters to produce what is described as the equivalent of a litmus test for infrasound. Operating thus is clearly a risk and no absolute guarantee of success can be given. However, using this meter saves so much time and money that it was felt warranted. As part of the development process three units were built and four meters tested. Their performance compares very well with devices costing up to twenty times that invested and they are now entering use in the field. Some prior experience of electronic circuit construction is assumed. **A/mech**

## **Suggestions for Further Reading (books and articles in the SPR library).**

**Broad, C.D., *Lectures on Psychical Research* (London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1962).** Full analysis of psychical research by a Cambridge philosopher concluding that the possibility of survival, though unwelcome, is not inconsistent with the evidence. Contains a useful analysis of the Census of Hallucinations.

**Dingwall, E, K. Goldney and T. Hall, *The Haunting of Borley Rectory* (London: Duckworth, 1956).** A sceptical treatment by SPR members of claims made by the independent psychical researcher Harry Price. Book version of the report which appeared in the *Proceedings* and which generated considerable controversy. (See 460)

**Gibson, E.P., 'An Examination of Motivation as Found in Selected Cases from *Phantasms of the Living*,' *Journal American Society for Psychical Research*, 36, 83-105.** Argues against the objection that apparitions never show signs of purpose and cannot therefore be considered evidence of survival.

**Gurney, Edmund, Myers, F.W.H. Podmore, F., *Phantasms of the Living*, 2 vols. (London: Trubner, 1886).** A major analysis of the many reports of apparitions and hauntings received by the Society in its early years. The book establishes various types in detail, treating the phenomenon as psychic communication between living minds rather than as direct evidence of survival of death.

**Green, Celia, and McCreery, Charles, *Apparitions* (London: Hamish Hamilton, 1975).** Survey and analysis by researchers based in Oxford.

**MacKenzie, Andrew, *Hauntings and Apparitions* (London: Heinemann, 1982).** Overview of the Society's work by an SPR researcher. Other books on apparitions by this author are also available.

**Price, Harry, *The Most Haunted House in England* (London: Longmans, Green and Co, 1940).** Describes alleged haunting at Borley Rectory, arousing much later controversy.

**Rhine, Louisa E., 'Hallucinatory Psi Experiences I & II', *Journal of Parapsychology*, 20/21, 1956/7.** American analysis by the partner of Duke University parapsychologist J.B.Rhine. Contains reports suggestive of survival although the author offers a non-survivalist explanation.

**Stevenson, Ian, 'The Contribution of Apparitions to the Evidence for Survival, *Journal American Society for Psychical Research*, 76, 1982.** Article by the prominent American researcher.

**Tyrrell, G.N.M., *Apparitions*, London: SPR/Duckworth, 1943/1953).** A landmark study building on Edmund Gurney's telepathic approach to apparitions (457).

## **BOOKS AND BOOK REVIEWS**

**Parish, Von Edmund. UBER DIE TRUGWARHNEHMUNG [HALLUCINATION AND ILLUSION], reviewed by Alice Johnson, *Proceedings* 11, 1895, pp. 162-71.** Important contribution to the study of hallucinations, with reference to the Society's Census, a small German collection, and other cases. **BR/A/halluc/germ**

**Parish, Edmund. ZUR KRITIK DES TELEPATHISCHEN BEWEIS MATERIELS, reviewed by Eleanor Sidgwick, *Proceedings* 13, 1898, pp. 589-601.** Sidgwick offers a detailed reply to the author's 48-page pamphlet criticising the telepathic interpretation adopted in the Society's Census of Hallucinations. **BR/A/scep/scep-r**

**Lang, Andrew. THE BOOK OF DREAMS AND GHOSTS, reviewed by J.G. Smith, *Proceedings* 13, 1898, pp. 616-8.** Entertainingly presented collection of apparitional episodes, which the reviewer suspects may be seen by some Society members as frivolous, but says should be also seen as impartial and comprehensive. **BR/A**

**Goodrich-Freer, A., ed. ALLEGED HAUNTING OF B- HOUSEM INCLUDING A JOURNAL KEPT DURING THE TENANCY OF COLONEL LE MESURIER TAYLOR, reviewed by Frank Podmore, *Proceedings* 15, 1900, pp. 98-100.** Describes haunting phenomena. Podmore criticises the evidence. **BR/A/scep**

**Flammarion, Camille. L'INCONNU ET LES PROBLÈMES PSYCHIQUES, reviewed by Frank Podmore, *Proceedings* 15, 1901, pp. 422-32.** A French attempt to emulate the Census of Hallucinations brings 4,280 replies, of which 1,824 are affirmative. Several cases are quoted in the review. Podmore objects to the author's description of his approach as 'scientific'. **BR/A/fran/surv**

**Ellis, Robinson. THE TENTH DECLAMATION OF (PSEUDO) QUINTILIAN, reviewed by F.C.S. Schiller, *Proceedings* 25, 1911, pp. 361-2.** Reviews a classic fictional ghost story, in which a deceased young man regularly appears to his mother until his father takes steps to end the haunting. **BR/A**

**Vaschide, N. LES HALLUCINATIONS TÉLÉPATHIQUES, reviewed by Eleanor Sidgwick, *Proceedings* 26, 1912, pp. 251-5.** Attacks the Society's work on apparitions, which the author finds does not tally with his own experiments. Sidgwick argues that he is actually dealing with what the Society would call 'pseudo-hallucinations' and that no useful comparison can be made between the two. **BR/A/halluc/scep/scep-r**

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