

ing and some one suggested that Raymond might like to hear the music. The table was pulled out and as it began to rock, it was asked "Was it Raymond? It answered, "yes." The table began to edge itself towards the piano. It was pushed back, but persisted in returning. It then began to thump Miss Barbara Lodge who was playing, on the back, keeping time with the music. It then moved along the floor to a corner where it could lodge one foot on the skirting board, about six inches from the ground and on which it placed one leg and raised the other three in the air. This it did many times seeming to be delighted with the trick. Finally it raised itself down on the floor and tried to raise itself up: Mr. Lionel Lodge's hand being under the table was very uncomfortable, so they asked if they might put the table up and it said "yes."

On another occasion the table seemed to show affection for Lady Lodge and tried to get on her lap. At other times, the table got rather rampagous and had to be quieted down. Raymond, we are told, volunteered the

explanation through the mediums in London, that he could not always control it and that there was a certain amount of skylarking on his side, which he could not prevent. This description may be read on pages 217 and 223 of "Raymond" written by Sir Oliver Lodge, not as a funny story but as evidence of spirit communication.

Ask yourselves, if you had recently lost some dear one, would it comfort you to have your table conducting itself in this fashion? Automatic writing is another phenomenon which may be the result of self-deception.

"Most people can write automatically. You do not need a planchette. All you have to do is to place a pencil in your hand on a sheet of paper. Read or talk or try to think of nothing. Soon there will be a nervous tremour of the fingers. A feeling of numbness and coldness may pass over the hands and up the arm. Your fingers will move and will write, first probably a mere illegible scribble, but later, if you persevere, words and sentences and "messages."

Next Sunday we will consider the nature of the evidence received.