

# THE THEOSOPHICAL MESSENGER

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE AMERICAN  
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

VOL. XV

DECEMBER, 1927

No. 7

## Flying with the President

PART II

By MAX WARDALL

WE HAVE arrived at Stockholm. At the capital of Sweden the T. S. Convention has been called to synchronize with the President's visit. The public meetings were held in the Academy of Music and the members' gatherings in the Lodge Rooms and in the splendid garden of the Grand Hotel. At both public and private meetings, Dr. Besant emphasized the importance of the Coming of the World Teacher as an event of paramount importance to the civilization of the present and the future. This message she proclaims steadily at every center visited.

On Monday, the 29th of August, we leave Stockholm with mingled pleasure and regret. We have become attached to these cold silent people, who listen so intently and admirably. Stockholm itself as a city is superb—pierced by a great river and many waterways, decorated with majestic statues and graceful public buildings and parks—Stockholm has a queenly air. Here are no slums, no poverty, no filth, no drink—well-skilled, rather grim people are these who wrest comfort and contentment from nature and demand no more.

Our visit amongst Swedish Theosophists was pleasant and productive. There was some confusion in the arrangements but the President waived aside all obstacles and difficulties with

patient firmness and tact. I lectured twice at the Swedish Convention and re-organized the Order of Service while the Chief was absent at Helsingfors. The T. S. in Scandinavia has one decided advantage—its sectional management is in the hands of *young* people who are at once skillful and yet elastic and energetic.

The voyage from Stockholm to Warsaw is one of great beauty and interest. We boarded the D.864—a low-lying seaplane—on the morning of August 29, at 8:30. After the farewells and camera settings we were off. We rose to a height of 1000 feet while sailing over Stockholm and the land area about but as soon as we reached the Baltic Sea we dropped low until we fairly skimmed the water, rarely rising above ten feet. We skirted the coast of Sweden, passing myriads of little islands lifting rocky masses of dark stone from the water, some covered with shrubby pine but others quite bare. We sped in and out the park-like inlets; no darting swallows ever enjoyed themselves more than we as we charged through the air just over the blue water at a terrific speed.

Now we light gently on the water in the harbor of Kalmar, making a pretty little sweep into a curving bay where we chug-chug up to an improvised dock. As we clamber out we



## Flying With the President

find an old lady with arms full of flowers awaiting us. She has a sweet motherly face and toil-worn hands; her eyes, bright and eager, fairly devour the Chief. In this out-of-the-way place near the Arctic circle this woman has for twenty-five years been a patient and trusting follower of Dr. Besant. She has read of all her great deeds but had never expected to meet her. Such a happening would be too wonderful indeed. When lo! at last, like an angel from heaven, her adored leader and chieftain descends from the air and lights at her very feet! We have only twenty-five minutes with the old lady; she can talk no English and we know no Swedish; she sits on the dock holding Dr. Besant's hand in dumb adoration. She watches us with flowing eyes as we sail away across the Baltic to Germany.

After a perfect trip covering nearly six hundred miles we arrive at Stettin in the Northern part of Germany. Here we at once embarked again for Berlin in a small monoplane with a seating capacity for four. The trip took only an hour and we rose to an altitude of three thousand feet.

At Berlin we changed into a train for Warsaw and all through the night we crawled through Poland with dismal slowness, arriving at Warsaw at 9 a. m. on the 30th of August, having covered in twenty-four hours a trip that would ordinarily require more than three days.

We were received by a gala band of Poles led by General Tokarzewski and Wanda Dynowska, and are taken to the home of Madame B where we remained during our stay with more or less comfort. The heart of Madame B. is considerably larger than her domain with the result that we stumbled over each other each time we turned about in her little apartment. The one bathroom for the household was much too much. I am still exceedingly vague about the number of inhabitants in this six-roomed flat but while promenading through the hall at 2 a. m. with an ulcerated tooth I stumbled over four unexpected and unappreciated guests who were sleeping on the floor!

The meetings at Warsaw were invariably well attended and there was plenty of enthusiasm. We found some of the members here had just returned from Ommen convinced that the message of Krishnaji is all-sufficing, that it supersedes all that was and is and ever shall be. Having convinced themselves of this fact these members at once cut loose from the T. S., the E. S., Masonry, the L. C. C. and all the other useless organizations that were cluttering up the Polish atmosphere. The infection began to spread to the great alarm of the good and faithful. The arrival of the Chief was the signal for long and anxious questionings. But to the great amazement of the faithful, the President was quite complacent and undisturbed.

She feasted with the deserters and smiled benignly on sheep and goats alike! She assured them that all *conscientious* persons were following the right path whether it was the wrong one or not!

The brave General T. seems to be the real heart of the Warsaw movement, a tranquil gentleman with steady eyes and gracious deportment. The public lecture on the "Future of Europe" was well-attended though the translation was laborious and fatiguing. Mangled reports of the President's remarks at Berlin had reached Warsaw and the atmosphere was a bit troubled and truculent. But Dr. Besant's speech left nothing to be desired in discretion and moderation so no demonstration occurred.

We took off at 9:30 on September 1, from the Warsaw landing-field in the midst of a big throng. Our new conveyance was a French bi-plane, D.347, with a French aviator. The four-seated body of the plane was small and shaped like a coffin. It was literally filled with flowers and when we crawled into it and were fairly seated we looked like the quiet end of a funeral party. However, nothing materialized and our plane rose to a height of 2600 feet and fairly "zoomed" across the plains with a strong favoring wind westward to Prague.

So swiftly did we cover the distance of more than five hundred kilometers that we arrived at the ancient city of Prague in Czecho-Slovakia one hour ahead of schedule. Our stay at Prague occupied only six hours but it was filled with meetings, flowers, photographs and what not. When we took the late train to Vienna we felt that we had had a day sufficient.

We arrived at Vienna on a bright and sunny morning—indeed the old city fairly glowed in the sunshine. We were met and conducted to the Hotel Bristol where we were very comfortable. The lecture in the evening was rather a brilliant affair, held in the Great Hall where assembled the International Theosophical Society Convention of 1923.

Next morning we arose at 5 a. m. and were conducted to the landing-field at Armen where we found a small, gaily-painted monoplane awaiting us. We flew eastward to Budapest along the blue Danube—which is about as blue as the London sky in mid-winter. We crossed and re-crossed the river until Budapest lay below us as white as silver. With a long, graceful sweep, we landed in the midst of a welcoming party that escorted us to the home of Mme. Rathueni at 20 Delibab. A Hungarian reporter rode with us in the car, availing himself of the early bird's prerogative. He questioned the President rather apologetically about her age, her deportment, whether she was afraid when sailing in the clouds, what was the exact state of her health and conduct, how and where did she find Krishnaji and what did she think



## Flying With the President

of Hungarian history, etc. There is nothing the Chief abhors quite so much as shouting in an automobile, but as usual she responded graciously and the reporter clambered out and rushed to his paper with his cherished scoop. We enjoyed a motor ride through old Budapest in the afternoon where we found some truly magnificent churches and palaces.

We find Captain Price of London is here working for the L. C. C. He has already seventy members but is not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly until the Church is officially recognized by the Government. As soon as there are one hundred members application for recognition may be made. Masonry is banned in Hungary and no Masonic Lodge may carry on—a rather sad and curious fact to record when we remember that the Mason of Masons now wears a Hungarian body and has his home in the Carpathians within the borders of Hungary.

We returned to Vienna next morning by train, as the air ways do not operate on Sunday. Our train seemed to crawl like a sluggish worm along the banks of the Danube—a slow and toilful business, and we were glad to be back in Vienna at 2:30. Three successive meetings followed before our departure for Geneva at 10 p. m.

We traveled all night and all next day before reaching Geneva at 9 p. m. The scenery was lovely and restful though none of the monsters of the Alps were visible at any time. At Geneva we were met by Lady De La Warr and Miss Patruccio who had descended from their mountain retreat to greet the President. We went to the Hotel D. where we were fed and housed—and robbed. Next day the Chief delivered three lectures in French but found time to visit the Eighth Session of the League of Nations with me. The League had just opened with the election of the delegate from Uruguay as President. The League body looks much like a House of Parliament except that there was more dignity and less noise. The delegates sit in the body of the hall while the Council composed of representatives from the Great Powers sit closer to the Presidential seat. We heard a good deal about rules and orders—then a speech from a member from Italy recommending that the League at each session have educational cinema films made to indicate the nature and scope of the work being undertaken by the League. This talk was given in French and promptly translated into English. These are the two languages employed. No others are allowed except that a member may speak in any language he desires provided he have an interpreter at hand to translate into French or English. We also heard a very thoughtful address by a young Indian delegate, who appealed to the League for greater consideration for the needs of India—especially in economics, in health and education. The speaker—I learned from Dr. Besant—is a brilliant

barrister of Madras, a man of fine character and great natural endowment, who is slowly making his way into the public life of India. He was curiously enough the lawyer who represented the father of Krishnaji, in the legal fight for possession and custody of the two children. He conducted himself with such courtesy and moderation during the trial that he won the firm friendship of the President, which has lasted unbroken through the years.

After Geneva—Paris. Of Paris the least said the better. Like all the other capitals of Europe, it has become intolerably noisy. The hotel where we stopped fairly rocked on its foundations with the terrific vibrations of passing busses, tram-cars and other demoniacal contrivances.

The evening of our arrival a meeting of those interested in the Order of Service at 4 Square Rapp brought out a fine audience. At this meeting we explained the purposes of the Order under the reorganization plan and invited those interested to join. More than eighty signed the roll and were received by the President. Mlle. Mallet, our newly appointed Chief Brother, was highly delighted and encouraged.

On September 16 we completed our air journey by returning to Croydon on "Silver Wings"—the biggest craft that plies on any European route. It holds twenty-one people and weighs more than twelve thousand pounds. We were specially charmed to find a bar on board where the waiter offered Dr. Besant a glass of whiskey and soda and other excellent and interesting refreshments! We left Paris in full sunshine and made our way easily across the channel but the moment we struck Merrie England we ran into thick clouds. The pilot flew above them so that they lay like curly wool beneath us for many miles. Visibility was zero—utterly and entirely. Yet when we came to the Croydon landing field the pilot shut down his engine and volplaned through the heavy clouds to the earth, lighting gracefully in the center of the field. I asked him upon arrival how he knew where the landing field lay. Was he able to see where he was going? He replied, "No, I could see nothing more than you did but I relied upon my compass." This was rather amazing.

It would be quite hopeless to try to summarize the trip—thirteen countries, fifty-six lectures, in twenty-one days. You may forget the voyages, the inconveniences, the obstacles and the adventures, and only think of the amount of love and enthusiasm liberated by the masses of human beings who saw and heard—for the first time, many of them—the President of the Theosophical Society. You may think of the downpour of life and spiritual energy into the hearts made ready by love and devotion. In these terms the tour will be better understood and appraised.





Published monthly by  
THE AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Publication office—404 North Wesley Ave., Mount  
Morris, Ill.

Editorial office—Wheaton, Ill.

Application made for transfer of second-class entry  
from the post office at Chicago, Ill., to the post office  
at Mount Morris, Ill.

Copyright, 1927, by The American Theosophical Society

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.....\$1.00 A YEAR

Change of address should be sent in two weeks be-  
fore the date it is to go into effect. Both the old and  
the new addresses should always be given. We cannot  
be responsible for lost copies. Writers of published  
articles are alone responsible for opinions stated  
therein.

### *Dangerous Teaching*

ONE of the most disagreeable duties of an editor is to warn over-credulous students of occultism against the swarm of "teachers" who, for a substantial financial consideration, promise marvelous "unfoldment" of latent spiritual powers. It is not only a thankless task, but it never fails to bring a storm of abuse from those who are so completely deceived by the apparently high spiritual character of the "swamis" that they rush to their defense. They are not all orientals, however. If those who defend them only knew "both sides of the story" they would sit in amazed silence instead of attempting to defend them. That some of these men possess considerable occult power is beyond question—and it makes them all the more dangerous. Their defenders often stoutly assert that these "swamis" never do, or teach, anything that is harmful; but that is as far from the facts as the assumption that they live a high spiritual and unselfish life.

A prospectus of an "Advanced Course on Practical Metaphysics by Swami Yogananda" is on file in this office. Each of the twelve lessons is fully described in alluring language and the final one is "Actually Awakening the Serpent Force of Kundalini, Awakening the Six Centers in the Cerebro-Spinal Cord," etc. This is followed by the statement that "the practice of these brings the greatest success in material and spiritual life." Theosophists should not need a warning against a danger so obvious, but some of our members nevertheless become staunch supporters of such men and often become indignant because they are not invited to speak in our Lodge rooms!

Is such teaching positively known to be dangerous? Here is other information on file in this office, furnished by a young American, who was at one time a member of the American Theosophical Society. Having seen some remarkable healing done by Yogananda, the young man was convinced that the Hindu was a most useful man and of high spiritual character, and therefore he volunteered his services as advance agent for Yogananda's tour. After several cities had been visited, where very large classes were organized, the enthusiastic young man chanced to overhear a woman telling Yogananda that her sister, who had taken his lessons, had become mentally deranged. The curt way in which he dismissed the matter, declining to give any attention to it, set the young man to thinking. When, a week or two later, another case was reported and treated in the same way, the advance agent resigned on the spot, refusing to have any further responsibility for Yogananda's teaching.

A most interesting and instructive inside story could be written about several of these teachers, both oriental and occidental, but THE MESSENGER is concerned only in warning those who can be warned that if they are tempted to take such lessons it would be much wiser to keep both their money and their sanity.



## Vegetarian Victories

VEGETARIANISM is making most gratifying gains in the United States. Notable among the restaurants which are now exclusively vegetarian is Childs, with houses in the principal cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Physical Culture chain of restaurants had long been the leading vegetarian houses in this country but the Childs system is, by comparison, enormously extensive and the change in its menu will put a purely vegetarian diet before a multitude of people. This pioneer venture is particularly interesting because it came about as a matter of conscience—a daring attempt to serve to the public the food it ought to have instead of that for which it would pay the most money. It is not too often that we see such an example of courage in the business world or, indeed, any other consideration involved than that of probable profit.

Vegetarianism is growing so rapidly that nearly all large hotels and many restaurants now have a "vegetarian dinner" on the menu. Unfortunately it has a dreadful sameness in all parts of the country—the inevitable poached egg crowning a mound of spinach! But it is at least a beginning and in time there will follow the variety and skill of combination which make the table of an experienced vegetarian a triumph of culinary art.

We take this opportunity to thank the faithful Lodge Secretaries who so promptly responded to Headquarters' request that sample copies of various types of American newspapers be sent to Mr. James Cousins at Adyar for use in an exhibition during December.—H. Kay Campbell.

Don't delay about ordering Christmas gifts. The earlier the better. Avoid disappointments by sending orders now to The Theosophical Press and to the Purchasing Service Bureau.

Spend some of your Christmas present money with the Theosophical Press or the Purchasing Service Bureau.

## Change of Address

In sending Headquarters a change of address it would facilitate our work greatly if members would take time to also give the name of their Lodge, as the record cards are filed under Lodges. During October we had nearly eight hundred changes of address!

Headquarters will appreciate it if members will themselves send us their change of address instead of leaving it to the postoffice department, as in that case there is considerable delay. Sometimes we do not receive the notice until a month or two after the change has been made. As second class mail is not forwarded without additional postage, if your MESSENGER does not reach the correct address it is lost or returned to us upon payment of the postage.

H. KAY CAMPBELL,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Quarterly Membership Record

July, August and September, 1927

Total active members July 1, 1927.....	8,520
New members .....	209
Reinstatements .....	68
Transfers to American Theosophical Society .....	7
Transfers from American Theosophical Society .....	5
Deaths .....	25
Resignations .....	48
Total active members, October 1, 1927 .....	8,726

## Funds

### PUBLICITY

*Donations to this fund are used in supplying inquirers with brief attractive statements of the truths of Theosophy.*

OCTOBER, 1927

Tacoma Lodge.....	\$ .50
Glendive Lodge.....	2.50
Mrs. Gordon Eaton.....	1.00
Butte Lodge.....	3.00
Seattle Lodge.....	6.00
L. W. Rogers.....	5.00
Mrs. Louise Johnson.....	2.00
I. W. Leatherman.....	.95
Mrs. Sarah Fogg.....	1.00
Adrian A. Parsons.....	.25
Pacific Lodge.....	1.30
George E. Linton.....	.45
Total .....	\$23.95

### PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

With this money theosophical books are bought and placed in public libraries over the country where they may be found by those who are led to them.

OCTOBER, 1927

Oscar Graul.....	\$ 2.75
R. J. Spinner.....	.36
H. D. Olsen.....	5.00
Total .....	\$ 8.11

### NEW TERRITORY AND ADVERTISING FUND

This fund is used in opening new territories to theosophical work. It needs your support.

OCTOBER, 1927

Moses Rabinovitz.....	\$ 1.00
-----------------------	---------



## A Christmas Suggestion

By VIDA STONE

**W**HY should Theosophists not be pioneers in the launching of a new "Spirit of Christmas?" I submit an idea. Others may have evolved similar plans. If so, let us share them; but, especially, let us make the idea concrete through action this Christmas of 1927.

Our 8500 odd members in the United States may form only a small proportion of the total population, but even this number could "mightily change" the existing order of things.

The idea: To give each friend and relative whom we wish to remember with a gift at Christmas time, a card with the words:

I am giving a gift in Your Name on Christmas Day  
to

(adding any personal greeting you wish to send)

There are any number of causes to which you may give your gifts. To name a few: T. S. Building Fund, T. S. New Territory Fund, T. S. Library Fund, Order of the Star, Eighty Years Young Fund, Happy Valley Foundation, Star Camp Fund, Order of the Round Table, Young Theosophists, your church or your friend's church, donation of T. S. books to library or hospital, animal welfare, orphanages, charities, your T. S. Lodge, some needy friend.

Estimate the amounts you had planned to spend for each friend or relative, and give that amount to the cause you designate. Do not make it less because no one will know the amount, but make each gift *more* than you had planned, and the Giver of all Gifts will send His blessing with it.

Upon receipt of such a card, it would be a selfish heart, indeed, that would not rejoice in the gift you had selected, and be grateful to have had a share in that gift.

The only giving of actual gifts at Christmas should be for children, ill or lonely people, and those who are in need.

I think we all admit the uselessness of the present Christmas madness, the hurry, the worry, the extravagance, the burden put upon all those who serve the public at this season. All thinking people wish to discard this relic of the "dark ages," but few dare to take the leap.

By all means let us preserve the true spirit of Christmas—light the Yule log, bring in the holly and have joy and gladness; but let that joy not be gained at the expense of others.

## Gifts

One hundred very fine tulip bulbs in assorted colors have been received from Miss Anna H. Ober. Miss Ober came out from Chicago and planted the bulbs herself.



## The Portal of Power Swings Wide To The Controlled THINKER

**T**HERE is no human power greater than the power of controlled thought. It is the source of all splendid service to humanity; and it is not a GIFT but a GROWTH. It may be developed by proper training \* \* \* such training as is NOW available to YOU in

### THIS NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN THOUGHT- POWER

**The Course consists of fifteen lessons:**

**PART ONE: The Rationale of Thought:**

1. The Nature of Thought.
2. The Mind, "The Creator of Illusion."
3. Thought Transference.
4. The Beginnings of Thought.
5. Memory.
6. The Growth of Thought.

**PART TWO: The Phenomena of Thought:**

- 7-9. Thought Forms.

**PART THREE: The Practice of Thought:**

- 10-11. Concentration.
12. The Strengthening of Thought Power.
- 13-14. Meditation.
15. Helping Others by Thought.

**SIX MONTHS STUDY ALLOWED**

**PRICE** With an additional investment for  
**\$5** text books unless you now have them  
in your library

**BOOKS REQUIRED:**

THOUGHT POWER, \$1.00; THOUGHT FORMS, \$4.50; MEDITATION FOR BEGINNERS, 25 cents.

**THEOSOPHICAL  
CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL  
WHEATON, ILL.**



## Personal Opinions

By L. W. Rogers

[On this page the National President will write monthly of matters of general interest but which are of a somewhat more personal character than the subjects discussed in the editorial columns.]

### *Lecturers Plus!*

A letter from Mr. Fritz Kunz announces his intention to retire from the lecture field after filling an engagement, running from January to June, for the Northwestern Federation. The reason, and the only reason assigned, is that there are more lecturers in the field than the Lodges are financially able to support.

Mr. Kunz has been making a specialty of addressing organizations of business men, and of students, and thus spreading theosophical ideas where they are very effective—a work in which he is happily at home and which it will be most unfortunate to discontinue. He qualifies his announced retirement, however, with the phrase, “Until the present conditions change.”

The American lecture field has always been a free-for-all, go-as-you-please affair. If the time has really come when that arrangement is no longer consistent with the best results then some plan of supervision may have to be adopted. It is cause for reflection when one of the most popular of our lecturers says the situation is impossible and backs the opinion by retirement.

So many business matters at Headquarters are demanding attention that I have suspended my own lecturing from about the end of November until mid-winter, or later if necessary, and during that period at Wheaton I shall turn attention to the lecturers’ problem and see what, if anything, can be done to improve the situation. It will depend very largely upon the Lodges. It is they who finance all the lecturers and they must be the arbiters of their fate.

### *Lodges To Decide*

If it is true that we have too many lecturers in the field each Lodge must decide for itself how many, and which, lecturers it wants. No Lodge should feel under obligation to accept an engagement simply because it is offered.

It should be remembered that by no means all of the lecturers in the field have been appointed by the Board of Directors. A number are there wholly on their own account. But even if lecturers have been appointed it places no obligation whatever upon the Lodges to accept them. Each must stand upon merit alone and as for the Lodges, they should accept only what in their judgment is a proper program for the season. One of the letters I have received says there are twenty-five traveling lecturers abroad in the United States among theosophical Lodges. He may be right for I have been able to call to mind seventeen. Only six of these, however, have been officially designated as Theosophical Society lecturers.

### *Two Sides Always*

It would be too much, of course, to expect roses without a thorn and rain without clouds. Likewise if the radio furnishes a really excellent opera, which it sometimes does, no doubt one must be philosophical when it blares forth jazz in the middle of the night. Somebody has remarked that if jazz is really dead he knows where it has gone! But no such good news, either of its demise or location, is awaiting us. On the contrary there is a growing practice of having these torture-machines in the lobbies of hotels, continually grinding out a grade of music that would stand an intelligence test not above that of a twelve years old child, and songs that could not rise to the intellectual average of seven years. Having failed, on account of the radio “entertainment,” to write an editorial while waiting thirty minutes for the lecture hour in a hotel lobby these lines developed instead. It may be that one good point about the radio is its power to test one’s concentration; but the utterly silly, whining songs coming from some vaudeville stage are so atrocious that they have a positive fascination like that which a snake is said to have for the bird that can only stare in horror until devoured.

### *Lecture “Don’ts”*

If questions are invited after a lecture, don’t permit verbal questions. It is dangerous. A garrulous person of opposing views likes nothing better than a chance to air his opinions under pretext of asking a question and he may talk on at length to the great annoyance of the audience. If the lecturer’s reply to the verbal question does not please the questioner he pops up and makes a rejoinder and it often requires considerable diplomacy to avoid an unpleasant incident.

Don’t ask the audience to put written questions on the collection plate. If you do you will get questions instead of cash! The chairman should say, in announcing the collection, that after it is taken the written questions may be handed to an usher who will bring them to the speaker.

Don’t make a begging announcement of the collection by saying that the poor lecturer gets no salary and so the audience should help him! It is just as easy to give the audience a reminder of its obligation without arousing the suspicion that the lecturer may not recently have had a full meal! Occasionally one hears a collection announcement put very neatly. I often wish I could remember the clever announcements, but one never thinks to write them down at the moment. It takes real genius to extract cash and make the audience enjoy the process! A little humor



helps, especially if it is "pat." It was Dr. Jerome Anderson who gave us this one: "The collection will now be taken and (nodding to the pianist) we will have a little music to render the extraction painless!" If the lecture has evidently pleased the audience a reference to it may help. I recall having heard Dr. George Carr make an announcement that brought results. He reminded the audience that they had often paid a dollar admission to a lecture that was neither as instructive nor as entertaining, and it was up to them to say what, under the circumstances, they should put on the plate. A real point, put in few words, always registers well. A good lecture, given in a good hall with comfortable seats, ought to bring a good collection and will do so if the matter is well put. Personally I like the phrase "voluntary offering." If a chairman prefers few words, about a half dozen will do it—"your voluntary offering will now be accepted." But the chairman should be very sure that he has the full attention of the audience before saying it.

A phrase that a lecturer hears nearly every night is "The lecturer needs no introduction." That may be true because of many previous visits. If so, it is obvious and it is better to say something else. It is much better anyway to talk less about the lecturer than about the philosophy. Very little about him is sufficient. If he is worth hearing the audience will soon know it and, if he is not, no false hopes should be raised in advance! The chairman should be brief, but he has material in the fact that Theosophy is giving the world new ideas of life. The three objects of the society contain points that, put in the chairman's own way, are interesting and useful to an audience assembled to hear a theosophical lecture. All of us are so busy that, when required to act as chairman, we are likely to come to the moment of opening the meeting without having given a moment's thought to it. We really should take time to have in mind one or two thoughts that will be useful in giving a better understanding of Theosophy and then "put them across" to the audience simply and clearly.

### *Club Contacts*

There is not the slightest doubt of the great value of theosophical work outside the Theosophical Society. Attracting attention to the philosophy should not be left to our lecturers and writers. Every member who can do so should be giving much time to becoming acquainted with the general public. Membership in some club in whose public welfare work, of whatever nature, one can take part often proves most useful.

But there is one phase of club contacts the value of which seems to be greatly overrated. That is making talks to clubs of business men. My experience is nearly all against it with such clubs as the Rotary, Lions, etc. I believe Mr. Fritz Kunz specializes in that line but takes on a much wider range of clubs and he may find that that compensates for the time lost on the class of clubs above named.

The difficulties of such club speaking are great and the gain very small. Invariably there is a combination business and vaudeville program which always comes first and leaves the speaker about ten or twelve minutes. In so short a time it is impossible to develop a theosophical subject fully enough, before people to whom it is wholly new, to do it justice and one may easily leave the impression that the difficulty is with the philosophy itself. We must remember that it is a totally different audience than one assembled to hear a theosophical lecture. The situation is something like that of a lecturer on higher mathematics coming before our Convention audience with the benevolent intention of improving our intellects.

For the privilege of talking Theosophy ten minutes to an audience that only dimly comprehends what he is trying to put across the lecturer pays a pretty heavy price. He is absolutely certain to be saturated with tobacco fumes. He meets many good fellows and almost every hand he shakes reeks with tobacco. On each side of him is a tobacco breath that he cannot escape and the air is laden with tobacco smoke. As for the luncheon he must either trouble his host to get him a vegetarian plate or choose the worse course of distressing his host by failing to eat. When the lecturer returns to his regular work it takes him a couple of hours to get back into normal working condition.

Generally such engagements are accepted by the clubs, not because there is any real desire to hear about Theosophy, but because some local Theosophist has requested a place for the speaker on the program—and that is not a propitious condition. All in all, I feel that I can employ my time more effectively in other ways and, so far as I am personally concerned, most cheerfully give Fritz a monopoly of the clubs.

### *Too Busy*

A correspondent who had a poem returned says that it's all right but wonders why no comment was made. It is quite natural, I suppose, that a member who himself has plenty of leisure time is unable to realize just how busy we are at Headquarters and how we have to eliminate every item of work that is not absolutely necessary. When most of the time between 6 a. m. and 10 p. m. is taken up with some activity, including writing for THE MESSENGER, inspecting and passing upon many bills, examining manuscripts offered the Theosophical Press, holding consultations with heads of departments, dictating necessary letters on important matters, seeing people who want to do various kinds of theosophical work, getting together material for new lectures, writing press matter for the newspapers, deciding upon what new territory to organize, keeping our book stock of thirty-five thousand dollars in proper balance by reducing this or that, and, by devising methods of doing it, receiving visitors who have come from afar, engaging new help, negotiating the sale of our abandoned property, dealing with the many problems that naturally arise in an



absolutely new environment and a new building—when these and also very many other things unmentioned *must* have attention, and when several really worth while things cannot be taken up at all, it need not be considered a lack of either courtesy or interest that a poem was returned without a letter to accompany it. There are many things that have to go undone and that was not the most important of them. Many letters are received that I should like to answer if it were humanly possible.

### Many Visitors

The degree to which the material appeals to people is rather remarkable. It was to be expected that our new building would interest many but the number of our visitors is surprising. They come singly, by twos and threes and some times in groups, asking permission to look over the building. Very few of them are members. They ask many questions about the society and its teachings and appear to greatly appreciate the publicity pamphlets given to them. Very commonly they purchase literature. One group of a half-dozen non-members spent \$25.00 for our books. They had driven twenty miles from another town especially to see the building. One person tells another about it and so the story gradually gets into circulation. Next year, when the grounds begin to show what it is planned to make them, the place will be a perpetual advertisement for Theosophy.

### More Bonds

We need a little more money to make the final payments on the building. Our calculations were not wrong but one of our Lodges that had agreed to invest over \$4,000.00 later bought a lodge headquarters and of course we were glad to release them. A member who had subscribed for \$10,000.00 of the bonds found that if more than \$5,000.00 was invested it would mean the withdrawal of other investments that were paying fourteen per cent. Of course we could not accept such a sacrifice and that was released.

We now need \$9,000.00 more within thirty days. Any investment from \$100.00 to \$9,000.00 will be gratefully accepted. The bonds pay six per cent per annum, payable every six months, and your bond can be made out to run at either one, two or three years time at your option. L. W. ROGERS.

Theosophical books for presents can be mailed from here directly to the persons to whom you wish to present them, with your presentation card inside, if you send the card with your order.

GIVE BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS

### Gifts to the Library

Headquarters acknowledges with thanks gifts of the following books for the National Library:

From Mr. W. P. and Mrs. Sarah A. Fogg:

*Methods of Psychic Development*, by L. S. Cooper.

*Varieties of Psychism*, by Wedgwood.

*Esoteric Buddhism*, by Sinnett.

*The Ancient Wisdom*, by Annie Besant.

*Patience Worth*, by Casper S. Yost.

*The Child: His Nature and His Needs*, compiled by The Children's Foundation.

From Mr. Hans Hutteball:

*The Occident and the Orient*, by Sir Valentine Chirol.

*Shantiniketan*, by W. W. Pearson.

*The Critic in the Orient*, by George Hamlin Fitch.

*Art Thoughts*, by James Jackson Jarves.

*Religious Development Between Old and New Testaments*, by R. H. Charles.

*Things Seen in Northern India*, by T. L. Pennell.

From Captain Russell Lloyd Jones:

*The Coming Race*, by Lord Lytton.

From Mrs. Katherine Clarke:

*Seven Rays*, by Ernest Wood.

From Mrs. A. G. Henry:

*Old Diary Leaves*. Volume I, now out of print. This belonged in the library of Dr. A. G. Henry, of Cortland, N. Y., who died August 16th.

From Miss Marion Peterson:

*Why We Behave Like Human Beings*, by George A. Dorsey.

From Miss Mary Bissell:

*Luther Burbank: His Methods and Discoveries*, compiled by the Luther Burbank Society, in twelve volumes. This is a beautiful autographed edition, bound in leather and copiously illustrated with natural color photographs.

The plans for the broadcasting radio station contemplated by the Theosophical Society in New Zealand have again been abandoned for the present. Lack of funds is the principal obstacle.

### SPECIAL GIFT EDITION OF At the Feet of the Master

A gem of artistic book-craft, beautifully printed and bound, with five wonderful illustrations, as the perfect setting for the many-faceted diamond of Khrishmanurti's earliest Teaching. Price \$2.25.

THEOSOPHICAL PRESS, Wheaton, Ill



## A Letter from Dr. Besant

Dr. Besant has written to Mr. Rogers as follows:

October 1, 1927.

Dear General Secretary:

As you well know, the next fifty years of the Theosophical Society will be characterized by an ever-increasing activity in the world and an ever growing influence with the world. The society is to take its part as one of the great beneficent forces in social and political regeneration.

The T. S. itself is not organized for social or political activity. It is a body of students with a certain ideal way of looking at things. As a body it may not commit itself to reforms, no matter how pressing they may be.

With this limitation in view, I organized about eighteen years ago the Theosophical Order of Service which, under the leadership of Arthur Burgess and Ralph Thomson of London, became an important instrument for helping the world. But only recently has the Order achieved what I had hoped for it—a sound, well co-ordinated method of work under the hierarchical system.

I am sending under separate cover a chart showing the suggested methods of work and the fields of labour in which the Order is working. The plan is one put in force in America by Captain Max Wardall and recently adopted for the other countries by a unanimous vote of delegates assembled at the Order of Service Congress at Ommen, Holland, in August, 1927. The world work of the T. O. S. will now proceed along these lines and I have appointed Captain Max Wardall as International Secretary to supervise and synthesize the varying activities.

My object in writing this letter is to suggest that our Lodge Presidents and officials of the T. S. everywhere establish closer and more cordial relations with the work of the T. O. S. Wherever practicable, the President of the Lodge will be consulted by the Chief Brother of the country in the appointment of Brothers in the Order. It is recommended that one Lodge meeting per month be given over in part at least to the Order of Service and a discussion of the most practical methods of work in and about the centre.

It is also suggested that the chart be hung conspicuously in each Lodge room and that when a new member is inducted into the Lodge his attention shall be called to the chart and he be permitted to join the Order if he so desires, selecting himself the line of work for which he feels the greatest enthusiasm.

One of the greatest of our Elder Brothers recently said:

"You cannot be truly students of the Divine Wisdom save as you are active in the service of the Divine Life. Where trouble is, where quarrel is, where injustice is, where oppression is, where cruelty is, *there* we must find the earnest members of our Society."

(Signed) ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.,  
President.

P. S.—Copies of the chart can be obtained from the offices of the Theosophical Order of Service, 83 King Henry's Rd., London, N. W. 3., at the following price, post free: Mounted 9d (about 18c) each; unmounted, 6d (about 12c) each.

## Deaths

The wise grieve neither for the living nor for the dead. Nor at any time verily was I not, nor thou, nor these princes of men, nor verily shall we ever cease to be, hereafter.

—The Bhagavad-Gita.

Mrs. Mary Jane Boyd, Genesee Lodge, Rochester.

Davitt D. Chidester, Hermes Lodge, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Eva Bruce Cooke, Paterson.

Mrs. Belle M. Kempter, Superior North Star Lodge.

Mrs. Georgia S. Nicaise, Peoria.

Mrs. Adelia H. Taffinder, Ojai.

Mrs. Nettie Tile, Cleveland.

Mr. J. V. Vilenius, Vipunen Lodge, New York.

Mrs. Bessie A. Williams, Service, Reno.

For children a nice gift is *Chats with Color-kin* or *Ivory Gates and Golden*.

## Dr. Rocke Passes

Dr. Mary E. Rocke, for many years physician to Bishop Leadbeater and promoter of the Star Amphitheater at Sydney, Australia, died suddenly at sea near Port Said late in October. Dr. Rocke, who had spent a year at Eerde, Holland, was traveling with Dr. Besant's party on the return trip from Europe.

## THE ANNIE BESANT CALENDAR

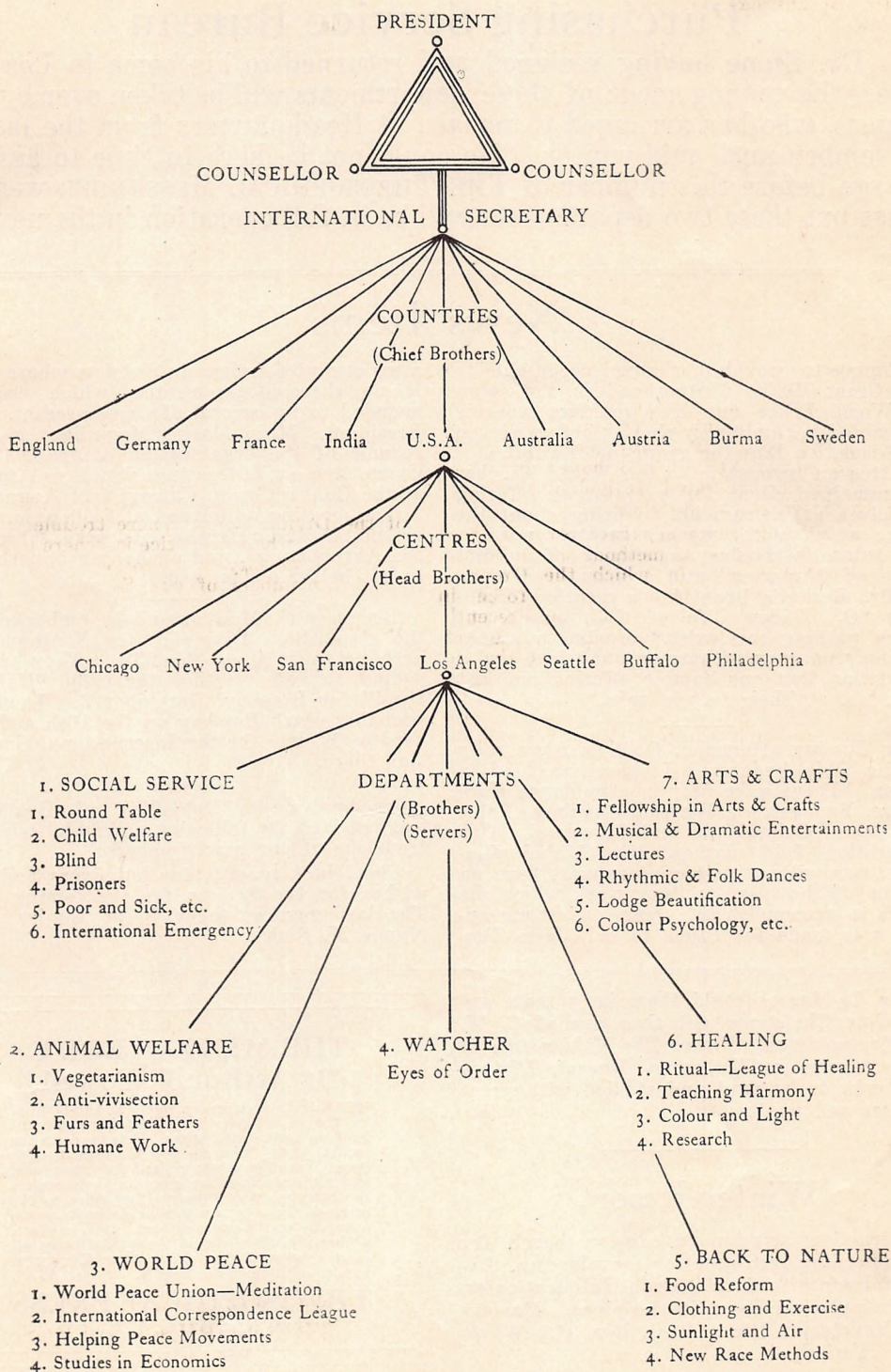
by THEODORE BESTERMAN

Published in honor of Annie Besant's eightieth birthday, this priceless little chest of mental gems contains a noble thought—a theme for meditation—for each day of the year. Bound in blue cloth boards. Price \$1.50.

THEOSOPHICAL PRESS  
Wheaton, Ill.



## Theosophical Order of Service





## Building Fund Bulletin and Purchasing Service Bureau

Dr. Stone having resigned and returned to his home in Los Angeles, the management of these departments will be taken over by Mr. Rogers, who has arranged to remain at Headquarters from the last of November until mid-winter. He could not be here in time to assume charge before this number of THE THEOSOPHICAL MESSENGER went to press but these two departments will be in full operation in the next issue.

### News Items

Hoping to provide a channel acceptable to the Great White Brotherhood in the cause of World Peace our Headquarters workers assembled in the library shortly before eleven on Armistice Day for group meditation.

After an invocation to the World Teacher we remained silent for an interval, offering ourselves as instruments to bring about the peace which is the world's greatest need.

A salute to the flag, the singing of the first verse of "America" and a group recitation of Dr. Besant's beautiful invocation beginning "O, Hidden Life of God, outside of which nothing can exist," created a strong feeling among us of harmony and love and a conviction that our humble offering had not been laid at Their feet in vain.

On Sunday afternoon, October 23, a rally of the Ohio Federated Lodges was held in Akron. There were fifty in attendance from Akron, Youngstown, Warren, Cuyahoga Falls, Barberton, Columbiana and Cleveland. Our Federation field worker, Miss Mabel Zimmers, was with us and upon request gave an outline of the new territory work which she hopes to accomplish this year. A strong appeal was made for funds to help Miss Zim-

mers organize Lodges in districts where there is no theosophical center, which was responded to by several of those present. The President, Miss Marie Mequillet, gave a resumé of the organization of the National Committee on Federations which was formed at the Convention in Chicago last August.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m. after which tea and refreshments were served by the Akron Lodge, and all had an opportunity to get better acquainted.

Bishop and Mrs. Arundale embarked on the steamship "Olympic" for Southampton, arriving there about the 25th. They are expected to sail on the steamship "Kaisar-i-Hind" for Bombay, December 2. They will probably reach Bombay on the 16th and proceed to Madras for the International Convention there.

On Anniversary Day, Nov. 17, Headquarters received the following delightful telegram from one of our new members:

"Send best regards for happiness and best wishes for the Society for the coming year. The last member taken in at Elmira, Miss Maude M. Smith."

For Co-Masons could there be a more appropriate Christmas gift than one of C. W. L.'s fine volumes? Either *The Hidden Life in Freemasonry* or *Glimpses of Masonic History* are books to be read and studied with great interest and profit.

### Winter Resort

Attractive accommodations on beach for those needing rest, quiet or convalescing. Delightful winter climate. Beautiful location on Mississippi Gulf Coast in the pines. Massaging, Vegetarian Diet. P. O. Box 97. Waveland, Mississippi.

### THE MENTAL BODY By Arthur E. Powell

THE life, development, death and re-birth of the mental body is told in this magnificent book as a sequential story. References to the mental body from no less than thirty-nine books have been crystallized into this one, and all authorities are given in the margins, so that the student may either refer to the originals, or may use this single book as his authority on the entire subject. It is, in effect, a library of 39 works on the mental body, all for the price of one. More than 330 pages, bound in blue cloth boards. Price: \$3.50.

**THEOSOPHICAL PRESS**  
WHEATON, ILL.



## What Lodges Are Doing

### Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. M. V. Garnsey visited this Lodge October 22 to 24 and the Lodge writes as follows:

"We enjoyed her visit with us immensely. She gave us talks about the work Mrs. Besant was doing in India, about Adyar, and the American Headquarters at Wheaton and many hints about raising money for the local Lodge and ways in which we could help the National Headquarters. All the members that are still living in Huntington had personal talks with her and every one was delighted with her stay here."

The Lodge now meets every second Saturday at eight p. m. in the parlor of the Frederick Hotel.

### Oakland

The Lodge realizes that social activities of many sorts help to weld the members of a Lodge closer together; unsuspected talents are discovered; financial gain and individual growth is the result. An artistic performance was given in the Oakland Theosophical Hall by the Class in Staged Poetry, which netted the Lodge ninety dollars.

### Spokane

Eleusinian Lodge has gotten out a very neat program folder of its activities to January 1. The Lodge has two public classes a week, one in the afternoon and one in the evening and one regular Lodge meeting. Its lending library is open from two to four p. m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Many of the members are taking active part in a program of very interesting subjects.

### Peoria

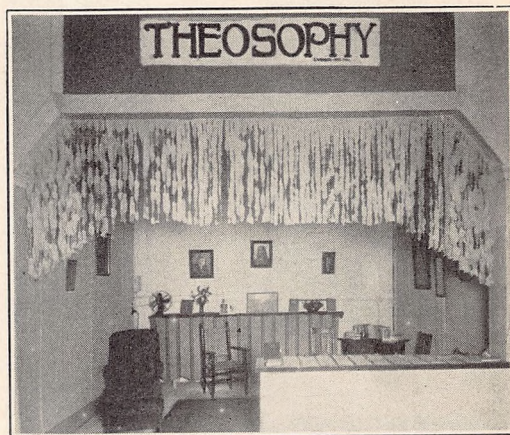
On October 23 and 24, Peorians had the rare opportunity of hearing Mr. Fritz Kunz in two inspiring lectures—"The World Teacher and The World Crisis," and "The Philosophy and Religion of The New Age." A talk to members on Sunday afternoon, October 23, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. O. De Moure, was heartily appreciated, and proved instrumental in arousing greater interest in theosophical work.

### St. Petersburg, Fla.

This Lodge has taken an important step forward by moving into a fine store in "the nicest part of the city." Three electric car lines pass the corner where the Lodge will have its headquarters and the plan is to have a fine display of theosophical books, emblems, etc., in the window. The members are to be congratulated on their enterprise and we wish them every happiness and success in the furtherance of their new plans.

### Oklahoma City

The theosophical booth at the Oklahoma State Fair which ended Saturday, October 1, was an unqualified success. Enough was contributed to defray expenses and sales of theosophical literature amounted to forty-five dollars.



Two hundred and twenty-five persons, representing many towns registered at the booth, expressing their deep interest in Theosophy, many requesting that lectures on the Ancient Wisdom be given at their respective localities. The booth, of blue and white panelling, with a large, blue theosophical emblem was greatly admired. On the photo, the blue appears as white.

### Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dr. Rogers gave a lecture on "Reincarnation and the Bible" at the USDB Lodge, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Saturday, October 29, and as especial speaker at Sunday morning services he spoke on "The Power of Thought." These two lectures will long be remembered.

### Boulder, Colorado

Boulder Lodge, among the mountainous grandeur of Colorado, perpetuates the theosophical doctrine of Love. It has thirty members and many unique features. A third of its membership is composed of high school and university students of both sexes. Mr. George Welch is the President.

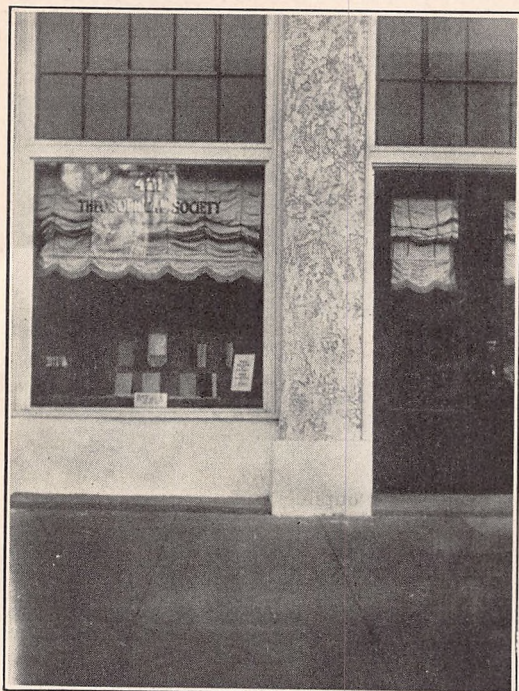
### Atlanta, Ga.

The Lodge reports that Mrs. Garnsey visited them in November and spoke on "India." The secretary writes that the members were very glad to have Mrs. Garnsey and hope to see more of her.



**Birmingham**

One of the members writes as follows: "I am sending you the picture of our new place. It shows our little display window, which attracts much attention. We keep an attractive electric candelabra in the window at night. The displays are planned so that



special features can be played up, something like any book shop window. One week it may be given to the Star, a picture of Krishnaji, copies of *At the Feet of the Master*, books bearing on religions, World Teachers, the present Coming. The little signs show in the picture but are too small to be legible. The one in the very middle of the front is placed with a number of the small Million-Edition of *At the Feet of the Master*. It reads: 'The greatest little book in the world. If you can't spare a nickel to buy one, come in and get one free.' The sign on one side announces that our reading room and library are open daily from two to five. The one at the other side invites the public to our inquirers' class in Theosophy."

**Glendale, Calif.**

The Lodge has moved to new and larger quarters at 219½ North Brand Boulevard, an excellent location right in the business centre of the town.

The present Lodge room will seat about two hundred persons. There is a kitchenette, useful for serving light refreshments and a nice separate room for E. S. meetings.

The ladies have been exerting themselves

in providing new furnishings and, thanks to their efforts, the new rooms present a most attractive appearance.

The regular members' meetings are held on Friday evenings of each week with the President Dr. E. C. Tingley in the chair. The study period is in charge of Prof. A. K. Jenkins as teacher.

On Sunday evenings we have a public lecture at which the attendance has averaged about seventy-five persons; the lecturers will be mostly from Los Angeles and Hollywood although we have several in our home lodge who are highly qualified to take the platform whenever called upon.

Star meetings are also held in our lodge rooms on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our library is open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. and on such evenings as there are any activities in the lodge room.

The opening of our new rooms was celebrated by a "house warming" party to which our friends in Glendale, Los Angeles, Hollywood and neighboring towns were invited and came in good numbers, contributing largely to the gaiety of the occasion.

Glendale Lodge now has a membership of forty-five with excellent prospects for increasing usefulness in the future.

One of our most successful branches of the Purchasing Service Bureau is conducted by George N. Ragan of Omaha Lodge. Readers of THE MESSENGER will recall Mr. Ragan's article in the November issue. We are pleased to publish a photograph of the Omaha Branch of the P. S. B.



Omaha Lodge, as everyone knows by this time, is one of the finest Lodges in the American Section. These people are wide awake, doing a tremendous amount of good theosophical work.

**Besant Lodge, Hollywood, Cal.**

Mrs. Dalrymple, who has been librarian of this Lodge for a long time, has found it im-

(Continued on page 159.)



## Farewell Messages

The following telegram to Mr. Rogers and letter to friends—and who in the American Section is not their friend?—have been received from Dr. and Mrs. Arundale on the eve of their departure for Europe, from whence they sail shortly to India:

TO L. W. ROGERS

Leaving America we offer our heartfelt gratitude to you and to all our American brethren for unforgettable kindness and generosity. We wholeheartedly believe in America and in the American Theosophical Society and earnestly hope some day to return.

S. S. Olympic, New York.

Dear Friend:

We are indeed grateful to you for your appreciation of our stay among you and for your warm and brotherly invitation to us to remain for some time longer in America.

We can assure you that this visit has been to us of absorbing interest and of very great inspiration, and the more we have contacted the American people the more we have realized the wonderful destiny in store for your great country if she will seize her opportunity. In particular stand out, as you will, of course, agree, our visit to glorious Ojai, to Wheaton, your noble Headquarters, and to Washington, where are so many great memorials of the past, above them all towering the shrine to your greatest citizen—Abraham Lincoln.

We long to return to contact yet more intimately the soul of the American people, but for the time being we must be home once more in India for the Annual International Convention, thence proceeding to visit our beloved brethren in Australia, so wonderful in their sacrifices in the cause of Theosophy. After the Australian Convention in April, at which one of us hands over his office to a more worthy successor, plans for the future have to be made in consultation with our elder brethren, Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater, for we must go where we can be most useful in the common work.

We both most earnestly hope, however, that good karma and the needs of the work may before very long bring us back to you. We want to come back, though we think the need for us is not quite as great as, in your generosity, you suggest. You have many fine workers, a devoted band at Headquarters, and a president in Mr. Rogers whose devotion and quite outstanding ability place him in the front rank of theosophical workers throughout the world. Nevertheless, it would give us the greatest happiness to join them in helping to theosophize America, for we have found here a real home and have cherished memories of visits to many centres throughout the land.

Your gracious wish that we should remain will, we most earnestly hope, bring us soon back again. In the meantime we thank you from our hearts for all you have done for us and for all you have been to us.

Au Revoir.

Affectionately and fraternally,

R. ARUNDALE,

G. S. ARUNDALE.

## What Lodges Are Doing

(Continued from page 158.)

perative to give up this loved work; however, they have been fortunate in finding Mrs. Mary McFarland to succeed her. The library now has installed the Dewey System.

The Junior Theosophical Fraternity gave the Annual Hallowe'en Ball at the Hollywood Music Conservatory, on October 29.

A meeting of the Federation of Southern California Lodges was held on November 6 at the Los Angeles Lodge Rooms, at 1:30 p. m.

## No More Exchange

We are very happy to announce that Wheaton is outside of the Chicago Clearing House Association District, and our banks here do *not* charge exchange on checks. Members who have been including exchange in the amount of their checks will not need to do so any longer.

## Useful Presents

An unusual and most useful shipment of gifts to Headquarters came from Mr. F. L. Ellis at Darien Center, N. Y., and consisted of several ladders, of various lengths, for use about the building, and of ironing boards for the laundry.

Purchasing Service Bureau,  
Wheaton, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Stone:

My order has arrived and I am delighted with everything—even in the case of Wole-O-Weat that at first somewhat filled me with consternation, but it is so delicious that I'll have no trouble in disposing of it.

I shall be very happy to order through your very efficient bureau any time that I can.

Most truly,

(Signed)

MRS. BELLE L. MEYER.

A class of books that make fine Christmas gifts are the illustrated ones like *The Chakras*, *Man Visible and Invisible*, etc. Among the theosophical classics there are *Light on the Path*, and *At the Feet of the Master*, in the best bindings.



# THE Purchasing Service Bureau

**"LIVE COOPERATIVELY"**

DR. ERNEST STONE, *Manager*

Organized to HELP Theosophists to HELP THEOSOPHY while securing Purer Foods and Finer Products for Themselves and Their Families, At No Increase In Cost, By Enabling Headquarters to EARN Wholesale Discounts.

EVERY time a Theosophist spends a dollar elsewhere for something he could have bought through the P. S. B., he *throws away* a dime or two which might have done divine duty by helping to spread Theosophy in America.

That's a very plain statement of a very important FACT, and it's one which really ought to IMPRESS every Fellow of the American Section.

Money isn't so freely found that we can afford to throw away any of it, is it?—And yet that's EXACTLY what we do when we fail to *co-operate* with the P. S. B. by buying EVERYTHING we can through its medium.

It really costs us NOTHING but a little thought and the tiny trouble of writing down our needs and mailing them in to the P. S. B. instead of taking them in or phoning them to some local store.

Of course, the local store-keepers have to live, too; but the tiny percentage of trade which would be lost to them in any ONE community if EVERY Theosophist bought ALL his needs through the P. S. B. would be so small that none of them would notice the difference:—

And just THINK what the MASSED buying-power of Theosophists would mean to our movement!

RESOLVE NOW TO SEND AT ONCE FOR OUR CATALOG and to *do* what THE TITLE OF THE CATALOG SUGGESTS:—

"LIVE CO-OPERATIVELY!"

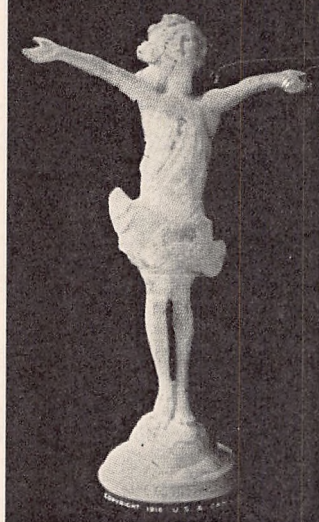
## A Beautiful Christmas Gift

◆◆  
5½ inch, metal  
white or bronze  
\$1.65

◆◆  
11½ inch metal  
white or bronze  
\$2.75

◆◆  
*Sent postpaid anywhere*

### "THE GOOD FAIRY"



*I am your own spirit, your  
own better SELF,  
I look like a Fairy, a wee  
little elf,  
But truly I'm both, I'm  
working you see  
To melt your best thoughts  
and your brightest in me.*

*My form may be tiny but  
my heart is of gold,  
Let me waken your powers,  
your true love unfold.  
So watch for me, Seek for  
me—below and above—  
My message is pure, it is  
simply LOVE.*

## DEGLET NOOR DATES CALIFORNIA'S DESERT GOLD

Attractive in appearance, freedom from excessive stickiness, small seed, cleanliness, and exceptional flavor.

12 oz. bulk.....\$ .50

Fancy Pack, 14 oz.....1.00

3 lb. bulk.....1.95

CHRISTMAS GIFT-FANCY TIN BOX.....2.50

POSTPAID ANYWHERE



## FREE SAMPLE

A Pure  
Vegetable  
SOAP

Send  
today  
for  
sample  
bar

DR. SAYMAN'S  
WONDER SOAP

Matchless for complexion, skin, hair,  
scalp, toilet, bath.

BAKER'S VEGETARIAN  
SOUPS, in powdered form,  
packed in parchment-lined cans  
that make about 2 quarts of  
delicious soup with all the  
vitamines the body craves and  
needs.

CREAM OF VEGETABLES  
CREAM OF SOUP GRITS

CREAM OF PEA

BAKER'S SPECIAL VEGE-  
TARIAN

12 CAN ASSORTMENT  
\$2.40

Postpaid

## WOLE-O-WEAT

## WOLE-O-RICE

Cooked WHOLE GRAINS,  
ready to EAT, delicious, life-  
giving, pure and NATURAL  
foods.

Some interesting recipes come  
with each package.

## PRICES

East of Denver	West of Denver
Postpaid	Postpaid
48 can 24 can 12 can	48 can 24 can 12 can
\$7.20 \$3.80 \$2.00	\$8.25 \$4.30 \$2.25

Order a half and half trial case—half Wole-O-  
West, half Wole-O-Rice.

You Can Have in Your Own  
Home the Same Foods Used  
In the Battle Creek System

LARGELY by the aid of its system of biologic  
feeding the Battle Creek Sanitarium has  
become world famous. Right eating improves  
nutrition and makes better blood, and since it is  
the blood that heals, this is the first step toward  
recovery and rejuvenation. Your P. S. B. now  
brings the identical foods which have made  
Battle Creek famous, direct to your own table.

**PROTOSE:—The Tasty Meat Substitute:** Looks, smel and tastes  
like meat and can be used in as many ways as meat, yet has none of its  
harmful toxic effects. Makes delicious roasts, stews, meat pies and entrees.  
Contains twice as much iron and nine times as much food lime as beef-  
steak. Rich in the vitamins so deficient in meats—and cheaper because  
there is no waste.

Price ½ lb. 35c  
1 lb. 60c postpaid

**SAVITA:—A Pure Vegetable Meat Flavoring:** Savita has the appear-  
ance, aroma and flavor of the finest meat extract—yet is purely vegetable.  
For flavoring soups, broths, bouillon, sauces, gravies, etc. Easily digested.  
Rich in water soluble vitamins. Recommended for growing children and  
invalids. Entirely free from uric acid, urea, and other toxic waste products  
found in meat extracts, yet has the appetizing flavor of bouillon or chicken  
broth. In addition Savita is richest of all known substances in food iron,  
the vitamin B which is most lacking in ordinary foods.

Price 2 oz.—35c  
3¼ oz.—50c  
6½ oz.—95c postpaid

**MALTED NUTS:—For Nursing Mothers, Bottle Babies and Those  
with Delicate Digestion:** Malted Nuts contains the same nourishing  
food values as Mother's milk and is even richer in its tissue building ele-  
ments. The addition of Malted Nuts to ordinary milk produces a combi-  
nation which closely resembles mother's milk and is admirably adapted to  
bottle feeding. The use of Malted Nuts by nursing mothers wonderfully  
increases the flow of milk.

Price Small size—\$0.50  
Large size—\$1.00 postpaid

TRY "MINUTE BREW" the delicious cereal COFFEE.

Contains No Caffeine. Price, per can 40c

ALL BATTLE CREEK GOODS SENT POSTPAID

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

## Handkerchiefs

Beautiful handmade handker-  
chiefs selling at \$.85 to  
\$3.00 each. Made of pure  
linen with workmanship that  
is far superior to that readily  
obtainable on the retail mar-  
ket. Members are invited to  
write for further information.  
Indicate price you wish to  
pay and an assortment will be  
sent on approval.

## Watches and Jewelry

We handle a complete line of  
American and Swiss watches—  
Elgin, Waltham, etc., also  
jewelry of every description.  
Communicate with us now for  
a real Christmas bargain.

SEND FOR OUR FREE  
CATALOG.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY



## Canadian Theosophical Federation News

THE past year has been an encouraging one for the Federation. All its Lodges report growth and progress in membership and activities. One new Lodge has been formed as a result of the lectures and study classes carried on at Chilliwack by the members of Hermes Lodge. The Chilliwack starts off with ten members. Miss Emily Barrow is president and Mrs. Ellen Rogers is the secretary.

At the last annual meeting of Hermes Lodge, Mr. Harold Hobson was elected president and Mr. A. J. Harrison was continued in the office of secretary. With over one hundred members, over a thousand dollars worth of furniture, books, etc. and practically out of debt, the Lodge looks forward to a year of enthusiastic effort to spread the message of Theosophy.

The season began with two unusually important events: the visits of Bishop and Rukmini Arundale and of Fritz and Dora Van Gelder. The Bishop gave several splendid talks to members, local clubs and the public, which were especially inspiring and well received. The series of lectures by Fritz Kunz brought in an enthusiastic audience which grew with each night until standing room only was available the third evening. The Federation is truly grateful to these traveling lecturers who break into their American tours long enough to cross the boundary and leave their messages of instruction and inspiration in Canada. It is hoped that such visits will become more and more numerous. The Federation deeply regrets that the section was unable to complete the formalities which would have made it possible for Bishop Arundale to speak in Toronto.

Arrangements are now being made to keep Mr. Kunz in the Northwest for several months. Vancouver is looking forward with pleasure to the fulfilment of a promise that he will spend a month in the vicinity. Another important event is the series of lectures

to be given in December, in Vancouver, by Mrs. Charles Hampton who has made a splendid impression each time that she has talked before Canadian audiences. Plans now being made embrace a tour through Canada by Mrs. Hampton, touching at all Federation Lodges between Vancouver and Toronto. She will spend several days in each place.

One of the most important steps taken for Theosophy in the Northwest centers around the permanent camp at "Indralaya" on Orcas Island, Washington. The three weeks camp held in June this year, under the leadership of Fritz Kunz, Bishop Wardall, Dora Van Gelder and others was such a success that it is to be repeated each year. Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren and the efforts of members in the Northwest Federation, the property has been purchased as a permanent Theosophical Camp where each year Theosophists may gather and while growing into a fuller realization of brotherly love, exchange ideas and renew their stores of fire and energy. No doubt many who are able to go to Ommen and to Ojai will come to Indralaya and will pass on the inspiration and expansions of consciousness they have received, to those less fortunate who have had to stay at home. Canadians are particularly grateful that, theosophically speaking, there seems to be no boundary line between British Columbia and the United States except a line of friendly competition as to who best may serve and best spread the great Truths of the Ancient Wisdom.

The Federation has recently had the pleasure of sponsoring a lecture tour by Miss Watson, who lectured in Montreal and before the Lodges from Toronto to Vancouver. Miss Watson, Canadian Organizer for the Order of the Star, gave public lectures on Theosophy and the Star at each point and also did organizing work for the Theosophical Order of Service. Very fine and appreciative reports have come from these lectures which brought directly to Canada the messages given out at Ommen.

### Mr. Kunz' Tour Revised

Mr. Fritz Kunz advises us that his tour has been altered, and after Texas November engagements he will return, with only a few stops, to the Pacific Northwest. The Northwest Federation of Lodges have mapped out work for the season from January to June, 1928, and this will occupy all of Mr. Kunz' attention. An effort will be made to break new ground along the lines which have been opened up by experimentation during the last two or three years. The present tour has further proved the feasibility of this work. In a mid-western city, for example, it was possible to address over three thousand men, women and young people in eight addresses in two days, reaching one in forty of the town's population. A congested program of

this sort has less value than one spread over some weeks, but the results even in such circumstances have special value and interest. Later on, conditions permitting, Mr. Kunz hopes to carry out the same form of work to other parts of the theosophical field.

Mr. Kunz can always be reached by letter addressed to T. S. Headquarters, Wheaton.

#### FOR RENT

Two fine rooms in the heart of the Catskills at Woodstock, New York. Beautiful views from every window. Vegetarian diet. Theosophical environment. Address Mrs. Maud Lambart Taylor, Byrdcliffe, New York.



## Theosophy Abroad

### Havana, Cuba

The outstanding event in the recent theosophical life of this Section has been the 23rd Annual Convention held in Havana, on July 23. One of the changes in the By-Laws provides that henceforth this Section shall be known as "The Theosophical Society in Cuba." The magazine has been greatly enlarged and new departments have been added, notably: education, masonry, philosophy, religion and art.

Señor Edelmiro Felix, who since last July has been acting as General Secretary, has been elected to that office for the period of 1927-1930.

### Colombo, Ceylon

At the general meeting of this Section in June, six new members were initiated and announcement was made of the general elections to be held in 1928.

### Sydney, Australia

Owing to the spread of the Liberal Catholic Church in Latin-American countries, Bishop Irving Cooper is learning Spanish. He left for an extended visit to the West Indies and Central America in September. The future of the church in these countries is very bright.

A hearty welcome was extended to Kew Lodge, which has developed out of the Center established at the "Parthenon," 10 Grange Road, East Kew, Victoria. So many Theosophists, resident and visiting, met under Mrs. Louis Smith's roof that, sooner or later, a Lodge on her property was inevitable.

### Brisbane, Australia

Of momentous importance is the public recognition of the work of Theosophists in Brisbane. An institution was handed over to the Theosophical Order of Service, a property valued at approximately twenty thousand dollars, a beautiful old home which Mrs. Wienholt had dedicated as a home for poor, elderly gentlewomen. It has been in existence for fourteen years. Two years ago Mrs. Wienholt decided to hand it over to an organization to ensure its permanency; and she selected the Theosophical Order of Service for this honor. The Theosophical Order of Service was founded in 1908, at Brisbane, Australia.

### Canada

Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, B. C., held its

annual meeting in July when reports of officers and conveners of the various committees for work were received. These reports showed a fairly satisfactory year's work, the secretary's report showing that after three and a half years of hard work the Lodge found itself practically out of debt.

Dr. and Mrs. Arundale were welcome visitors to Vancouver in September. Two public lectures, address to members, address to the Round Table and addresses to the International Club constituted a portion of the work for two days. Following Dr. and Mrs. Arundale came Mr. Fritz Kunz and Dora Van Gelder, who remained four days giving talks to members, to the Round Table, public lectures and also a talk by Mr. Kunz to the Service Club of Vancouver. Mr. Kunz also lectured at Abbotsford.

A Lodge has been formed at Chilliwack, a town about seventy-five miles from Vancouver, the outcome of a study class that has been held there for a year or more and of lectures that have been delivered by members of Hermes Lodge twice a month for the last three years.

Hermes Lodge members will hold their anniversary dinner on Nov. 17. After dinner speeches, toasts and community songs formed part of the program.

### Barcelona, Spain

Dr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa spent the latter part of September and first of October in Spain, and while there visited most of the historic places of interest. Dr. Jinarajadasa gave several lectures, sometimes in Italian, sometimes in English, which were translated and later read by Mr. Adolfo de la Peña y Gil. In Madrid and Barcelona Mr. Jinarajadasa spoke to capacity audiences in large halls and many had to be turned regretfully away.

The Spanish Section feels that the visit of Dr. Jinarajadasa has helped to solve many problems and to increase understanding among its members. Great interest was manifested by the Press and non-Theosophists in his visit. Before they left for France to join the rest of the party and thence sail for India, Dr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa were given many parties, teas, receptions, etc., and an epoch-making "Bon Voyage."

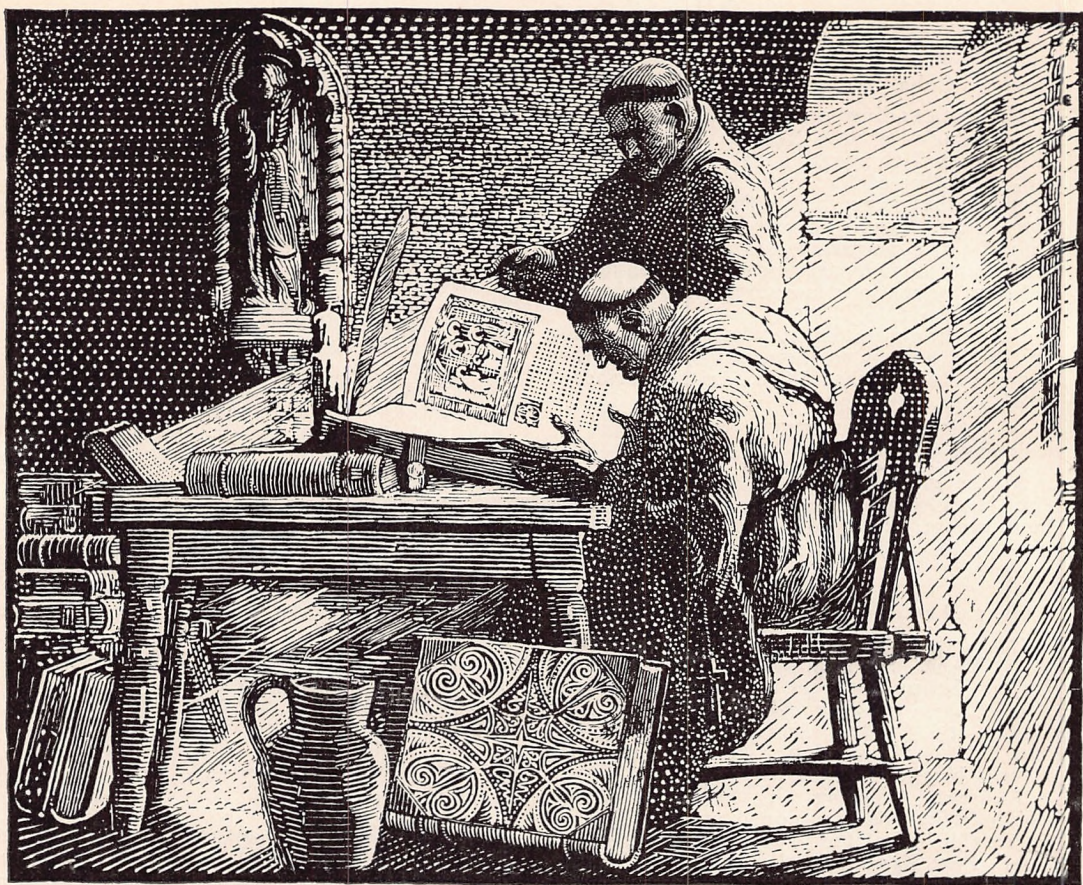
### Adyar, India

The Fifty-second Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society will be held at Adyar. The dates will probably be December 24 to 27.

GIVE BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS

GIVE BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS





## *Forgotten Secrets from Medieval Manuscripts*

*SPECIAL THEOSOPHICAL  
EDITION*

*An Encyclopedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, and Rosicrucian Symbolic Philosophy; to which is added a Treatise on the Qabbalah of the Jews.*

By MANLY P. HALL

*See the Light again*

in this wonder-work by a 26-year-old Californian, who has been called "the master of forty faiths." An incredible amount of research has gone into the creation of this book, which traces the *Mystic Wisdom* down from the dawn of time to the present day.

A COMPLETE OCCULT LIBRARY.

FIFTY MAGNIFICENT FULL-PAGE ILLUSTRATIONS IN COLOR

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY OTHER ETCHINGS THROUGHOUT THE TEXT

Edition Limited to 200 Copies—Price \$75

Payable in Monthly Installments of \$15

PUBLICATION JAN. '28

—Complete Information on Request—

## Theosophical Press, Wheaton

If this brief description has interested you, it will be well to send us your tentative reservation for one of the comparatively few copies available.





To Have—JUST THE BOOK ONE WANTS when one wants it, is and must remain the supreme luxury of the cultivated life.

*Come Away*, by J. Krishnamurti, Poems. Published by The Star Publishing Trust, Eerde, Ommen, Holland. Price: paper, 65c, through the Theosophical Press.

There is nothing perhaps more difficult for the reviewer than the adequate review of mystical poetry. A technical critique is comparatively easy, understood, but a review worthy of the name is more than a mere analysis, more than the incidental classification of art, and such labels as "subjective," "romantic," "free verse," "objective," etc., are largely concerned with form, not with content, and therefore lacking in value. Poetry, like all art, is a way of life, one of the many approaches to the world of being. And of all art, music and poetry are perhaps nearest to Being. Poetry is an art of time and sound suggestions, and of words that penetrate dimensions of being that the senses never reach. Its approach to the world of being is spiritual and if we try to weigh its values, like magic mountains they recede.

In the mystical poem "*Come Away*" by Krishnamurti, the leit-motif is Love. It runs like a thread of old ivory and carnelian holding the pattern together—and how recalcitrant of definitions is love! The love of *Come Away* vanishes beneath the incidental surface of emotion to probe the profundities of reality.

This poem is a cup of Being in which a deep and universal fluid holds irradiations of worlds beyond articulate expression. It is not an intellectual banquet at which reason may feast. No! And this is the difficulty in reviewing *Come Away*, for to reason it is a limpid and translucent crystal which it looks through but cannot see. Rational artillery, as Brownell says, "will never bag the moonlight." Reason may kill the bird; it will not collect the song. And in this mystical song, Krishnaji feels things as ends instead of seeing them as means. Krishnaji has seen beauty and its ineffable essence is somehow congealed in his poem poignantly. He would have us see the effulgence and illumination which his love pours into life. Now and then, as when he says:

"Come, O world,  
Gather thy flowers  
In the garden of my heart,"

he seems to be speaking from some inner shrine where personality is non-existent. And above all, and through it all, *Beauty and Love and Beauty*. . . . beating, beating in waves from a Cosmic Sea.

I hope that I have been able to convey an idea of Alcyone's "*Come Away*," but my words are too limited somehow to describe the sug-

gestions that this poem conveys of that world that burns on its bright height—"The World of the Spirit," to which he would have us . . . Come Away. Adep.

*Alchemy and the Secret Doctrine*, H. P. Blavatsky—compiled and edited by Alexander Horne, B. Sc. Published by The Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill. Price, cloth, \$3.00.

In the *Secret Doctrine* Madame Blavatsky gives a statement of science from the occult viewpoint. Mr. Horne, in his book *Alchemy and the Secret Doctrine*, proves that much of her information anticipated what modern science has since accepted as fact. To every real student of the *Secret Doctrine* his book must perforce be an invaluable aid because of its succinct analysis of Madame Blavatsky's synthetic and compendious work along a line of thought almost baffling to the ordinary student.

The teachings of alchemy are associated in most men's minds with two ideas—the transmutation of the so-called baser metals into gold by means of an indefinite something called the "Philosopher's Stone," and the search for the elixir of life which would heal diseases and prolong life thousands of years. Mr. Horne reveals in a vivid manner alchemy's scientific meaning as shown forth in the *Secret Doctrine*, for Madame Blavatsky testifies to the superficial view, generally accepted, regarding alchemy and shows that to ancient races it was an experimental science as well as a philosophy. Mr. Horne brings out also the fact that alchemy was the origin of chemistry, for the history of the processes of alchemists contain accurate accounts of many chemical experiments and discourses, which cannot be explained away by any transcendental interpretation.

Very skilfully has Mr. Horne condensed the information on alchemy to be found in the *Secret Doctrine*, elucidating many obscure points. The summary at the end of chapters is of great value, focussing the attention of the student on the main facts. No student of the *Secret Doctrine* should be without a copy of Mr. Horne's most helpful work.

Occultism deals with transcendental physics, and is of the intellect belonging to science; mysticism deals with transcendental metaphysics and is of the spiritual belonging to religion. Mr. Horne, in dealing with alchemy, gives many glimpses of the higher metaphysics as the controlling element in all physics. Madame Blavatsky states:

"There is but one indivisible and absolute Omniscience in the Universe and this thrills



throughout every atom and infinitesimal point of the whole Kosmos."

Mr. Horne shows clearly that physical matter is but the outward manifestation of inward spiritual life and that it is in the correspondence which exists between the physical and the spiritual that alchemy has its connection with mysticism.

Maude Lambert Taylor.

*The Mental Body.* By Lt. Col. Arthur E. Powell. The Theosophical Pub. House, Ltd. London. Price, \$3.50, through the Theosophical Press.

In this excellent volume of more than three hundred pages, Colonel Powell has done for the mental body what he has formerly accomplished in connection with the etheric double and the astral body—he has gathered together all the material bearing upon this vehicle of consciousness which is scattered through a large number of volumes. Although he has added nothing original, the service is a very worthy one, as it saves the student an immense amount of time and effort and renders available a mass of material, much of which would almost unavoidably be overlooked by the average reader.

The subject is taken up in an orderly fashion and Col. Powell has so coordinated it that it reads smoothly and makes a consecutive narrative. He begins with a general description of the mental body and follows with a discussion of its structure and functions.

Next comes a more detailed consideration of the different types of thought power and their uses, including the mechanism of thought transference, concentration and meditation.

The nature and particulars of the life in Devachan, or the world of thought (which the orthodox Christian calls "Heaven"), between physical incarnations, is gone into with full particularity, including descriptions of the Akâshic records and the inhabitants of the mental plane.

The book ends with a statement of the relation between the personality and the ego, the processes attending rebirth and details regarding the path of discipleship.

The man who seriously sets about the cultivation of his physical body must first study anatomy and physiology in order to direct his efforts intelligently. He who plans to visit a foreign country does wisely if he studies a guide book of that country before setting out.

Here is a textbook of the anatomy and physiology of the mental body which is indispensable to anyone who purposes to undertake the conscious development of that vehicle of consciousness and a guide book to the regions which he will visit, whether he knows it or not, between his physical lives.

A valuable addition to any theosophical library.

G. B. L., M. D.

*Bulwer Lytton As Occultist.* by C. Nelson Stewart. Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, London, England. Price, Cloth, \$0.75, Through The Theosophical Press.

Those who have enjoyed Bulwer Lytton's

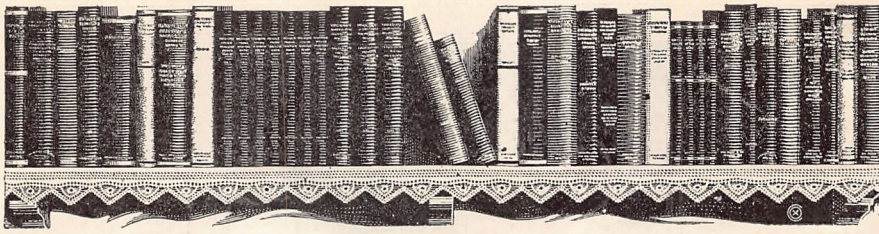
"Zanoni," "Last Days of Pompeii," "A Strange Story," etc. will be interested to learn that these fascinating tales of the supernatural were more than the creations of an active imagination, being founded upon long study of and experimentation with occult matters. Lord Lytton practiced geomancy and divination, investigated psychic phenomena, pored over ancient books on occult sciences. Popular tradition credited him with magical powers. He was, by his own testimony, an initiate in the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, and such authorities as Madame Blavatsky, Bishop Wedgwood and Dr. Weller Van Hook acknowledge his status in the world of occultism. Mr. Stewart's review touches on so many interesting phases of Lord Lytton's occult background that one finds his little volume all too brief.

W. H.

### BOOKS make good "last-minute" GIFTS! —And they are the *best* of gifts at ANY minute

Nirvana, by Geo. S. Arundale, Cloth.....	\$ 2.25
The Chakras, by C. W. Leadbeater, Art Buckram .....	6.00
Reincarnation, The Hope of the World, by Irving S. Cooper, Cloth.....	1.25
Paper .....	.75
Some American Lectures, by Annie Besant, Cloth .....	1.00
The Mediator, by C. Jinarajadasa, Cloth.....	1.00
The Astral Body, by A. E. Powell, Cloth.....	3.00
Health and the Spiritual Life, by Geoffrey Hodson, Paper .....	.20
Later Incarnations of Francis Bacon, Paper The Intuition of the Will, by Ernest Wood, Cloth .....	.35 1.50
Tao. Translation by Chas. Henry Mac- kintosh, Cloth .....	1.00
The Coming of the World Teacher, by Annie Besant, Paper .....	.05
The Inner Life, by C. W. Leadbeater, Cloth Theosophy as the Masters See It, by Clara M. Codd, Cloth.....	4.75 1.75
The Religion of Zarathushtra, by I. J. S. Taraporewala, Cloth .....	1.25
Brother of the Third Degree, by Will L. Garver, Cloth .....	2.50
Indian Tales of Love and Beauty, by Josephine Ransom, Cloth.....	1.00
Spiritualizing Unspiritual Judaism, by A. Horne, Paper .....	.15
A Primer of Occult Physics, by W. R. C. Coode Adams, Cloth.....	1.25
The Brotherhood of Angels and of Men, by Geoffrey Hodson, Cloth.....	1.25
The Kingdom of Faerie, by Geoffrey Hodson, Cloth .....	1.25
Occult Methods of Healing, by Jane K. Adams, Paper .....	.35
At the Feet of the Master, by J. Krish- namurti, Gift Edition.....	2.25
The Ancient One, by Esther Bright, Cloth...	1.75
Social Progress, by Joseph Bibby, Paper.....	1.25
Alchemy and the Secret Doctrine, Compiled by Alexander Horne, Cloth.....	3.00
Child Training in the Light of Theosophy, Compiled by Prof. R. K. Kulkarni, Cloth	1.75
In His Name, by C. Jinarajadasa, Cloth...	.75
Paper .....	.35
Come Away, by J. Krishnamurti.....	.65
The Pool of Wisdom, by J. Krishnamurti...	.65
Self Preparation, by J. Krishnamurti.....	.75
Self Preparation, by George S. Arundal, Paper .....	.25
A Pixie's Adventure in Humanland, by Jean Delaire, Cloth .....	1.50





## The Theosophical Bookshelf

Older Theosophists, and those who have joined the T. S. more recently, and who are aflame with zeal to share with others the lamps that have lighted their own footsteps, will realize that BOOKS ARE THE BEST LIGHT-BEARERS. They work in silence, in quiet moments, bringing first the glow and then the spark and finally the FLAME of faith.

Every local Lodge, and EVERY PUBLIC LIBRARY, should have at least its five-foot shelf of Theosophical Books. Here, then is an opportunity for YOU to

## Be the kindly Carnegie of your local Lodge!

Here is a long list of Theosophical books which you may now purchase—for the special purposes suggested above—AT A DISCOUNT OF 1-3 OFF.

TITLE	List Price	TITLE	List Price	TITLE	List Price
Avataras, <i>cloth</i> .....	\$1.25	H. P. Blavatsky and the		Sanatana Dharma (Ele-	
Basis of Morality, <i>paper</i> .....	.35	Masters of Wisdom, <i>paper</i> .....	.50	mentary), <i>boards</i> .....	1.00
Blavatsky Quotation Book		The Ideals of Theosophy,		Some Problems of Life,	
<i>paper</i> .....	.60	<i>boards</i> .....	.70	<i>cloth</i> .....	1.00
The Changing World, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.75	The Immediate Future,		Songs for Young People,	
Topical Index to the above,		<i>cloth</i> .....	1.50	<i>paper</i> .....	.25
<i>paper</i> .....	.10	Initiation, the Perfecting of		The Spiritual Life (Besant)	
Daily Meditations on the		Man, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.50	<i>cloth</i> .....	1.75
Path, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	In the Outer Court, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.25	The Story of Sensa, <i>cloth</i> .....	.50
Destiny, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	An Introduction to the		Superhuman Men in Re-	
The Early Teachings of the		Science of Peace, <i>paper</i> .....	.50	ligion and History, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00
Masters, <i>cloth</i> .....	2.75	An Introduction to the		Superphysical Science,	
Echoes from the Orient,		Science of Peace, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	<i>paper</i> .....	.30
<i>paper</i> .....	.30	The Laws of the Higher		Talks on At the Feet of the	
Echoes from the Orient,		Life, <i>paper</i> .....	.35	Master, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.75
<i>cloth</i> .....	.60	Lectures on Political		Talks with a Class, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.50
Episodes from an Unwrit-		Science, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	Theosophy and Reconstruc-	
ten History, <i>boards</i> .....	.75	Letters That Have Helped		tion, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00
Expanded Theosophical		Me, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	Theosophy and Social Re-	
Knowledge, <i>paper</i> .....	.30	Man's Life in the Three		construction, <i>paper</i> .....	.50
Four Great Religions, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.35	Worlds, <i>paper</i> .....	.50	Theosophy and World Prob-	
Future of the Indo-British		The Monad, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.25	lems, <i>boards</i> .....	.75
Commonwealth, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.50	Our Glorious Future, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.25	Theosophy in Dante's Di-	
The Heritage of Our Fath-		The Path of Discipleship,		vine Comedy, <i>paper</i> .....	.35
ers, <i>paper</i> .....	.40	<i>paper</i> .....	.50	Three Paths to Union with	
How We Remember Our		The Path of Discipleship		God, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.25
Past Lives, <i>cloth</i> .....	1.25	<i>cloth</i> .....	1.00	An Offering to the Voice of	
		Problems of Reconstruc-		the Silence, <i>paper</i> .....	.25
		tion, <i>boards</i> .....	.75		

Single Purchases Amounting to \$25 or More Subject to 33⅓% Discount

**THEOSOPHICAL PRESS - - - WHEATON, ILLINOIS**



CHAS. B. PFÄHLER  
295 12TH ST.  
PORTLAND, ORE.

## THE THEOSOPHICAL MESSENGER



### *Books Are The Best Companions*

Tireless teachers are they, who will talk with you while you will listen and will not be aggrieved if you should tire and turn away, but will wait 'til you shall turn to them again, and then speak on.



### *The Path To Peace The Way of the Soul*

BY MARY MORRIS DUANE  
with a Foreword by Dr. Besant

"A helpful and safe guide to meditation"—Thus writes Dr. Besant about this beautifully printed and bound little book, which offers, she says, "Truths of the Higher Life in lucid and practical language." It is a book to be a companion, not merely a passing acquaintance. The price is One Dollar.

### *Gospel of Buddha*

by Paul Carus

The most beautiful and the most authoritative volume of the collected Teachings and Parables of the Lord Buddha. If this Book lay beside the Christian Bible in every Theosophical home, it would soon go far to end racial religious prejudices and intolerances in every neighborhood. The Theosophist also will find much upon which to meditate, and will be likely to treasure this Book as one of the crown-jewels of his library of light. 300 large pages, beautifully bound in rose and gold, with a slip-cover of onyx parchment. Price: \$5.00.

### *The Quest of the Golden Stairs*

by Arthur Waite

A book for older children, and for those who are quite grown-up, spiritually as well as physically. It tells the story of Initiation in faerie-tales. A very fine piece of book-craft. Price: \$3.00

### *The New Civilization*

Four Lectures Delivered at the Queen's Hall, London, in June, 1927

by Annie Besant, D. L.

Dr. Besant's clear and powerful logic is shown at its best in these four lectures, which are of special interest to Americans because she so frequently draws her illustrations from her recent experiences in America. The book is well printed and stoutly bound. The price is One Dollar.

### *Bulwer Lytton As Occultist*

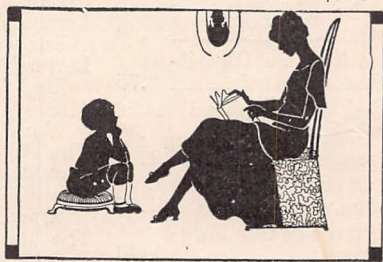
by C. Nelson Stewart

Lord Lytton is revealed in this keenly analytical biographical sketch as a born Occultist; and later, as an Initiate, perhaps as a Master of the Wisdom. His early experiments in practical Occultism are interestingly told. Beautifully printed in 12 point Cheltenham on antique woven paper, and bound in green cloth boards. Price: 75c

### *Heroes of Old India*

by Percy Pigott

Here is a book from which to read to the children on these long Winter nights. The romance and mystery of the fairy-tale coupled with sublime spiritual truth, delightfully told in stirring style. A masterpiece of book-making, with four full page, full-color illustrations by DRIGIN. Price: \$3.25



Special Gift Edition of AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER; 5 illustrations; a beautiful book. Price \$2.25

## THEOSOPHICAL PRESS, WHEATON, ILL.