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## To Those Who Rejoice

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BEFORE certain of the greatest of the mysteries of existence the mind of man fails. Death has long been one of these, though now at last it appears that science is reaching out into the realms which exist beyond what we call death. But of the wonder of birth our modern knowledge gives us still less of a rational explanation. Even of the creation of the physical form of the babe we know really very little; and when to that marvel is added the still greater wonder of the endowment of the tender and delicate body with power upon power of emotion and mind and of transcendent spirit, man's present science must humbly acknowledge itself defeated.

But ordinary physical science is not the only source of wisdom. In some ways it is the least, splendid though its achievement has been as the discoverer of mechanical benefits of all sorts. Beyond emotion and mind—though reaching down into them and, in the case of genius, making them great—seers of all times have perceived grander powers. Of these undoubtedly the intuitions stand far above the ordinary thoughts and emotions, the will above any of these, and Love—where it is pure, impersonal and sustained—above all. Now

these powers of man, standing over his lower emotions and the analytical mind, have been the source of his true knowledge of the powers of the spirit in all places, among all races, at all times. And by means of such powers true religion, as distinct from theological dogmatism, has been built up; and in the traditions of true religion are found many priceless elements of wisdom, distilled throughout the ages, and cherished even if not always understood, from which some understanding of the mysteries of birth can be acquired. Surely it will be of value to parents of a newly-born child to penetrate a little beyond the veil of this great mystery and try to understand somewhat the privilege and opportunity which is theirs? A true father and mother recognize their responsibility toward the child, its right to care and shelter and sustenance of every sort. Is there, then, anything more important to the baby than that its parents should possess a true understanding of its inner nature; the possibilities of its hidden powers; and that those round it should appreciate that it is far more than a mere rational animal, since the fragile form, so helpless and so appealing, enshrines (notwithstanding its weakness) an immortal being whose spirit is in

communion with the Eternal Life which is all things?

There is no need to say much about the feeling we have for children. All know how the presence of the child comes like a benediction to the family, even where want of money makes it an added burden. Often the child is the final seal to a loving union; sometimes a veritable saviour and uplifter. Where the parents have loved one another with an exclusive if beautiful affection, now the circle of their happiness is magically enlarged in a new and special way. They live no longer only for one another and for themselves, each giving and each receiving, but now gladly give to another being, who cannot as yet give love for love quite so consciously. Thus the unselfishness innate in us all, but seldom called out, is actively brought into being. And so we see that the child is more than the mere triumph and crown and completion of the family; he is the bearer of a special gift, the opener of a new era.

The reason for this is something more than the merely material. In a very real sense, the babe is a messenger from heaven—not a remote, an irrational, or an unreal heaven, but the inner worlds of consciousness which lie all about us all the time, but unto which we do not turn our vision. With the child's coming, reflections of that realm of Light play into this world of ours for the moment. "Heaven lies about us in our infancy," Wordsworth has put it. The newly born is rather more in the world whence it has come than it is in this world of the flesh. For the first years of life here the baby sees little in this world and much in these inner worlds. Many mothers recognize this quite freely and do not admonish children who "see fairies," and other Beings who are invisible to our duller vision. With many specially sensitive children this condition of dreaminess or subjectiveness continues much longer than with others. It is not at all an unhealthy state, necessarily, for children vary enormously in their inner natures, and for some types the inward life is natural and right. Hence it follows that we should all study most carefully those who come to us. We have no right to force them into some artificial form which we select, which may very well be quite the wrong one for the baby.

A loving study of the soul nature will enable us to detect its strength and weaknesses. All little children whatever deserve imperturbable affection. Severity and harshness must always be avoided, though firmness mixed with affection is also necessary; but the sensitive child, which seems to be more and more commonly seen as time passes, deserves an extra measure of care and thought and study. Just as the physical form is delicate and tender and easily misshaped, so the emotions and mind of the baby are delicate and fine. Everything depends on the attitude of the father and mother. Modern psychology shows that a fright in childhood makes a terrible, almost ineradicable, impression upon the child consciousness; therefore to threaten, bully or hastily chastise a child is to wrong it, as it is also a confession of the weakness of the parental love. People say, "The baby is too young to remember," but they are absolutely wrong. At an amazing early age the subconscious mind is active—that is to say, the emotions and mind receive and retain the shape given them from day to day by those round about. If the pressure exerted on the child is from the side of hate—that is, through fear, worrying, threats, coarsening, brutalizing and the like—the twist will be inevitably toward that side. If the pressure is that of love, applied through steady affection, kindness, sympathy, helpfulness and the like, the emotions and mind will be shaped accordingly. What an immense responsibility rests upon parents! They make or mar the future of their children and therefore the future of the country.

The emotions and mind of the child have from the beginning certain tendencies, just as the physical form has certain tendencies. The latter are likely to be derived from the father and mother to a considerable extent, color of eyes, characteristic movements, etc. But the early tendencies of the emotions and mind are not derived very much from the parents. True, the pressure of being constantly with the parents shapes the emotions and the mind, just as the food, air, exercise, etc., the parents supply shapes the body. But if there is no forcing of the child, except by the pressure of a fine love, it will show forth its own innate characteristics.



What we want to suggest here is that you will understand and appreciate the wonder of spiritual evolution if you know that your baby has come to you as a shrine to shelter a divine soul which comes laden with treasures in embryo, in the mind and heart, of wonderful lessons of the past. And you will appreciate anew also your duty toward this inward soul, which cometh from afar; for you have not to teach it all, but more to strengthen it in its good tendencies and not to aggravate it toward its weaknesses.

How can you know what those needs are? Well, many a mother knows before the child is born. "Women's fancies!" people exclaim. They speak ignorantly, for the mother is in communion with her babe, and knows quite well often what message it brings with it. It is the scoffers who are ignorant. A superficial science leads them into a grievous error. The soul that comes into that body brings its past with it, and the mother quite often knows. Study will help you to understand this idea better, and the study is fascinating as well as valuable. As the child develops it will show its inner character, if that has not been warped in some foreign mould by outward events. As this character becomes evident it is the duty of the parent to help the soul to master outer circumstances and not be crushed by them. Love is the great guide for the parents. No other guide is sure. If the child shows cruelty not learnt from those round about it, mayhap it brought that tendency from its past life. If so, the error may be deep seated. Love and firmness and rational appeals will change the weakness into strength. The little tendency toward the bully will become the tendency toward the hero, and so on.

A great change is coming over the world. Are you going to force your children to live according to standards that are passing away with you, or will you seek to place them in the van of progress, sensing the future for them and helping them to grow toward it? The message of the future is Brotherhood, Peace and Love. A new age will bring these in. Co-operation will take the place of competition. Will your baby grow up to understand that the way of progress is that of Brotherhood? If so, he

or she will then be grounded well in the fundamental principle of the future. We all, now-a-days, want the best of education for our children. Are your schools all that you would like? Do they teach selfish competition and money-making merely, or do they strengthen the inward glories of the child's character, his love, wisdom, friendliness, gentleness and sense of service? If they are not what they should be, then it is for us to make them right before our children pass into them to be stamped by the deep influence of school life. Determine, therefore, that before this baby grows to school age you will do all that you can in co-operation with others to make our schools teach the good, the beautiful and the true in the spirit of the future that is hope, rather than in the choking atmosphere of the past, which is death. There are many things in our world which will not be changed before you and I pass out of this life; but can we not help to get them changed for our children's sakes?

Doctors tell us that before a baby is a few months old the smoke and other poisonous things in the air of our cities have changed the delicate membrane of the lungs from a beautiful and healthful rose-color to an unhealthy leaden grey. This enforcement of an ugly evil upon our babies, when they have to be brought up in cities, is a symbol of the many things that want changing, that human life may be free, beautiful and true. It is not only the physical conditions which are often bad. Bigotry, narrowness, sensationalism and many other things surround us ready to poison the emotions and mind of the growing child just as the physical air which it breathes will poison its lungs. The physical poisons bring their train of physical weaknesses and possible diseases; the mental and emotional poisons have their results in the psychical (emotional and mental) afflictions. We must do all that we can to fight against these evils for the sake of our children. We may not be individually strong and powerful, but united we are bound to succeed. Surely the appeal of our babies, dependent upon us, will not go in vain!

Human life can be very beautiful and splendid. What future awaits your little

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### *Some Convention Features*

IT goes without saying that the most interesting and instructive thing at the Convention will be the talks to members only by Mr. Jinarajadasa. That part of the program will be given the "right-of-way" over all others.

Mrs. Jinarajadasa, who has long been working for the betterment of Indian women, will undoubtedly give us some new ideas on that subject.

There will also be other very interesting things. Mrs. Stone will give an illustrated talk about the Round Table and Lotus work and a demonstration of the Round Table ceremonies will be given by the children.

Mrs. Simons will give a lantern talk about our remarkably successful Theosophical Correspondence School work and will have some newsy things to tell us.

Prof. Ernest Wood, author of *Concentration, Memory Training* and similar books, will have a place on the program.

In addition to the regular to-be-expected things the Convention committee usually has a pleasant surprise or two unannounced which contributes to the success of the Convention. The banquet on Wednesday night will, of course, be the usual happy occasion which has always in past years sent everybody home in a pleasant frame

of mind. That inimitable toastmaster, Mr. Walter G. Greenleaf, will again be in charge of the intellectual part of the feast and no better evidence of a good time may be offered.

### *Proxies*

UNLESS the required percentage of members fill out the proxy blank on the last page but one in this number of THE MESSENGER and send it to the Secretary-Treasurer as directed, the Chicago Convention—August 9-13—cannot legally transact business. The proxy is admittedly a nuisance but to authorize some member to act in our stead is apparently a legal necessity. Every member should know that his proxy is to be sent ahead to Chicago whether he goes to Convention or not. If he appears there the proxy automatically becomes void but it has served the purpose of recording the percentage of members at the Convention and legalizes the proceedings. All members are to send proxies. Secretaries of Lodges should bring this matter to the attention of members at all Lodge meetings prior to August 9.

Each year a large number of proxies arrive too late to be recorded. The right time to send a proxy is *now*.

### *The Theosophical Spirit*

BECAUSE there were so many more demands for engagements than Mr. Jinarajadasa can possibly accept, a number of our Lodges were disappointed but they have made the best of the matter in fine theosophical spirit. In one case a Lodge voluntarily surrendered its one night for no other reason than that another Lodge on the route had a much larger population and could, therefore, give Mr. Jinarajadasa a better opportunity to reach non-theosophists. The Lodge in the larger city is a smaller and younger Lodge and there was some doubt as to whether it could accept the generous offer. But that possibility was anticipated by the Lodge which offered to give up its engagement. To the generous offer of surrender they added "And we will gladly help out with the expenses the same as if he came here." Real Theosophy, that! If we can only reach that point where such sentiment is universal throughout the American Section, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.



### *Convention Report*

THIS year arrangements have been made to have a verbatim shorthand report of the Convention and all Forum sessions. One of our Los Angeles members who is an expert in that work will go to Chicago for the especial purpose of making the record.

### *An Indian Educator*

PROF. R. K. KULKARNI, who is a prominent personage in the "League of Parents and Teachers" and also an instructor in Victoria College, Gwalior, C. I., and is an F. T. S. from the Indian Section, will arrive in New York the latter part of the summer or early autumn. Prof. Kulkarni will be pleased to accept lecture engagements with our Lodges and his list of titles presents some subjects that are likely to be of much interest to Americans. Among his lantern lectures will be "The Child and Its Past," "The Goal of Human Evolution," "Ancient India," "Modern India and Her Aspirations," and "The Children in India." In the educational list some interesting titles with which slides will not be used are "Discipline Through Love" and "Evils of Coercion." Among his literary subjects are "Tennyson and Kalidas on the Attitude Towards the Dead" and "The Psychology of Hamlet," which ought to have a keen interest for many of us. He sends in advance a list of 26 lectures on educational, literary, general and theosophical subjects. Lodges interested in the American work of this Oriental visitor can get detailed information through Headquarters.

### *An Opportunity*

OCCASIONALLY there is an opportunity for another member to join the Headquarters staff. The work is growing steadily and to avoid the danger of overworking it is necessary to look ahead and know where to find recruits when they are needed. In the near future there must be more help in the Section office. Some one of our members who is a good bookkeeper, with several years of practical experience, can then find useful work at Headquarters with a reasonable salary. If you are interested, or know of some member who would be, write to the Secretary-Treasurer.

### *The Ballot is a Failure*

IN the April number of THE MESSENGER under the caption "Is the Ballot a Failure?" some of the surprising features of the election for National President and National Vice-President were discussed and it was pointed out that less than ten per cent. of those entitled to vote had taken the trouble to do so. The one reason to be found for their apathy was that only one candidate for each office had been nominated and, as they were the present incumbents, it was therefore known that they would either be elected or, in the event of less than ten per cent. of the votes being cast, would continue in office. That seemed a reasonable explanation of the failure to vote.

Now, however, that the election for the National Board of Directors is past, the question "Is the ballot a failure?" can be put in the declarative form—"the ballot is a failure"; for the election just closed did not represent a mere formality. There were seven candidates in the field and but three could be elected. A patriotic member who felt that there should be some life to a campaign had put forward a fourth and fifth nominee and had sent out a letter to Lodges "boosting" his choice. Another patriotic member added zest to the matter by sending out a letter to Lodges giving the reasons for *his* choice, which were different. It looked for a moment as though the Section might wake up and take a real interest in what was occurring, but now comes the vote testifying to the profundity of our slumber. Only a little more than ten in every hundred of the members voted! It may, of course, be argued that all seven of the candidates were excellent official material and that everyone would have made a good director, therefore it did not matter who was elected. That is quite true but it does not explain away the uselessness of the popular ballot. If only suitable members are nominated they may as well be nominated at the Convention where five, or ten, or any other number may be named and the Convention makes a choice. In less than an hour it disposes of work that, under the present arrangement, has dragged along from January to June. That's enough to put *anybody* to sleep!



### *The Round Table South*

LATE in May Mrs. Vida Stone returned from the first southern tour for the Round Table. During the trip 15 new centers were organized and 97 more children were enrolled. One of the interesting and useful features of the work was the coming into contact with other organizations that are working with children. The Leaders and managers in some of these were eager to adopt the ethical principles of the Round Table as a great improvement. In one southern city Mrs. Stone ran across a unique boy's organization called "The Knothole Gang." It was sponsored by a business man who furnished free ball game tickets to boys who could get no better view of the proceedings inside the big enclosure than that to be obtained through cracks in the fence! To get a ticket a boy had to sign the pledge to observe certain ethical rules and if he was observed to violate them he forfeited the right to future tickets!

A significant thing about the trip was that it carried the Round Table work and teaching into various large groups of children who have no other link with theosophical thought.

### *Doing Something*

WHAT important things sometimes result from having the courage of one's convictions and the energy to translate it into action is well illustrated in a case that recently came indirectly to light. A young girl, who is a member of one of our Lodges and who is in a middle states college, got one of the professors to open the way for a theosophical lecturer to address the students. Later the professor joined the Theosophical Society and presented each of his pupils with a copy of *At the Feet of the Master* and prescribed it for university reading. Reflect a moment on how far that one impulse will ultimately go.

### *A Fine Lodge*

LAST month attention was called to a new Lodge in process of formation in Cincinnati, with the charter list standing above fifty, and a course of six Sunday lectures still to be given. After the final lectures the number of charter members stood

at 77. Not having been at Headquarters since, I do not know whether more were added later but, as far as I know, that is the largest charter list in the American Section. At Ottawa, a few years ago, when the Canadian Lodges were still a part of the American Section, we organized with 72, as I remember it. There the lectures were given in the beautiful Chateau Laurier. I do not believe that the two fine halls and the two unusually heavy charter lists were merely coincidences. A first class hall has a first class influence.

### *Knowledge is Power*

OF course you know something about Theosophy. Every member knows more or less. Some who are very new in the Society know much because they studied it for years before joining. Some who have been members for a long time know but little about it. Every earnest member should desire to know Theosophy better than he does. All of us should be capable of talking it intelligently to others in ordinary conversation.

To educate our own members was the object in establishing the Theosophical Correspondence School. It offers a very unusual opportunity to become well educated in the world's sublimest philosophy. The Theosophical Correspondence School is conducted by professional teachers, who are old students of Theosophy, and because they are giving their time for the sake of service the cost of the course is exceedingly low—perhaps about one-fifth of what is charged by the commercial correspondence schools for the same service. Emogene S. Simons, principal of our Theosophical Correspondence School, has added a more advanced course, while the elementary course continues. Either or both are at your service. All of us should know Theosophy better.

### *Headquarters Building Plans*

ALL suggestions made about a national Headquarters building have been published in THE MESSENGER as they were received. They differ widely and present plans ranging from an office building in the center of a large city to going far from all existing cities and building a town of our own.



All plans have, of course, an objectionable side and, since no plan can be acceptable that has handicaps too numerous or too serious, it will be a useful thing to point out the faults as well as the virtues of various suggestions as they are made. Let me begin, then, with my own suggestion to the last Convention—that we erect a building on the Sydney Lodge plan, with the lower floors for Section and Press offices and hall, with the upper stories made into apartments which could be rented to the public, and more and more of which could be retained by the Section as the work, and consequently the Headquarters staff increased.

existing success than to propose a wholly new thing. Having seen the success of the Sydney venture it seemed reasonable to follow a tried path. At that time there had been no opportunity to investigate the problem even partially. Since then I have looked rather carefully into it and found that original costs would be much greater than expected and that it is very doubtful if the Australian plan will work successfully in an American city. Prices of grounds, of construction, plus high taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc., would make the investment feature of the plan of doubtful value. In Australia the rent income is fully equal to what ours would be but with nothing like the original investment here. Such a hall as we would desire is not practicable under the conditions. Each part of the building would have to bear its proportion of the cost of maintenance. In figuring out the problem of a hall with 1000 seats it was found that to own it would actually be more expensive than to pay \$100 per session for a hall in the center of the city. To put it differently, the same space made into apartments would bring in more money than hall rent would amount to. Our annual Conventions could not be held in the hall because there would be no place to lodge and feed several hundred guests for five days only in each year. Still other difficulties developed as the investigation was followed to small details. If we adopt an income earning investing plan there must be somebody to manage the property. The big building must be kept full of tenants or instead of earning money

It is always safer to base a plan upon an to pay for itself it would become a "white

elephant," running up a debt to distract our attention from our proper work and consume our energies. Nobody now at Headquarters has a moment's time to give to the management of such a large affair. Who, then, would do it? Who would succeed him when he got tired of it?

All of the above handicaps apply to the plan of an office building with the additional one that it must be in the very heart of the city with its jangle of inharmonious vibrations beating incessantly upon tired nerves. That feature is bad in any part of any city but in the center of a large one it becomes intolerable. Indeed, even in the comparatively quiet part of the city where we are now, I cannot but observe with uneasiness the increasing nerve tension among our workers. To go deeper into the clamor that begins before dawn and ceases after midnight is unthinkable.

The other extreme is the plan to go into the country where two main railway lines intersect and establish a town of our own. That may sound attractive to young people with energies "to burn," but it will hardly appeal to those of us who feel that we must give every possible moment to theosophical work and who desire above all things the best possible facilities for getting it done. Moreover, it is not a colony, but a Headquarters, that we are planning. We have not time in which to wait for a town to grow and develop. Our best work will be done within the next ten years. The big things are to get the country organized and to get the literature to the people. We need a fairly central office, and a workshop equipped to turn out books and printed matter, from which every part of the nation can be promptly reached, and in a location with as much quietude as can be obtained—a place that is very much a part of the active world, but as far removed from its rudeness and discordant vibrations as possible.

Perhaps nothing yet suggested is the plan; but if, through discussing the objections to those suggestions, we are led to the discovery of what we do want, they will have served a good purpose.

L. W. R.

The better part of valor is discretion;  
In the which better part, I have saved my life.  
—*Falstaff*.



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boy or girl? Something depends upon the past which comes with the soul into the baby body. Much depends upon the present which you supply during the early years. Most perhaps depends upon this passing present, for we can mercilessly or mercifully form the child as we wish. Is pure, sustained, powerful love to be our guide? Shall we be so deeply and steadily affectionate toward this newly-returned soul that, whatever petulances and weaknesses it exhibits, we shall never waver in loyalty toward it? Think how great is our duty! In the presence of the sensitive baby nothing must be said or done, or even thought or felt, which will cripple its growth. Thoughts and feelings are real things, whether clothed in words and actions or not. Up roar and turmoil

will tend to shatter the tender inner consciousness of the child. So it rests with you whether this soul returns to earth now, in its long pilgrimage back to God, and finds a haven of peace and hope and love, or a battlefield where it is only harassed. Shall the pilgrim find a hostile, bleak prison round it? Or shall it find itself in a garden radiant with the sunshine of love, starry with the blossoms of gentleness, dewy with kindness, where it will be taught discernment and abnegation, and the six elements of good conduct—resignation, discretion, true charity, surrender to the great laws of the universe, singleness of mind toward spiritual things, and trust—that it may come, at the day appointed, through the grace of a splendid love to union at heart with the glory of its highest and most inward Being?

### Election Announcement

June 12, 1924.

Following is the report of the tellers appointed to canvass the vote for election of members of the Board of Directors, American Section, T. S., which closed at 10 p.m., June 10, 1924. The tellers met the following evening and found the result to be as below:

M. B. Hudson.....	865
Dr. E. C. Boxell.....	858
H. Kay Campbell.....	858
Edith Armour.....	205
Wm. M. Mayes.....	176
Scott Van Etten.....	56
Jas. H. Swain.....	55
Not valid.....	5

FRED J. DICKSON  
WM. H. LEUPEN  
JESSIE THOMPSON BATE  
S. H. FISH

*Tellers*

We hereby certify that the above report is correct.

L. W. ROGERS,  
*National President*  
MAUDE N. COUCH  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### Convention Hotel Rates

Rates at Hotel Sherman, where the Convention of the Theosophical Society will be held on August 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, are as follows:

RATES	
One person	Per day
Room without bath.....	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Room with private bath....	\$3.00 to \$6.00
Two persons	Per day
Room without bath.....	\$4.00
Room with private bath....	\$5.50 to \$10.00
Two connecting rooms with bath	Per day
Two persons .....	\$6.50 to \$10.00
Three persons .....	\$8.00 to \$12.00
Four persons .....	\$9.00 to \$16.00

Reservations can be made now at any time; the earlier the better. Address the Secretary-Treasurer of T.S., 826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, stating time of arrival, and if you are not alone, giving name and address of each person in your party.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Beckwith recently entertained the entire Headquarters staff and other theosophists at a dinner followed by a social evening during which everybody seemed to have a delightful time.

If we only have purity, let us learn that purity purifies and is not soiled; purity helps and does not repel. The Spirit lives, as I have often told you, by giving, not by taking.

ANNIE BESANT—"The Real and the Unreal"



## Book Reviews

*"Vedic Hymns," translated from the Rigveda by Edward J. Thomas, published by Dutton in "The Wisdom of the East" series. (Price, through the Theosophical Press, \$1.50)*

Dr. E. J. Thomas has accomplished an interesting and doubtless very useful task in translating the hymns in the section of the Vedas known as the Rigveda. The Rigveda consists of two major divisions, the hymns and the prose sections dealing with the rituals and sacrifices. Here is perhaps the oldest literature of the Aryan race. The translator, in a long introduction, labors to prove that the deities addressed in these hymns are personified nature forces and avoids placing any credence in the share that direct revelation has had in molding their general trend of thought. The reader seeking for light on the esoteric interpretation of the hymns will be disappointed unless he is able to bring to their reading a key of his own. Perhaps it is just as well that the hymns should be offered to the public on their literary merit solely. Certainly, the volume would have exceeded the requirements of the general editors of the Wisdom of the East series if the translator had attempted to be the interpreter as well.

It isn't easy reading. The thought is strange to a Western mind and the average Westerner will probably not respond to it. Some of the phrases and epithets are of striking beauty and remind one of Homer. One or two short quotations will illustrate: "Come, bright Asvins, with fair horses, accept, O wonder-working ones, the hymn of your worshipper, and partake of the oblations that we offer." Here is a Keatsian stanza: "The red spotted horses have appeared bringing the gleaming dawn. Shining she goes on her chariot that is bedecked with all adornments; she bestows treasure on the man that serves her." There are many hymns to Indra: "Who fixed the shaking Earth, who made firm the trembling mountains; who spread out wide the air, who established the Heaven—he, O men, is Indra." A.E.D.

*The Real and the Unreal, four Convention Lectures, delivered at Adyar at the Forty-seventh Anniversary of the Theosophical Society, December, 1922, by Annie Besant, C. Jinarajadasa and G.S. Arundale. Published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. Cloth, 134 pages. (Price, through the Theosophical Press, \$1.00)*

Four lectures comprise this volume—two by Dr. Besant on "Your World and Ours;" one by Mr. Arundale, "The Centre and the Circumference," and one by Mr. Jinarajadasa, "The Vision of the God-Man."

Dr. Besant's addresses are inspiring calls to every listener to rise from the smaller world into the realm where dwell our Elder Brothers. It is another of the ever-recurring reminders of the one and only dogma of the Theosophical Society—universal brotherhood. "For the Occultist, for the Initiate," our President emphasizes, "for the Knower of the Law, the criminal and the saint are equally to be helped; indeed, the criminal is to be helped more than the saint, be-

cause he is in worse need, a more helpless case. We do not blame men because they condemn. They are charged to keep their society as pure as they can from evil; but the world's judgment of evil is very poor. Things that are crimes in our sight are virtues often in the sight of the ordinary world."

Her second lecture deals with the new age just dawning, the new subrace and our expectation of the coming of the Great Teacher. There is so much in her words that is needed by everyone who knows there is a goal, who senses the difference between "your world and ours," that this book's value to the reader cannot be measured.

Mr. Arundale, in his "The Centre and the Circumference," gives a very close-up view of Adyar and its relation theosophically to Benares and the rest of the Indian T. S. world; of the workers at the International Headquarters, and of the personal relations of various individuals to that centre. He then deals with the centres in a more general way, questioning "what are the constituent elements of centership?" His is the best kind of a talk on the practical use of our much-talked-of brotherhood.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's "The Vision of the God-Man" is a transcendent message, such as our Vice-President so often gives. He points out the ways in which humanity in the past has searched for the divinity in those round about him, and the way in which it seems those of the new age are discovering the divine nature.

The Real and the Unreal has been available for some time, but its worth has not been noted in these columns. A.W.

*The Law of Christ, by C. Jinarajadasa, M.A. Published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. (Price, through the Theosophical Press, cloth, \$2.00)*

This book consists of a series of sermons delivered at the Church of St. Alban, Sydney, Australia.

There is a peculiar appeal in these sermons to Christians. Many phases of Christian thought and teaching, ordinarily rendered obscure, are illumined and clarified. The sermons entitled: The Second Coming of Christ; Christmas Day; The Power of the Spoken Word; Anzac Day; Practical Christianity, are but a few in the book which reveal the help to be found by the Theosophical student as well as by those in the world seeking truth.

The book is written with the same clear style which characterizes all of Mr. Jinarajadasa's work. We hope many may avail themselves of the wealth of information and help to be found in the Law of Christ. E. B. B.

*Salma, a Play in Three Acts, by L. Cranmer-Byng. Published by E. P. Dutton and Company. Cloth, 110 pages. (Price \$1.50 through the Theosophical Press.)*

There are those who have read the exquisite poetry of "A Lute of Jade" and "A Feast of Laterns" who may conjecture what is in store for them when they open the covers of "Salma," a



"drama of April played out a thousand years ago. With the sunshine and laughter and the whispering of a name among the lemon-groves the brief day passes, and with tears it fades into the Lusitanian twilight." It is a delicate, romantic play, with the scene laid in the Portuguese city of Cintra in the days of the Moors. On one line of Hafiz "The beauty of the season of youth returns again to the meadows"—rests the theme of the drama.

Salma is the principal girl player of a strolling troupe and as the players travel toward Cintra, where they are to perform before the Wali and his court, she and her beloved, the Persian lute player, make their vows of eternal faith. They are torn from each other by the emissary of the Wali, and then follows the story of the testing of their faith in each other through many a long year.

As to the story, it is age-old. But the charm of the Moorish setting, the pure and patient sacrifice of Salma and the will to accomplish of Shamsuddin, the lute player—all these lend themselves to the poetic pen of the author. And the result is beauty. The drama leaves you hungry and unsatisfied, and you are glad that reincarnation is a fact. A.W.

### Items of Interest About Books

*The Electron, Its Isolation and Measurement and the Determination of Some of Its Properties*, by Prof. Robert A. Millikan, is a new book from the Chicago University Press. This volume covers in a most interesting manner the results of the author's extensive research and experimentation. He discusses in particular the structure of the atom and the most significant properties of the elementary electrical unit, the electron. Professor Millikan is a recognized leader in the field of modern science and is now rendering important service to the government. 268 pages, \$1.90 through the Theosophical Press.

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The Stanford University Press has published a limited edition of *The Life and Times of Apollonius of Tyana*, which was rendered into English from the Greek of Philostratus the Elder by Charles P. Eells. This is a valuable book to students and is highly recommended by those who have examined it. It is to be regretted that it is bound only in paper. 263 pages, \$2.00 through the Theosophical Press.

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*Man's Judgment of Death*, by Lewis E. Lawes, for the past several years warden of Sing Sing Prison, is an important book on the subject of capital punishment. In the course of Mr. Lawes' duties, he has witnessed more than one hundred executions, and while originally a believer in the efficacy of capital punishment, his experience and observation convinced him of its fallacy. Price \$2.00 through the Theosophical Press.

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If anyone has a new or second-hand copy of the book entitled *Ostru*, author unknown, please write Colonel Cromwell Stacey, Camp Custer, Michigan.

### Reduced Railroad Fares

A reduction of one and one-half fare on the "Certificate Plan" will apply for members attending the meeting of the American Theosophical Society, to be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, August 9-13, 1924, and also for dependent members of their families. You will be entitled up to and including Aug. 16 to a return ticket at this reduced rate.

The following directions are submitted for your guidance:

1. Tickets at the regular one-way tariff fare for the going journey may be obtained on dates to be announced in the August MESSENGER. Be sure that, when purchasing your going ticket, you request a *certificate*. Do not make the mistake of asking for a "receipt."

2. Present yourself at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least thirty minutes before departure of train on which you will begin your journey.

3. *Certificates are not kept at all stations.* If you inquire at your home station, you can ascertain whether certificates and through tickets can be obtained at the place of meeting. If not obtainable at your home station, the agent will inform you at what station they can be obtained. You can in such case purchase a local ticket to the station which has certificates in stock, where you can purchase a through ticket and at the same time ask for and obtain a *certificate* to the place of meeting.

4. Immediately on your arrival at the meeting present your certificate to the endorsing officer, Mr. J. C. Crummey, Chairman Certificates Committee, as the reduced fare for the return journey will not apply unless you are properly identified as provided for by the certificate.

5. Arrangements have been made for validation of certificates by a special agent of the carriers on August 9, 11, 12 and 13 if the required minimum of 250 certificates is presented.

6. *No refund of fare will be made on account of failure to either obtain a proper certificate nor on account of failure to have the certificate validated.*

7. So as to prevent disappointment, it must be understood that the reduction on the return journey is not guaranteed, but is contingent on an attendance of not less than 250 members of the organization at the meeting and dependent members of their families, holding regularly issued certificates obtained from ticket agents at starting points, showing payment of regular one-way tariff fare of not less than 67 cents on going journey.

8. If the necessary minimum of 250 certificates is presented to the special agent as above explained, and your certificate is duly validated, you will be entitled up to and including August 16, 1924, to a return ticket via the same route over which you made the going journey, at one-half of the regular one-way tariff fare from the place of the meeting to the point at which your certificate was issued.

9. Return ticket issued at the reduced fare will not be good on any limited train on which such reduced fare transportation is not honored.



## Headquarters Suggestions

Like many others I would say to make haste slow in deciding the very important question of a permanent location for our new headquarters, also reflect on the aim and scope of the building that is to be erected. Shall it be a building for Theosophical Headquarters' activities only or shall it be a structure with stores and offices to be rented for non-theosophical activities so that the rental income may be used gradually to pay off whatever indebtedness must be incurred in its erection? If we limit ourselves to a building just large enough to meet our present requirements, we shall quite likely find the same too small for our needs in 10 or 12 years from now. If, on the other hand, we erect a building large enough to meet all future Theosophical Headquarters needs, then, too, we shall be obliged to incur an indebtedness for the repayment of which there would be no visible source of income, as the present excess space would most likely not be rentable at all. So I say, let us have as large an office building, with stores downstairs, as we can possibly arrange for. By the time we shall outgrow the quarters we may need now, the building will have paid for itself and it will then become an easy matter to appropriate from year to year such additional floor-space as may be required. The building should be of commanding size, grace and beauty. I would love to have an Oriental style of architecture for the exterior so that it would not only attract the attention of all who chance to come within sight of it, but would also cause out of town visitors to seek it for inspection as one of the show places of Chicago. Our auditorium should likewise be of Oriental

design in vogue for renting purposes. Think what such a building would mean for Theosophy in Chicago and to some extent the country over! Chicago Lodge pays now an annual rental of about \$4,000—and would no doubt prefer to locate in Headquarters' building. Besides where else, unless it were in New York City, which is out of question, would be so safe in securing a renting clientele as in Chicago? I know there of a desirable location within the loop district, near the Post Office and near hotels where accommodations may be had to suit those who are limited in means as well as those who can afford more luxurious accommodation. And I have a name in mind for the building that would enable us to bring home to the American people, through the press, the fact that the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society was a personal friend of the martyr President of these United States and that he rendered distinguished services to his country during the Civil War when he was used on various confidential missions by President Lincoln. This fact, apparently overlooked of late years, would if sufficiently disseminated through the press, very likely assist in popularizing Theosophy in America. Finally, I should mention that the question of location of T. S. Headquarters and of Conventions has to my personal knowledge been considered on various occasions during the last 23 years leading always in the end to the conclusion that Chicago is the logical and ideal location for both.

Yours cordially,

A. B. GROSSMAN

## Thanks From Germany

The following letter has been received at Headquarters:

My Dear Colleague:

I have been informed by Dr. Shuddemagen that about \$700 have been collected by members of your Section for the Relief Work organized by the Order of Service in London for German members in distress.

In the official news of our magazine I have given my thanks to all F.T.S. who have contributed to make this relief work such a splendid success. But I wish to express herewith quite specially my heartiest thanks to all F.T.S. in the U.S.A. who have helped to lighten the burden so many of our members have to bear and are bearing so patiently and courageously.

I wish I could show you the letters full of thankfulness and real relief we have got. The state of utter misery in which some of our members have lived can not be exaggerated. There were members who had undergone grave operations and did not know how to pay the doctor; others whose children had only one shirt, one pair of stockings which had to be washed on Saturday night so that they could wear it again on Sunday morning, even not yet quite dried; others

again who, before the war having a sufficient rent from a small capital, had lost all their money and were obliged to sell one piece of their furniture after the other with the certainty that one day they would have to sell the last piece.

But most of all were unemployed since many months though willing to work. I think that this is the most terrible of all.

We have still to give help as there are constantly new cases of sudden illness or unemployment but the Order of Service is working most marvelously and doing what it can to help in each case.

So the money sent from America to London has been a blessing and this, I think, will be the best reward for all the donors.

Very cordially yours,

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR  
General Secretary.

P.S.—As our Annual Convention will probably be held on August 5th and 6th at Hamburg, with Dr. Besant in the chair, I do hope that those of your members who will attend the Star Congress at Arnheim will attend our convention too. I should be very glad indeed to welcome you at Hamburg.



## Round Table Convention Plans

The Order of the Round Table will be represented at the 1924 Convention of the Theosophical Society which convenes at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, August 9-14.

The Theosophical Society has kindly extended an invitation to our Order to present the following activities before its Convention:

1. A five-day Round Table Booth.
2. A demonstration Round Table Ceremony.
3. A Lecture and resume of the work of the Order, by the Chief Knight.

This program will offer a very great opportunity for growth to our Order, and will need the co-operation of all Tables and members in America, if it is to be carried out successfully. One of our International Knights of Honor, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, will be present, and this fact should add impetus to our plans.

A letter is being sent out to all the Tables and Knights in America, regarding the above plans, but it is possible that T. S. members who are not members of the Order, may also wish to help forward this department of work. The following suggestions for co-operation are therefore made:

**Booth:** A large order of new supplies will be needed for display and sale at the booth. Many of these are being ordered on credit from England. Several thousand leaflets for distribution will be needed, also booth trimmings and various supplies to add to the effectiveness of the work.

**Lecture:** New stereopticon slides are to be needed for this activity. These cost \$.50 apiece.

The services of a secretary will be needed for a few weeks, to mimeograph and address letters and to attend to many office duties.

To carry out these plans successfully and to make the most of this special opportunity, it will be necessary to have extra funds. Individual members and Lodges may make donations if they feel the work of the young people in our Section to be worthy of a little sacrifice. Donations, no matter how small, may be sent to the Round Table National office, 2572 Glen Green, Hollywood, Calif. They will be applied to the activities listed below:

Booth; printing; secretarial work; mimeographing letters; supplies; postage.

The new 1924 *International Round Table Magazine* from England will be on sale at the booth. Also new buttons of the Order, and two new songs, one by Mrs. Besant and the other, one of C. W. L.'s songs.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The first issue of the new *American Round Table Magazine* will be on sale at the booth. Mrs. J. D. Moore, Jr., of Birmingham, Alabama, has been appointed editor.

This magazine will be issued quarterly the first year, and its size and issues increased as it proves itself. The subscription price will be \$.50 a year for the first year.

All who wish to subscribe to the magazine, please send orders direct to Mrs. Moore, address: 1509 Milner Crescent, Birmingham, Ala.

We hope to build up a substantial subscription list. Also the young people are anxious to obtain advertisers to support their new venture. Ad-

vertisements will be inserted for \$1.00 a year. The Theosophical Press has offered to place one. Will others come forward to support and encourage our young people's new venture? Send advertisements direct to Mrs. Moore, editor.

The Chief Knight has just completed a six-weeks' lecture tour thru the Southern States in the interests of the young people's movements. Lectures were given in the Episcopal, Methodist, Unitarian and Christian Churches; Y.W.C.A.'s; the Twentieth Century Mother's Club in Birmingham; 1400 high school students, Alabama State Training School for Girls; Optimists' Club; Organic School, Fairhope, Alabama; and the Birmingham Seminary. Round Tables were established in connection with several of these organizations, and many worth-while links made for the future. Eighty-nine Round Table members were added to the roll in America during this trip, and quite a number of little tots enrolled in the Golden Chain organization.

A check for \$12.50 has just been sent in by the St. Alban Golden Chain Group for a six-months adoption of a Hindu boy. This love offering represents the accumulated penny-gifts brought by little children each week as their service to a far-away Indian brother.

A complete report of the Chief Knight's lecture will be given in the July Bulletin of the Round Table Order. This is sent freely to all Knights of the Order. Others who wish a copy may obtain one from the Round Table office by sending \$.25 for a copy.

### REMEMBER

Donations to the Convention Round Table work.

Subscriptions to the new *American Round Table Magazine*.

Advertisements for the *American Round Table Magazine*.

VIDA STONE

*Chief Knight, Order of the Round Table.*

### Francis E. Martin

Genesee Lodge of Rochester, N.Y., sustained a great loss in the passing of Mr. Martin to the higher planes, which occurred May 31st, suddenly, his illness having lasted but a few hours.

In a general sense, the Section is also a great loser, as he was known to many, especially the older members. He was a very old member, had gone through the several difficult periods that have been experienced from the time of Wm. Q. Judge to the present, and never for a moment has he wavered in his loyalty to the Society as a whole and its leaders.

He has been affiliated with Genesee Lodge for some ten years, during all of which time he has been a pillar of strength in that body, and it is not too much to say that he was beloved by every member of his Lodge.

He belonged to the occult side of Theosophy and his wisdom and teachings along that line were exceeded only by his modesty, his poise and his serenity.



# The American Section of the Theosophical Society

## NOTICE OF THIRTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

The Convention of 1923 ordered that the time and place of the annual meeting of the Section for 1924 should be fixed by the Board of Directors, therefore the following notice is given:

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of the American Section of the Theosophical Society is hereby called to convene in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, on Monday the 11th of August, 1924, at 10:00 A.M. in the Hotel Sherman, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. This Annual Convention will adjourn from time to time until its business is finally finished, and may hold any of its subsequent meetings as it shall elect.

Under the by-laws of the Section, every member is entitled to vote in all Conventions either in person or by proxy.

### IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS

Please, each of you, whether you intend to be present or not:

1. Sign the proxy on the form below, inserting therein the name of any person whom you may desire to act for you at the said Convention.

2. Cut off the said proxy and mail the same immediately to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section at 826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill., and with the word "PROXY" marked on the envelope. *Put the proxy alone in the envelope.*

3. Notify by letter the person whom you may choose as proxy of your action in so doing.

You are asked to comply with the above immediately, whether you expect to be present or not. This will in no way prevent your voting in person if you are present at the Convention, and will insure the necessary quorum.

Fraternally,

MAUDE N. COUCH, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

By order of the National President.

### PROXY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the American Section of the Theosophical Society, hereby appoint

.....with full power of substitution in the premises, to be my proxy, to vote in my name in the thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the said Section to be convened in the year 1924, and in any adjournment or adjournments thereof, and to act for me in said Convention as fully as I might do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney and proxy may lawfully do by virtue hereof.

All previous proxies are hereby revoked.

Given under my hand and seal this.....day of....., 1924.

.....(SEAL)  
(Write name plainly)

Member of.....Lodge located at .....

(or state if Section member) .....



## Lecture on Phenomena

Mr. William A. Marqua of Cincinnati gave an illustrated lecture on the subject of "Proofs of Immortality" which seems sufficiently important to the *Post* of that city to secure an illustrated writeup. Mr. Marqua is one of the newer members of the Theosophical Society who has a keen interest in the phenomenal phase and who is fortunate enough to have in his possession a number of photographs which would be reckoned extremely interesting by Conan Doyle or Sir Oliver Lodge or any other person interested in psychical research.

## Mr. Wardall's Lectures

Lodges desiring lectures by Max Wardall, National Lecturer, during the fall, are requested to write him at once to the address given below.

In writing Mr. Wardall, Secretaries of Lodges are requested to state the dates upon which it would *not* be convenient to have him. He will thereupon arrange his itinerary with these facts in view and thus avoid conflict with other lecturers or activities.

Please send all requests at earliest date possible to Max Wardall, 675 Marathon Road, Altadena, California.

## Young People, Attention

The Theosophical Young People's Club of Chicago will be glad to meet the young people from other cities attending the Theosophical Society Convention August 9th to 13th.

Any young person, planning his vacation at that time, who would care to take a hike or spend a few days at the sand dunes, please communicate with the Secretary of the Theosophical Young People's Club, 725 Kimball Bldg., Chicago, Ill., before July 10th if possible.

## News Items

Bosant Lodge, Seattle, has been giving a series of "library" teas on Thursday afternoons and reports that they have been quite successful. Another activity by that Lodge has been lectures by various educators on the subjects of their specialties. An example of that was a recent lecture on art by a member of the faculty of the Cornish School in that city.

A letter from a member at Grand Rapids says that he tuned in with his radio on Kansas City and heard Mr. Max Wardall giving a talk from that point. Being an invalid the member expresses the hope that people who cannot go out to lectures will in the future have a better opportunity to listen to theosophical talks and suggests that a broadcasting station from the vicinity of Headquarters through which an address might be delivered once a week would accomplish a world of good.

### LOS ANGELES LODGE

Mr. C. F. Holland and Mr. A. P. Moran are continuing to give Sunday evening lectures. On Wednesday nights, instructive talks are given by different members. On April 23rd, Dr. Woodruff Shepherd spoke on "High Powered Theosophy." On April 30th the subject was "Theosophy and the Heart Cry of Humanity," and Mr. Valdemar Bray the speaker. On May 14th, Mr. Moran spoke on "White Lotus Day of the Future." On May 21st, Dr. van der Leeuw addressed the Lodge on the future of the Los Angeles Lodge and the need for co-operative work; and on May 28th, Dr. Bell gave a very interesting and helpful talk on "The Genius of the American People."

## Bishop Cooper Returns

Bishop Irving S. Cooper, who has spent some months in Australia is expected to arrive in San Francisco about the middle of August.

## Resignation

May 21, 1924.

Mr. L. W. Rogers, President,  
American Section, Theosophical Society,  
826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

It is with regret that I ask you to accept my resignation as Assistant Editor of THE MESSENGER. To serve in this way has been a great privilege, and I want to assure you that I have appreciated the opportunity.

I will, of course, be glad at all times to help with the magazine in some of the details, but ask particularly to be relieved of all responsibility.

Faithfully yours,  
GAIL WILSON.

## SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT FILL IN THIS SIDE

### PROXY BY SUBSTITUTION

(This side to be filled in by the holder of proxy in case he has to be absent from Convention.)

I hereby appoint.....to represent me

in 1924 Convention and to exercise this vote thereat with full power of substitution.

(Signed).....  
Original Proxy.



## Annual Dues

The fiscal year begins July 1, and on or before that date the dues of all members should be paid for the ensuing year. The earlier they are sent the better.

A Lodge member pays \$3.00 (25c. per month for 12 months) to the Lodge Secretary, who forwards all national dues to Headquarters.

A Section member (who has no local dues to pay) sends \$6.00 national dues for the year direct to the Secretary-Treasurer.

The regular annual dues notice was mailed to all Lodge Secretaries on May 1.

MAUDE N. COUCH, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## Deaths

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

Mrs. Sarah L. Dodge.....Section Member  
Mrs. Geraldine S. Jarvis.....Genesee Lodge  
Mr. Victor Jacobson.....Atlanta Lodge  
Mr. Francis E. Martin.....Genesee Lodge  
Mr. Bert Williams.....Tacoma Lodge

## Publicity Donations for May

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