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"The world was more believing a little while ago, and when it gets these truths and understands them, it will be filled with belief again, and men will be better and happier.

"The new truth is the same, only the understanding is all different. The light is always the same but the clouds are not between us and the sun.

"Love we give you always and we ask only faith in return.

"We will now begin."

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INTRODUCTION

We have been asked to give a few words of explanation as to the origin of the following "Lessons."

In the winter of 1917-18 a book called "The Seven Purposes" was published, giving an account of certain messages of a personal nature received in automatic writing, and also of a series of what purported to be spiritual revelations.

Several of Margaret Cameron's friends in Washington were very deeply interested in the book, and they resolved to try such writing for themselves. On the first day they met, they received only one or two disjointed phrases: "You will get light," the name "McRae," and "ask H," and, that last be-

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ing the nickname of a friend, she was asked to join in their experiment.

Then came the difficulty of fixing an hour that would suit every one, and two of the group, who were working at the same hospital, suggested that they should meet every day for two weeks, at a given time, and that the others should come when they could.¹ It was in this way that the undersigned began to write together, and, through the writing, received these teachings.²

We used a planchette (a small, heartshaped article made of wood, with two legs on wheels at the back and a pencil making the third leg at the front) because it seemed less liable to unconscious muscular action than a pencil held in the hand, and at first

¹We should perhaps add, for its bearing on the subject, that while one of us had no insistent personal claim in the life beyond our own, the other had lost an only son, killed in the St. Mihiel drive in September, 1918. Neither of us had ever written automatically before nor have we ever been able to write alone.

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