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MEMBERS' SUPPLEMENT

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The December issue of the "MEMBERS' SUP-PLEMENT" has been, in general, "well received" and in certain quarters even enthusiastically. The Editor would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those Members and Friends who, in the most kindly manner, have written to him expressing their satisfaction. This also refers to the very encouraging testimonials received with regard to the changes effected in "The Seeker Magazine", and the creation of "The Harmony Frayer Circles News",

To venture upon reforms at the present uneasy epoch, with all its risks and hazards. which include shortage of staff and the absence of the necessary funds, would certainly prove a hopeless undertaking, unless we were not fully aware of their urgency and did not feel definite spiritual guidance. Still hand in hand with the latter, the utmost cooperation of those connected with The Seekers is (Concluded on page 4)

The SPIRIT of BYDR.LAS

Two thousand years ago a body of men and a few women received the greatest of all revelations, and out of their despair a wave of enthusiasm entered into their souls.

It was the women to whom it came and who. first gave this wonderful news. The men would have said that which is so easily said by men all over the world torday: "Of course, it can't be true. I don't believe it!" or "Let us see for ourselves". Then into the midst of those men came the resurrected Christ. It was soon noised abroad in the streets of the City that this had happened, and the twelve followers of Christ increased their number to about two hundred. These first Christians followed the Christ until He ascended into Heaven. He had gone from them, but He left them with a great love and a great hope. They had seen the dead alive, they knew by actual proof that their Leader - their Master - was still living. He also told them that He was going to prepare a place for them.

Scon after the Resurrection these two hundred gathered together in a room, and strange things happened They spoke in for-eign tongues; they prophecied; they confessed their sins. Tongues of flame were seen above their heads, and then they became different. The Eible says the Holy Ghost descended upon them. They joyfully stepped out of that room filled with a new spirit of Adventure, a spirit which urged them to go out into the highways and byways, and tell their fellows the wonderful news. They had taken the first step along the road to the Kingdom of Heaven they were Seekers who had found something something in their souls that urged them forward into still greater knowledge of His Kingdom.

RESURRECTION. CELLES.

Three years of walking with Christ, listening to Him speaking, seeing the miracles of healing that He had performed - had made little alteration in their difficult natures. One day with the Risen Christ completely changed them. We, who are Seckers and are Members of this body of men and women, have all similar faults to those which are recorded in the Bible as being the faults of the disciples. We all need a Revelation. We have seen or read about the miracles of healing which are being performed to-day, and have read or heard about the teaching given by a Spirit who has been dead but yet is still alive. Why not change our attitude towards life? Why not by our example draw many others to be Seckers with us? To whom have you told the good news that people are healed through Prayer and the laying on of hands - that they are strengthened and uplifted by Prayer and that they are protected against the horrors of the war by Prayer? It is Prayer under special conditions, a thought-out system of Prayer, a combination of love and service between the earth and Heaven, the dwellers of each place taking their part.

Maybe some people are afraid of their neighbours thinking them prigs, as talk of religion is still hardly looked upon as being respectable. Others may be shy and diffident, afraid of what reception they may receive. Peter denied his Lord, not because he was afraid, but because he was ashamed of Him.

To-day we face earth's greatest crisis, and you who are Members of The Seekers, because of the knowledge which you possess, should make every effort to bring to your neighbours the good news that Prayers are answered. What greater service can you do that that unto those that you love! (Concluded from page 1.) indispensable, in order to carry on throughout these momentous times. We can succeed only, and succeed we shall, if all our Members, Friends, H.P.C.Members and everybody who has benefitted by, or who has a warm corner in his heart for, the work of The Seekers will do their best to support our efforts and spread our Message at every opportunity.

It is impossible to describe in a few lines the pressure under which every member of the scanty group at Headquarters is toiling to keep the work going. Our flag was prominently flying during the darkest hours of the Blitz, when those of many other Societies were either at half-mast or completely furled. The fortnightly public addresses at Queens Gate continued without interruption. in spite of reduced audiences; so did the addresses at Addington Place. The direct healing - both individual and at clinics, and the visiting of patients - was steadily maintained. The Harmony Prayer Circles (about 80 weekly) carried on regularly. The heavy correspondence with thousands of Members of the H.P.C. was always kept up-to-date. The estate, farm, garden etc. were being intensively developed. The Magazine continued (though certain issues were belated due to the damage sustained by our printers through enemy ac-tion). Last, but not least, Mr. Simpson managed to pay a few visits to Liverpool. Birmingham. Chatham etc.

We appeal to all readers of these lines for moral and material support, leaving to their own discretion the choice of the proper ways and means of achieving this. We suggest, that everybody can help either by spreading our Message (as suggested in the article of Dr. Lascelles, p.2), in winning new Members, enlisting new subscribers for the Magazine, or forwarding to us names and addresses of people who may be helped by, or interested in, our work, and to whom free literature should be sent (with or without mentioning the name of the giver of the address.) Also, of course, every kind of financial assistance is always welcomed.

POWER ANGLES

AN ADDRESS BY DOCTOR 'LASCELLES' (Concluded)

The magnet only sends its lines of force out into the ether for a given distance according to its power; but you send your lines of force out into the ether, and they are never lost - they go on.

I do not know whether it has ever occurred to you that, judging by the light-years (you have heard that expression) that a star is away from the earth, that if a candle were blown cut and you were living in that star, and you had a powerful enough telescope to denote the light of that candle. it would still appear burning for the thousand of years that it is away from this world; and if you could get still further away, for still more thousand of years; so the time would grow and grow and grow. So really, the light of that candle never goes out; and you who send out these forces into the world, are sending out forces that go on round and round. If they are the forces of evil, the circle of those forces or the circumference of those forces gradually gets smaller and smaller and smaller, until they reach one focal point: but the forces of good, in concentric rings, get bigger and bigger and bigger, until they reach the seventh heaven, and there they are turned back to the earth, in forms of prayer or in angelic ministry, or for such such good purpose. But you see you cannot add, you cannot make a force, for nothing is created. You can only use these forces, you can change them - granted - you can use them for different purposes, but you cannot create them. They always have been and they always will be; for if there is no end, how can there be a beginning?

So how is it important in these days? It

is important, and I am going to try and illustrate to you how very important it is. Let us define what I mean by the forces of evil and the forces of good. Sometimes it is said: "Well, of course, that was justifiable anger". My answer is that no anger is justifiable, it cannot be, because anger is a negative force. it is evil. There is no justice in hate or jealousy, there is no justice in war, there is no justice in killing. It does not matter how you try to adjust it to your minds, it is still evil. Sometimes it is an evil that has been added by mankind to such an extent. that there is only one way in which it can be crushed, and that way is war; but it does not justify war. So when war rages, the forces of evil are also raging. The whole world's surface is tingling with that power of evil. It is so disturbed by those forces of evil that I prophecy that the earth's crust will crack in many places, and earthquakes will follow this disturbance. These forces of evil are so powerful that out of the evil of hate, destruction, and pestilence, new forms of disease will be formed through which the people will suffer. And you, as individuals, are little magnets, holding the negative force of evil and the positive force of good. You can give more evil cr more good to the world. It may be the widow's mite, but the good in you is as important as the widow's mite was to the temple, and the world is God's temple. So you must watch in these days that you take from these forces the forces that are good: for the forces that are good are against the forces of evil, and with every good force that is in humankind, so there is one less force for those that are evil to use.

Now, what are the forces of good? You can look to Christ, He has given examples of them all - in parable, in example, Christ taught the world all the good that is in it. I cannot add to that, it is this Christ power that is the power of love, which is the power of good. It is the other angle, it is the other end of the pole. It is not negative, it is constructive 6

and positive; and like small wireless generators you can send out the powers that are in you to cure the wounds of the world, to give the world more peace, to shake the evil purpose of the Mazi horror. I am going to give you an instance - the power of prayer looking up towards Christ, with the thoughts of the power of His love affecting one certain man. He was definitely evil, he had a spark of goodness, but his vanity and his love of power so dimmed that spark that the sharp eves of an archangel could hardly see it. Well now, I suppose that in the world's judgment there was only one thing to do with that man, and that was to wipe him out. But in a little chapel at Addington Park, his photograph was put up over the altar of Christ, and he was prayed for and linked for. The power of good that was in those people that prayed -and mind you I say this, it was determined by the goodness that was in their own hearts through that prayer - was directed on to that particular man. There was one very evil thing that he was going to do and he, while those prayers were being said, paced the room in indecision. Day by day, he was prayed for, and one day the fight between the evil that was in him and that one spark of good rent his soul till he threw himself down screaming.

How like the Biblical story of the man that was rent when the obsessing evil was cast out of him! But that particularly evil thing that he was going to do was not done. If only he could have had the power from a few hundred groups that would sent out those forces of good at that given time, surely things would have been very different now!

So if you walk the world in love, in peace (and vou can be at peace in war) and with courage - a courage that is built up by faith - you are giving God's army the forces that they need to overcome evil. I am going to make a statement now which I think must reach your very hearts. I have no doubts that the German people are the tools of a prince of evil, using the forces of evil to try and destroy the good that is in the world. I firmly believe that. Maybe those forces will destroy some of the evil that is in the world - I think they will - but what I do say is taht: that depression, fear, distrust, jealousy, vanity, hate - each add many more forces to help those Germans who are trying to destrow the good in the world. They can use your jealousv and your hate and your evil to carry on their destruction.

This world, passing throu h this present phase that it is, will emerge from it wounded and yet unafraid: it will take the good that you have given to it to built a new world, and at the dawn of that day, the one prayer that has been said for over two thousand years will be answered. The good that is in the people of the earth will so change the world that it becomes His Kingdom of Heaven, and His will will be done on the earth as it is in Heaven.

The responsibility for the condition of the world to-da lies in the predominance of evil that has been built up in the past. Hitler and his Nazi hordes are not the first cause; they are a result. They were not just quickly formed by the devil to do his own purpose, but they have been built up by these forces of evil during the past ages. And you can go away from this room to-day with this one thought in your mind - in the face of it all - that evil through God's mercy will be burnt up, not destroved but changed into good: that the world may be a sweeter place for the generations that are to come.

So it behoves you to do your part now as good workmen for God, to built His Kingdom of Heaven.

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MAKING OF AMAGAZINE

In connection with the transformation of "The Seeker Magazine" since its Anniversary issue (July-September 1940), certain Members and Friends were anxious for a better understanding of the changes effected. The following summary, written in response to this wish, will certainly prove to be of interest and helpful. The Editor will be pleased to answer any other questions, which may arise, and will be grateful for both suggestions and criticism.-

GENERAL. SPACE.

Following an obvious principle, every periodical generally strives to make the most of its available space and give as much reading matter as possible. If not, it will by diminished or have to reduce the number of its pages.

This principle had certainly to be applied to our Magazine, which is only issued quarterly and has no more than 32 pages; and particularly in war-time, with the paper shortage. Thus every available space was made use of in the most rational manner. The advertisements were transfered to the cover, as also the time-table of the H.P.C., the latter having previously occupied two pages. Besides, for certain features (H.P.C.Reports, Book Reviews, Letter Box) a smaller type was introduced, thus indirectly enlarging the available space. As a result, the reading material in the last issues of the Magazine is 50 per cent greater than previously.

An Unsuccessful Attempt.

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We proposed to provide some standing features with artistic headings, but had to give this idea up at the last moment because of lack of space. To Miss M., who kindly prepared the drawings, we wish to expresse our apologies and gratitude.

COVER. SUB-TITLES and CONTENTS.

There are periodicals, the titles of which are solf-explanatory, such as "Astrology", "Gardening", "Psychic Science" etc., but even they usually bear on the cover a kind of sub-title, defining more precisely their scope and contents. The title of our Magazine, "The Seeker Magazine", is too universal to be understood in its proper meaning which could have been mistaken for purely religious, political, spiritual, philanthropical, stc. publication. In order to convey to every onlooker the proper characteristics of the Magazine, the known sub-title was introduced, together with the chief contents of every issue.

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Pattern of the Cover. It is a largely prevalent principle, that the cover (both of periodicals and books) ought to be well-balanced; but this does not imply that it should be completely lifeless. In fact, the cover should reflect the essence of the Magazine, as a suit reflects the personality of its wearer. Thus, the artistic conception of the pattern corresponds both to the character of "Ine Seeker Magazine" itself, and to its title: a quiet but steady movement forward, still unsatisfied with the present, tending towards the future. And above all the motto reflecting the spirit in which the whole work is carried out: "Seek, and ye shall find".

<u>Symbol</u>. There will be a series of articles in the Magazine dealing with the Symbol. It will suffice to say here, that it is not a pure and simple set of geometric figures, but a living spiritual reality. And it will be shewn that it is a primordial sign of esoteric Christianity. With the introduction of this Symbol into our work we will emphasise the basis of it - esoteric Christianity.

In short, the Symbol may be described as that of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, corresponding to the figures of the Circle, the Cross, and the Triangle. The transcendental meaning of the latter - Infinity, Sacrifice and Harmony, may be expressed in the human plan as Wisdom, Love and Service. In fact, these words, joined to the Symbol, shall represent a banner under which our work will continue in the future.

ENTITLING ARTICLES.

The general tendency in entitling articles in Magazines is at present a definite striving towards uniformity. Every title, thatever the contents of the article may be, is set in the type, characteristic of the Paper. This tendency we cannot follow, since it is both unnatural and inartistic. Every human creation must snow a certain harmony between its form and contents, and it would be ideal to use for every individual article both different kind of the type, and paper. This, for obvious reasons, is not practicable, and the only possible distinction is the difference in the characters of the titles. Thus, a thoughtful reador, when beginning with an article of Dr.Lascelles, will be introduced by the characters of the title into quite another atmosphere, that when beginning with, i.e. Book-Review, etc.

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Poems are the flowers of a Magazine, but they must be of the right kind and sown in the right places, so as to harmonize with the whole literary garden. Besides, they should not be only the expression of the author's emotions, however lofty and elevating they may be, but should fit into the general scheme of the paper. We endeavour to create a genre of poetry, giving artistic satisfaction to the reader, and also food for thought or for meditation in the case of more advanced students. An attentive reader could have noticed that the poem "Ploughman" (in the October-December issue of the Magazine) did not quite casually follow the "Awakening of the Earth", out was in accord with the latter .- That the two couplets of "The Ploughman" are under two beams of the Cross, while the three couplets of the "Light in our Darkness" (January-March issue) are under a symbol of Trinity will not escape the attention of a student, feeling the spirit of Esoterism, - etc.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

In the last issue of the Members' Supplement we mentioned, that the transformation of our Magazine into a monthly one will be our chief endeavour. Indeed, as it is now, whatever its contents and appearance, "The Seeker Magazine" is far from being a satisfactory instrument for our Messige. Indeed, can such a whisper be even heard in the raging storm of life?

For the further development of the Magazine we need finance, and the majority of existing Publications draw an important part of their finances from advertisements. Still here is the vicious circle: the advertisers gravitate towards Papers with large circulations, and the large circulations are only achieved with the help of advertisements. Besides, we must be very scrupulous in accepting advertisements, and have to refuse those, which do not harmonize with the general policy of our Magazine and with our ideals. Consequently in this respect the situation is at present rather difficult and confused. We therefore appeal to our Members and Friends to try and interest prospective advertisers in our Publications; on the other hand, to patronise generously the advertisers, which will appear in future in the pages of "The Seeker Magazine". -

SALISBURY CLNTRE.

We hear from the Salisbury Centre that they have graded Dr. Lascelles's addresses into three groups:

1. Addresses suitable for those who have only just contacted the work.

2. Addresses suitable for more advanced students.

3. Addresses suitable for those who have studied Dr. Lascelles's teachings for some time, and are ready for deeper issues.

They also keep copies of Addresses which are of special interest to H.P.C. sitters.

A charge of id. is made for the loan of each copy to those who whish to read them.

We think this a good plan, and we can supply copies of old Addresses for this purpose at a reduced price.

Some Recent Addresses of Dr. Lascelles:
Jan. 1st. "A Light for the Angels".
"" 15th. "Helping the Angels."
"" 25th. "Emotions and their Colours."
Febr.12th. "Are Gods Laws Practical?"
"" 15th. "The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth."
"" 26th. "Forging a Link with the Spiritual
World."
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