

RINN OFFER "RUBBISH," SAYS SIR OLIVER LODGE

Challenge to Dr. Hyslop for Proof of Messages from Dead Also Flouted.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 28.—“Only rubbish,” commented Sir Oliver Lodge today when told of the challenge of Joseph F. Rinn, a New Yorker, who offered to give \$5,000 to the Society of Physical Research for tangible evidence that communication can be had with the spirit world.

“You cannot get things by simply offering money,” said Sir Oliver. “Why I would not pay any attention to it if \$20,000 was offered. I am not seeking a controversy with any one.”

“Mr. Rinn offers an additional \$5,000 if you will find a medium to tell what is contained in a letter in his safe that was received from Dr. Richard Hodgson seven hours before the latter's death,” he was told.

“All rubbish, and, as I said before, I will have none of it,” was his reply.

Hyslop Spurns Rinn Offer.

Dr. James F. Hyslop of the Society of Psychical Research said yesterday that he took no interest in the offer of Joseph F. Rinn, a former member of the society, to forfeit \$5,000 if either Sir Oliver Lodge or Dr. Hyslop would furnish incontrovertible proof of a supernal manifestation.

“Mr. Rinn has been talking that way for years,” the psychist said, “and I can see no use in a controversy with that type of mind. It would not be unnatural if an experiment failed to work under the sorts of conditions he proposes. I do not see where his proposals are worthy of attention.”

Sir Oliver Lodge left yesterday to lecture in other cities. He will return soon.

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