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THE PRESIDENT'S
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Yours faithfully,

OLIVE H. TASSELL

F.B.I.M.S. (with Honours),

PRESIDENT.



Yours faithfully,
EMMA JOSEPHINE PURDOM
F.B.I.M.S. (with Honours),
VICE-PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

FELLOW MEMBERS,

It is with much pleasure that I greet you as your President for the year 1913, especially as this is the first year of the Incorporation of the British Institute of Mental Science.

I suppose I ought to give you a paper on the culture side of the sciences, which, as members of the society, we each in our several capacities represent, but I prefer to speak to you on the status of the society, and to speak of the necessity of each one of us keeping up the general

tone of our work, and in that way keeping our house (as represented by the society) fair to gaze upon, by the wholesomeness of our work, in ourselves.

I remember at the time my Vice-President occupied the position of President, she urged upon all members to "Wake up" for the honour of the Cause, and not to allow personal considerations to interfere with the genuine good work which can be done by trained Occultists. I now repeat that message to my fellow members. We have made very great strides in the advancement of the society and in our work, that is, speaking generally, because I think all

will agree with me, that there must always be some more really gifted on these lines than others, but at the same time, that does not prevent most of us giving of our best, and doing real good work.

I look upon the Incorporation as a tiny astral boat, that will grow and grow. I look upon this boat as desiring experiences of the world, just as in the same way Theosophists speak of ourselves desiring experiences in this earth world.

I watch our boat "take the water"—just look how fair she sails—and we must all look with watchful eyes and

loving hearts, and try to guide her passage through fair and clean waters always, that she may grow into a great and beautiful ship. Since, however, our boat desires experiences, it is possible that she may find herself in "a storm," or to say the least, in troubled waters at some time (let us hope never), but if she does, I call upon every member of the society to come forward and see that she breasts the waves and sails even more gallantly than she has hitherto done.

In conclusion, I beg to thank very heartily the past President and all Officers for the work done in the past year, and earnestly beg for your support

during my year of office as your President. I am indeed fortunate in having for my Vice-President Mrs. Purdom, who was twice President of the Institute, and who, I know, has the welfare of the society at heart.

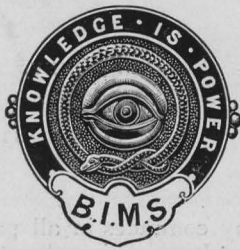
Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

OLIVE H. TASSELL.

5, JUBILEE ROAD,
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

28th June, 1913.



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YOURS FAITHFULLY,

EMMA JOSEPHINE PURDOM.

PRESIDENT, 1908.

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FELLOW MEMBERS,

Greeting to my comrades in all parts of the globe in which they reside, for I recognise the "British Institute of Mental Science" is far reaching and has many members in out-of-the-way places all over the world.

You have done me the honour of electing me your President for the present year, and indeed I consider it an honour, and will do my best to be worthy of the confidence placed in me, but as your President I want to see a great improvement in the Society before the time comes for me to lay down my badge of office, and to see the members more enthusiastic in the cause. No one can deny the good this Society has done in upholding the dignity of all those connected with Mental Science, and also that the benefits to be derived through being a member are very considerable. I am therefore extremely sorry to see from the books that so many members are so sadly in arrears with their subscriptions, and I earnestly beg that the backward members will come forward now, and in paying their arrears of subscriptions be happy in the thought that it helps to place the Society in a position to help all brothers or sisters in distress who apply, and whom the committee find really in need of timely help, considering the watchful interest the committee takes in the welfare of this Institute, and realizing the future possibilities of our organization, the financial condition is regrettable to say the least, although the Society has done wonderfully well this last year compared with former years.

I would urge my comrades to take the advice Mr. Stead gave to the nation some time ago, but instead of saying "Wake up, John Bull," I say "Wake up, Comrades!" so that you will always be in a position to uphold the honour and dignity of the Science you profess and practise.

You will realize how well the Society has done during the past year, when you see in the Report that it has nearly been able to repay the loan so kindly lent by one of the members.

In thanking the last year's President (Mrs.) Bertha Taylor, and the members of the committee for their kindness in the work of the past year, I add that I hope they will continue to feel and shew the real interest they have always taken in the welfare of our Society.



And now dear friends just a tiny whisper into each individual ear. I want my comrades and fellow workers to be workers indeed. I want each one to study—study well—the Arts and Sciences each one professes. I do not take the liberty of suggesting that each member does *not* study, but they must not neglect to study because they think they know enough! If any member of our Society practises a Science, I venture to think they should always be making a special study of that particular Science, and indeed to add other Mental Sciences to the one they already practise if only to keep their brain active, and alert, and sensitive. Nay, more than this, I would urge that each member occasionally take lessons from those more advanced in the Sciences, because we are none of us so perfect but that we might benefit by exchange of thought or ideas with others.

If by chance I address any member who would like to take lessons, but does not like to for fear of criticism, I say to them, “Be not afraid, take heart, and remember ‘The Potter’ himself was made of clay.” I assure you the path would be made easy for each comrade, because *we are* comrades, and remember also that when the pupil is ready to learn, the teacher is always at hand.

I sincerely hope that all members will see their way to help towards starting and afterwards maintaining a Quarterly Magazine. We *ought* to have one. It does not seem right to me that such an influential Society should be “paperless” entirely, and without means of communicating thoughts to each other throughout the year.

It would give me great pleasure to meet all members and comrades at the convention, to be held in Scarborough next year. What a good opportunity of having a week’s holiday, and getting both health, and food for reflection as well!

Once more, I urge you all to “wake up” for the honour of our cause.

With most earnest good wishes for the prosperity of the Institute and all comrades and friends always.

I am,

Yours very faithfully,

EMMA JOSEPHINE PURDOM.



VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S HOUSE AS SEEN FROM THE GARDEN.



VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S GARDEN AS SEEN FROM THE DINING ROOM WINDOW.

