

Nought will harm him. See, you cannot write if Abdul Latif prevents. Again was the pencil immovable."

"And the writing has come as you wanted it?"

"Except for one moment when the control became difficult. There are many little things that I could give you about Ronald. This is one:

"He has been until a short time ago playing the small instrument on which is sweet music made. He has put upon him the yellow coat which is to keep out wind."

"Is it very cold, Abdul Latif?"

"The hour with him is late, and the wind cold. Soon the sun will sink; not quite yet, but shortly. Another small item that I have seen is that the tent in which he is has a corner loose, where the canvas is not pegged down. He has done this with purpose, therefore ask him concerning this. Madame, please now, the young boy's book."

Ronald says to this:

"This clearly refers to June 22nd, making the seeing twelve days early. On this day I left the camp at Chutong, and climbed up to the Pass, which is only about one and a half miles from the camp, through the rhododendron scrub (13,000 to 14,000 feet). The description of the scenery is also correct for this date, on the right being high snow peaks, and on the left the forest-covered mountains stretching away to the south. It was a fine sunny day. I always carried a half-chronometer with me. In the evening I put on my yellow poshteen as it got very chilly, and played the balalaika in front of the fire. My tent had a corner loose because just at that point there was a large rock which made it impossible to fix it."

11.14 a.m. June 20th, 1933.

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"I have seen Ron on a small pony riding to some place where there are flowers growing in great profusion, and also innumerable trees stretching far away in the distance. I see Ron taking everything as it comes. He is doing all sorts of odd jobs which require much time, and he is always very busy. He is alone at the moment."

"Are they at the same camp?"

"I think so, for there are no signs of any upheaval. They are working from a central place, and Ron is having a look round."

"I wonder where the pony came from?"

"There are some natives round about who are friendly. He gets on well with them; so will Billy."

"And is everything all right?"

"All their arrangements seem to be going as they should. I know that Ron is sound and fit."

There came a pause and I asked: "Is that all?"

"I have just seen something. When Ron rode——"

Another pause came, so I tentatively asked what was being seen.

"A native suddenly appeared and spoke."

"Could you tell if he was friendly?"

"He seemed to be so. I was looking and very interested in seeing that Ron was perfectly calm and took it as a matter of course. You take all these things down easily. I feel no trouble in giving them to you. Now for Billy."

Ronald says:

"This is a picture of what happened on June 15th, when I was returning from Suku. I was lent a pony by the monks of Getchi Gompa, on which I rode home—for the last two or three miles through forest. I can't remember the native talking to me, but it is very probable. At this date Ata had been our home for about three weeks. The valley is thickly wooded, and near Ata masses of wild roses were growing on the banks of the river, with rhododendrons in flower high up."

11.28 a.m. Same date.

"Billy is at present doing Orderly Officer, for I have seen him in the Guard Room and he is in uniform. When he went out it was raining and he was on a bicycle; but when he arrived the rain had stopped. Then he busied himself for a time with papers and talking to men, after which he mounted his bicycle and returned."

"And the second thing is that when he was in his own bungalow I saw him lean over the railing of the verandah and pick up something that he had dropped."

"Was this after he had returned?"

"Almost directly after. Then he proceeded to throw himself into a chair, but not until he had removed most of his clothes. He is very well, very happy."

Billy says:

"The first incident is quite correct. I have nothing to add to it."

"The second I can't remember about, but the third is correct. I was about to take my afternoon siesta, and had rid myself of all except my undergarments."

Abdul Latif came to speak to me after these pictures were given, and when he had written his name he said: "You wrote—then, of a sudden, deep thought came?"

I said: "Yes, Abdul Latif. I was wondering whether, if anything in the nature of a tragedy happened to my boys, I should know at once, and all sorts of things in connection with that came into my mind."

Abdul Latif answered: "I understand, and knew that your thoughts had travelled to far-off lands; but continue that which you have shown, that unswerving faith, for there is no need to think of ill tidings. Your boys will be kept as by angelic protection from all harm."

VI

FROM the time of Uvani's first experiment we continued having cross-communications during the ten months that remained before his own medium, Mrs. Garrett, returned from America. In all there were fourteen

tests and in every case what had been arranged through me was more or less successfully carried out.

I am now giving a selection of these experiments which were sometimes planned by Abdul Latif and Uvani together, and sometimes separately. Of these fourteen, seven were carried out through Miss Francis, five through Mrs. Cooke, one through Mrs. Barkel, and one through the Misses Moore.

These two sisters are exceedingly well-known 'direct voice' mediums. They are so greatly in demand that it is a difficult matter to secure appointments with them, and the few that I have had have been obtained for me through the British College of Psychic Science and have taken place in the mediums' own flat. Visitors' names are not mentioned, and no details of any kind are given ; although in my case even if the Misses Moore had had some previous knowledge of me, what was said to me in the way of evidence could not possibly have been known to anyone who might have passed on the information to them.

With trance mediums the control speaks through the medium's own lips, but with 'direct voice' the speech comes independently from any part of the room, sometimes clearly and distinctly, while at other times, when the power is weak, there is only a whisper.

The Misses Moore have invariably given me very evidential results. They always work together, sitting side by side, and frequently speaking at the same time as their controls. Of these, so far as my own experience of them goes, there are two. The principal one, who is Scottish like themselves, is called Andrew. He is earnest, helpful, and most painstaking.

In Chapter V I included a remark made by Abdul Latif to the effect that Ronald had been vaccinated. The following talk with him will show what led up to this. On February 3rd Uvani wrote :

"I have but come to tell you that Abdul Latif has said he will himself come and speak ; but first your lord awaits. Will you now write for him ?"

I asked : "Are you going at once, Uvani ?"

"Yes, Madame, for well I know that to-day are you like a leaf tossed by the wind, wanted by others in all directions, therefore you are not long available for inscriptions."

After my husband left me, this was written :

"I am here—Abdul Latif. Greetings. Your boy will be safe with the simple precautions such as bewaring of uncooked vegetables without preliminary washing in disinfected water ; no drinking of unboiled water ; no eating of raw fruits at night. Yet, these things being at times difficult to avoid, such precautions as inoculation are beneficial to such as are travelling ; therefore let him with caution embark on such a course. He will do well to have this inoculation performed as soon as he reaches shore, should he not already have so arranged that it be performed in transit."

I replied : "Abdul Latif, I am going to the medium through whom you work. Will you talk to me there of these matters about which you have now written ?"

"I, Abdul Latif, say this : Make the test through the instrument (that

of Lucio) through whom I speak. You shall come. I too will be there, and, knowing what I have here spoken, will acquaint you with the facts. I should be very glad if you will quickly ask that appointment be made."

I rang up the Psychic College then and there to find out when Miss Francis would be free, only to be told that she was fully booked up, and that there seemed little likelihood of fitting in another appointment for a considerable time. Soon after they telephoned to say that Miss Francis had consented to give an extra sitting.

When writing through me the next day I asked Uvani whether he, too, would come.

"No, Madame. Think not that I am ungracious, but seldom do I speak through Lucio. With Abdul Latif accustomed to dealing direct with the machine, the matter is a simple one."

Then I said : "Uvani, the day following the appointment with Lucio's medium I have one with two sisters through whom voices are able to come. Will you be there, and see if you can speak to me ?"

"About these women possessing virtue for the bringing of voices from our sphere to yours, it would interest me to perform through such agency. Your lord has given much through them. His voice was heard. Should it be possible for me to make connection you shall hear me speak. Do this that I tell you. When your lord has spoken, say unto the control : 'Is there a guide who would speak ?' and as he pauses for this purpose I will become apparent to him. It may be that Frank, your brother, will come directly after me. He will, I think, attempt this additional test."

I had the sitting with Miss Francis on the afternoon of February 8th, 1933. I give here no more than a brief extract.

Lucio spoke first, and said, with a little smile : "Do you want to see me ?"

I answered : "Why do you ask, Lucio ?"

"Because Abdul Latif has asked me not to stay long. He said it was most important that he should see you and talk to you."

Only a few more words were spoken by Lucio, for Abdul Latif quickly took control. After talking for some few minutes, wholly about Ronald, he said :

"Now about the inoculation. As a general rule I do not care for it, the putting of a strange, a foreign matter into the system. As I said to you, however, weighing everything together, Abdul Latif would wish he were done. If, however, he has not been vaccinated of recent date—with conditions as they are in the land to which he goes—let this be seen to first. If there are not three weeks, when this has been done, in which to wait for inoculation, this must be left ; but do not feel fear."

My appointment with the Misses Moore was for February 9th. The previous evening my husband wrote :

"We will be with you tomorrow, and will try and do all that has been arranged. I shall speak myself, and, if Uvani can, so will he ; also Frank."

I had by now become so used to the cross-communications being carried out as arranged through me that I was not surprised when this one, too, was successful. When Andrew had spoken for a few minutes,

my husband talked to me, and he was followed in a little while by Frank. In both these latter cases the voices came from some way above my head. What Uvani had told me would happen took place in detail, except that he did not speak directly himself; and, as this is one of Uvani's tests, I will give what concerns him more fully.

After Frank had finished talking Andrew returned, and I asked him, in Uvani's words, if there was a guide who wanted to come. He replied: "Wait a wee minute while I will just be seeing"; and then said: "Is he tall? Very big? An Oriental?" Without any more delay he went on to say that this guide did a great deal of work with me in writing through my hand.

Andrew followed this up with excellent evidence about my writing, adding the names and particulars of two other men who occasionally wrote through me at that time. The wealth of fact which was told me was quite extraordinary, and far more than I can enter into now.

In the evening this was written:

"Uvani is here. There are two matters upon which to speak. There is the test which has been made by Abdul Latif, and which you have seen carried out. You saw also this day fulfilment of yet another test. After that your lord spoke: Frank also. Then did you, asking at my request for search to be made for a guide, get confirmation of Uvani from the control; also of the others who have oft written. Much evidence was given, and again big work was done."

It was now our usual procedure to arrange for the cross-tests to be carried out whenever I went to any other medium. The next one took place on March 1st, 1933, and Uvani spoke to me on the previous day of what he intended doing.

"When you are with White Eagle I shall speak again (also your lord) of many things. Abdul Latif shall be spoken of."

"Will he come himself, Uvani?"

"No, I doubt the coming of Abdul Latif; yet in a manner there is possibility. Should it not materialize we will, through White Eagle, acquaint you of his work."

White Eagle took control as soon as his medium was in trance, and after talking to me for some time, said: "Uvani is here this afternoon." I had not at any time told White Eagle anything about Uvani, and I waited, thinking that he would continue to give me information about him. Suddenly I found the control had changed, and that it was Uvani himself who was speaking. He said this:

"I greet you, Madame. Your lord and master is here with us. I promised him I would come, just to reassure you that I am still working with you, and taking care of you and the young masters." (Then followed some remarkably good evidence of a private nature.) "I have specially attached myself to you, because of my respect and love. We work together, and I am well pleased. The blessings of Allah be on you. Good day, Madame."

Mrs. Cooke had another control, an eager impetuous little girl called Lalla, who, when I first went to this medium, was every now and then allowed by White Eagle to come and talk to me for a little while. She

always gave me very good evidence. After Uvani had gone there was silence for a minute or two, and then a childish voice said:

"Lalla has come for the Arab man. Uvani says he was not on his own ground just now and could not say everything. He says: 'I promised Madame I would do my best, and am very pleased my brother White Eagle permitted the contact and lent his aid.'"

"White Hawk sends his greetings, and another also. He is a man of the East. He comes to you for the writing, a writing guide. A wise man, and Lalla only sees his form in white robes. He looks as though he were dressed like Uvani. He is attached to you. He has got a rather complicated name."

Lalla hesitated, and she was evidently trying hard to make out what this name was, for after a while she said slowly:

"Uvani is showing me an L and now an A and an F and another A and a T and an L . . ."

She continued in this way until she had mentioned all the letters comprising Abdul Latif's name.

When Lalla finally stopped talking, White Eagle returned, saying quietly: "Uvani came very close, and I withdrew. It was all arranged between White Eagle and Uvani."

When White Eagle had finished speaking, there came a hushed silence. My husband then came, and the test was complete.

Writing through me afterwards, Uvani gave his version of what had been done.

"It is for the second time within a few hours that I speak. When White Eagle spoke my name, announcing my coming, he stood aside, and with great courtesy motioned that I should myself control. Madame, it was as I wished; yet, the instrument being strange to my touch, I could not say all I would have wished. If the matter was faltering, the way of expression blunt, you will pardon Uvani. In my heart was there love and a great wish to fulfil my promise that there should be a clear test made."

"White Eagle now has great knowledge of your work. He sees very clearly, but not so clearly into your heart as does Uvani—which is but natural, he being in such close touch with you and with your lord. Abdul Latif, on hearing that I desired to make test, said: 'I, too, shall be present. It is good that there should be no doubt in the heart of Madame that we are those who work in conjunction with her.' Therefore did he come, leaving it to me to make what was in confusion straight. The child who did control was enabled through my method of doing this to give you his name. Will you, of your courtesy, allow Abdul Latif to say one small word?"

"Madame—Abdul Latif. Greetings. Well, we did in coming make a fine test yesterday, and, as is ever the case, I am well pleased to have added my small share."

Uvani had now spoken through White Eagle's medium, Grace Cooke. A few weeks later he told me that if it could possibly be managed he would try and speak to me directly through Miss Francis, and I arranged an appointment for April 11th. Abdul Latif took a considerable amount of interest in this, and, shortly before I went to my sitting, both he and Uvani told me of their plans. Abdul Latif came first, saying:

"We desire a complete test, therefore shall we arrange accordingly that all shall be done in order. Lucio first, stating he cannot remain ; Uvani for a short time with the direct control, and lastly I, Abdul Latif, who will speak at length."

I said : "Abdul Latif, is there anything you want me to do ?"

"Nought, save the careful noting of that which transpires. This is for a test. We meet later. Then speaking with the voice of the instrument, do I talk again."

Abdul Latif had started to write at 11.35 a.m., and immediately he stopped Uvani took his place.

"You have seen that Abdul Latif has himself arranged what shall be done ; therefore, Madame, if you bear in mind your desire that Uvani takes direct control, please do not for long talk to Lucio, for interest so aroused would perchance occasion delay. Do not ask that I may myself talk ; wait rather, seeing what befalls."

I asked : "Uvani, how much do you see ahead of what is going to happen ?"

"It differs, Madame. At times do I have clear vision. I see, and know I see aright. Again, where trifles are concerned—big things also—I have little knowledge. It has no settled fact, simply altering in so many ways ; that which I know beforehand being at one time very slight, yet, at another, certain. Concerning work done by other controls, I can answer for some, but with others I am less sure. Thus with Lucio. We work on different vibrations."

Uvani answered another question, which was : "Will it be difficult for you to show yourself the same Uvani ?"

"It will be difficult to get the inflections, the tone to which you are so well accustomed. The words I shall say shall be the proof."

I think it goes without saying that, as I never talked to anyone about these matters, no one knew for what purpose I was having this sitting. I waited for the medium to go into trance, taking it for granted that Lucio would come first. I heard the words, "Salutations, Madame," and for a second I wondered if it were Lucio coming without his customary benediction, or Abdul Latif altering his usual greeting.

Then I realized it was Uvani saying : "I am more than pleased to have the opportunity of showing in this manner that Uvani still is—that he comes to you." He then told me he could stay for a short time only ; that it had been intended that he should come after Lucio, but that the latter had asked him to take control first ; that being unaccustomed to Lucio's 'vehicle', he could not say all he desired ; but that he did wish to emphasize the fact that he worked with me. "It is Uvani : my soul with your soul that speaks."

I said : "Will you come again in this way, Uvani ?"

"Madame, it will be an honour for me to come. I will ask Lucio. Abdul Latif told me he specially wants to speak. All my salutations upon you."

And then Uvani slipped away, and soon after came the change of control ; but it was not Abdul Latif. It was Lucio, his first words after the benediction being : "You see, I have come. I told Uvani to go first,

knowing it would surprise you and give you joy. He told me he worked through you. Abdul Latif had asked me to let him come."

Lucio stayed a long time talking most interestingly on many subjects, and then, to my dismay, a knock came on the door, signifying that it was time for the sitting to come to an end. It is seldom that Lucio allows the time to be extended. On this occasion, however, he simply remarked that he had remained too long, but that Abdul Latif was coming, nevertheless. He went, and at once Abdul Latif was there in his place, perfectly calm and unhurried. Before he left he told me many details about my husband, the boys and myself, a great deal of what he talked about being in connection with what he had written through me ; so that he could, as he said, verify what he had told me already.

As usual, what had happened was discussed with me later, and the following morning this was written by Uvani :

"With regard to the order of the coming did Lucio say : 'Will you, Uvani, go first that Madame may have complete pleasure ?' Thus did I assume control prior to Lucio. You quickly knew Uvani was with you ; you realized that the same personality such as you know so well was there, a different side portrayed, perchance, but without doubt Uvani ?" The writing stopped for a minute until I replied, and then it went on : "I feel one more clear sounding note has been struck, that we continue to progress, ever causing the distance between these planes to decrease."

Abdul Latif, too, had something to say :

"I am here just to remark on our work yesterday. You are well pleased ? That is good ! We managed what we had hoped to do, save that, to give you a glad surprise, Lucio said Uvani should take the first control. He told you he had but little time to remain, yet during that short space he gave you much information. I was unable to talk at length, for, Lucio coming next, time fled ere his speech was finished. It did not matter, for I came, the test complete, and in a short space of time did I tell you that which I wished to say. All goes well with your boys. Rest happily."

I had arranged a further sitting with Miss Francis for May 22nd, 1933, and Uvani came that morning to write. He began by saying he was very anxious to speak, and then told me he would be permitted to speak direct."

I told him I was very glad, and he answered : "I too. You are so closely merged into our vibrations that we are able to hold real speech, and I rejoice greatly to be able to help in these ways."

I said : "No one knows that you speak to me directly through these mediums."

"In all ways since you and your lord have known bodily separation has extreme reticence attended all that has been done. There are none who have known the facts concerning you, and the evidence that has been accumulated is without flaw."

As I waited that same afternoon for Miss Francis to go into trance, Uvani wrote that he was coming first, and would be followed by Abdul Latif. The next instant he was speaking to me through the medium, but almost his first words were that Lucio would come next. As it happened neither came, for Uvani himself stayed the whole time. He found the

medium easy to control, and spoke at length of all he was doing and of what had already been talked over between us. One characteristic touch was shown when raps came at the door, for he took no more notice of them than he would have done if this had happened during his control of Mrs. Garrett. I said : "By that alone I should know you, Uvani" ; to which he replied indifferently : "I care not for raps."

The next morning, when Uvani discussed in writing what he had done, or tried to do, he said :

"We spoke much yesterday through the medium whom Lucio with much kindness put at our disposal. He said later : 'When next you talk to your lady, remember do not usurp the entire time' ; but as he said it he smiled, for he knew well how much Uvani desired to speak. Will you now let Abdul Latif come ? He, too, spoke ruefully to Uvani yesterday, saying : 'Happy is he who gets the first word, for it can also be the last !' "

VII

My interest was very great in the cross-tests arranged by Abdul Latif and Uvani through other mediums, but it was those they had promised to give through Mrs. Garrett that I especially wanted. Abdul Latif had only once spoken to me through her, and that had been three years before the time of her return from America ; while Uvani, after relinquishing his control of her, where I was concerned, in the spring of 1932, had rarely spoken to me during my appointments with her. I was naturally anxious to see what would happen, for, as both Abdul Latif and Uvani are particularly identified with Mrs. Garrett, it was important that I should have acknowledgment through her of the fact that they controlled me also. Mrs. Garrett had been absent from England for twenty months, and knew nothing whatever about their association with me during her absence. On her return in the second week of June, 1933, they arranged with me that they would give me full proof through her of all that they had been doing. Abdul Latif briefly stated his intentions, and Uvani spoke to me about it at greater length.

"The time draws near when my instrument will be on these shores, and we will through her hold much converse, for we have many things about which we will speak. When she is available, then will I acquaint you of much that we have done, and which to all others in your earth sphere is unknown, save only to yourself, for even from your boys is much veiled.

"I do know—from my heart I know—you believe that I, the same Uvani, am with you ; but we will make these tests for they are valuable. When my instrument reaches these shores she will communicate with you, giving you an early date. Then will you go, and she will quickly enter into trance so that there shall be little wasted time. This I can manage. When she is entranced, first will your lord speak. This is what will gladden both your hearts.

"And then I, Uvani, will come, for I greatly desire all that I have done through other sources to be given there ; for you know I have done all that is in my power to show that through you has come no split personality of Uvani, but all that makes up his complete individuality. And thus shall you hear once more the work that I have done, and that I desire to do."

I had my first sitting of this series with Mrs. Garrett on June 19th, a wonderful one at which neither Uvani nor Abdul Latif controlled.

The reason was explained to me later in writing :

"Madame, Uvani is here, and, if you so permit, will write. I was unable when you were with my instrument to talk to you to-day. I did intend the coming, but time is now limited, and seeing that your lord would be made rushed, I said : 'Not for this time shall Uvani speak, for where would benefit prevail ?' Therefore I stood on one side, and, though not listening, watched to see his work. At first was the instrument stiff to his touch ; then I saw little by little did it respond unto his firm control and all those salient matters appertaining to your boys and to your mediumship come gradually to his lips. You saw he was able to give readily all that has been and is being done, and nought that mattered to you was left untold.

"Now I would not intrude, yet I too will speak, and you have arranged speedy appointment when I shall, before your lord speaks, take control. Through the lips of my entranced instrument shall I talk to my 'other'—and arrange much."

Three days later, on June 22nd, I had another sitting with Mrs. Garrett, and Uvani wrote through me before I went to it :

"You will come, as we have said, to the instrument—and to-day I shall assuredly speak."

I replied : "I wonder if you will appear once again as the very formal Uvani ?"

"Not always with you was I aloof through the instrument. Sometimes you caught the tender side."

I said to this : "Yes, I remember, and how much it impressed me ; but for a long time you gave wonderful evidence without showing yourself as you are."

"I was occupied only with the desire, the great desire, to serve your lord and you, but always had I insight——"

Uvani stopped writing, and I asked : "Into our two selves ?"

"Yes. And great understanding, for well did I know all that you and he were enduring."

Again the writing stopped, and, after a moment, Uvani said :

"I did not intend to go further, Madame."

I had been realizing to the full my utter inability to make the pencil move, and I replied : "You are controlling me very firmly."

"We must of necessity, for it is imperative you should respond to the faintest touch."

"By touch, you mean : as you control my mind, so must my hand respond ?"

Uvani answered : "Yes. And in addition you are feeling vividly the presence of us who control. There is no slightest doubt ?"