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Remembering November 17

By GAIL WILSON

WE MIGHT challenge our remembrance of Anniversary Day as we challenge (or should) all else in life. What is there of significance, of permanent value, in calling to mind year after year this particular day and its meaning to the Theosophical Society? Merely because it is the conventional and established thing to do?

That may be reason enough. Respect and grateful tribute are lovely in themselves. But the act of recollection can be made, I believe, a thing of far greater worth.

On each May 8 (Madame Blavatsky left us on that day in 1891), our personal affection for her and others who have gone finds expression. Feb. 17 (the day of birth for Bishop Leadbeater in 1847, of Giordano Bruno's martyrdom in 1600, and of the passing away of Colonel Olcott in 1907) has been dedicated in their names as a day of service to Adyar, the center of the theosophical movement over the whole world.

But Nov. 17 has become a more localized affair—at least we have chosen to make it so. Though international in its meaning, we in the United States have set aside that day as one in which to think of Theosophy

and our own country; our particular field—our definite responsibility.

The story of the founding of the Theosophical Society has been told many times, but for those who have newly come among us, we retell the simple facts, ever so briefly, each year. It was on Nov. 17, 1875, in New York City, that the Theosophical Society was formally launched before the world. Officers had been elected and by-laws approved on the preceding Oct. 30, but the day on which the elected president, Colonel Henry Steel Olcott, made his official address has been considered always as the Society's birthday.

There were sixteen members then, and thirteen of them were chosen as officers of one kind or another. Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was elected Corresponding Secretary, and William Quan Judge (he was but twenty-four years old) was made "Counselor to the Society."

The seal, as we know it today, had already been decided upon, but the objects as we have them now are an enlargement upon the simple clause then adopted:

"The objects of the Society are to collect and diffuse a knowledge of the laws governing the universe."

Down through the years this Society has lived and grown. In the United States its written chronicle marks off the administrations of William Quan Judge, 1886-1895 (the secession); Alexander Fullerton, 1895-1907; Dr. Weller Van Hook, 1907-1912; Albert P. Warrington, 1912-1919; L. W. Rogers, 1919-.

If one cares about events and achievements out of the past, there is much, ever so much, to compel attention in the history of our society's fifty-three years. From the original membership of sixteen, our own Section has grown to over eight thousand members. But this recorded membership is a hint only of the spread of Theosophy; of the "collection and diffusion of knowledge of the laws governing the universe."

In the last MESSENGER, Charles E. Luntz speaks of our stock-taking at this anniversary—a stock-taking of "the imponderables," as he says, of "things that are without physical substance, that weigh nothing, yet outweigh all else."

Buildings, and dollars in the bank, and stacks of books—we can count them and list them on paper, but they are assets only in a secondary sense, and as they serve in the marketing of the "imponderables" with which we deal.

In the past half century, perhaps we are fair in saying that we have dealt generously with the world in matters that affect the mind and heart. We have "marketed" the knowledge of reincarnation, of the law of compensation, of the unity of all life. We may consider our Society as solvent, and that its stocks are a good investment.

But can't we do a still better business? Again quoting Mr. Luntz (if he has expressed my thought—why rephrase it?):

"We who have given Theosophy to the world must take our own Theosophy out into the world and work with it there. No longer content to spread the light of the Divine Wisdom through books, lectures and classes alone, we must make it the keynote of our every activity in daily life—must mingle it with the bread we bake and the goods we sell—must leaven it into the labor of our hands—must take it into our offices and our clubrooms and onto our political platforms—must blend it with our work and play."

Again: "Those who see Theosophy only in the Lodge room and the textbook have yet to learn what Theosophy is. The Theosophy of the future is the Theosophy of the market place, of the jail, the hospital and the factory."

There is a glorious dream, and it *could* come true—that from out our band of servers in this country there arise those who will help the nation solve some of its stupendous problems: Unemployment, the great terror that now faces millions; industrial inharmonies, some of which are definitely retarding the physical evolution of the race; political corruption that seeps out through countless channels to make for waste and unhappiness; a prison system almost equaling the dark ages in cruelty and yet inefficient in

checking crime. The list is long. There are many more items. And yet—

No nation offers a greater hope to the world, for despite the ugly places, so much of greatness has already been manifest that we need not think of failure. And we—this little band of some eight thousand servers—we may if we will contribute immeasurably in the fulfillment of that hope, for we have that priceless, intangible, unbuyable treasure—the key to the Divine Wisdom.

So on this November day—the end of another "fiscal" year in that special ledger kept for the "imponderable" assets and liabilities—we must study our status on every plane, and think seriously of those secondary assets, the buildings, the dollars in the bank, and so on. We must be sound financially, four-square with the world in which we live. In the Anniversary program of each Lodge, therefore, there should be a place, a very important place, devoted to the cooperation the Lodge can give to the National work, to the section as a whole.

None can judge what another can give, but each knows his own fair portion. This we do know, however: Support must go continually to the National headquarters at Wheaton, Ill., just as we may expect support of another nature to flow out from that central source, inspiring and quickening the work throughout the Nation.

Pulling together, loyally devoted to the one cause, what can we not accomplish in this, our United States; our spiritual "charge," as it were.

Speaks to Youth

Lodges who are having Max Wardall lecture for them at any time should not fail to arrange for him to speak at High Schools wherever opportunity affords. His lecture on "The Value of an Ideal" holds the children spellbound and leaves an ineradicable impression upon teachers and instructors as well. He will speak to 30,000 young people on his present tour. The lectures can easily be arranged as he has valuable letters from the principals of many schools. Write to

Order of Service,
Altadena, Calif.,

for advance material.

A Silver Offering

Here is an opportunity for all to help a worthy cause. In order to further the publication of free books for the blind and to increase the circulation of their free magazine, The Braille Star Theosophist, the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, are asking each one who reads this to write his name and address on a slip of paper and then wrap in a silver coin and mail to the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, 1544 Hudson Ave., Hollywood, Calif.

Your Daily Dharma in Dimes or Dollars

How You Can Bank on Being at the World Congress, If You Will *Bank* For It!

By "CHEM"

WHEN the World Congress convenes in Chicago early in July, 1929, with the greatest gathering of Theosophical notables ever seen upon the platform of a Theosophical Convention in the Americas, the question as to whether or not you, gentle reader, will be among those who raise their hands in greeting to our revered leaders, must be formulated for and by yourself, in the mental world, without one day's unnecessary delay.

Must we not face the fact that attendance at the World Congress will be, for most of our members, not a matter of merely wishing to come, but mainly a matter of providing the means? We are not wealthy folk, for the most part. Few of us have much more than we need from day to day; and so, when comes a need for a larger expenditure than usual, most often it means weeks and maybe months of careful planning, and perhaps of rigorous self denial, to provide the means. That is why it will truly be necessary for many who *MAY* have the great privilege of attendance at the first American World Congress to make up their minds to it without delay. If that is not done, the days will slip away, and the weeks, and months, until it is almost time to pack one's baggage—and then there will be no time to squeeze the cost of the trip out of the budget!

NOW there is still plenty of time—more than six months—in which to save and set aside securely a sum amply sufficient to meet all the cost of the trip.

The exact amount required will depend, of course, upon the distance to be travelled by the individual member, and upon his (or her) liking for more or less luxurious accommodations. Perhaps it would be safe to say that the *AVERAGE* cost—but, remember, averages are always deceptive, because nearly everyone is above or below them!—will be about one hundred dollars.

Six months in which to save a hundred dollars! It can be done quite easily! It is only about four dollars a week! But *six* months will soon be *five*, and *five* will shorten to *four*. We *mustn't* forget that! The best time to start a special travel fund for the World Congress will be *NOW* before even you finish reading this article—if you *ever* finish it. It doesn't matter if you never do finish reading it, if the act of interruption is one that leads you to hunt up a convenient receptacle for all the spare silver you have in your possession at the moment! If you were to drop every *quarter* that comes into your possession from now on into such a receptacle, you would be amazed at how many quarters one *does* handle in the course of a day or a week! But please don't leave too many silver pieces deposited in a vase or inside the clock—

if you have that kind of a clock. It is inevitable that temptations shall come, but woe unto those through whom the temptations come! Don't leave your store of World Congress silver where it may melt away into some person's accumulated karma, and leave you bereft of your trip! As often as it amounts to a sizable sum (and *four* quarters are the size of a dollar bill, which is easily mailable, you know!) fold it up in a piece of letter paper bearing your name and address with a notation of the amount enclosed and a statement that it is to be added to your World Congress Savings Account, and send it in to Mrs. H. Kay Campbell, National Secretary and Treasurer of The American Theosophical Headquarters at Wheaton, Ill. She will see that it adds nothing to the evil karma of any, and that your own *good* karma, earned in saving it, and by your previous right actions which made it possible for you to receive the MESSENGER—and to read this particular page at this particular time!—all redound to your own good!

Let's be methodical about this matter of banking for the trip to the World Congress. Let's each find out now the exact fare from where we live to Chicago and return, at the special one and one-half rate which is absolutely assured for an occasion of this kind. Then let's add to the sum necessary for railroad travelling, and berths and meals on the train if the distance makes those necessary, a sum sufficient to cover hotel expenses in Chicago. Accommodations will be available at from \$3.50 a day up; but of course that doesn't include meals. These may be taken at inexpensive places—cafeterias and tea-rooms and the like—for as little as a dollar or a dollar and a half a day; or one can spend as much or more for a single meal, if one is so inclined. It can be done for five dollars a day, exclusive of travelling expenses, which can be figured individually.

Figure it out and divide the total by the days or weeks until the Congress convenes, and you will have your "Daily Dharma" in dimes or dollars, which will make *sure* that *YOU* will be one of the blessed brotherhood who will bathe in a veritable battery of auric vibrations of the highest intensity during the wonderful week of the World Congress!

You can bank on it, if you will Bank for it!

Dr. Nina E. Pickett Itinerary

Dallas, Texas—Oct. 31 to Nov. 7.
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 Houston, Texas—Dec. 1 to Dec. 14.
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"An Unusual Opportunity"

THERE is a significant sentence in what Mr. Jinarajadasa wrote about the Theosophical World Congress in the September number of the MESSENGER. He said: "An unusual opportunity is given to the members of the American National Society to do their utmost to make the World Congress a success, and if especially all the General Secretaries of Central and South America come, and it may be with large delegations of members, much more can be done for the theosophical movement in both the Americas than may appear at first sight."

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Society to do their utmost to make the World Congress a success."

It is certainly an unusual opportunity and it is not likely to come to us again while those now dominant in our Lodges are holding the reins. Seven years is a considerable space of time and there are a number of important nations which have not yet had the Congress. Very reasonably England may have it in 1936. What nation gets it in 1943 will probably not interest many of us who will attend next summer, with the exception of those who are now quite young.

"... to do their utmost to make the World Congress a success."

We would surely be exceedingly foolish if we neglected our one big chance to do a real service for the world-wide theosophical movement. What the "utmost" for each of us is may be problematical. But the very least that many hundreds of us can do is to make sure that we shall lend our presence to the great occasion. It is a well understood occult fact that such a gathering, with many initiates of various degrees present, is utilized by the Supermen in various ways and that the possibilities of spiritual accomplishment are in direct proportion to the number present and to the enthusiasm and unity of feeling which characterizes the assemblage. Merely *to be there* is to increase the efficiency of the instrument through which They work.

What might reasonably be considered making "the World Congress a success"? Of course not merely what would be successful for an annual convention. A World Congress is of more majestic measure. Success for it necessarily means a program that will induce people of other nations to journey from afar to profit by it. For the whole of the Western Hemisphere it will be the chance to meet and hear the great world leaders in Theosophy. In the vernacular "it is up to us" to provide the conditions that will attract Theosophists in large numbers from Cuba, Porto Rico, Mexico, and the South American nations. Nothing less than that for this part of the

world can be considered making the Congress a success.

"And if we accomplish this, then," says Mr. Jinarajadasa, "much more can be done for the theosophical movement in both the Americas *than may appear at first sight*." The significance of these words will not be lost to the thoughtful. With the physical senses we may not know what is happening on such an occasion and yet far reaching results may be attained that will profoundly affect the future of Theosophy in the Western Hemisphere.

Great Leaders Coming

WITH the assurance of the presence at the Theosophical World Congress next summer of at least four of the five greatest leaders of the Theosophical Society there can be no question of a most successful and in-

structive program with a very large attendance and great enthusiasm. Aside from the unforeseen and unexpected in life on the physical plane we are sure of the attendance of Dr. Besant, Mr. Jinarajadasa and Dr. and Mrs. Arundale. That much, barring circumstances beyond control, is already settled by the definite agreement of all of them to be present. This list of distinguished leaders will very probably be increased, while many somewhat lesser theosophical lights from various parts of the world will also attend. But even with no others than those above named we would have the most distinguished assemblage of Theosophists that ever met together in our part of the world. India had them at the half century Jubilee Congress three years ago but only a score or two of Americans could attend. Next summer we need not travel half way around the earth.

Radio Propaganda

By N. L. FOOTE

WE recognize the enormous audience that is reached by the medium of radio and think the time is come when our national organization could well extend the philosophy of our teaching through this means to listeners who are practically inaccessible otherwise.

Radio is fast becoming a most popular pastime in rural districts, small cities and villages. These listeners, we believe, are largely composed of the more mature in life who are prepared through experience and life burdens to be receptive to the simple truths proclaimed by Theosophy. This would invade a vast field now practically unreached, as our literature only occasionally reaches into such districts, and audiences at lectures are not made up of people from these localities.

Comparing the cost of this means of reaching the public with the present method of giving lectures, we are persuaded that for the same expenditure of money, time, and energy, enormously greater results could be secured.

Our suggestion is that lectures from fifteen to thirty minutes in length be prepared, simple and gripping, on practical dilemmas of life, and delivered over one of the strongest transmitters available, or over one of the well organized chain systems now in operation. Such a lecture given the same hour weekly will establish a definite period which may be looked forward to by those interested. We are right now in the season of the year when

radio is received distinctly in remote parts of the north woods—mining camps—isolated localities—as well as hospitals, sanitariums, penal institutes and all places where people are confined from one cause or another. This class of listeners certainly offers a wide field for theosophic teaching.

Upon inquiry as to the cost of broadcasting over one of the most powerful transmitters used in Chicago we are advised by local station WOOD that WBBM of Chicago quotes the rate of \$125.00 a night for thirty minutes and a substantial discount may be secured by time contract. This station estimates that it reaches 9,000,000 people in a radius of 300 miles from Chicago; twenty-three per cent of their response by mail is from the Atlantic Coast, ten per cent from the Pacific.

With our present national membership, the cost per capita would be but a few cents a week to reach this almost unlimited audience. It is our opinion that this is a feasible and effective means of extending our philosophy, and we urge earnest and immediate effort to this end.

Xmas Cards

Buy your Christmas cards through The Theosophical Press. The Ideal, A. B., Star and plain cards (with emblem) are 5c each; box of 25, \$1.25.

Gifts

Mr. F. L. Ellis of Darian Center, N. Y., has helped solve the problem of cleaning the walls and windows in the Headquarters reception hall by sending us a fine pair of twenty foot ladders. Mr. Ellis has previously presented Headquarters with ironing boards and stepladders of every conceivable size, ranging from two feet up.

Mr. A. Eugene Deaderick presented Headquarters with a handsome brass Theosophical Society emblem which was beautifully wrought in India and mounted on a wooden plaque. It has been hung in the reception hall and the result is charming.

Mr. Charles Henry Mackintosh descended upon Headquarters like a veritable Santa Claus before departing upon his world tour, with the exception that he carried most of the gifts in a waste basket instead of the time-honored sack. Every article in the collection is a thing of beauty. There was a Japanese bronze vase, a Chinese metal vase decorated in bas relief, a statue of the Kamakura Buddha seated on a beautiful hand carved base, a green and blue pottery jar, a handsome box of rich-looking lava metal (Tavinite), a lovely Wedgwood jug, and, last but not least, the hand woven basket itself, which now fills a long-felt need in the Headquarters living room. All these objects of art have been placed in the library and reception hall where they will add a note of beauty through the years.

In addition to the above Mr. Mackintosh presented an artistic and colorful painting by Charles St. Pierre, a pupil of Rosenkranz and Reynolds. The picture is symbolical and represents the artist's reaction after reading Mr. Mackintosh's poem "I Looked on Life" which appears as a frontispiece to his *"What Is Reasonable Religion."* The painting is 54"x43" and the colors are orange rose, greens and blues. It fits beautifully on the south wall of the reception hall where it meets the eye as one enters the archway and it adds a charming touch of color to the otherwise cold walls.

Mrs. H. E. Emmons, of Tacoma, Wash., sent a box of assorted iris bulbs for the Headquarters grounds.

A box of lily and daffodil bulbs was sent by Mrs. Elisa Geister. They were planted this autumn and will give a cheerful note of color to the grounds next spring.

News Item

Several of our members have recently availed themselves of the opportunity to come to Headquarters as paying guests. Mrs. Gussie Hopkins, President of Chicago Lodge, and Mrs. Elsie Simpson of Kansas City, stayed for several days. Mr. Charles Henry Mackintosh of Chicago, who recently sold his advertising business, visited at Headquarters for ten days before starting on a tour around the world. He will travel leisurely and plans to visit Adyar, returning to this country about 1930.

Sonnet to C. J.

By C. H. M.

His eyes are searching (tho' his glance is kind)

As one who rises on wide-spreading wings
And gazes down on unremembered things
From lofty heights of more than mortal mind.
He sees most clearly where we are most blind;
We see the little stream that lives and sings,
But he can trace it to forgotten springs
And forward till the land is left behind.

And what he sees, his mind can understand;
Because his stream has flowed thru marsh and sand,

Thru gorge and meadow, ere it glimpsed the Sea,

And rushed towards it, eager to be free.

So, if we follow him, let it be said:

We follow only Those who go ahead!

Porto Rico Storm

In response to an inquiry whether our Porto Rico members needed relief after the disastrous tornado, General Secretary Vincenty writes:

"Have just received your cable. Thanks for the interest in behalf of the Porto Rico brethren. I am awaiting information from the different Lodges as to the members who are in distress and as to the loss they may have suffered. As soon as I have the information at hand I will let you know. No doubt some must be in need of help as you know that as a rule in all countries, our members belong to the working or middle class, to those that suffer without letting others know their wants.

"The help to be obtained from the Porto Rico members is very limited as we have been very hardly hit, those who had property or business.

"The new temple in San Juan did not suffer, but the wooden building at Caguas was unroofed and that Lodge is a very poor one. Those are the only two buildings we possess.

"Food may not be badly needed, though I could not say for sure that some of the members who live in the interior of the Island, where the cyclone did most damage, may not be living on short rations. But most surely there must be quite a number who have lost at least the roof of their home if not the building itself, and as I know personally the very limited means of living, if not penury of a certain number of our members and as I know that they will not ask for help in spite of all, these are the ones that must be attended to.

"Fraternally yours,
(Signed) F. VINCENTY."

Refugees Need Books

From Nicolas Epimof at Suomi, Finland, comes a card stating that Russian theosophical refugees in Finland have no money to buy books, and that if any one in this country could send some, the gifts would be highly appreciated.

The books of which they are especially in need are: *The Etheric Double*, *The Astral Body*, *The Mental Body*, *The Causal Body*, by Arthur E. Powell; *Lives of Alcione*, by Dr. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater; *Nirvana* by Dr. Geo. S. Arundale; *Gods In Exile* by J. J. Van der Leeuw, and *Studies in Occult Chemistry and Physics* by G. Sutcliffe.

The Lodge is the Focus of Theosophical Activity

By A. EUGENE DEADERICK

LET us take up a pastime which has been popular in the T. S. of recent years and go "Back to Blavatsky" for a few minutes to see what we can learn about theosophical activity.

It has been frequently stated that Madame Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott, in the founding of the T. S. and the carrying forward of theosophical work, stemmed the tide of materialism which was sweeping over the West and gave the Ancient Wisdom once more to the world. Many other agencies have joined in the combat with materialism but the T. S. is still the chief custodian of the Ancient Wisdom, acknowledged by the world. The spreading of the light of the Ancient Wisdom is therefore an important part of theosophical work, if not the most important. This does not seem entirely clear to many T. S. members at the present time, and the reason is fairly clear.

Many things have happened within the T. S. in recent years, some of them leaving the members rather breathless. Since a good many of us joined the Society, the work of the Star gained in significance and demanded attention until it culminated in the physical appearance of the World Teacher. This was cataclysmic to many of us, as well it might be. In 1916-17 came the founding of the Liberal Catholic Church, which stirred up a storm of controversy scarcely yet died away and ready to break forth with sufficient grievance. The Co-Masonic Order had been going along quietly but it too gained in momentum of recent years and attracted many Theosophists to its ranks and is still doing so. Lately, the Order of Service launched its appeal. Most recent of all is the call to rally to the standard of the World Mother. All these have been confusing and distracting to many of our members. Often this mental confusion is expressed as anger against the branch movements. Many have an innate loyalty to the T. S., and anything which seems to them to weaken the Society comes under condemnation.

Going "Back to Blavatsky" is a quite painless way of readjusting our point of view. She came with her great associate to put before the world the laws pertaining to spiritual evolution. Science was dealing in masterly fashion with physical evolution but the T. S. became the outstanding spokesman for spiritual evolution,—the evolution of Life and Form. It still devolves upon the T. S. to act as spokesman for spiritual evolution. If we don't, who will? If the T. S. went out of existence at this moment, what organization would serve as the repository and the exponent of the Ancient Wisdom? Going "Back to Blavatsky" shows us what she came to do and also clearly indicates that her work is by no means finished. Not all the theosophical propaganda which can be done, has been done.

The Lodge is, of course, the unit of the

T. S. In and through Lodges is theosophical work accomplished. Stand up in a theosophical Lodge today and talk Theosophy and remember that it is Theosophy you are talking about. So many are not thinking clearly. They drag in quaint references to something they've heard in a Star meeting or at a Liberal Catholic service. Put yourself in the place of a professor of organic chemistry. Would his instruction to his students be deranged by a presidential election? Not likely. Consider medical science before and after the World War. That was cataclysmic to the medical profession. Yet in the medical schools they went right on teaching what they had to teach, adding whatever was learned by the experience of the war. Human anatomy did not change because we had a war. "Spiritual anatomy" has not changed because we have a World Teacher. Many of the public want to know about the essentials of Theosophy, and the better grounded people are in Theosophy, the better Star members they become because their faith in the World Teacher is rationalized for them. Certainly, the sounder one is in one's Theosophy, the more effective is one's worship in the Liberal Catholic Church. A priest in the L. C. C., having the wealth of Theosophy at his command, often sighs in mild despair at the dilution process necessary for his congregation.

But no watering-down process is needed by the speaker or teacher on the Lodge platform. Of course, it is scarcely advisable to talk "Isis Unveiled" or "Esoteric Buddhism" to an uninitiated public, but there is the tremendous store of theosophical knowledge in the books of Dr. Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarajadasa, Ernest Wood, and many others. There's clean-cut thinking in those books and it is material ready to hand. It is what the public needs most to learn. That, as I conceive it, is primarily what the theosophical Lodges have to give. We must remember that Theosophy is a distinct school of thought and that none will expound it unless we do it through the local Lodges.

If we think about this, clear away the confusion in our own minds, bear in mind what the public needs, we shall be able to work out fresh programs of theosophical education which will be of real service to the community. One does not need to be opposed to anything else in order to stand valiantly for Theosophy. It is the mark of a limited temperament to be frightfully "against" something in order to know that one is "for" another thing. Without criticism, one observes so often among Christian Scientists, for example, that they are violently against certain things; that is a way they have, all unconscious to themselves, of being "for" the teachings of Mrs. Eddy. Surely it is possible for Theosophists to take a less negative stand for Theosophy. Defi-

nately, without bias, ever with greater clarity to ourselves, of being "for" the truths of spiritual evolution as enunciated in the Ancient Wisdom and giving them from the most suitable rostrum, the Lodge platforms.

A Suggestion

Mr. Horne's latest pamphlet, *An Introduction to Esoteric Judaism*, will enable lecturers and Lodge workers all over the country to devote one or more meetings to a type of work that has not so far been attempted on an organized scale, namely, propaganda among the Jewish people, with the view of demonstrating to them what Theosophy has to offer them in the way of a philosophy of life, and an interpretation of their own religion. The pamphlet describes the various schools of Jewish mysticism of the past—the Essenes and Therapeutae, the Gnostics, the Kabbalists, the Hasidim, etc.—and links them together as aspects of a Jewish esoteric tradition that has come down to us from ancient times. This tradition has numerous points of contact with Theosophy.

Being based on a lecture delivered before Pacific Lodge, its structure is therefore one that can be easily adapted to a lecture, or read as a paper by those unaccustomed to public-speaking. A bibliography at the end of the pamphlet gives valuable references so that the subject can be pursued in greater detail.

Lodges might announce a lecture or paper on "Jewish Mysticism," bringing this to the attention of the Jewish community through the medium of a notice in the local Jewish paper, together with a notice on the bulletin-board of the local B'nai B'rith lodge or synagogue. Work of this nature would probably be productive of much good, as the bulk of Jewish people can only be reached satisfactorily through the medium of their own religion and their own mysticism.

Where the above idea is carried out, any comments in the Jewish papers regarding the lecture could be brought to the notice of Mr. Horne for attention.

If the Lodge bookstore will supply itself with a number of copies of the pamphlet, it is likely that many sales can be made, if properly announced from the platform.

Another suggestion is for some individuals in each Lodge to send a copy of the pamphlet to one or more prominent Jews in town, with the Lodge's compliments. Blanketing the country in this way with what is in reality Theosophy's message to the Jew is sure to have a profoundly beneficial result.

The Australian Theosophist

Subscriptions for the Australian Theosophist, of which C. W. L. is the editor, are being taken by the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill., at \$2.50 per year. As long as the supply lasts, subscriptions will begin with the August number, which contains five articles by C. W. L. The arrival of the shipment of the first two issues is expected daily.

Go-To-The-Congress Savings

We want the American contingent at the Theosophical World Congress to be all that it ought to be—as large as circumstances will permit. In order to accomplish that, Headquarters will establish a Go-To-The-Congress savings account with members. Christmas gift savings accounts have enabled many a person with small earnings to accumulate a satisfactory sum with which to purchase the gifts he desires to present. Why not a Go-To-The-Congress account for the same purpose? Begin now to save the money that will enable you to attend the Theosophical World Congress next summer and be one of "those present" at the greatest theosophical event in the Society's history, with a galaxy of world leaders to lecture for you and talk to you.

The American Theosophical Society will establish savings accounts and the money received will be deposited in the Wheaton banks until wanted, when a bank draft for the sum will be sent to the depositor.

You can open your Go-To-Congress savings account with Headquarters any time after Nov. 1 and with any sum not less than one dollar. Fractions of a dollar, whether under or over, cannot be accepted. Send only a dollar or a number of dollars. A receipt will be sent for each remittance. Checks or drafts should always be made payable to the American Theosophical Society, and never to any individual.

L. W. ROGERS,
National President, A. T. S.

Mrs. Julia Allan

In the recent passing of Mrs. Julia Allan, Pacific Lodge, of San Francisco, lost one of its most faithful and devoted members, one who lived her Theosophy. The keynote of her life was service—quiet, efficient service, for which she never asked reward save in the joy it gave her. Kindly, cheerful, generous, she was always ready to help in time of need and never shirked a duty, however difficult. A fellow member of an organization once said that she wished people loved her as much as they loved Mrs. Allan; that whenever she entered a meeting everyone looked pleased, for her presence was like a ray of sunshine. Her many friends rejoice at her release from a long illness, feeling sure that peace and happiness will be hers in great measure.—A. H. D.

Acknowledgment

Having received so many letters, telegrams and cables of congratulation upon my appointment as Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, I am taking this method of acknowledging all this kindness.

I am sure all understand how deeply I appreciate their generous expressions and how eagerly I shall try to realize their expectations.

A. P. WARRINGTON.



VIEW OF THE EAST END OF THE LIBRARY SHOWING MOST OF THE UPPER BOOKSHELVES STILL EMPTY.

Swindlers Again

It seems to take such a long time for all our members to acquire the art of being on guard against swindlers that it is necessary to print again and again unprofitable experiences which occasionally come to light. A Denver member writes as follows:

"Recently I had an unpleasant experience with a man, while caring for the library at the Lodge rooms of the Theosophical Society. I am telling you, thinking you might have an article put in the MESSENGER, for I fear he will visit other theosophical libraries.

"He first asked for the president (giving his name), then he said he was a minister from Golden, Colo. He began talking about different members, said he rode to Chicago from New York with Mr. Wood, knew Mr. Manley Hall personally, helped him with the proofs of that large book of his, etc.; then

he took books to the value of seven dollars, and gave me a check for \$25.00. I could not cash it but said I would take him to my bank which was near, which we did, and cashed it, and he paid me for the books and left me. In due time the check was protested, so I am out that amount of money, I am sorry to say.

"The day before he came to us he called at the Divine Science College and Library, chose some books and tried to have them take that same check, but they are not allowed to take checks, so they were saved. He was well dressed and very pleasant, and it never occurred to me to be suspicious of him!"

At the Annual Meeting of the German Section of the Theosophical Society on Sept. 2, in Hamburg, Prof. Dr. Johannes M. Verweyen, Bonn, Behringstr. 2, was elected General Secretary. May the German Section progress and prosper under his guidance and direction.

The Panchama Box Plan

The American Round Tables are sponsoring a plan in behalf of the Panchama children of India who are pupils in the Olcott Free Schools. These schools have been of great interest to Theosophists for many years. For this reason, the children of the American Round Tables invite all theosophical Lodges to share with them in sending these gifts to the Panchama Schools, and to that end, wish to lay the following proposition before them.

Cost of Boxes: The cost of the boxes will be fifty cents each, plus the price of the gifts which you choose to place in them. A uniform box will be used, with differently colored labels for boys and girls. The gifts are inexpensive. They may be procured for the most part at any five-and-ten-cent store. No box should contain more than ten articles.

Where To Procure Boxes: Write the Central Panchama Box Committee, Mrs. Ben Allen Samuel, chairman, 24 Blaine Ave., Hinsdale, Ill. With the box, you will receive full instructions.

What To Put In Boxes: Selection should be made from the list supplied. Do not put in any foodstuff or perishable articles. The list must be adhered to; it has been compiled very carefully with due regard to needs of the Indian children and the customs regulations. Every box must be accompanied with a list of articles and their declared value.

Where To Send Boxes: All boxes must, when packed and ready, be sent to the Central Committee, of which Mrs. Samuel is Chairman, 24 Blaine Ave., Hinsdale, Ill. They will then be inspected, closed, and sent in bulk to Adyar. All questions of duty and shipping will be attended to by the Central Committee.

LIST OF ARTICLES TO SEND

Girls

1. Post cards.
 2. Pencils.
 3. Paints.
 4. Drawing or painting tablets.
 5. Ball.
 6. Crayons.
 7. Weaving designs.
 8. Raffia.
 9. Sewing set.
 10. "Snap shots."
- (American Life, customs, games, etc.)

Boys

1. Post cards.
 2. Pencils.
 3. Paints.
 4. Drawing or painting tablets.
 5. Ball.
 6. Crayons.
 7. Mosaic blocks.
 8. Games.
 9. Puzzle.
 10. "Snap Shots."
- (American Life, customs, games, etc.)

Four Hundred Boxes the Objective: So that no child need be left out, it is necessary that we procure about 400 boxes. For this

reason, it is hoped that Lodges will fill as many boxes as they can. There is no danger of having too many, for there is ample use for any gifts exceeding the number we are aiming for.

Successful Entertainment

On the evening of Oct. 6 our Headquarters staff gave an entertainment which was attended by about sixty people, chiefly from the neighborhood, and which seemed to greatly please everybody. The number which won the most applause was an Egyptian dance by Miss Olivia Martin, Miss Betty Friedman, Miss Sarah Cohen, Mr. Fred Menzenwerth and Mr. George Fathman. The four latter also put on the minuet, with colonial costume, which was quite effective.

George Fathman greatly pleased the audience by feminine impersonations as a style model, while Fred Menzenwerth convulsed the audience with his burlesque of the Egyptian dance. Ben Harris as announcer gave the audience a number of mirthful spells and furnished a good part of the entertainment. Mrs. Anna Gill appeared in several recitations.

A Suggestion

For some unknown reason we were enjoined several years ago to begin the names of our seasons with capital letters, yet we are not expected so to dignify the name of the maker of the seasons or his system, nor do we even think ordinarily of capitalizing the name of our planet or that of her companion in space.

I urge a reform in this respect. Most certainly should we honor with a capital our life-and-light giver, the Sun; our associate and assistant, the Moon; our planetary home, the Earth; and our stellar home, the Solar System.—F. Milton Willis.

Let Understanding Be The Law

By J. Krishnamurti

In a series of questions and answers, Krishnaji again sends out his challenge to the value of THINGS. Questions that many would ask are answered in this little book, which reflects with unfailing sympathy his single wish that all who sorrow may enter the Kingdom of Happiness.

Paper. Size 7½ x 4½ in. 30 pages.
Price 20c.

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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.]

Anniversary Day

We are now approaching, for the second time, the celebration of the natal day of the Theosophical Society. Last Nov. 17 we made a fairly good start. A considerable number of our American Lodges observed the day with appropriate ceremonies. Let us hope that this year it will be general. How shall we expect the world to be interested in Theosophical affairs if we, ourselves, are indifferent? Every Lodge should hold a meeting either on Nov. 17, or the nearest practical date to it, and devote the evening exclusively to Anniversary Day matters—a real celebration of a great and joyous event which is destined ultimately to completely emancipate the human race from ignorance and superstition.

In Dr. Besant's article in the MESSENGER two years ago she endorsed the idea of a world wide celebration of the day and commented upon the propriety of each national Theosophical Society organization making it an occasion of a gift to the national Headquarters—a supplying of the material means for carrying on the work for which the Theosophical Society was brought into existence. That feature, also, was well observed by a number of our Lodges, and individual members, but the proportion was small. Let us hope that this year it will be universal and that the name of every Lodge will appear in the list of acknowledgments. Some of our Lodges are very small, with barely enough members to hold a Charter, and not much can be expected from them when measured in dollars and cents. But the good will that is shown by participating to any extent is of greater value than cash, however much that may be needed in the work.

The plan of celebration on Nov. 17 each Lodge must work out for itself. If you think out something unusual write the MESSENGER about it. It will then become the knowledge of the entire Theosophical Society (for the MESSENGER reaches all the national organizations) and will carry helpful suggestions to others. Whatever form the program takes it should be a joyous occasion for it commemorates the birth of the world's most beneficent activity.

Deficits

Again this year we have had deficits in our working funds notwithstanding much calling for help. In our Publicity fund and in our Public Library fund the deficits are marked while in our New Territory and Advertising fund there would have been a deficit but for the fact that we have not ventured to do anything in that direction. A deficit means,

of course, that the demand for that kind of work is greater than the means to supply it.

A few, a very few, of our members have responded most generously to the calls for assistance to get on with the work. Yet if even half our membership gave just a little we should have no deficits and should accomplish very much more of the work than we are here to do. Moreover it's a good habit to get—the giving habit. Every member ought to voluntarily give *something* besides his dues even if it's but a few cents. Thus shall we establish a habit in this incarnation that will greatly help both us and others in the next one.

Outwit Death

Unexpected death—and few do expect it—often defeats one's plans and purposes. Some losses have occurred to the Theosophical Society through the failure of those who have made pledges to it to provide for payment in case of death. When several hundred people are involved in a given activity—people at all stages of life from youth to old age—it is obvious that some of them may pass on within a period of three years. Nor is it at all certain that the older would go first. We occasionally see apparently strong people in good health pass on in middle age.

Sound business procedure requires that such facts must not be overlooked. Everybody who has a financial obligation should do what is necessary to have it discharged in case of his unexpected death. The losses to the Society above referred to have arisen because surviving relatives refused to recognize the obvious desires of the deceased.

What is the remedy? It is simple. There are two ways in which those who have made pledges can secure the Society against loss. One is to do it by a legacy, but in that case unless the Society is advised of the fact it may lose it eventually. The other method is simpler. It is to give the Society a note without interest and payable on or before such date as one chooses to fix, giving one's self plenty of time. Should death then unexpectedly come the note would have to be paid from whatever property had been left like any other obligation, and heirs could not disregard the deceased's wishes even if they had a desire to do so. That is simple, legal and sensible.

Regarding Secretaries

A couple of months ago I wrote a few lines for this page to the effect that my secretary was taking a leave of absence until Decem-

ber, and that consequently there was an opportunity for someone to hold a temporary position at Headquarters. That notice brought us, in due time, the needed assistant; but it seems to have been very widely misunderstood. Readers have been waiting ever since, and still are asking when Mrs. Campbell will return or making some inquiry about her. Many have expressed the hope that she is having a happy vacation and one lady says the October MESSENGER did not mention her return!

To avoid correspondence let me say that Mrs. Campbell is not my secretary, but the secretary-treasurer of the American Theosophical Society. She *was* my secretary in the long ago. At a time when I was hard pressed with increasing work, at my solicitation she agreed to become my secretary, sold her business and abandoned a promising business career to come to Headquarters four years ago. But it was not long until she was needed in more important and exacting work. It seems to be my fate to lose secretaries. No sooner do they get well settled in the work than a better job opens for them.

To relieve the minds of those who are asking about Mrs. Campbell's vacation I will say that she did go to the Star Camp in May, after two years and four months without a break in what I regard as the most exacting and wearing work that falls to the lot of any of us at Wheaton.

Plodding Along

Continually hammering away at the work over a long period of time is, of course, producing results which we seldom think about or see. Occasionally some incident brings a bit of evidence to the surface. Mrs. Isabella Fleming writes from San Diego: "This letter is to make certain that you receive some encouragement for field labor. . . Following the regular Wednesday meeting we all went by invitation to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Daniels (city attorney) and after refreshments we all related how we came into the Society. Out of fifteen present, twelve, including myself, had been led to enter by attending your lectures. I thought this information might interest you." Our various lecturers who are traveling about the country year after year, and probably not seeing much in the way of results should find encouragement in this. It is much as it is with the work of a newspaper writer. He plods along day after day writing on this, that and the other subject, and has little conception of the amount of "copy" he is turning out. If it were put together at the end of the year he would be surprised to see that he has really produced the equivalent of several books.

"Me and God"

A good deal of fun was poked at the last German emperor on the subject of his egotism, but I'm inclined to think the American

teachers of "psychology" quite outdo him. Somebody has sent me an advertisement clipped from a western paper with a note reading, "As God Himself has arrived I thought you ought to know it!"

A part of the "Doctor's" advertisement runs thus modestly:

"I am triumphant over the powers of darkness and black magic. I went through hell forward and backwards and came out victorious. It is great to conquer! I was dead and am alive again . . . my feet are on the sandless rock of eternal truth as taught by Jesus and myself."

There must be some typographical error on the part of the compositor in the arrangement of those last three words. Perhaps by mere force of habit the printer put Jesus first!

With all the bombast by some of the "psychologists"—a use of the word that would surely astonish William James—as a whole they are probably doing a good work. They are at least helping the almost hopelessly orthodox to break away from their lifelong moorings and to drift out on the current of a new kind of thinking. True, the appeal is a selfish one—to get power and get it immediately; the power that will make one successful in all undertakings. But that may be the only line on which some people can move and it is better to move erroneously and then be set right through painful experience than not to move at all.

Radio Theosophy

On another page will be found a letter from Secretary Foote, of the Grand Rapids Lodge, on the subject of the value of radio propaganda. There is not the least doubt about the importance of radio broadcasting and every time I hear somebody talking nonsense over the radio I wish Theosophy might be put "on the air" instead.

Early in the radio era I looked into the matter of establishing a broadcasting station here at Headquarters. The initial cost was too great and the operating costs afterward were of a nature to considerably cool one's enthusiasm. When Dr. Arundale was here and gave me the figure of \$1,000 per month as the operating cost of the theosophical station in Sydney I felt pleased that we had not plunged into it.

Nevertheless it is, as Miss Foote points out, a method that would enable us to reach thousands who are in remote places and when we can see our way to something more than we now have in hand we may get to radio. There is little doubt that a good weekly program would gradually build up a large radio audience. I have always felt that if one of our lecturers could stay in one city long enough it would be possible to attract a very large audience just as other cults do. That had some verification about fifteen years ago when I spoke every Sunday night from January to June in Berkeley Theatre, New York; but

even that was not long enough for the best results.

The sum which Miss Foote names as fee for an established broadcasting station would be

an easy matter if even half of our Lodges should develop a real interest in pure foods and order them through the Purchasing Service Bureau.

The Atheistic Viewpoint

By ROBERT R. LOGAN

THE article under the above title which appeared in "New Youth" for June, 1928, might be read without harm and perhaps with considerable advantage by most of our American Theosophists. It was written by the President of one of the large Junior Atheistic Clubs in California on purpose to give to "New Youth" readers the point of view of those young people who are in revolt against what seems to them the deliberate teaching of bigotry, superstition and hypocrisy in our high schools and colleges.

"We are atheists," says the writer of the article, "primarily because we believe atheism to be a true philosophy. The search of truth is such a noble pursuit that we believe its attainment yields its own reward."

Might not this sentence have been penned by our own President when she was herself lecturing on the Free Thought platform before she met H. P. B.?

It would be easy, of course, to point out the weaknesses in this defense of atheism with its youthfully intemperate attack on churches and religions. It has the fundamental weakness of all systems which strive to make the logical mind the measure of the universe, and it ignores the fact that religions, creeds, dogmas and bigotries are in the long run only the expression of man's own character with all its limitations, but it has the immense merit of fearlessness and it breathes an inspiring enthusiasm and a determination to be free of shams. These young people are full of the desire to do their own thinking and that is the best desire there is. Too many of us are content to accept the doctrine of the vicarious atonement in mental matters and after substituting with one grand gesture Blavatsky and Besant for Bible and Britannica to sit back with a superior smile and let Theosophy do it.

The Young Atheists go about their proselytizing in a thoroughly modern and practical way by means of a "Committee System," one committee after another visiting the atheistic "prospect" and each making a specialty of one type of argument. One, for instance, points out the inconsistencies and absurdities of the various Christian sects while a "follow-up" committee rings the changes on the bloody record of Christianity in the past. Still another is prepared to refute all arguments for the existence of a God and a final committee presents atheism as a logical belief whose acceptance brings progress and happiness to the individual and the race. They are sincerely determined to convert all the intelligent material in the high

schools and they give as their very good reason for meddling with the beliefs of others that the beliefs of others have meddled with them.

"It is because high school students' minds are perverted," they say, "their freedom restricted and their happiness destroyed, that we are proselyting among them. Because religion has polluted the students' minds with false moral codes, absurd dogma and obscene Holy Writs. Because it has tortured and tormented the students with that dastardly doctrine of eternal damnation. Because it has prevented students from dancing, playing cards, or enjoying themselves on the Sabbath. Because it subjects students, mind, soul, and body, to the tyrannical rule of the ignorant and fanatical clergy. Because it has kept the facts of life and sex from the students, and has thereby degraded and debased the finest thing in life; and in addition has caused innumerable students, in their gross ignorance, to make the most fatal and pitiful mistakes of their lives. Because we find so much misery, ignorance and superstition infesting student life, we are seeking to mitigate them. Because we have experienced the freedom and happiness which comes to one who escapes from thralldom to a bigoted clergy or a vengeful Jehovah we are seeking to help others gain what we have already gained ourselves."

We may smile at the self-complacency of this justification, we may shake our heads at the tempestuousness of youth, but we shall be forced to think of the words of Krishnamurti and to remember that for the soul to progress toward the goal of freedom and happiness, there must be an "intelligent revolt" against all ideas which have been accepted without question.

Remembering the previous efforts of atheism to build a Utopian world, and reflecting upon Robespierre's festival of the Goddess Reason and the tobogganing of modern science into the inquisitional atavism of vivisection, we shall reject the Young Atheist's dictum that "man must accept reason as his sole guide." Moreover, when he adds that: "When man's will, not God's, will is done, we shall have a happier world," we shall be inclined to ask him to point out where and when upon this mortal planet of human weakness and ignorance God's will ever has been done. Nevertheless we shall do well to remember that H. P. B. in her relentless warfare against the anthropomorphic God of orthodox religions declared repeatedly that such a Being did not exist and we should

ponder the relation of our church activities to Krishnaji's very plain statement that there is no God.

May we not absorb some of the eagerness of these young philosophers and search our own thoughts a little more vigorously? There is much nowadays in theosophical lectures and writings about God's Will and God's Plan and God's this and God's that. Who is this God and what is his relation to the essence of man himself or to the impersonal "That" of the Upanishads? Are we not all a little in danger of mistaking Subsistence for Service?

Perhaps if the Young Atheists would admit that there must in all reason be an evolutionary Hierarchy leading upward from our average mortality in an unending ascension, as well as downward to the worm, we might meet them halfway by renouncing our particular Jehovah who is in danger of neglecting Betelgeuse and Antares, and of abandoning "Arcturus and his sons" to devote himself exclusively to the Theosophical Society and the L. C. C.

Then perhaps these enthusiastic young seekers for the word of truth might be drawn in our direction until, like Annie Besant, they became true servers and Theosophists, recognizing the divine nature of Life but never ceasing to think for themselves, and to champion the right, nay the duty, of others to do likewise.

Round Table Sale Continued

Members who may have felt that they had not time to send anything for the Round Table Sale, now in progress at the national headquarters at San Jose, may be interested to know that the sale will be continued until December. It is also announced that the Sale Committee will be glad to pay the charges on parcels sent them. These may contain articles of clothing, dishes, books, jewelry, household articles, and in fact almost anything. The articles need not be new. Boxes should be addressed to Ray W. Harden, 985 Prevost St., San Jose, Calif.

News Items

Mr. Max Wardall visited Headquarters Oct. 21 and 22. The staff was delighted to come in contact with Mr. Wardall and spent a very happy afternoon and evening with him.

Miss Marie Mequillet, of Cleveland, came to Headquarters Oct. 1 to assist in the offices of the National President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Xmas Cards

Buy your Christmas cards through The Theosophical Press. The Ideal, A. B., Star and plain cards (with emblem) are 5c each; box of 25, \$1.25.

Helpful Theosophical Books

C. W. Leadbeater says: "We can have no better missionaries than our books."

Buy some of these and give them to people who would not buy on their own account. Do a little missionary work.

MIND OF ANNIE BEASANT, THE BESTERMAN
Writing on the subject of the work of this famous woman of eighty, the author divides his book into Education, Crime and Punishment, The Protection of Animals, Vivisection, Vegetarianism, The Influence of Alcohol, the Status of Woman, India, Socialism, Race and Nationality, and Theosophy. **\$1.50**

NIRVANA ARUNDALE
A remarkable attempt to describe that which is practically indescribable. A student's book. **\$2.25**

OCCULT CHEMISTRY BESANT-LEADBEATER
Clairvoyant investigations of the chemical elements. **\$4.00**

OCCULT WORLD, THE SINNETT
One of the earliest and most famous theosophical books. Gives an account of the occult phenomena in India during Madame Blavatsky's early days. **\$1.75**

PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP, THE BESANT
Deals with the stages of moral and spiritual growth through which the candidate must pass to reach the first initiation. **\$1.25**

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The clearest and most capable presentation of the Fourth Dimension to be found in our literature. **\$2.00**

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Dealing with the meaning, purpose, process and logical evidences of reincarnation. **\$1.25**

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A new edition of this famous work just off the press, which will be sold at the reduced price of **\$15.00**

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Of this book C. W. Leadbeater says: "The material which it gives is illuminative and is presented from quite a new angle." **\$1.75**

STORY OF ATLANTIS AND LEMURIA SCOTT-ELLIOTT
Two famous books bound in one. **\$2.75**

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Deeply philosophical yet simply presented. **\$2.00**

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Translated from the Russian by Bessaraboff and Claude Bragdon. **\$5.00**

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A scientific inquiry into the objective forms built by thought and emotion. Contains fifty-seven illustrations in color. **\$4.50**

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A treatise on the nature and control of thought and emotion. **\$1.25**

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Informal and personal talks given to a group of young people. Five photographs. **\$1.25**

There is a good opening for a small music store in Ojai. Present owner must leave. Small capital required to handle. For details write M-M, % The Ojai, Ojai, Calif.

BUILDING FUND BULLETIN

No. 30

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The purpose of this department is to give to the members of The American Theosophical Society news of the progress made in raising the money necessary to pay for our National Headquarters Building.

Statement

April 1, 1927—

Pledges needed.....\$45,866.39

Received since..... 30,596.63

Balance required..\$15,269.76

100 Per Cent

[To achieve the 100 per cent goal, a pretty difficult thing to do, every member of the Lodge must have made a pledge to the Building Fund of not less than \$5.00.]

Lodge	Per Cent
Columbus	100
Rockford	100
Wilmington	100
Columbia	100
Besant (Houston).....	100

Well Satisfied

Those who by their pledges are paying for Headquarters property have a right to be well informed about the nature of their investment, and it is one of the purposes of the Bulletin pages to give them information from time to time.

The longer we live in Wheaton the clearer it becomes that we located in the right place. A beautiful and fertile country constitutes two very important points, but the solid commercial value beneath it all is a factor without which all other features would be insufficient to give a feeling of complete satisfaction. That solid commercial value arises, of course, from the fact that while we have the peace and tranquillity of real country life, the second largest city of the nation is just beyond our doors. Its rapidly increasing population of three millions *must* have residential expansion. As a consequence every foot of ground within commuting distance must necessarily increase in value. That process has not

the least relationship to a real estate "boom," for in a "boom" prices soar, then fall, remain depressed for a few years, then rise again, but only to recede once more. On the contrary, the rise in prices here is as natural as the growth of a healthy tree; and is as permanent as the city of Chicago, because it is Chicago alone that forces the change from farm lands to city lots. In other words, there is no forcing of the situation, no element of speculation. Of course there are people everywhere who buy at low prices and sell later at higher ones, which is quite legitimate, but no speculation in the sense of inflating the prices of land beyond basic values. One of our neighbors came recently to offer an adjoining lot for \$40 a front foot. That might be called a speculative price now but may be considered very reasonable a little later. When, a couple of years ago, we needed two lots which were held by one of our members, he turned them over to us at the price he had paid a year before. They are now worth considerably more than twice what they cost the Society; but it is just natural, solid price-growth.

A handsomely illustrated pamphlet issued by a Chicago real estate firm that has been doing business in that city for over fifty years has just come to hand. The pamphlet announces sale prices of residence property near Chicago in the older suburban areas which began to be subdivided several years ahead of Wheaton. The prices are nothing less than enormous compared to prices in this locality—\$20,000, \$32,000, \$37,000, etc., for house and lot, when it is clear from the illustrations and descriptions that the buildings cannot be over half the cost.

Such prices can exist only because of the proximity to rapidly and solidly growing Chicago, and the desirable character of the vicinity.

While there is no way of determining the exact present value of our Headquarters grounds—about 18 acres—it has increased twice, and possibly three times, over what we paid three years ago and each year will mark a permanent gain in value. That means mere ground value, entirely aside from the improvements—a very satisfactory investment indeed!

A Useful Improvement

As this is being written, in mid-October, the outside concrete root cellar for housing our field and garden crops over winter is nearing completion. It has a capacity of over 2,000 cubic feet and will be well filled with a fine variety of vegetables. The ventilation and drainage are as nearly perfect as modern knowledge of construction can make them, and the temperature is expected to be almost stationary winter and summer.

Illinois believes in making its public institutions practically useful. When we wrote to the Agricultural College what we intended doing, the services of the state's experts were offered free of charge and blueprints were made and sent to us.

Gifts

Mrs. J. H. Lauderdale has sent a carton of choice assorted lavender, purple and white Iris bulbs for the Headquarters grounds. Having had a number of gifts of Iris bulbs, we could now use tulip, crocus, daffodil and hyacinth bulbs to good advantage.

THE Purchasing Service Bureau

Health Food Centre

"LIVE COOPERATIVELY"

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.

Canned Whole Wheat Being Manufactured at Headquarters

The Purchasing Service Bureau is ready to ship one of the first products manufactured at Headquarters: Steamed Whole Wheat put up in 10 ounce cans. The prices are as follows:

12 can case.....	\$1.80
24 can case.....	3.55
48 can case.....	7.00

Headquarters, in its manufacturing, aims for quality, purity and value for the money.

Offer Still Open

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Can You Use Pencils?

Here is a special offer on pencils; one of the best standard yellow hexagon No. 2 5c pencils; regular price \$5.50 per gross:

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We have been providing the school board of Greenwood, Mississippi, with this fine quality pencil at this very special price and it occurred to us that there may be a number of others who would be glad to be put in the way of just such a special purchase.

The Purchasing Service Bureau is offering this more or less as an accommodation for those who can use pencils. If you are con-

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Fur Fabric Gaining in Popularity

Order after order has come in for fur material. This fabric is imported especially from England; one should therefore allow three or four weeks for delivery after placing an order. Mr. Brooks, Purchasing Agent for Madison Lodge, writes in referring to the above: "I turned the four weeks delay into a sales argument. They could pay 10% on deposit and the balance on delivery. That would give them a month to arrange their finance."

Those who have already received their fur fabric are very well pleased for it is far more beautiful in the piece and made up than when seen as a small sample. There are shimmery light weight materials for gorgeous wraps and evening coats; and there are heavier weights for more practical wear. They look fresh and new for a number of seasons and all for the fraction of the cost of animal fur. Man has found an excellent substitute for animal skin and not in the sense that it is just as good, but that it is superior in every way. If you are wearing a fur fabric coat, you are right in fashion.

We are pioneering in this work. Let us therefore work earnestly toward a practical solution of this problem. If you need a coat get a fur fabric garment and help make this material more fashionable. Our fur material price list describes these fabrics in detail. Send for a sample list and then ask for a sample of your selection before ordering.

Mr. L. W. Rogers gave his second lecture at Headquarters on Oct. 4. In spite of threatening weather, which culminated in a thunder storm, he had an audience of about seventy

people, of which approximately fifty were non-Theosophists. The lecture was on reincarnation, the title being "Do We Live On Earth Again?"

The Gift

By EDITH F. HOLT

WHATEVER you give to another, whether it be yourself, (in service, in understanding, in thought, in love, in flowing happiness, keenness of vision, or worldly goods; whenever you give any of these things, which are within your power to give), let them be given with joy, in the happiness created, in the strength brought forth, in the comforts provided. Give it with the desire to pour forth that which you have brought into being by your vibratory influence; and in so giving to another or others, cease to think that you have given, rather try to understand that through you "The Great One" has poured forth His bounty and realize that you have been blessed of Him and chosen to act as an alabaster vessel, for His giving.

For yourself ask nothing but to give, and utilize the wisdom coming to you from "The Great One," to know that you are a channel for His wisdom. Try to use His wisdom to give that which is best suited for the recipient, whoever he may be. To some, worldly goods are as a curse, because of certain lessons which must be learned through lack of material comforts. To others, it is an act of justice so to give, and makes it possible for them to endure the strain of the upward climb, and to be a clearer channel for His glorious giving. To some, give your joy in laughter and in your spontaneous overflow. To some, give a gallant hand, to assist their feet over stones. To others, let the voice of Him ring through the voice of you, to give glorious song. To some, shall you by your example of Him

be their example in the fulfillment of the Law of His strength and power.

To every man "The Great One" gives, always He pours forth His bounty, and one who understands the law is glorified in His giving, forever.

L. W. Rogers' Itinerary

Atlantic City.....	Nov. 1-2
Sarobia.....	Nov. 3
Philadelphia.....	Nov. 4-5
Richmond.....	Nov. 6
Baltimore.....	Nov. 7-8
Washington.....	Nov. 9
Pittsburgh.....	Nov. 11
Akron.....	Nov. 12
Columbus.....	Nov. 13-14
St. Louis.....	Nov. 18-19
Louisville.....	Nov. 20-21
Wheaton.....	Nov. 22
Chicago.....	Nov. 25

A recent letter from a Western bookshop offers for sale a copy of the first edition of the *Secret Doctrine* by H. P. B. which was published in London in 1888. There are two volumes in good condition with the name of the previous owner on the flyleaf. Price \$45.00. If interested write the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill.

Mrs. Kate Morrissey, who was one of the Charter members of the Port Angeles, Washington, Lodge, has passed on.

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Summer School Notes

An attractive summary of the work of the Summer School held at the Headquarters of the American Theosophical Society at Wheaton, Ill., U. S. A., during the summer of 1928.

The principal features are:

Nine Lectures, embracing a number of subjects, by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.

Talks on Lodge Procedure, by Mr. L. W. Rogers, President American Theosophical Society.

Open Forums: A means of attracting the public to Theosophy, Mr. C. H. Mackintosh.

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On the Sand-Dune

By K. S. Venkataramani

This is a little volume containing ten essays on homely aspects of Indian village life. The author, reclining on the sand-dunes of his native place, where the Kaveri joins the sea, muses on modern life, its miseries and its oblivion of the glorious heritage of Man. The musings cover all shades of feeling from joy to sorrow; and flitting across the reveries are the murmurings of a constructive Idea for the uplift of Man, for the mingling of the West and East into one surpassing superman race.

Cloth. Size 7 1/2 x 5 inches. 58 pages.
Price \$.60.

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What Lodges Are Doing

Los Angeles

Besant Lodge had a full program for October. In addition to the Tuesday evening meetings and the five o'clock Sunday tea talks, the Lodge sponsored three lectures by Mr. Fritz Kunz at the Hollywood Conservatory of Music, and four class lectures by Mr. Kunz at the Lodge room.

A new departure along social lines was the Mediaeval Street Carnival given jointly by the Junior Theosophical Fraternity and Besant Lodge. The report says:

"This should be the biggest entertainment that either Lodge has ever given, with the abandoned revelry of a 15th century European Masque developed in a modern way to squeeze the last thrill out of everything. Period dress is not required, but a mask and some sort of costume will be compulsory. Tickets, 50c. Time, 8 p. m., Oct. 26. Place, Hollywood Conservatory of Music."

The *Besant Lodge News* appeared as an attractive 4-page printed bulletin, the last page being devoted to advertisements. This was made possible by Mr. Farley who with the aid of an assistant to get advertisements, agreed to print the bulletin for the Lodge so it would cost no more than the mimeographed letter formerly used.

Syracuse

Lodge work has been stimulated by lectures given by Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. E. S. Simons of Albany. Mr. Norrish reports that he gave the newspapers a four or five line synopsis of the speakers' points which made the write-ups more intelligible to the public.

Los Angeles

An evening was given by Los Angeles Lodge to the commemoration of the eighty-first birthday of our beloved President, Dr. Annie Besant. Short talks were given by various members, expressing their reverence for our leader and appreciation of her character and service.

An attractive birthday cake was placed in front of Dr. Besant's picture and the members present each carried away a candle in remembrance of the occasion.

The fall public lecture season was inaugurated Sept. 23 with the first of a series of lectures given on Sunday and Thursday evenings by Mr. Fritz Kunz. The satisfactory attendance is marked by the large percentage of people to whom the philosophy is new, and the question and answer feature is arousing much attention.

New York

Surya Lodge, formerly known as Mayflower Lodge, celebrated the tenth anniversary of its Charter on Oct. 6 with a dinner. This was followed by a concert given by several of the members, who were assisted by friends. There was a good attendance and the party dispersed near midnight after a very happy evening.

Birmingham

This Lodge has given the Order of Service one meeting a month, from which it gets outside points of view. One of the most interesting lines it is handling through this Order is inter-racial work, which in the south is a matter of great importance and interest. The Arts and Crafts Department is handling music for public meetings.

Public lectures are given regularly once a month by local speakers, in addition to the National lecturers booked. There are two public classes held on Tuesday afternoons and Sunday evenings, each with a capable teacher at its head.

The public is notified that the Order of Service has a Healing Group, and it is planned to put on one lecture on occult healing during the year. Names of people needing help are invited, and the group consists of a limited and qualified membership.

The ground-floor-side-walk location is used to keep an artistic display of theosophical books and notices of public classes and of the library. The glass doors show interesting newspaper clippings, mounted on bright colored bristol board and hung in the door, in full view of the sidewalk, where one can step up and read the entire article. These are alternated with slogans and captions regarding theosophy.

San Antonio

The program and publicity committee publish monthly a letter or bulletin which is sent to all members and to an interested list of nearly one hundred people. Matters pertaining strictly to Lodge business is, of course, eliminated from the bulletin mailed to the interested list.

The Headquarters rooms are in a modern office building in the center of town, accommodating about sixty people.

On the last meeting in each month the T. O. S. department head's reports and necessary matters in connection with that work have right of way over the study class work.

Tacoma

During September the Tacoma Lodge had five Sunday evening lectures: "Occult Research and Its Principal Discovery," Fritz Kunz; "Sons of Men and Sons of God," Mrs. Chas. Hampton; "Orcas Island, the Occult Center of the Northwest," Mrs. Ella N. Redington; "Body Building for Success," Ralph Littlefield, and "Necessary Steps for the Path," T. S. Silvers.

New York City

New York Lodge has moved to new Headquarters on West 72nd St., where "a very pleasant, large room with alcove" has been obtained.

World Congress Notes

Next July when our brothers from abroad are arriving for the World Congress they will be entering the United States at New York, Boston, Montreal, Key West, New Orleans, El Paso, Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco. Many of them will be able to speak but little if any English. Our Lodge presidents should turn attention to this matter by looking over the membership and discovering how many of their members speak foreign languages and what languages. These names should then be reported to Headquarters.

Aside from being able to assist in the matter of languages there will be other obligations resting upon the Lodges at the various national gateways, such as meeting arrivals at the piers, assisting them in customs inspection, arranging baggage transfers, securing hotel reservations, assisting with railway and Pullman accommodations, etc., etc.

Fortunately we have a Spanish Lodge in New York, which will naturally have the largest number of arrivals, although New Orleans will probably have many from Latin-America. It is not too early to begin organization along these lines. Any suggestions from Lodge presidents or others on this subject will be appreciated.

Vegetarianism

Vegetarianism seems to have lost a point with the restaurant system known as Childs. The press dispatches carry the statement that the stockholders have forced the management to replace meat on the menus and adopt a policy of "meat for meat eaters." Fortunately the vegetarian specialties have been retained for the vegetarians.

Life the Goal

By J. Krishnamurti

An impassioned plea for the relinquishment of non-essentials so that the Reality may be Known. In tones that ring unusually pure and true, Krishnaji shows that Truth can never be found at the circumference of things, and that we must boldly and unflinchingly start for the center where, and where alone, lies the Reality—and peace.

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Donations to this fund are used for purchasing trees to beautify Headquarters grounds.

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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.

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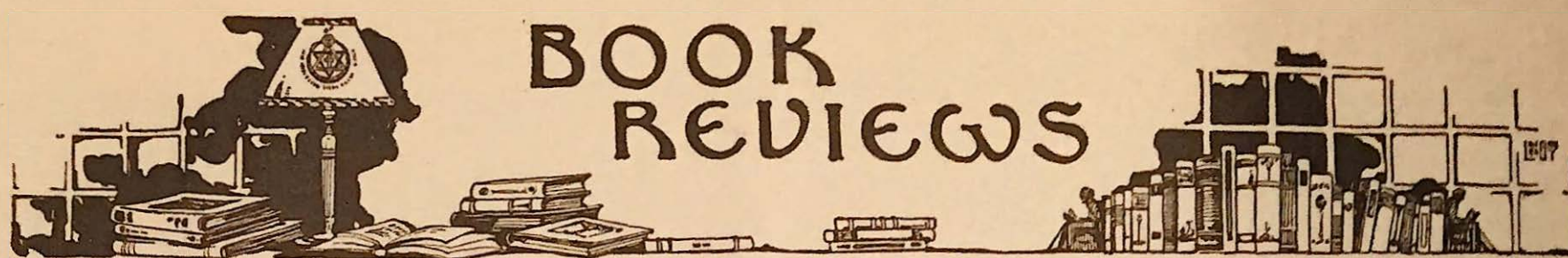
The wise grieve neither for the living nor for the dead. Nor at any time verily was I not, nor thou, nor these princes of men, nor verily shall we ever cease to be, hereafter.—The Bhagavad-Gita.

Mrs. Emily France, Besant Hollywood Lodge.

Mrs. Amanda Rinchlew, Yggdrasil Lodge, Minneapolis.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's Tour

A letter from Mr. Jinarajadasa sent from London says that Oct. 5 was the date for leaving on his lecture tour of South America. He will land at a Brazilian port and will be busy in South and Central America for at least six months. He adds that if after he finishes in Porto Rico and is at all likely to come to the United States, he will give due notice. His letter also brings the information that General Secretary Freeman, of the Theosophical Society in Wales, will attend the Theosophical World Congress, and very probably also General Secretary Mrs. Jackson, of the Theosophical Society in England.



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

Light on Dietetics, by Rose Millen of Health Products Centre. Published by The Four Seas Company, Boston, Mass. Price, \$1.00, Boards, through the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill.

"Multum in parvo" may be truly said of this little book, with its great variety of attractive menus. All mankind should be suited as there are safe diets for reducing and increasing weight. This work should secure fresh recruits to the vegetarian ranks and to those who are vegetarians of long standing, it will give a new and most attractive list of recipes.

The busy worker of today will be delighted with the suggestions as to uncooked food, which save much time and labor.—Aristine P. Munn.

The Quest for God in China, by Rev. F. W. S. O'Neill. Published by Geo. H. Doran Co., New York. Price, cloth, \$2.50, through the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill.

A critical study by a Christian minister, of the origin, extent and meaning of the great faiths of the Orient.

He is very fair. "Hear the other side is an obligation which the Church, in the past, to her loss, has been slow in accepting. . . . In our comments on other people's faith, let us agree to use the Golden Rule." How theosophical this point of view.

As in all study of comparative religion, a fundamental spiritual concept and unity is evident in each of the four great religions of China, Taoism, Confucianism, Buddhism, and Mohammedanism. The author describes them fully with an entertaining employment of anecdote and fact.

Perhaps a quotation from a gentle, bearded Tao priest sums up the spirit of the book. "Do you think Taoism the best religion?" he is asked.

The reply is appealing, "All religions are approaches to God; they are ways of reaching Truth."

It is a book to be recommended heartily to serious students of comparative religion.—G. H. Cale.

Fragments from the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. Compiled and edited by H. Burford Pratt. Published by Rider & Co., London. Price, cloth, \$1.50, through the Theosophical Press.

It is a distinct pleasure to be assigned the task of reviewing a work whose intention it is to place a representative selection of the teachings of H. P. B. within easy reach of the

"masses." Being, in addition, published by a non-theosophical house raises the hope that it may in this way reach many who might otherwise never come in contact with the Ancient Wisdom.

The compiler has wisely avoided the more abstruse occult and metaphysical doctrines and has consistently confined himself to that which is "understood of the people." Selections are grouped under appropriate headings, each of which finds place in the table of contents, for ready reference, so that, as the mood inclines, we may read up on "The conflict between Science and Theology," or "The Third Eye," or "The Mysteries," or what have you? Here and there, wherever the sequence of verbatim quotations happens not to be a smooth one, the compiler puts in an editorial patch, and so bridges the gap for easier reading.

A clever device is incorporated in the Index, which furnishes the reader with chapter and verse without encumbering the text itself with footnotes or reference-numbers. Altogether the work is well thought out and logically planned, and H. P. B. must be smiling benignantly on such intelligent collaboration.

For those who are too busy or too lazy (take your choice) to delve into H. P. B.'s original works, this tabloid edition is highly recommended. Lodge libraries, especially, should have a copy on their shelves as a sort of spiritual *hors d'oeuvre* that is sure to whet the appetite for deeper reading.

We hope to see more of such "Fragments" in print. They are sure to do much good.—Alexander Horne.

The All-Seeing Eye, Vol. IV, edited by Manly P. Hall. Published by the Hall Publishing Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Price, cloth, \$1.50, through the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill.

The above consists of the May to October, 1927, numbers of the monthly of the same name, of which the indefatigable Manly P. Hall is editor and chief contributor. Theosophists, and especially those on the Path of Knowledge, will find very much that is of interest in it: occult lore, mythology, philosophy, and the arcane sciences.

Much predigested material is here set before the reader who has little leisure and less opportunity to gather the material for himself, and the editor performs a genuine service to students by thus gathering together, from the four ends of the earth and from the preceding ages, the epitome of their philosophy, their science, and their wisdom.

The monthly is 25c the copy, or \$1.00 for the half year. The magazine is well illustrated, the material being on the whole interesting and unusual.—A. Horne.

Astrology: Your Place in the Sun, by Evangeline Adams. Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. Price, cloth, \$3.00, through the Theosophical Press, Wheaton, Ill.

America is certainly producing its share of astrologers, some theosophic, others not as much as one would wish, because the subject of astrology requires a theosophic interpretation to avoid among other things the pitfall of fatalism. This is evident in Miss Adams' book, for she devotes her last chapter to a discussion of Free Will versus Destiny. Not being a Theosophist, Miss Adams is not convincing in this discussion though she sounds an ideal note in what she says.

This is Miss Adams' second book on astrology and she presents in it, as she says in her Foreword, "authentic astrological information gathered . . . during her more than thirty years of devotion to the furtherance of the science . . . and its application to the needs of humanity." The power of the twelve signs of the zodiac and the influence of the planets are adequately and thoroughly discussed. Thirty-seven pages are devoted to tables of Ascendants so that the reader, knowing his birth hour, may easily discover what the sign on the eastern horizon was when he was born. This sign profoundly affects his physical expression. The book also contains a chapter on "How to Cast a Horoscope," on "Horary Astrology," and on "The Twelve Houses." It should prove an interesting book for beginners who want to know something of what the science is like.—Julia K. Sommer.

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By Claude Bragdon

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A collection of essays in which the most modern problems of life are projected and examined in the light of the most ancient wisdom.

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Peace Week

The Theosophical Order of Service has inaugurated a campaign for a "Peace Week" beginning Nov. 4 and ending Nov. 11 at 11 o'clock. During this period thousands of people in forty-one countries will hold peace festivals and communions, ministers will give peace sermons, lectures will be rendered, school prizes will be given for the best peace posters and essays. In general, the week will be devoted to praising peace and extolling the joys and advantages of peace, and each worker is expected to live that peace in his heart, and express it in his face and conduct. Our peace workers will radiate love and good will.

All Theosophical Lodges and centers are earnestly requested to cooperate in this work.

Will Presidents of Lodges announce Nov. 4-11 as peace week, each day to be consecrated to thoughts and acts of peace and good-will, ending on Nov. 11, at 11 a. m., with the fervent aspiration—"O Almighty Spirit, fill our hearts with eternal love and peace."—Max Wardall, Head I. T. O. S.

H. P. B. on Pets

The following interesting paragraph is to be found on page 14 of *Practical Occultism*:

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Rodeo Cruelty

Most of our readers will welcome the fact that some of the widely circulated newspapers of the country are turning upon the rodeo exhibitions which Theosophists were quick to denounce as brutal several years ago. One of our observing members sent us a clipping from the *Chicago Daily Journal* which runs as follows:

The Association of Commerce sponsors the rodeo because it brings visitors to Chicago, and perhaps it does. So, too, would bull fights, which public opinion as well as statutes have

outlawed. That public opinion is turning strongly against the rodeo as sport is clearly indicated by the number of protesting letters that have been published in the *Journal* and other newspapers.

The *Journal* hopes that in the future the Association of Commerce will sponsor more humane exhibitions to allure and amuse the out-of-town folk, and the people at home. Why not athletic tournaments, civic concerts, trade shows, agricultural exhibits, or a great choral assemblage like the one in Vienna that has been honoring the memory of Franz Schubert?

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Methods of Psychic Development, by Irving S. Cooper.
In the Light of Theosophy, by F. T. S.
Echoes From the Orient, by William Q. Judge.
Invisible Helpers, by C. W. Leadbeater.
Letters That Have Helped Me, by Jasper Niemand.
The Seven Principles of Man, by Annie Besant.
Reincarnation, by Annie Besant.
Death—And After?, by Annie Besant.
Karma, by Annie Besant.
The Astral Plane, by C. W. Leadbeater.
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Man and His Bodies, by Annie Besant.
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Ideals of Theosophy, by Annie Besant.
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In the Outer Court, by Annie Besant.
London Lectures—1907, by Annie Besant.
The Path of Discipleship, by Annie Besant.
Popular Lectures on Theosophy, by Annie Besant.
The Spiritual Life, by Annie Besant.
Theosophical Lectures, by Annie Besant. (Chicago-1907).
Theosophy, by Annie Besant.
Theosophy and the New Psychology, by Annie Besant.
Thought Power, Its Control & Culture, by Annie Besant.
The Three Paths and Dharma, by Annie Besant.
Letters From A Living Dead Man, by Elsa Barker.
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Love's Chaplet, by Mabel Collins.
Evolution of Character, by Sarah Corbett.
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In Search of a Soul, by Horatio W. Dresser.
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First Steps in Theosophy, by Ethel M. Mallet.
Scientific Corroborations of Theosophy, by Dr. A. Marques.
There is No Death, by Florence Marryat.
The Path—Vol. 1—July, 1910 to June, 1911—Magazine.
The Growth of the Soul, by A. P. Sinnett.
How to be a Yogi and Self Knowledge, by Swami Abhedananda.
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