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*Those readers who read Tom Ruffles's article 'Forty Years of the SPR's Magazines' in MSPR4 will have been reminded of how Dr Ruickbie dramatically transformed the visual appearance and style of the Magazine when he took over the editorship in 2014. Since then we have had the privilege of following the further development of Leo's skills as a writer, photographer and researcher, which gave us a magazine that now has the appeal of any high-quality high-street magazine. In 2021, these abilities culminated in Leo gaining the third prize in the prestigious Bigelow essay contest. The quality of his work and skills impressed Robert Bigelow to the degree of making an offer to Leo that he literally could not refuse: a full-time job in the newly founded Bigelow Institute for Consciousness Studies, which, sadly for us, means that Leo will now be leaving his position as editor of the Magazine. I am sure you will all join me in thanking him and congratulating him on this appointment. We wish him well in his further personal development.*

*Prof. Adrian Parker*

*President of the Society for Psychical Research*



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Margery Crandon and Dr Mark  
Richardson using the 'Voice Cut  
Out Machine', 10 May 1925.*

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