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Peters and Science

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Peters is still alive! It is with pain that I make this announcement, but I feel that the truth should be known, regardless of personal suffering. The last chronicle of the appalling doings of Peters appeared in THE MESSENGER over five years ago. I had hoped then that the Section was forever rid of his impossible presence. Alas for human hope! I now know that Peters did not leave us. As a thought-form embodying in his gorgeous personality all the little failings of our members, Peters is more flourishing than ever. He has even grown stout. This is ominous. The health of the Section, curiously enough, is indicated in inverse ratio by the stoutness of Peters. When he is thin and frail the Section is healthy; but when he puts on weight, something is wrong with the members. This sounds occult. It isn't. It's the truth. [The chronicles of Peters have appeared in THE MESSENGER as follows. "Peters and Money," June, 1916; "Peters and Psychism", September, 1916; "Peters and Writing", February, 1917; "Peters and Propaganda", October, 1917.—Editor.]

I HAD NOT VISITED the city of ——* for several years, but recently while engaged in other affairs, I arrived unheralded and rode in a taxi to the hotel. Imagine my delight when I noticed not only a number of excellent window cards, but also a lettered banner stretched across a street and a large sign over the entrance to a hall, all announcing a theosophical lecture on "The Marvels of Science," by T. Fizzle Peters, the Eminent Lecturer. Mentally I applauded the efficiency of the lodge which put out the advertising. It was a good job, well done, quite untheosophical in its thoroughness. "But who is the speaker?" I thought to myself. "Never heard of him before. Rogers must have found some new man of ability. Perhaps he is an international lecturer."

So, filled with bright hope, I cancelled that evening an important engagement, cut short a pleasant dinner party, and hurried to the hall—a trifle late, but still in time to hear the latter part of the address. The speaker's voice seemed oddly familiar as I took my seat, but for the moment, while I hunted for a place to park my hat and overcoat, I did not pay much attention to what he was saying. Then I looked up. It was Peters!

Excruciating Peters! The very thought-form I had brought into existence years before. Not a poor, thread-bare Peters, but a prosperous, glittering Peters, garbed in a dress-suit, and surrounded by an aura of profound importance. To think of blundering, fizzling, superficial, wearisome Peters lecturing to a large audience. I was

* For obvious reasons I do not care to mention the name of this City. You may find it, if desired, on almost any page of the Official Directory of the Section.

stunned. Indeed, if a deeply agitated old lady next me had not inadvertently punched me in the side, I should probably have lost consciousness. Peters lecturing! Peters leading people into the valley of error over the dark and winding trail of his exalted imagination. It was too much. I slumped down miserably in my seat and thought regretfully of the abandoned dinner party.

Slowly my brain commenced to function. I tried to follow the meaning of Peters' lecture. The old lady next me was by this time weeping soulfully, and at intervals I heard her choking voice: "Marvelous! Wonderful! What a brilliant mind!" Her profound emotion struck me oddly. "Is it possible," I questioned myself, "that Peters really is a brilliant speaker? Have I been blinded by prejudice?" I settled myself to listen.

"Science has discovered," Peters was saying, "that each atom is a solar system in miniature, composed of a central body like a sun and surrounded by circling planets. The latest discoveries prove beyond doubt," he made an emphatic gesture, "that these atomic planets are inhabited. Think of it," he thrilled, his voice soaring on the wings of unfettered fancy, "this glass of water which I hold in my hand is a universe to countless billions of infinitesimal intelligences, who regard the electrons on which they live as mighty planets and the distant atomic suns as shining stars strewn in the depths of ilimitable space. Yet here am I, merely a human being built on a larger scale, holding their universe in the hollow of my hand. To Divinity there is neither great nor small."

Peters paused dramatically. It was a dramatic moment. He had spoken with marvelous power and with the skill of a trained orator. I could not have done better myself. Tears sprang to my eyes. Dear old Peters! I had been so unjust to him. Even the old lady rose to the occasion. She clasped me to her bosom crying: "Isn't he wonderful!" We mingled our tears together.

But Peters again was speaking.

"It is conceivable," he began; "it is probable," he continued, "that in turn the uni-

verse in which *we* find ourselves is only a cluster of atoms in some object in a super-universe. Why, it may be that at this very moment our sun and all the starry hosts of heaven are but a portion of a glass of water held in the hand of some Titanical Peters, who is engaged in lecturing to an inconceivable humanity—a humanity so vast that to them our universe is but a swallow of water with which the lecturer moistens his throat. *Vale* stars, planets, humanities!" and with these ringing words Peters tilted the glass and took a drink of water. The effect was electric. Every person present saw Peters drinking down whole constellations, absorbing battalions of suns, smacking his lips over millions of peopled planets. He was immense! Superb! I thrilled with admiration. The audience went wild with delight. It gasped, applauded, sprang to its feet in thunderous acclamation. The old lady was reduced to incoherencies. But still she murmured: "Isn't he wonderful!"

Peters bowed, held up a hand modestly for silence and resumed:

"To the patience of the scientist, civilization owes an incalculable debt. To the genius of his searching intellect has been revealed the secrets of all time. Picture to yourself the interior of a modern laboratory. Keen eyes watching the flicker of an electric needle, the swing of a balance, the curve of a wave of force. Imagine the trained eye at a microscope watching the movements of the atoms as they dance to the rhythm of eternity." I suddenly sat upright and grasped the arms of my chair. What was Peters saying about watching the movements of atoms through a microscope?

"Conceive the masterly skill of a Sir Isaac Newton who in a high-potential electric furnace broke up the molecules of matter into atoms, the atoms into electrons, and the electrons into morons, thus revealing the hidden structure of all material forms." I almost groaned aloud. What was this nonsense about breaking up of electrons into morons? Didn't that confounded thought-form called Peters know what a moron was? What an ass he was making of himself. But he is speaking again:

"Study the vibratory oscillations of a Crookes' tube, observe the rise and fall of the mercury as it travels up the cathode rays, imagine even for a moment the synthetic nucleus of protoplasmic variations and you will begin to understand the marvelous importance of the discovery that round each atomic protein there are thousands of electrons moving at inconceivable rates in spiral orbits. In the light of such knowledge you will grasp the cosmic character of those massive scientific intellects who first learned how to break up the atom into quivering complexes and to trace the downward course of its fatty degeneration into ions and corpuscles."

The audience here broke into rapturous applause. They felt as if they had been ushered into the very arcanum of scientific discovery and had been led up to the altar of inspiration whereon blazed the fire of genius. I looked at the people in stupefied amazement. Did they imagine that what they had been listening to was science? Were they all like the old lady beside me, crooning in the wilderness, "How wonderful!"? Where did Peters get the materials for that combination salad which he had labeled "Science"? Half-truths, misstatements, impossibilities, grotesque absurdities mixed with a mayonnaise of oratorical phrases and garnished with scientific terms.

I finally became desperate and blindly began to hunt for my hat and coat. Just at this moment, however, Peters started a super-heated peroration on the marvels of scientific discovery and, with a double-compound sentence and a triple-expansion flourish, sat down amid vast enthusiasm. The old lady scrambled to her feet and surged toward the platform. I caught sight of Peters shaking hands with the multitude and distributing smiles of condescending greatness upon those who gathered round.

When the crowd had thinned somewhat I went forward and was rather embarrassed by Peters' cordial greeting. After all, he wasn't such a bad fellow. He was only like the rest of us—trying to spread a large slice of ignorance with a small piece of theosophical butter. At my invitation he came over to my room at the hotel. I was reluctant to speak, but felt that I ought to

do so for the sake of humanity.

"Peters," said I, "how long have you been lecturing?"

"O, for a year or so," he returned.

"Where did you study science?" I questioned mildly.

"I have been a student of science for several years," he replied, not attempting to answer my question directly. "Let me show you my note books." This with a note of pride in his voice. He unstrapped a brief case he had been carrying and brought out two loose-leaf note books beautifully bound in morocco and decorated with his monogram in gold. Opening one of them he gave it to me.

It was filled with newspaper clippings! I gasped and looked again. No mistake. His scientific note books were merely collections of newspaper articles arranged under many headings: Chemistry, astronomy, archæology and so on. Sunday Supplement Science! Nothing more! The revelation was too much for my overstrained nerves. I looked 'round feebly for a glass of water, but seeing none, turned my attention once more to the scrap-book. Peters meanwhile was hunting in the other note book for some article which he wished to show me. I glanced at his face. It was aglow with enthusiasm.

"See!" he exclaimed, "here is where I derived my information about a miniature universe being contained within a glass of water." I took the note book and glanced at the headlines of the article. It was by "Professor" Something-or-other, who had apparently developed the unpleasant habit of writing for the *Sunday Liar*, the World's Grandest Newspaper. Scraps of sentences caught my eye as hastily I glanced over the article. "Science has discovered . . . atomic planets are inhabited . . . this glass of water is a universe . . . infinitesimal intelligences."

My brain rang with the crash of breaking hopes. Not only had Peters used another man's ideas; he had borrowed the very oratorical phrasings, which I had admired, from a Sunday Supplement.

"Peters," I said, lifting heavy eyes, "why did you do it?"

Peters was puzzled. "Do what?"

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 mentary and therefore conclude that it can-
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 only because it deals with the fundamental
 principles in a simple manner; but it is ex-
 tremely doubtful if there are a half dozen
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 you clearly understand the evolutionary
 scheme of our solar system? Do you grasp
 the meaning of successive chains in plan-
 etary evolution? Do you understand the
 relationship of races? Could you place
 the Hungarians or the black dwarfs of Af-
 rica in correct race and sub-race classifica-
 tion? It is a well-known fact that a mat-
 ter which would be calmly and coldly dis-
 cussed in the British Parliament would
 throw the French National Assembly into
 violent emotion and perhaps result in a du-
 el or two. Could you give an inquirer the
 theosophical explanation of just why that
 is so? If you are not equal to all of these
 and many other explanations there is much
 for you to learn from a course in elemen-

tary Theosophy. But don't be frightened
 by the idea that it will be *too* difficult for
 you. The more difficult things do not ap-
 pear until the student has been studying
 for four or five months, by which time he
 will be ready for them.

Dearth of Lecturers.

ATTENTION HAS BEEN CALLED in these
 columns to our diminishing lecture
 force. It is now further reduced by the re-
 tirement of Mrs. Maude Lambart Taylor,
 whose physician insists that she must rest
 for a year. This is most regrettable, both
 because of the personal misfortune to her
 and because her deep devotion and schol-
 arly attainments won universal praise in a
 nation-wide tour last year. Her popularity
 is attested by the fact that by July nearly
 thirty cities had booked engagements for
 her for the coming season.

On account of Mrs. Taylor's retirement
 and the general lack of lecturers I shall
 add a spring tour to my own field of work,
 if nothing arises to prevent it. Some lodges
 have complained because I am making two
 nights the maximum for any city in the
 autumn tour, and in many places stopping
 but one night. They must remember that
 the number of our lodges is continually
 growing and that I must necessarily give
 some time to the new ones, even when it is
 a certainty that the audiences will be very
 small. Another complaint is occasionally
 received--that I am passing near or through
 some cities but giving the lodge no time.
 A sample reads, "You have not given our
 lodge a lecture for nearly three years al-
 though passing almost at our door." The
 reason is simple. That lodge belongs to the
 class of lodges that *failed to advertise prop-
 erly and so they do not get out good audi-
 ences*. Why should a lecturer give time
 to a place where a small audience is a cer-
 tainty when every night he has for the work
 can be booked for a lecture to three or four
 times as many people? The lodges that
 are making the most of their opportunities
 are the ones that should have the limited
 time there is. If a lodge is unwilling, or
 even unable, to get out a good audience for
 a lecture that lodge should be pleased that
 some other place is able to make the time
 count to the utmost for Theosophy. The
 way in which to be sure of a lecturer is to

prove to him that his time in your city has been well spent in reaching a large number of the public with the philosophy.

Firm Action by Dr. Besant.

THE THEOSOPHIST FOR JULY brings the interesting information that Dr. Besant has revoked the charter of the Sydney Lodge and cancelled the diplomas of twelve of its members. This wise and firm course will unquestionably be approved by almost the entire world membership of The Theosophical Society. There will, of course, be an outcry from the expelled members against what they will declare to be an attempt to throttle freedom of speech but nobody will be deceived about the real issues involved. The campaign of slander has been going on for two years or more and those engaged in it know full well that it serves no other purpose than to create dissension, to advertise to the world the inharmony already created and to disgust and dishearten the new members who are coming in. Nobody knows better than the disturbers themselves that if they had any case at all they would have gone into the courts with it long ago. The truth of the matter is that they rely upon twisting and distorting facts in the published defamations so that they bear no legitimate relation to the truth, yet contain enough of truth to serve the purpose of wholly deceiving and misleading the reader.

An example will illustrate the point: One of the stories printed and sent out broadcast is that Bishop Leadbeater is living in a palatial residence and yet he has no fortune that would justify it. When that statement is taken in connection with the assertion that he is a "fake" and that his clairvoyance is a fraud the inference is plain. Now, the statement about the palatial residence is true, but it is one of those half-truths that constitute a most damnable lie. Some captain of industry built a residence in a Sydney suburb fit for the home of a prince; but financial reverses in time forced him to vacate it. It is a very large house, in a quiet spot by the sea, particularly desirable for the home of a group of theosophists. A number of Sydney members got together and found that by a co-operative plan several families could lease the place and live there as easily as

living where they were. They did so and Bishop Leadbeater is their guest.

By exercising the power vested in her by the by-laws of the T. S. and putting outside the Society those who persist in senseless defamation, President Besant has earned the gratitude of all members who have any regard for the decencies of life and who believe that the welfare of the theosophical movement is paramount to the personal antagonisms of a few members who persist in mudslinging regardless of the disastrous reaction on the public mind. To senselessly slander people is bad enough but it is worse when directed against a brother within the theosophical family. Of course the vilification will continue for a while but those engaged in it can no longer claim the shelter of the Society and pretend that they are actuated by the patriotic motive of "purifying" an organization of which they are a part.

A National Theosophical Library.

A CLAUSE IN THE ANNUAL report to the late convention read:

"We should have, too, facilities for educating and training our young lecturers as they come on and we should build up an extensive library that will put all existing theosophical and occult literature at the service of every member or student who wishes to make use of it."

A National Theosophical Society without a library is an absurdity. Our literature is the tangible expression of our philosophy and a fortress of spiritual strength. The American Theosophical Society should have the most complete library of theosophical and allied literature to be found in the nation. There are perhaps two hundred books at Headquarters, covering some phases of occult lore, that have been presented from time to time but the collection cannot be dignified by the name of *library*. Apparently, no systematic effort has ever been made to found a library that contains all the books that should be represented in such a collection. A number of local lodges have very creditable reading rooms and loaning collections—most of them much larger than the Headquarters' bundle of books,

but there is no real theosophical library in the country. We should lose no time in establishing one and assembling in it all existing theosophical literature, as well as adding to it all books needed to make it complete, as they appear from time to time. Through The Theosophical Press they can be secured at wholesale prices.

The first step, however, will be to collect all extant theosophical and occult literature. In this our lodges and members can greatly assist. Have you something that you can donate to the proposed library? It is of no importance whether it is old and shabby. Our bindery can easily put it in good condition. Will you not write and say what you can donate? Some very old and unimportant looking book may be an exceedingly valuable addition to such a collection.

Looking for Help.

LIEUTENANT MAYES is anxiously looking for a member who wants an opportunity for theosophical service at Headquarters outside of office work. It is much easier to find clerks than to get people for the printing and binding departments. If you are interested at all write to Lieutenant William M. Mayes, 826 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, about it whether you can donate your time or whether you must have a salary. Young people who are willing to learn some part of the printing and binding arts will particularly interest him.

A New Secretary-Treasurer.

MISS CLARA LINDER, who has served as Secretary-Treasurer since last January, is resigning her office September 1, and is succeeded by Mrs. Maud N. Couch, of Atlanta, who has been office manager at Headquarters for several months. When Miss Linder accepted the position it was with the stipulation that her stay would be

only temporary. Mrs. Couch for many years held an important position with the L. C. Smith Typewriter Co., and her long office experience peculiarly fits her for the responsible position at Headquarters.

For Young People.

A MOST INTERESTING new organization has been formed at Sydney, Australia, called "The Order of the New Age." It proposes to provide the means for realizing the ideals of the young in active theosophical work, to form local groups, and promote the work of all young people interested in modern thought and to assist in the expression of their ideals. The publishing of a magazine will be one of its activities and a specialty will be made of answering questions on the third object of the Theosophical Society. All under thirty years of age may join and it is hoped to build up a world-wide fraternity of the young people "Who are first to glimpse the early rays of the coming dawn of the new Renaissance." That is surely a noble work and the theosophical world will warmly welcome it. The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater is patron of the Order, Mr. Oscar Kollerstrom is the head and Miss Dora van Gelder, (The Manor, Mosman, Sydney) is the secretary, to whom inquiries or questions to be answered should be addressed.

Diamond Rings.

ATTENTION, YOUNG LADIES and gentlemen! At the Convention in May, three diamond rings were given to the Indian Educational Fund to be disposed of for cash. These rings are now in the possession of Dr. Ernest Stone, 832 Chapman Building, Los Angeles. Prospective purchasers may either see the rings at Dr. Stone's office or may write for a description of them.

L. W. R.

There is an old saying, O Atula, this is not only of today: "They blame him who sits silent, they blame him who speaks much, they also blame him who says little; there is no one on earth who is not blamed. There never was, there never will be, nor is there now, a man who is always blamed, or a man who is always praised.

The Dhammapada.

Peters and Science

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"Repeat newspaper rubbish to people and call it science."

"Isn't it science?" Peters ejaculated in amazement.

"No, it is not. It is merely entertaining reading matter, written by clever minds unlearned in science, with the express purpose of catching and holding the attention of uninstructed people. These articles consist of about one-tenth truth and nine-tenths' fancy and distortion. They are no more to be relied upon for scientific information than are the pages of a patent medicine almanac. Surely you realize how space writers work? How they take a few facts or somebody's theories and with the aid of a vigorous imagination expand them into a readable story. Accuracy is not demanded, but at all costs the story must be interesting. The people want to be entertained, not educated, and they buy the papers which give them the greatest satisfaction. Remember, too, that most newspaper stories are written down to the level of the intelligence of the moron."

That last word awakened memories.

"By the way, Peters, a moron is not part of an atom, but is an adult human being with the intelligence of a child of twelve. May I also draw your attention to the fact that high-potential furnaces are not used in the dissociation of matter. And to think of your dragging poor old Newton into the age of experimenting with high-frequency currents." I was silent for a moment. So was Peters. Had I made an impression on him?

"Don't you realize, Peters, that what you were giving the people tonight was the most awful nonsense? Mercury traveling up cathode rays . . . protein surrounded by electrons . . . fatty degeneration of atoms. . . . To give such a lecture under

the auspices of the Theosophical Society is a crime." I almost wept.

"Don't the people like it?" challenged Peters. It was a home thrust.

"They do," I admitted. "I have even heard of a lodge of our own members spending an entire evening reading and discussing science clippings from newspapers and popular magazines. They enjoyed it and really thought they were getting somewhere. But it was the enjoyment of children. If we are ever to get anywhere as students of Theosophy and as teachers of the public we must go to reliable sources of scientific information. I mean the journals containing articles written by men who are doing the investigating. Such articles alone are trustworthy and without exaggeration. If each lodge did nothing more than subscribe to the *Scientific American* or to *Science*, or to the famous English journal called *Nature*, it would have at its command real knowledge. Such information is of priceless value and would do much in educating the members. Will you not help in this matter, Peters, by dropping all these newspaper stories into the fire and giving to the public facts gleaned from reliable sources? Will you not help by bringing to the attention of our members and your audiences the great need for accurate statements regarding scientific achievements and the latest discoveries, instead of the interesting but misleading information so often presented. The need is great; are you willing to help, Peters?"

I had struck the right note. Peters sprang to his feet, his face blazing with earnestness. "I see your point of view", he exclaimed, "and I will do what I can to help out." He seized his hat and note book and made for the door. "I shall write some scientific articles myself for the *Sunday Liar!*"

For the Blind

Again let us call to mind the great comfort that comes to those who are denied the privilege of reading our printed books when Theosophy in Braille is available.

Mr. Fred J. Hart, Tustin, California, is the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Theosophical Book

Association for the Blind, and Mr. Florian A. Baker, 1548 Hudson Avenue, Los Angeles, California, is the librarian. Gifts of money of any size are most acceptable. Theosophy brings great comfort to those who are shut off from the light of day; and it is good to consider the growth of the soul during those long hours of thought and meditation.

Young People's Department

Two very fine reports of Theosophical Lotus Groups have been sent in this month one from Houston Lodge, Texas, the other from Cleveland Lodge, Ohio. The reports follow:

HOUSTON LODGE LOTUS GROUP

The Lotus Group has met every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4, with an enrollment of thirty children. The program for the hour included:

Repeating of the Golden Chain verse.

Candle Ceremony.

Stories told pertaining to the topics chosen for the day.

Construction of some simple article which the children may take home.

Sometimes songs and games.

We have also found that it helps to keep up the interest of the children to serve some simple refreshments in an attractive form.

The first part of the year we studied Bible characters, a different one for each Saturday, bringing out the most desirable characteristic of the subject used and the lesson to be learned therefrom. Other stories were told at the same time demonstrating this selfsame qualification.

We later took up the different incarnations of the World Teacher, beginning with Vyasa, telling the story of His coming and the religion He taught. The other stories told in connection with this would necessarily be about the Sun. This was followed with Hermes and on through the other incarnations of the World Teacher—a different one for each Saturday. It is evident that to learn about the other religions of the World helps to broaden the children and it is our hope it will help a little to prepare the way for the next coming of the World Teacher.

The children have been taken at different times to see a moving picture, illustrating some fairy tale or other children's story. This has proved to be such a success that we are planning to have a stereopticon machine next fall and show the pictures while we are telling the story. We hope thus to attract still larger numbers of children to the class.

Next year we also plan to take up nature study—bird, plant and animal life—and in this manner teach evolution by illustrating the connection with the fairy, deva and human evolution.

The close of our year was celebrated by a delightful party, Saturday, May 12th, given by Mrs. Betty Robertson, our energetic Vice-President, at her home. Games were played on the lawn and ice-cream and cakes were served. Mrs. Robertson has been of invaluable assistance in the success of the Lotus Group all year by using her car every Saturday to bring as many as 10 to 12 happy youngsters from her own neighborhood.

The very comprehensive understanding, intelligent interest and thorough enjoyment shown by the children, accompanied by their intense desire to come again, has more than repaid for the work and time invested.

JESSIE THOMPSON.

CLEVELAND LODGE LOTUS GROUP

A little girl, three and a half years old, daughter of one of our Lodge members, became the nucleus of our Lotus Group, and now we have eighteen enrolled. There are also several from fourteen to eighteen, and some adults, who go into a Senior Class each Sunday, a class which Mrs. Jorns teaches. I take care of the children from two-and-a-half to seven, and Mrs. Shattuck has the ones from eight to eleven or twelve.

We use the Golden Chain Ceremony for the little ones, with the two tables, the candles for each child, and the picture of the Christ on the large table which holds the one large candle. At first we tried having the children march in from the hall, carrying their wands with the flowers attached, but this was not successful, so now they stand before their chairs, and later form a semi-circle about the table which holds their small candles and the large central candle. Next year we plan to buy a gold cord for them to hold in their hands, as we think this will make the idea of the "Golden Chain" more of a reality to them.

I tell the children stories and also use "Talks with Golden Chain Links" by Ethel Whyte. Inasmuch as my class contains children of such varying ages I find this book, simple as it is, a trifle abstract, and so I fill in with theosophical stories, some of which I wrote and some of which Mrs. Jorns wrote. Mrs. Shattuck also uses other books and has been telling her class about the different great Teachers—as given in the Krotona Service.

We have used our Lotus Group as an opportunity for a Theosophical Sunday School, and now it is our earnest desire to move the older ones into the Round Table work, as a stepping stone into Lodge membership. We are to have a picnic for all children over eight and all the young people we can attract, to tell them about the Round Table and get them to give us their names as candidates.

At present, Sunday morning seems the best time to hold our meetings. Two of our Lodge members who have cars have been very kind about calling for the smaller children, who live scattered over a large territory. Our baby member is two-and-a-half but is trained to light her own candle and say her little prayer with the rest. Needless to say I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the children and hope I may long have the opportunity to serve them.

MARIE R. MEQUILLET.

A suggestion: October first is the birthday of our great President Dr. Annie Besant. I hope all young people's groups will make this an opportunity of planning some special program in her honor inviting someone to tell of her life, doing some special act of service in her name or collecting a birthday gift in her name. I will be glad to forward gifts of money from the young people of our Section.

VIDA REED STONE.

Madam Blavatsky's Opinion

The Theosophist for July reprints from *Lucifer*, of December 15, 1888, a scathing article on "Is Denunciation a Duty?" It was written by Madam Blavatsky, and in it she makes a terrific arraignment of just such work as the present group of malcontents in *The Theosophical Society* are engaged in. Says Madam Blavatsky, regarding the pledge to abstain from condemning others:

"In a Society with pretensions to an exalted system of ethics—the essence of all previous ethical codes—which confesses openly its aspirations to emulate and put to shame, by its practical example and ways of living, the followers of every religion, such a pledge constitutes the *sine qua non* of the success of that Society. In a gathering where 'near the noisome nettle blooms the rose,' and where fierce thorns are more plentiful than sweet blossoms, a pledge of such a nature is the *sole salvation*. No Ethics as a science of mutual duties—whether social, religious or philosophical—from man to man, can be called complete or consistent unless such a rule is enforced. Not only this, but—if we would not have our Society become *de facto* and *de jure* a gigantic sham parading under its banner of 'Universal Brotherhood'—we ought to follow every time the breaking of this *law of laws* by the expulsion of the slanderer."

Hot Weather Lectures

In San Jose we tried the experiment of two public lectures in July with the thermometer standing at 89 and 93 degrees. The local dailies sent reporters. The measure of success may be judged by the *Morning Herald* which, in a favorable report under large headlines, began its account by saying "the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium was packed to the doors last night to hear a lecture on Theosophy by L. W. Rogers."

Mr. Rogers was here six months ago and at the close of the short course of lectures a large inquirers' class was organized. We believe that if the time between visits could be reduced to three months still better re-

sults would follow. When a long period elapses between lecture courses the people forget and lose much of their interest. If such a course of lectures could come a little nearer together the enthusiasm aroused by one course would carry through to the next and it seems fairly certain that a regular following could be built up.

A survey of the situation a week after the two lectures shows that twenty-five new people attended the class notwithstanding the hot weather and nearly half of them were men, some of them prominent in business and professional life here. Several gave evidence of being interested in such degree that they may probably join the lodge.

A MEMBER.

The Brotherhood Campaign

Every Section of the Theosophical Society, it seems, is following the lead of their English brothers who are inaugurating the Brotherhood Campaign to begin October first and last for three months. Particular attention was called to this campaign in the August MESSENGER, reprinting the letter from Mr. G. S. Arundale which accompanied the card bearing the Brotherhood mantram written by Dr. Annie Besant. From the first reading it was understood that this mantram was to be given out only to those who wished definitely to make use of it in their morning meditation—hence the suggestion that a special request be made for each copy. But we note that all the other Section organs have given it to their readers, and THE MESSENGER, therefore, now prints it for the benefit of all those who wish to aid in building the thought-form which will help to bring Brotherhood to the world.

- Hidden Life, vibrant in every atom;
- Hidden Light, shining in every creature;
- Hidden Love, embracing all in Oneness;
- May each, who feels himself as one with
 Thee,
 Know he is therefore one with every other.

ANNIE BESANT.

It will be well for members to read again Mr. Arundale's letter in the August MESSENGER, which tells the President's wishes regarding the use of the mantram.

Book Reviews

The Wolf Trail; by Roger S. Pocock, published by D. Appleton and Company, New York, 324 pp. (Price \$2.00 through The Theosophical Press).

A story rich in adventure and romance is *The Wolf Trail*. The author has a knowledge of conditions obtaining in the subtler worlds equal to that of any deep student of Theosophy. It is doubtful if any other present-day novel is so replete with instances setting forth the teachings given us by our leaders—the phenomenon of obsession, the existence of elementals, astral consciousness while the body is sleeping, instructions given during sleep, the power gained through meditation, the power of the sign of the Cross, the efficacy of invocation, reincarnation and karma, love overcoming hatred, sympathy conquering the fierceness of wild animals, the necessity for vegetarianism if one would live the spiritual life, the existence of Great Teachers guiding humanity—in fact, from this view-point alone the novel is well worth the reading. An interesting figure in the astral life of the two principal figures, Rain and Storm, is Hiawatha, regarded by them as a Master of the Wisdom.

In addition, however, to the author's familiarity with occult teachings, he has a fascinating way of introducing the reader to bits of obscure history. First, there is the picture of the old London water front during the early part of the last century, with memories of Waterloo; then there is the trip around the Horn, and then the life in the great North-west in that region now known as Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, the land of Kootenays and the Black Feet. Through memories of other incarnations we glimpse other periods—the coming of Lief Ericson, the early troubles in Mexico, John Smith in Virginia, and many another.

The Wolf Trail has its vividly cruel pictures as well as those exquisitely spiritual and comforting. It is, on the whole, very good reading—the kind of a book a student of Theosophy can loan to a semi-interested friend unquestionably assured of interesting results.

A. W.

Important Notice

The American subscription price for *The Theosophist* has been increased from \$3.50 to \$3.75. The new rate comes into force immediately for all renewals as well as new subscriptions.

In order to better serve subscribers, The Theosophical Press has arranged to forward the first two copies of the magazine, thus eliminating the two or three months' delay which would occur before the first copy would arrive. The remaining ten numbers for the year will be sent from Adyar.

If you have changed your place of residence and lost a number, advise The Theosophical Press and they will endeavor to replace the copy.

"The Watch Tower" articles by Dr. Besant, alone, are worth the price of the magazine. In addition, *The Theosophist* is replete with articles on science, philosophy and art. It is the official organ of The Theosophical Society, and you cannot keep posted on world-wide Theosophy without it.

Among the Magazines

The New Era, an International Review of New Education.

The New Era has been mentioned in these pages before and it is brought to the reader's attention again because of its splendid worth in the field of education. Mrs. Beatrice Ensor is the editor of the English edition, at 11, Tavistock Square, London. It is published quarterly and subscriptions may be placed with The Theosophical Press at \$1.25 per annum.

The April issue contains three principal articles: "The Teaching of English under the Dalton Plan," by Norman G. Dean, describing the working of this plan in the Leeds Kirkstall Road School; "Abstract Art for Children: An Experiment," by C. Fleming-Williams, with many illustrations of the actual work done by children from eight to fifteen years of age. The author has proved the ability of children during these years of study to grasp and picture abstract conceptions. For instance, a boy of eight thought of a way to represent Hope, which, he said "should be a strong little shoot of something green, because it is growing. All around it would be lots of others who tried to grow up and couldn't. They just withered. The little green one does not mind that. He just shuts his eyes and goes on trying hard. He keeps on hoping that he will grow up big and strong."

The third article of deep interest to the educator is "The Development of Love" by Esther Harding, M. D., M. R. C. P. The author is of the Zurich School of psycho-analysis and therefore disagrees with Freud who holds that the unconscious is made up of forgotten things that have happened to us in this life. Rather does she go on the theory that the unconscious consists of all these memories and beneath that a strata far more primitive, with memories common to the whole race. In this treatise she deals with auto-erotism, fantasy, homo-sexuality and identification, and seeks to show the way to freedom through constructive methods. "The amount of libido" she writes, "which has its roots in the sex instinct is more than is needed for the reproduction of the race. We must seek to free this excess from its physical bonds and use it for creative work on a different plane. Art, poetry, drama, music, drawing, dancing, etc., are all paths of sublimation. When we merely enjoy the productions of other people we gratify our erotic longings, in more or less spiritual ways, but when we do the things themselves, imagine, plan, and execute them, we are using our libido creatively. This is the true sublimation of sex libido."

The New Era has its French and its German editions. Its message is such that the T. S. member who wishes to serve through the channel of education cannot well afford to be without it.

If one man conquer in battle a thousand times thousand men, and if another conquer himself, he is the greatest of conquerors.

The Dhammapada.

Public Lecture Pointers

The lecture season has arrived again and a few pointers may be useful.

Halls should be engaged as far in advance as possible.

If printing is to be done at Headquarters it should be ordered *immediately* after the dates and subjects are known.

Local newspapers will usually take several advance notices as news matter and will print a short report of the first lecture.

A valuable kind of advertising is the notice on the Church page in the Saturday issue. Copy of the advertisement should be given the newspaper not later than Thursday.

Somebody should see to it that the hall is properly ventilated and lighted. This is nearly *always* overlooked.

There should be ample table space for literature near the doors, with wide-awake members in charge.

Front seats should be filled before the lecture begins, leaving the empty seats, if any, nearest the doors.

The platform should be at the opposite side of the hall from the entrance. The audience should *never* face the doors.

The chairman should be very brief and should not forget to give the speaker's name and *subject* (the latter omission is common). If announcements are to be made they should be disposed of either before the lecturer is introduced or after the collection is taken—*never* between the lecture and the collection.

Either collection plates or small baskets should be provided and those taking the collection should know exactly what they are to do. Immediately the lecturer sits down the chairman should make a brief, clear announcement of the collection, and the work should begin at the front. One basket should be at the entrance for the accommodation of those who must hurry out for various reasons, and the chairman should call attention to it in his announcement.

If there is free literature to distribute it should be given to people as they are leaving the hall.

Advertise Theosophy by using emblem stationery.

Are You Helping ?

Where do you buy your non-theosophical books? A few of our members are sending their orders to The Theosophical Press, but hundreds could do so. It is less trouble to write a letter of a few lines than to go to a store. The book costs you the same either way. Out of its commission The Theosophical Press pays the postage and has a profit left. Hundreds of those little profits help very substantially at Headquarters. Try to get the mail-buying habit!

For Indian Educational Work

The table here illustrated is a beautiful piece of ebony carved in South Indian style. The four elephants have ivory tusks and the top of the table is elegantly carved in a deep oriental pattern. This was imported new from India and is for sale to profit the Indian educational work.



Absolutely all proceeds go to this cause, as the table is a gift. It may be obtained from Dr. Ernest Stone, treasurer Indian Education Fund, 831 Chapman Building, Los Angeles, at a minimum price of \$100.00, although the table is worth at least \$200.00. What offers?

October First

October first is the birthday of our President, Dr. Annie Besant. All over the theosophical world meetings small and large will be held to send loving greetings and perhaps gifts of money for her many needs—needs never personal but such as reflect the greater needs of humanity which she ever endeavors to meet.

The president of the Southern California Federation suggests that this day be dedicated to the opening of the Brotherhood Campaign, inaugurated by the English Section and now being augmented by other Sections; that a Brotherhood program be given in every Lodge and that this be followed by a three months' course of study in brotherhood.

The day, October first, is one that calls to mind the privilege of serving,—serving with thought, word and deed. Let every individual member and every Lodge set aside that date for some appropriate reminder, some pledging anew of a greater volume of giving.

They who imagine truth in untruth, and see untruth in truth, never arrive at truth, but follow vain desires. They who know truth in truth and untruth in untruth, arrive at truth, and follow true desires.

The Dhammapada

What Lodges Are Doing

REPRESA STUDY CLASS

The Represa Study Class in Folsom Prison has celebrated its seventh birthday. For seven years Theosophy has been the subject of an hour's study once a week, sometimes with a leader from one of the helpful lodges outside, but more often with one or more of the members as speakers. There is always music. The regular meeting is held on Sunday, and is open to members and nonmembers. Sometimes more than one hundred attend. In June a Saturday afternoon study class was formed, for members only. This has proved successful and exceedingly helpful.

HOLLYWOOD LODGE

Hollywood Lodge is, in point of membership, one of the smaller lodges of the Section, but it is a true lodge, a place of harmony radiating a "fullness and richness of spiritual life."

"This is largely due, no doubt," the secretary writes, "to the wisdom of the members in keeping in the presidential chair the most learned and capable of their number." This refers to the Lodge president, Prof. W. Scott Lewis, a scientist well-known locally, who was one of a half-dozen invited to meet Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at the pre-view of an occult picture which was screened in one of the Los Angeles hotels for the latter's criticism.

The lodge study during the past year has been based on Mr. Jinarajadasa's "First Principles of Theosophy," supplemented by study along the following lines, varied for each Friday: Practical Occult Experiments; Theosophy and World Affairs; Questions and Answers and Book Reviews; Occult Science. Devotional reading and meditation were a definite part of each meeting.

DETROIT THEOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

The Detroit Theosophical Association has just leased permanent headquarters that will seat two hundred or more. The place was in need of much remodeling but the members are very enthusiastically taking hold and are fitting up the hall to suit the lodge purposes, hoping to have it all ready when Mr. Rogers reaches Detroit early in October.

ELMIRA LODGE

Elmira Lodge has its own lodge room in the Women's Federation Building, one of the finest buildings in the city, centrally located. The Lodge is in fine condition. It has held its meetings every Wednesday evening since organizing two years ago. For four months public meetings have been held which have been well attended.

ATLANTA LODGE

The S. S. P. W. of the Atlanta Lodge is young but is doing its good work. The initials mean Secret Service Publicity Work and a dime a month will admit any theosophist. Theosophical literature is given to the members each month in any quantity desired and is distributed by each individual wherever the opportunity offers without attracting the attention of others. Leaflets are

left on the streetcar, train, at the bank, post office and numerous other places. At night, walking through a partially deserted down-town section, members have tossed their little messengers of Theosophy into empty automobiles parked by the curb.

The Passing of Miss Anna Ballard

Miss Anna Ballard passed away on the morning of July 27th after a week's illness in a local sanitarium of Berkeley, California. She was in her ninety-fifth year and had made her home in the Bay cities for the past fifteen years. She was a writer, lecturer and noted newspaper correspondent, acting as European correspondent for six American journals at one time, and the writer of Bermuda letters.

Miss Ballard was mentioned by Colonel Olcott in Old Diary Leaves, and among her most treasured possessions were autographic copies of the early-day theosophical books presented her by Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott. She gave the founders of The Theosophical Society valuable assistance in the early days in New York City and also in India, and was a life member of the Society.

For several years Miss Ballard held a chair at Vassar College, and after her return from abroad became a Woman's Club lecturer, and was ardent for equal suffrage. She was a life member and only woman member of the New York Press Club, and a member of the Illinois Woman's Press Association.

L. H. W.

Deaths

*Rest in the Eternal, grant them, Oh Lord,
And may light perpetual shine upon them.*

John F. Houston.....Albuquerque Lodge.
Mrs. Susie C. Caulfield.....Los Angeles Lodge.
Mrs. Rachael Blackmore.....Santa Cruz Lodge.
Mrs. Emma A. Woods.....Besant Lodge, Tulsa.
Miss Lottie Smith.....Chicago Lodge.
Mrs. Edith B. Allen.....Section Member

An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Correspondence League

The magazine section of the International Correspondence League in England is preparing lists of English F. T. S. who wish to exchange periodicals or other literature with F. T. S. abroad, and also lists of those willing to donate literature to F. T. S. or Lodges. All who wish to avail themselves of the services of this section of the League are requested to write to the Secretary, Magazine Section, International Correspondence League, 3 Upper Woburn Place, London, stating the literature they wish to exchange or receive.

Lecturers' Itineraries

With the lecture work beginning again, opening up a new season's activities, the schedules for Mrs. Harriet Tuttle Bartlett and Mr. L. W. Rogers are given. Members can appreciably help to increase the attendance of these lectures by writing their non-member friends in the cities named, about the coming of the lecturers. These notices should be sent at least a week in advance.

ITINERARY L. W. ROGERS

Tacoma, Wash.....	September	14-15
Seattle, Wash.....	September	16-17
Butte, Mont.....	September	19
Glendive, Mont.....	September	21
Fargo, No. Dak.....	September	23-24
Minneapolis, Minn.....	September	25-26
St. Paul, Minn.....	September	27-28
Milwaukee, Wis.....	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	
Chicago, Illinois.....	October	3-4
Detroit, Mich.....	October	7
Toledo, Ohio.....	October	8
Lansing, Mich.....	October	9
Cleveland, Ohio.....	October	14-15
Akron, Ohio.....	October	16
Buffalo, N. Y.....	October	17

ITINERARY HARRIET TUTTLE BARTLETT

Santa Monica, Calif.....	September	2
Pacific Grove, Calif.....	September	5-8
Santa Cruz, Calif.....	September	17-20
San Jose, Calif.....	September	22-24
San Francisco, Calif.....	September	25-27
Santa Fe, New Mexico.....	Sept. 30 - Oct. 3	

An Engrosser Wanted

For several years a devoted member in San Francisco has served the Section Office by engrossing the charter of each new Lodge as it is formed. All the Lodges chartered during this period can testify to the beauty of his handiwork. It has become necessary, because of other duties, for him to withdraw this service, and Headquarters is in need of some one to carry on. Who is capable? And who will volunteer? The server need not reside near Headquarters. All details can be carried on by correspondence. All materials and postage are furnished.

Herald of the Star

These changes of address are specially called to the attention of our readers:

The office of the Western Divisional Secretary of the Order of the Star in the East, Mrs. Alma Kunz Gulick, has been removed from Hollywood to 209 Termino Avenue, Long Beach, Cal.

Subscriptions to *The Herald of the Star* are now received in this country only by Mr. H. J. Budd, American Representative, 212 West Austin Avenue, Chicago. All communications regarding *The Herald* should be sent to him and not to The Theosophical Press or to the Eastern and Western Divisional Secretaries as heretofore.

Every Member a Helper

There is a volume of detail involved in the work at Headquarters—and this work is the concern of every member of the Section, for upon it depends the smooth running of our theosophical machinery.

Every member can help, too, to lighten the work so that the small office force can better handle these details quickly. Perhaps it is not generally known that the office details of The Theosophical Press and the American Theosophical Society are entirely separate. This being the case, here are some suggestions, which if followed by members, will help appreciably:

Make checks for dues, New Territory Fund, Publicity Donations, Headquarters Fund, Convention group photograph or badge emblem, Messenger subscriptions, bonds and Correspondence School, to The American Theosophical Society.

Make checks for books, jewelry, magazine subscriptions (other than THE MESSENGER) incense, photographs, stationery, and all goods purchased from The Press, payable to The Theosophical Press.

Please keep all financial transactions and all correspondence with these two departments separate.

Another point to be remembered in sending remittances—cover an item or group of items exactly. Do not send too much or too little thinking it does not matter. Every debit or credit balance, and every refund, adds appreciably to the day's work.

In the matter of addresses,—if every correspondent would have name and address written plainly on every communication it would eliminate the necessity for constantly consulting records and files which takes up so much time.

In other words, your business-like accuracy will definitely aid the Section and the Press in carrying on the great work of spreading Theosophy.

The British Isles Federation

On the fourth of June, in London, during the annual convention of the T. S. in England, there was held a meeting of the General Secretaries of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, together with other representatives.

After discussion it was agreed that an advisory body be formed, to be called The British Isles Federation of the Theosophical Society, consisting of the General Secretaries of the four National Societies in the British Isles, together with one other representative of each National Society. Mrs. Sharpe, a former General Secretary of the British Section, was appointed secretary. The principal object of this Federation, we take it, is the exploring of wider possibilities of propaganda in the British Isles.

Never attempt to bear more than one kind of trouble at once. Some people bear three kinds—all they had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

Publicity Department

The steady support that has been given year after year to the publicity work has produced results that would be very difficult, and probably impossible, to trace. It is largely work in the dark, so to speak, but because the results are usually unknown does not, in the least, indicate that they are not effective. Every once in a while we get a letter from some grateful person who was brought into the Society by first having his attention called to it through the literature which this department distributes; but where we hear of one there are undoubtedly scores who have gained some knowledge of Theosophy through this medium but have not time or inclination to write about it.

Theosophical literature is going out from Headquarters in a steady stream on every mail that leaves Chicago and it often reaches the most out-of-the-way and unheard of nooks and corners of the nation. It finds a way not only into cities where no lodges exist but also into the mining camps of the mountains and into the logging camps of the North and Northwest. The dime that you hand to the publicity agent of your lodge can pay for invaluable theosophical knowledge in printed form and a month after you make the contribution the result of your investment may be that some lonely lumberman away off in the wilderness sits down after his day's work and reads about a philosophy of life that will bring him good cheer through the future years.

New Territory Fund

July 15 to August 15

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Total	\$159.00

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July 15 to August 15

Previously acknowledged	\$1,480.00
Arthur C. Plath	2.00
Glendive Lodge	2.00
Service Lodge, Reno	1.00
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Publicity Donations

For the Month of July

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Miss Martha Lanterman	1.00
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Omaha Lodge	2.40
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Etta Crawford50
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Mrs. M. Craik25
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Colorado Lodge	1.00
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Chicago Lodge	2.20
Des Moines Lodge	2.25
S. O. Marsh	1.00
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Total	\$110.68

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Do you feel that you have profited through the teaching of Theosophy? If so, you may wish to show your appreciation by helping to carry on the work of The Theosophical Society, and pass the benefits to others. You have the privilege of so doing by providing in your will for a legacy to be paid from your estate.

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I give, devise and bequeath to the American Section of The Theosophical Society, a corporation, with its principal place of business in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, the sum of..... dollars (\$.....) (or the following described property):

Items of Interest About Books

The Theosophical Press will receive and forward subscriptions to *The New Era*, elsewhere reviewed, the educational magazine edited by Mrs. Beatrice Ensor, Managing Director of the Theosophical Educational Trust. Published quarterly, \$1.25.

Mr. Smythe Re-elected

A circular from the Headquarters of the Canadian T. S. announces the result of the recent election there to be the return of Mr. Albert E. S. Smythe as General Secretary. Six hundred votes were cast, 434 of which were for Mr. Smythe, who is one of the oldest workers for Theosophy in America, having been a colleague of Mr. William Q. Judge during the infancy of the movement nearly a half century ago.

In the morning when thou risest unwillingly, let this thought be present—"I am rising to the work of a human being."

MARCUS AURELIUS.

Krotona Service

Inquiries regarding the Krotona Ritual should be addressed to A. Eugene Deaderick, 1018 North State Street, Chicago, representative for the United States. Orders for copies of the Ritual will be filled from the same address.

H. P. B. to Herself

In the *Theosophist* for May Mr. Jinarajadasa tells of finding among Bishop Leadbeater's books at Adyar a copy of "The Voice of the Silence" with this inscription "H. P. B. to H. P. Blavatsky with no kind regards."

Herald of the Star

International Organ of the Order of the Star in the East

The Herald of the Star is of compelling interest to every one who holds the dream of the World Teacher's near coming, for in it are reflected the accomplishments of those idealistic movements of the day which herald that advent. A note of practical spirituality is manifest through its pages. Mr. Krishnamurti writes the editorials and because of that feature alone no world citizen can afford to be without the magazine. A survey of the contents for August will best acquaint you with the gripping interest that the magazine holds in store for you.

An Editorial by J. Krishnamurti, in which he tells of the spirit of a giant red-wood tree in California talking to him. If you love trees and you wish to know trees and Mr. Krishnamurti better you should read this editorial.

An Address by J. Krishnamurti. This is an exclusive report of an address by Mr. Krishnamurti delivered before the Order of the Star in the East, at Mortimer Hall, London, June 21st.

The Coming Christ by C. Jinarajadasa, in which he tells something of how the Christ worked when He last came before His people and how He may possibly work when He again comes to us.

The Fairy Friend at Kreisler Concert by Geoffrey Hodson. An interesting experience of one who, attending a Fritz Kreisler concert, met a fairy and how the fairy and he helped one another enjoy the music.

And several other articles.

We shall gladly start your subscription with the August issue if you will so specify. The magazine is published every month in London, England.

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