

Bridges*

THE WAYFARER

I T IS A GREAT THING TO BE ABLE TO MAKE a bridge, it needs careful study on many sides. A bridge-maker is supposed to be an engineer but he should be much more than a mere engineer. He should study the surroundings on both sides of the river or gorge over which the bridge is to be suspended. Moreover he should study many types of bridges, as what would suit one river will not suit another, for one river is deeper than another, one may have a solid bed and the other quite the reverse.

In these short articles week by week we study to find bridges over which we can step towards World-Brotherhood. The articles are necessarily scrappy and incomplete, meant only to indicate and act as signposts. Signposts give very little information, they merely point the way; fuller information on the subject must be sought for elsewhere.

We have indicated that Co-Education was a step in the right direction, because it brought boys and girls in close touch in early life so that in the future when they will be working side by side conditions will be easier for them. An equal education for both is a growing necessity. Co-education is of course only on trial, the reactionaries being very much against so drastic a change, but it is one of the bridges across which we may go towards World-Brotherhood, for in it is involved the equal status of woman which is one of the essentials that lead us on to that road.

Another bridge will be reached through the struggle to draw together all sections of the community into a common Bond of Fellowship, workers, offenders, strikers and die-hards. The barrier is frequently a lack of understanding on all sides, each standing apart, thinking his particular view is the only right one. The fact is each individual or party knows a part, has limited vision, and at present it is rare to find one who acknowledges this, or the one who desires to link up with all, because he has a feeling of being at one with his neighbor, and, as it were, belonging, even though he may differ in opinions, etc.

The latest methods on Penal Reform have been mentioned in these articles with this idea, that "offenders" should not be

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forgotten in a World-Brotherhood, but that help should be meted out to them to enable them to find a "better way," that they should in no way feel cast out as very largely the methods used up to now have made them feel.

One kind of striker is condemned, another kind of striker is upheld. In one sense, we are all strikers and we join strikes by protesting and complaining. It is only a matter of degree, the attitude is the same. If every protester and grumbler set to work to improve the difficulty, to smooth out wrinkles and right the wrongs, the big strikes would often be unnecessary. We are so apt to condemn strikes until it is against something that affects ourselves, then we join in it. A strike should be for the good of the whole, and the part taken in it impersonal.

Every way of bringing one section of the people in touch with another section may be called a bridge towards the road to World-Brotherhood; this applies equally with Nations; international games of all sorts, international meetings or exhibitions, or discussion on Art, Literature, Music etc. It is becoming the fashion, and for once a good fashion, to make shows and exhibitions international rather than, as formerly, for one nation only. Every international effort is good, for it brings with it an exchange-not only an intermingling of the people-an exchange of ideas and thoughts, it shows different methods and suggests new ones.

This is nothing new, everybody knows it, and we are slowly and gradually growing towards a feeling that we want all to belong, that we want to share, that one Nation cannot live or develop by itself. It is an age when everyone wants to develop, even though he may not know the best method to obtain his desire. Who does? We are all struggling and we learn more by mistakes than by successes.

Writers are full of the idea of linking up, and the world rings with a sound that calls people out of their grooves and narrow ways. Where does the call come from and what urges authors to enthuse their readers? I do not know but very obviously it is there.

Every religion has pointed towards World-Brotherhood, every religion has failed in this, because the followers could

not live up to the precepts of the Teacher. Most of the philosophies have pointed in the same directions.

In every line of life there are signs of a strong desire to partake of something of another country. Sometimes it is food or drink. Every country imports food from other countries, sometimes it is a necessity but mostly a fancy. We import clothes or household goods from other countries, every country exchanges goods of different sorts, every country produces merchandise and trades commercially. It is a day of travel, and in every country travelers come and go, sometimes for business or sometimes for pleasure. All this was practically unknown a few hundred years ago. In those days, the desire to see other countries was left to the migratory birds of the air which come and go as a necessity to life.

Everything now, be it science, inventions, commerce or inclination, combines to make, nay, almost, force upon us a spirit of exchange of ideas, exchange of thought. An almost imperceptible Internationalism is creeping upon us. Internationalism is a big stone in the building of a bridge towards World-Brotherhood.

It becomes quite startling to take up any newspaper now-a-days and compare it with one of even fifteen or twenty years ago when everything, with few exceptions, was thought of nationally, and now the word Inter-Nationally seems to have almost taken its place. I do not here, of course, refer to commerce or travel but rather to the line of thought that the world seems to One Conference "debe groping after. mands new International Agreements," another demands "A new World-Peace." Organizations meet representing millions of men and women and "make a demand for International decisions." None is satisfied unless a wider outlook is taken in any important decision, and there is clearly a desire that all progressive movements should be world-wide.

For this reason public health is to the fore *Internationally*, the traffic in women and children is being dealt with by all nations combined. Everywhere there are signs that the world must work together as a whole, that no part of it can either be segregated or separate. That which affects one Nation affects the World and what affects one individual affects his brother man; so mysteriously are we all bound up in the bond of union as separate units we cannot act without helping or injuring our This clarion note resounds all neighbor. the world over and we are just beginning to hear it and to realize that we have heard We are a World-Brotherhood, the it. bridges are needed to make us realize it and live as if we remembered it.

Side by side with this we have the Kenya decision, I hear you whisper this as a reminder. Yes, I know, I have not forgotten it for a single instant. The decision has been made by a small set of people, ignorant of the progress in ideas and thought that the world has made, people who belong to a former Age and are unaware that a New Age is upon them. Who knows this decision may awaken the indolent to a state of affairs to which they were blind in their sleep.

To me, (I may be wrong,) it seems to be one of the biggest decisions that has been made for centuries, it is a landmark in the world's history. A great question has been asked: Are you ready to work towards World-Brotherhood? The reply given has been No!

Again, I may be wrong, but I read behind

The European Theosophical Congress

WO TRAVELERS, fortunate in having been I in Vienna from July 21 to 26, tell us something of the gathering there of European theosophists.

Mr. J. L. Bienfait, of the Delft Lodge, Holland, stopped off in Chicago during the latter days of September, visiting Headquarters and several of the Chicago lodges. He was on his way to Madison, Wisconsin, to continue some special studies. Our first inquiry was of the Viennese Congress. The young Hollander was enthusiastic in his appreciation of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa as chairman of the Congress-his unfailing patience and diplomacy, his humor, and above all, the inspiration he gave the whole assembly.

When asked what he considered the most significant effect of this Congress, Mr. Bienfait stated, unhesitatingly:

"Its influence for good to that section of Europe. Mr. Jinarajadasa gave two public

this decision the end of an Age, the death of a System; but with every death there is re-birth. Already there are signs of wakings, the world has progressed too far for this decision to go unchallenged, the day of slavery is passed, each man feels his right to live and to be free.

The decision is out of date, there are too many bridges in the making that lead to World-Brotherhood. I know that it was a chance for the making of a grand bridge, it is a chance missed, but possibly the smaller bridges are to do the work. It is then for us to strengthen the smaller bridges and to make new ones wherever we can.

If a big chance has been missed by a nation because her leaders were blind, see that we as individuals have our eyes open to every chance. They are many, all round us daily.

Then let us pray, that come it may,

As come it will for a' that,

That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth, May bear the green and a' that.

For a' that, and a' that,

It's comin' yet for a' that,

That man to man, the world o'er, Shall brothers be, for a' that!

lectures, Mr. Krishnamurti one, and there was one by Dr. Elisabeth Rotten, a famous educator from Berlin, a non-theosophist. Only a few of the newspapers showed an appreciation for the content of these public lectures, but the press in general spoke very favorably of the chief personalities. After the Congress, Mr. Jinarajadasa made lecture trips to the other principal cities of Eastern Europe, awakening an interest in Theosophy where it is surely most gravely needed."

While in Chicago, Mr. Bienfait was the guest of Dr. C. Shuddemagen, for the two had happily met at Vienna and later in Amsterdam. When asked for some additional word of the Congress, Dr. Shuddemagen set down for us a brief descriptive outline:

On the first evening, Saturday, there was a reception at which the delegates were asked to wear one of their national costumes. The result (Continued on p. 103)



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A Do Something Campaign

T HE AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY is not as active as it should be in bringing Theosophy to the notice of thinking Americans. We have a philosopy that is of the greatest practical value to those who are fortunate enough to learn about it and we are responsible for seeing to it that they have the opportunity. It is a grave responsibility and we ought to frequently examine our work to see if it is all that it should be. Are we as earnest in spreading the teachings as the churches are in their various activities? It seems very doubtful.

The times are propitious for bringing Theosophy to the attention of the American public. Gradually the thought has been permeating the minds of the people until the subject of occultism is a familiar one. Nobody laughs now about reincarnation or considers it fantastic. Too many intelligent people have written seriously about it in the magazines for that. Henry Ford remarks to Allen Benson, "You refer to reincarnation? I believe that, too," and a magazine with a million readers prints it. Telepathy is generally understood, and Luther Burbank writes in a popular magazine that he has used it for years, instead of telegrams, to summon his sister. Other millions read that. Life after bodily death is a favorite subject with magazine writers. In short, the theosophical fundamentals are now widely accepted in a general way. Nevertheless the millions know nothing specifically of Theosophy and there lies our opportunity.

Most decidedly we need greater activity in attracting the attention of people to Theosophy. I have recently been impressed with the small number of *outsiders* we are reaching in our large cities with a lecture course. Among the people in a city of a million population there are, most unquestionably, thousands who are dissatisfied with the old explanation of the origin of the race and with the vague generalities about our life beyond the material world. If we can but reach those people with Theosophy it would be of incalculable value to them and, through them, to the world.

How can we do it? By greater activity, thoughtfully directed. We need more pub-People do not know about our licity. books, nor much about our lectures. We should do more advertising for both. We must learn to think of these things on a larger scale. Again and again members say at the close of a lecture, "Oh, how I wish a thousand people could have heard it." A thousand people can, if we get accustomed to thinking and working on the thousand scale instead of the hundred measure; but organization, money and energy must be allied with the thinking.

Before book dealers will be eager to sell our theosophical books there must be a demand from the people for them, and before readers desire them they must find out that there are such books. Everybody knows about New Thought and Christian Science books because they are advertised but probably not one citizen in a thousand knows anything about theosophical books. or suspects that there is such a literature. We can make it as well known as New Thought literature if we go at it with intelligent determination and the confidence a Theosophist ought to have in his philosophy. We need more "team work." The combined energies of our several thousand members can "put it across" and impress the American public. I am so sure of that that I am sending a letter on the subject

to every member in the United States. That is'nt done often but it is worth doing now.

Wanted—A Secretary

THE FRENCH SAYING THAT IT is the unexpected that happens is peculiarly applicable in Theosophy. No sooner does one get settled down with the thought that at last relief has come and things will hereafter run smoothly than there is a swift shifting about and everything is dislocated. The double task of executive work and lecturing was greatly lightened when Miss Goold came to my assistance and deftly put letters and documents into such order and system that I found it possible to do a half more work; but soon I had to give her up to The Theosophical Press, since when the old burden has not only come back but has grown greatly. If we have some member (preferably a young man, but any competent person would be gratefully accepted) who is looking for an opportunity to do theosophical work I know of no other place in which more of it is waiting! Much that I could do to promote the work goes undone because part of my time is taken with work that a secretary could do. To do such work one must be a good stenographer and thoroughly understand filing. I shall wait hopefully for somebody to appear.

One Striking Success

T HE THEOSOPHICAL PRESS, OWNED by The American Theosophical Society, was established for the purpose of publishing theosophical books and increasing the demand for theosophical literature. The first fiscal year closed on June 30, 1923. Turn to the auditors' reports in this number of THE MESSENGER and you will see that the sales averaged more than \$2,000.00 a month. But, as everybody knows, an infant business requires time to become established. It's first year is not a good thing by which to judge it. What will be its achievements in it's second year? In the first six months of 1923, the book sales were more than double the sales for the same months of 1922.

We now have one member constantly on the road selling to book dealers and among our new patrons are such stores at Brentanos, New York and Chicago; and Wanamakers, Philadelphia, the leaders in their line in the cities named. You can now step into the chief book stores and order any theosophical book sent to your home and they will know what you are talking about when you say "——on Theosophy."

So much is now accomplished but it must not be inferred that it is more than the merest beginning. We have been working under many handicaps. Our present Headquarters' building is painfully inadequate and inconvenient. It is a made-over residence and the "making over" could not be radical because we must sell it again for a residence when growth forces us out and that will not be very far in the future. hence the inconvenience. As there was not space enough for both press room and bindery on the same floor, they are separate with consequent constant loss of time and energy. The expansion has been so rapid that one by one our Headquarters' workers have given up their rooms and gone elsewhere to live until only one is lefta necessary precaution. Space has been utilized by "double decking" and shelves have gone up in every available spot. Recently the hallways have begun to fill up and we are forced to rent space outside. In all probability the present rate of growth will not only continue but will increase and there will be a building problem to solve. However, success never brings very difficult problems because it carries the solution within itself.

One of our very real problems is getting a permanent working force. In both the Section office and the Press office we are settled down to excellent system and clocklike smoothness; but not so in the manufacturing part of the establishment. Out of the dozens that have come and gone a very few have proved competent and only three of the latter are members. We greatly need three members who are willing to work with their hands. We want more young men, but there are several places for young women in the bindery. It is not difficult to feed a folding machine, or to operate a wire stitcher or a book sewing machine. There are now in all nine machines, each operated by electricity, and the work is light, clean and comfortable.

With sales of \$25,000.00 in the past year, what shall we accomplish this year with the increasing interest which the membership is showing? The American public probably spends a million dollars a year for *trashy* books on occultism. There can be no better work than replacing it with theosophical literature and we ought to make very decided progress in doing that during the year that will close June 30, 1924.

A Thought or Two

T HE WAY IN WHICH THEOSOPHY advances and recedes in various parts of the country, is most interesting. Wherever there is enthusiasm there is growth. Where enthusiasm is lacking, there is a condition approaching death. Leadership among lodges shifts oddly. A few years ago San Francisco was the important theosophical center in mid-California. Then Oakland came to the front, but gradually lost its place. For years Berkeley was feeble but recently it has forged ahead, leased a hall of suitable capacity, and has come into first rank among the lodges of the United States. In strength, activity and membership it is doubtful if it is second to any lodge on the Pacific Coast. It has had no internal dissentions.

Detroit has recently entered upon a new phase of its theosophical history. The scattered fragments of lodges have united and leased a good hall in a splendidly central location. I recently had the pleasure of giving the first lecture in it to a large audience. Four-fifths of them must have been non-members.

Lansing is another noteworthy Michigan city. For its members and the population of its territory, it does big things in a big For my recent lecture there they way. took a large church and actually put out fifteen thousand programs! They had a fine audience—larger than the average theosophical audience in either New York or Chicago-but they were a bit disappointed that the big church was not packed. That little Lodge must have spent well toward two hundred dollars on that lecture. What a pity that group is not duplicated in every large city of the nation! If the church was not filled, however, at least they had the satisfaction of seeing two prominent clergymen at the lecture. Both of them came up and introduced themselves later and I noticed that one of them

bought the largest theosophical book on the sales table. That means real interest.

Several of our lodges have dropped back from good halls for public lectures to inferior ones, which is not a good indication. A hall has its influence. Of course, there must be a reasonable proportion between hall, advertising and resources but I have observed that when small plans are laid, small audiences are the result. Big plans do not necessarily bring big audiences, however, unless the plans are well made and well carried out. It is always possible to be too optimistic but a good hall and thorough advertising in a city of 200,000 population is almost certain to bring a large audience. In small cities a very large audience for a theosophical lecture is almost an impossibility. The percentage of any population that is in the least degree interested in Theosophy is too small for that. If a full page advertisement was run every day it would not bring more people.

Occasionally I lecture to audiences composed chiefly of Theosophists and then I feel that the time has not been too well Theosophists will keep! It is the spent. outsiders we want to reach. It is mostly at paid admission lectures where members are in the majority. The audiences are large, as theosophical audiences go, and the expenses are well cared for, but is it getting the work done? Is it the thing we are here for? I would rather talk to fifty outsiders than two hundred Theosophists. Of course it is not wasted time in any case. Theosophists ought to get inspiration and a new impulse toward the higher life from any theosophical lecture worthy of the name; but outsiders should get that also, plus a new view of life. Our most important work is undoubtedly giving the philosophy to others.

Beautiful Catalogs

Do YOU KNOW how many good theosophical books there are? Every member ought to be informed on that subject and The Theosophical Press is spending a snug sum of money in order to get the information to them. It is issuing a large edition of a worth-while catalog. The old style of catalog, that fit into an ordinary envelope is a thing of the past. The new catalog done on our own presses, of course, is worth preserving for constant reference. It is illustrated and contains a brief description of the books. Whereas the little catalogs of earlier times were sold for five cents each, the present dignified presentation of theosophical books will be given away, a copy being sent to every member in good standing. This present cost The Theosophical Press several hundred dollars and it is to be hoped that the response from the members will be renewed activity in book buying and book giving.

Mr. Watson Returns

M R. CLAUDE L. WATSON, WHO WON a favorable reputation in the lecture field a couple of years ago, has now returned to the work. His venture in manufacturing vegetarian foods was not abandoned but turned over to his brother, and engagements can now be made with Mr. Watson for theosophical lectures by addressing him at Headquarters.

No Further Enrollment

T HE THEOSOPHICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, now entering it's second month, is closed to applicants. The enrollment was heavy and the time of the teachers is fully occupied. Please do not send new applications to Headquarters,—it will only cause useless work. Arrangements to take on new students may possibly be made in a few months, but nothing can be done at present. It is a good time, however, to think the matter over and be ready to take advantage of the next opportunity.

The European Theosophical Congress

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was very interesting and instructive, although many did not appear in some distinctive garb. There were some interesting Welsh costumes; Mr. Freeman, the General Secretary from Wales, wore the white gown and wreath of oak leaves of the Druid priest. There were some picturesque sailor costumes from Holland, and the Balkan countries and others had good ones. The Austrians wear commonly a very sensible dress which is distinctive, as do some more of the Germans.

Of the visiting nations the Dutch and English were the most numerous. Strong delegations were present from Italy, Germany and Belgium. It seemed as if every European country was represented, and many countries outside Europe.

sented as nevery European country was represented, and many countries outside Europe. The English language was the official one: it is probably understood by more Europeans who know more than their own language, than any other one. But all important lectures were translated at once, into French and German, either in the main hall or in other rooms. The skill with which Mr. Cordes, the Austrian General Secretary, took notes of a long English speech and then rendered it into German, and the way in which Monsieur Demarquette did the same for a French translation, enabled most of those who did not understand English, to follow the important work of the Congress.

The various meetings of the Congress were held in the Konzerthaus, a very excellent place with a refined atmosphere. This gave to the Congress the use of three halls. In the largest were held public lectures by Mr. Jinarajadasa, Dr. Elisabeth Rotten, and Mr. J. Krishnamurti, thus giving the people of Vienna opportunity to contact theosophical thought.

Some of the outstanding features of the Con-

gress were: the uniting of Belgian, French and German theosophists to counteract the spirit of hatred between these countries; it was urged by some of the leaders of the Action Lodge of London, especially Lady Emily Luytens, that there should be more of such lodges, which enter into the burning questions of the day,—political, social, economic, international, etc.; a society was formed for dealing with the League of Nations questions.

Mr. Jinarajadasa presided over the general meetings and guided them with calm philosophic wisdom and dignity. He advises theosophists to enter into the life of the world, to launch necessary new movements and to leave them when men of the world have taken up the work. Mr. Krishnamurti struck the same keynote as at Chicago: theosophic lodges must live the life of spirituality, to leave the unreal and find the real. His public lecture was entitled: "The Need of Spirituality in the World."

One can not help thinking that this large gathering of European and other theosophists, in one of the great capitals of Central Europe, must have its good effects in drawing together many elements, and harmonizing the disturbed life of Europe, a continent full of the glories of civilization, together with many perhaps unavoidable imperfections.

It is good to contemplate the far-reaching effect of such a splendid gathering, and it is also a pleasure to look forward to our own next annual convention, when we will have our great Vice-President with us.

G. W.

The Children's Work in America

NEW GROUPS

Cleveland Lodge, Ohio

The King's Round Table-Leader

Mrs. Marie Meguillet Camelot Round Table-Leader

Mrs. Mildred Shattuck Brook, Indiana-Round Table-Leader

Mrs. Wm. Patterson

Long Beach Lodge, Calif.-Round Table-Leader Mrs. Alma Kunz Gulick

Glendale Lodge, Calif .-- Round Table-Leader

Dr. Hannah Hukill Service Lodge, Reno, Nev. —Round Table Leader—Mrs. Ethel Casselberry

Auberry, Calif. -Lotus Group-Leader

Louisville, Ky.—Golden Chain Group—Leader Mrs. Elizabeth Depner

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Besant-(by George Arundale, Secy.)

"Dr. Besant thanks the Order of the Round Table for loving greetings sent. She is much interested to hear that the Order is to have a special 'Protector's Day' on her birthday each year."

Bishop Leadbeater-(by Fritz Kunz, Secy.)

"Bishop Leadbeater wants me to say that he appreciates the great accession of life which the Order of the Round Table has lately displayed in America, and counts on a great extension of the work as soon as you resume field activity in the autumn."

From the Theosophical Congress, Vienna Austria. "Greetings and kind thoughts from the Round Table Congress." Signed: Senior Council and members of the Order.

Cleveland Lodge-(Mrs. Meguillet and Mrs. Shattuck.)

"A picnic was given this summer for the children of our Lodge members and their little friends, and during the afternoon the work of the Round Table was explained and the children invited to join. Several signed the applications for membership.

"We have just had our first meeting. After inishing up the business of organization, the children gilded the handles of their swords and silvered the blades. The girls then cut out their robes. Painting the swords proved most fascinating. We are going to take up the stories of King Arthur and the Round Table. A little later we will study some of the theosophical books.

Reno, Nev.-(Mrs. Casselberry.)

"We now have fifteen children, members of 'Willing Service Table.' Everything is completed, all robes made and dues for 1923 paid, and we are one of the happiest groups you can

"Initiations took place Saturday, twelve children present and installed, and one week later, we met, fully robed, and conducted our business as well as the ceremony. We are studying 'I Promise' by C. Jinarajadasa and 'Parables from Nature' by Mrs. Gotty.

"We have also reached an influential member of the Red Cross who is enthusiastic about our work and is making plans to form a Table.'

Seattle-(Mrs. Slater)

"The Harmony Table plans to take up the study of comparative religions for their work this winter. I am not going to take active charge this year, but will appoint two of the Squires to take sharge. In that way it will give them a responsibility which I think very good for them and it will also give me an opportunity to visit the other groups and give what assistance I can. We are hoping to have three Round Table Groups and two Lotus Classes in Seattle this winter."

(Seattle has the honor mark! V. S.)

Birmingham, Ala.-(Mrs. Moore)

"We are planning to organize a Round Table at the Juvenile Court among the children detained there, some of whom are classed as 'delinquents,' others merely as 'dependants.' There are both boys and girls of all ages up to 21. Our Lodge is planning some practical grown-up people's ser-vice in 'Following the King,' and the Juvenile Court seems to be destined as the recipient of some attention."

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Round Table Order in America has just printed a 12-page bulletin, containing news of the Order, suggestions for work and reports from Ta-bles. Extra copies of The Bulletin may be obtained from the Order for \$.25 a copy.

A Song Book (words only) has been compiled by the Chief Knight of the Round Table and published by The Theosophical Press. It is called "Songs for Young People"—Price \$35, and con-tains songs for Round Table, Golden Chain Groups and Lotus Groups. A Group needs only the two or three music books listed for the pianist and six or ten copies of this booklet for the children. The Round Table Order has several secondhand Lotus Song Books (with music) for sale.

The International Round Table Magazine, containing articles by our leaders, interesting stories and pictures, has been received from Vienna. Price \$.60 a copy.

This office has also just received from India, the first six copies of the new magazine "The Young Citizen," edited by Dr. Besant and George Arundale. It is one of the best magazines for young dale. It is one of the best magazines for young people of all ages that this office has received. The cover pictures a youth with flaming torch and bears the inscription "Youth Comes to Re-Shape the World." Dr. Besant opens the first number with these words: "A New Era opens before us, a new human type is being born into the world, to build a new civilization, a civiliza-tion the keynote of which shall be Brotherhood, mutual love, helpful work carried out by co-operation, harmony enriched by differences, and He who cries aloud: 'Behold! I make all things new,' will find His Agents among the young.

This magazine will, each month, hold up before its readers as an inspiring ideal, some great Servant of the World, some one who aided the world to take a step upward "on the golden stair," which leads humanity from animal to Divinity, from brute to God. It will seek these examples in all races and in all creeds, for everywhere have lived the Heroes of our Race. It will seek to inspire its readers to Service-for ideals, left unpractised, become hardeners of the heart-and it will ever bear in mind that noblest test of greatness: "Greatest among you is he that doth serve." Service will be the mark of greatness in the New Civilization. May some, at least, of our readers so serve, that they may attain to the true greatness!

Mrs. Alma Kunz Gulick is designing a chart of the Ancient Round Table of King Arthur, listing the names of every known Knight arranged in their proper order at the Table, with the shields and crests of each. Copies of this chart will be made in black and white and can be supplied by the Round Table Order to Lodges and Tables. They would be interesting for use in Lodge Rooms and would draw attention to the Order

INQUIRY

We have had an inquiry from the Children's Theatre, New York City, asking for Theosophical Children's Plays. It is their intention to put on such a play this winter.

Unfortunately, there is little material of this kind. If members know of theosophical plays

The Order of the New Age

The Order of the New Age is a federation of young theosophical workers from all over the world recently organized in Australia, with Oscar Kollerstrom, Head of the Order, Miss Dora van Gelder, Corresponding Secretary, and Bishop Leadbeater, Patron.

A similar group in America, who call themselves The League of Young Theosophists, was organized at the Chicago Convention by Fritz Kunz.

At the Vienna Convention some of the younger members of the T. S. who live in Europe had the opportunity to meet each other and come in closer contact by forming a group called The European Federation of Young Theosophists, headed by H. vanderVeen.

OBJECTS

1. To provide a means for realizing the ideals of the young in active theosophical work.

2. To form local groups to promote the work of all young people interested in modern thought or Theosophy, and to assist in the expression of their ideas.

3. To bind our members together in a worldwide friendship, and to arrange for the interchange of ideas on the theosophical aspect of Art, Science, Philosophy, Religion, Politics, and so forth, by international correspondence.

4. To publish a magazine expressive of the spirit of the Coming Age as seen in the light of Theosophy, and thereby humbly to bear our part in laying the foundations of the New World, and in preparing for the Coming of a World-Leader, who will point the way to a true world-federation which will realize the splendid dream of Brotherhood.

It is the hope of the Order of the New Age to bring together peoples and countries. All the for children, will they please send information to me at once. If there are members who write plays, perhaps they would undertake this service for the children and write a play embodying some of our theosophical principles of life.

CONCLUSION

Dear fellow-members:—Most of us are now reopening our Lodges after the vacation season; may we take up our fall activities with renewed enthusiasm and joy in Service. Each year the Coming of the Great One is closer at hand. Let us gather His children together and have them ready to greet Him when He comes.

When you read this, I shall be in the East lecturing and organizing the children's work. All orders and communications, however, will be taken care of by Dr. Ernest Stone at the usual address of the Round Table Order.

VIDA REED STONE,

2572 Glen Green, Hollywood, California

members will co-operate with lodges of the T. S. and with the Order of the Round Table. The young people aim to do practical work, such as visiting hospitals, raising money for poor children by giving concerts, plays, and so forth, writing theosophical articles for newspapers and magazines, and corresponding on definite subjects in which they are best informed with young folks in foreign countries.

It is desirable that several local centers should be formed in the United States and those wishing to become members need only to send to the secretary (for America) for an application blank. Any theosophist under thirty years of age is eligible to membership.

DOROTHY MAXSON,

Sec'y. Young Theosophical Workers in America. 501 E. Grand River Avenue, East Lansing, Mich.

An Error

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa writes, correcting a statement made in the August MESSENGER, page 43, in "The Writing of The Secret Doctrine." The error occurs in the reprint of Mr. Bertram Keightley's letter of December 6, 1922. The first sentence of the second paragraph should read:

"As to all the material which H. P. B. intended for future volumes—apart from the first two volumes which were published under her care all was published in the *third* volume, which contains absolutely all which H. P. B. left in the form of manuscript."

The word *third* was misprinted *first* in the former issue.

The world is resistance to consciousness, and the obstacles with which it is filled constantly widen the flow of the stream of my consciousness.

ERNEST WOOD in Destiny

The News Clipping Bureau

A Press Cutting Department, under the superintendence of Miss Annie Bell, has been opened in the office of Dr. Besant's Private Secretary at Adyar to supply the needs of New India, Young Citizen, Theosophist, Adyar Bulletin, Stri Dharma, and Brothers of Service. The News Clipping Bureau, organized in the United States by Mr. Fritz Kunz with Dr. Erport Stope measure will set as agent for the

The News Clipping Bureau, organized in the United States by Mr. Fritz Kunz with Dr. Ernest Stone, manager, will act as agent for the Adyar Press Cutting Department. A modern News Clipping Bureau will be built up and maintained and it is hoped that many members will be recruited for this important work. Two methods of gathering material are open to members; (a) regular pledged review work; (b) miscellaneous clipping.

laneous clipping. REGULAR REVIEW WORK: It is the aim of the News Clipping Bureau to cover every important periodical and magazine in the United States and Canada. Members who desire to review regularly one or more magazines or newspapers should send in their names. By organizing all reviewing and clipping activity we will systematically gather in every valuable scrap afloat upon the literary ocean in Amarica.

MISCELLANEOUS CLIPPINGS: Every item of interest which will likely be used by Dr. Besant in her periodicals should be clipped and sent in. The entire membership of the Section can help in this work. Although the organized review work done by pledged members is the most valuable, still the miscellaneous clipping can be of great service provided members keep up their interest and do not forget.

RUBBER STAMP: Each clipping sent should bear the name and date of publication as well as the name and address of sender. For convenience and legibility a rubber stamp giving your name and address is recommended and can be had for a dollar at your nearest stamp store. All material passing through this Clearing House will be acknowledged, listed, sorted, and systematically arranged and then sent to Adyar. Address all communications to News Clipping Bureau, Dr. Ernest Stone, Manager, 832 Chapman Bldg., Los Angeles, California.

What Lodges Are Doing

CENTRAL LODGE, NEW YORK.

Central Lodge, New York, has moved into new quarters at 158 West 72d Street, and has resumed its regular Thursday evening meetings. Miss M. A. Thomas, of London, opened the year's work October 18th with a talk on "The Three Fundamentals of the Secret Doctrine," and arrangements have been made for other interesting meetings, including one to be addressed by Mr. H. C. Stowe, recently returned from a trip around the world. He and Mrs. Stowe attended the Adyar Convention.

(What is your Lodge doing that will be a help and inspiration to service in some other Lodge? Write briefly about the ways you finance your work, about unique propaganda ideas and organization work, and send the news items to THE MESSENGER. —Assistant Editor.)

Deaths

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

Mrs. Viola May BhattacharyaAkbar Lodge
Mrs. Mina S. HedgesAkbar Lodge
Mrs. G. M. JonesPittsburg Lodge
Phillip Zemansky San Francisco Lodge
Judge Freelon J. Davis Syracuse Lodge
Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ross Los Angeles Lodge
Nellie M. HoustonBrooklyn Lodge

Mrs. George M. Jones

Word has come of the recent death of Mrs. George M. Jones, for many years a prominent Pittsburgh member. She helped in organization work, financed lecture courses, and entertained many of the traveling lecturers when they stopped in the Iron City. When Mr. Jinarajadasa was in this country he gave a course of lectures in her home. The work of the Theosophical Society has been benefitted in many ways by her.

Many Ways to Work

In Denver a group of devoted members have opened a health food store and bakery. They sell whole wheat flour and bread, milling their own grains. They also sell honey, pure olive oil and other health foods.

A Louisville member serves the younger brothers by working every day at the city pound, and, incidentally, learning a lot about city politics.

Lodge bulletins are a necessary factor in holding the interest of all members. A monthly news sheet, however simply printed, helps bring the lodge spirit to the absent members.

Besant Lodge, Seattle, has its bulletin set on the linotype and run off on inexpensive paper. The Vancouver Lodge issues "The Sprite," neatly multigraphed on both sides of letter paper.

Relieve yourself of the strain of Christmas shopping by selecting theosophical books for your friends. When the new Theosophical Press catalog arrives, make up your list, give your order to your book dealer, together with Special Offer Coupon properly filled out, and The Theosophical Press will do the rest.

The advantage of this is that you will have an extra book to give which you do not pay for a beautiful miniature leather copy of *Light on* the Path, for which, ordinarily, you would pay \$1.25. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Order early so that your shipments will not get caught in the Christmas rush of mail.

When sending remittances to Headquarters, remember that the accounts of The Theosophical Press are entirely separate from those of the American Theosophical Society.

Book Reviews

How I Know the Dead are Alive—by Fannie Ruthven Paget. Price \$2.50 through The Theosophical Press.

There are many kinds of evidence that the "dead" still live but even the scientific kind, that such investigators as the late Sir William Crookes was fond of producing, rarely takes hold of one with such compelling force as the testimony of witnesses who narrate thrilling personal experiences. Not often have I read a book with keener interest than this one before me on the table, How I Know the Dead are Alive, by Fanny Ruthven Paget. Perhaps it is partly because I have the pleasure of knowing the author, who is a member of The Theosophical Society, and because I have first hand knowledge of her ability to forecast accurately future events. I vividly recall her description in the spring of 1918 of the collapse of the World War and the small percentage of American slain because the war would end "in a few months." It was at the close of my lecture in the city where she resided that she gave me this confident statement. Nearly everybody then believed that a prolonged struggle was ahead, but she was not basing the statement on the data we were using in our estimates.

Mrs. Paget's book is the more remarkable because, as she states in the preface, she was a materialist until the proof positive of another life and a world of deeper, intenser reality was suddenly thrust upon her. Students of psychic phenomena will be particularly interested in the fact that Mrs. Paget, as an uncompromising materialist, had met all arguments and assertions of opponents with a consistent demand of "evidence." If there was existence independent of the physical body she "demanded the proof," and she finally got it in most dramatic fashion!

Perhaps one reason why the book is "something different" from the familiar type of psychic experiences is that it is not a product of automatic writing and also because, from the time of the experiences to the writing of the book, she felt constrained to avoid reading any books on such subjects. It is certainly a most original presentation and the narrative is uniquely entertaining. To Mrs. Paget, materialist, it must have been tragedy at the time but to Mrs. Paget, theosophist, it must appear to contain some rare elements of humor. The fact that her fiance was a skeptic and a well known leader in the materialists' camp added decidedly to the element of tragedy. But all is well that ends well, and as Captain Paget is now also a member of The Theosophical Society they doubtless both find amusement in what was undoubtedly tragic enough at the time.

The author of How I Know the Dead are Alive long deferred giving her experiences to the reading public but the insistence of those who brought the demanded proofs to her finally triumphed and we may be thankful for that. It adds a book of real worth and unusual interest to theosophical literature. L. W. R.

The ways to God are as many as the breaths of the children of men.

For Indian Educational Work

The hand-carved ebony table here illustrated is offered for sale by the U. S. Adyar Committee, the proceeds to be sent to Dr. Annie Besant for her educational work in India. The table is valued at \$200.00. It is hoped that some worthy



T. S. member will offer this price but less will be considered if the table cannot be sold at par.

The table is the gift of Mr. John Worsley, a member of the Seattle Lodge, and was selected by him while visiting in Adyar. It is at present in the Seattle Lodge room awaiting its new owner.

Mr. R. B. Barnard, secretary of the Seattle Lodge, sends in the following description: The table is ebony, hand-carved in the South India oriental style. The top is approximately 23x45inches, with 7" corners, making the parallel sides approximately $9\frac{1}{2}x30\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The top is 1" thick with carving $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. The trim around the edge is also 1" high. The square blocks at the top and bottom of the table legs are $2\frac{1}{2}$ " high and $3\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. The elephants are 17" high and $2\frac{1}{4}$ " real ivory tusks. The overall height of table is 25 inches.

Address all communications to Dr. Ernest Stone, sec'y. U. S. Adyar Committee, 832 Chapman Bldg., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. Pickett, Field Worker

Dr. Nina Elizabeth Pickett, as THE MESSENGER has announced in previous numbers, has indicated her willingnessto go to any part of the country for class work or for organization purposes. She has been successful in this line of service in Oregon. Her specialty is class work and building up and strengthening lodges. She will expect only entertainment and actual expenses, if there are any, on account of traveling to the place of engagement. If interested, write direct to her at Riverine Avenue, Santa Ana, California.

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Austin	November	25-27

HELEN FITZGERALD

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st your neighbor's copy, wishing that you might have one for your very own. For instance, the September number carried a photograph of the leaders taken at the Vienna Congress, including Messrs. Krishnamurti, Nityananda, and Jinarajadasa; as well as a reprint of a striking sketch of Mr. Krishnamurti, done last June in New York by the famous American artist, James Montgomery Flagg.

The October Herald has for its outstanding features— "The Path," Part I, by J. Krishnamurti, a vivid, almost torturously vivid, word picture of the

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"A Druid Circle," a study of the fairy inhabitants of the English Lake district, given by Geoffrey Hudson.

Lady Emily Lutyens, V. C. Patwardhan and S. L. Bensusan complete the list of contributors, but the description of the October issue is not complete without mention of the frontespiece—again a portrait of our Head, Mr. Krishnamurti, but this time done by an Oriental, Asit Kumar Haldar. It is a conception so different from that of the American sketch in the previous number that it calls forth discussion and comparison.

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