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## **A Man With A Mission** *(FROM SAN FRANCISCO)*

**STAYING at London's Cumberland Hotel is an American Spiritualist with a strange mission.**

**Journalist, speaker and educational specialist, Michael Flagg, a 54-year-old bachelor, knew nothing of this mission until he came to England last year.**

In Spiritualist circles around the Bay area of San Francisco, where Flagg has spoken and presided at various churches, he received messages indicating that he had a special mission to perform.

But he was not to learn what that mission was until he arrived in London.

At a series of sittings in England he discovered from his loved ones and certain advanced spirits that he had been gradually prepared for the task of bringing spiritual reality into daily life.

**For this purpose he was asked to launch a Universal Spiritual Brotherhood which would unite all groups and peoples in this aim.**

It was quite a tall order.

But those who communicated permitted him to ask any question he wished, and detailed all the stages in his own life which had led up to it, until he was finally satisfied that what he had been told was true.

Michael Flagg is now back in London for a short visit. He is not in a hurry, but he is steadily preparing for the work he has been asked to do and has set his heart upon.

Psychic News last week reported that he has registered the Universal Spiritual Brotherhood here, in America, and is making arrangements to do so on

the Continent. He is also looking for people who are in sympathy with the scheme.

He has drawn up a Code for workers in the brotherhood.

Here are a few of his ideas which many will approve:

Every member has a part to play, and as all good work is noble no one shall be greater than another. He says that a good teacher is one who rejoices when his pupil outdistances himself.

### ***Nobility***

He points out that spirituality is not necessarily related to mediumship any more than it is related to other gifts such as painting, music and writing.

"Noble qualities," he says, "of which spirituality is by far the most important—are more essential in mediumship than in any other field. For it is the qualities of a medium that determine whether mediumship shall be free and unfettered, as it can and should be, or whether only a kindergarten level of communication is possible."

**"If a medium is truly spiritual, the doors may then be flung wide for revelations of truth and beauty almost beyond our imagination—even more sublime than the truth and beauty of survival.**

"To serve on a high level, mediums must be humble. They must be completely open-minded. They must put aside all personal opinions and prejudices. They must not think of personal glory

and power. They must shun jealousy and envy and bitterness.

"They must place spiritual progress above personal desires. They must not cling to orthodox views, or imitate the orthodox churches, or desire form and ceremony at a meeting.

**"We must never forget that the limitations of communications are set not by spirit, but by the instruments that are used."**

It is not surprising that Flagg should extend the same aspiring measure to speakers.

"The wish to serve is not enough. Preparation and discipline are essential.

"Athletes train for weeks, or months, for one race. Pianists, however famous, practice to preserve or improve the dexterity of their fingers.

"Too many disciples of truth think that all they have to do is step upon a platform—and leave the rest to spirit. But they forget that only when we ourselves do all we can, have we the right to seek the aid of spirit.

"Better no speaker at all than one who is poorly prepared, or speaks fluently but says nothing.

"Better no medium at all, than one whose work is so feeble and unconvincing as to create doubt in the newcomer of the truth of survival and the reality of spirit communication.

## *Outline*

"Truth suffers not only from those who twist and distort it for selfish ends, but from those who, however well-meaning, are unprepared or ill-prepared to serve."

His outline of the purpose of the new brotherhood should appeal to every Spiritualist.

**"To unfold to mankind a way of life, and a new understanding of God's will and purpose.**

**"To bring a universal awareness of oneness with God, and a realisation that love is the basis of all spiritual life..."**

**"To bring to mankind peace and tranquillity of spirit, and happiness of heart and soul.**

**"To break down the barriers that stand between one nation and another, between one people and another, and between one individual and another.**

**"To break down the barriers of creeds and dogmas.**

**"To cast aside ignorance, and set truth in its place.**

**"To form one great spiritual brotherhood of men and women throughout the world."**

In case anyone should think that this might be difficult to do, and even more difficult to live up to, Michael Flagg has a good answer for those who are sincere enough to try.

## *Patience*

He says: "It may be hard to be patient with those who are consumed with envy and jealousy, or who lie and vilify and slander.

"But if we are patient with the blind and the lame, and others who are physically afflicted, surely we should be patient with those who are spiritually afflicted—for spiritual ills are far greater than any physical ills, and have far greater consequences."

An account of other interesting and perhaps controversial points that Flagg makes in his Code For Workers is available in leaflet form.

The universal aspect is emphasised by recognition that there have been great teachers among all peoples, and in all ages. For this reason, the Brotherhood will not confine its acceptance to any one person or book or authority, "but will acknowledge truth wherever it is found."

**It is also appropriately universal in that the revelation was given in British Spiritualist circles to an American Spiritualist.**

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