

Spirits that were to be joined together were not to come together by the impulses of passion in youth, that speak through the senses and not through the Spirit, and draw bodies together, no matter how little affinity there may be between the Souls that are within them. Therefore the horoscope was studied, which threw light on the nature of the life that lay before the incarnating Spirit. Therefore that was made the foundation of marriage union, and therefore there is a symbolic act in your marriage to-day, that when the bride and the bridegroom are to see each other, there is a screen dropped between them so that only the eyes of one may meet the eyes of the other; for in the eye is the dwellingplace of the Spirit, and it is that which should speak from the one to the other. This is the ideal that underlay the ancient institution of marriage, and therefore they lighted together the fire which was the symbol of spiritual union, and therefore it is again that that fire must never be extinguished while the Spirits remained joined outwardly and within."

A MODEL PRAYER.

The following is the text of a prayer composed by the late Robert Louis Stevenson, the novelist, whose death at Samoa in December last has been so widely commented upon. This prayer, it appears, was read aloud to Mr. Stevenson's family on the night before his death, which took place on December 3, in the evening. For beauty of diction and sublime simplicity of reverent thought it will be difficult to parallel.

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, to behold us with favor. Folk of many families and nations are gathered together in the peace of this roof. Weak men and women subsist under the cover of Thy patience. Be patient still. Suffer us yet a while longer, with our broken purposes of good, with our idle endeavors against evil—suffer us a while longer to endure, and, if it may be, help us to do better. Bless to us our extra mercies, and if the day come when these must be taken, have us play the man under affliction. Be with our friend. Be with ourselves. Go with each to our rest, and if any wake temper to them the dark hours of watching, and when the day returns to us our Sun and Comforter, call us with morning faces and morning hearts, eager to labour, eager

to be happy, if happiness shall be our portion, and if the day be marked to sorrow, strong to endure it. We thank Thee, and praise Thee, and in the words of Him to whom this day is sacred close our oblation."

THE MONTH TO COME.

- Friday, April 19, 8 p.m., "Metaphysics in India — Reincarnation." Mr. Titus.
- Sunday, April 31, 9.45 a.m., I Timothy, i and ii.
- Sunday, April 21, 7 p.m., "Is Life Worth Living?" Mr. Titus.
- Sunday, April 21, 8 p.m., "Are Force and Matter Identical?"
- Wednesday, April 24, 8 p.m., "Letters that Have Helped Me," pp. 68-72.
- Friday, April 26, 8 p.m., "Practical Application of Theosophy." Mr. Beckett.
- Sunday, April 28, 9.45 a.m., I Timothy, iii and iv.
- Sunday, 28, 7 p.m., "The Undiscovered Bourne." Mr. Mason.
- Sunday, April 28, 8 p.m., "Spinoza, Leibnitz, and Occultism."
- Wednesday, May 1, 8 p.m., "Letters," etc., pp. 72-78.
- Friday, May 3, 8 p.m., "Death as Viewed by Theosophy." Mr. Port.
- Sunday, May 5, 9.45 a.m., I Timothy, v and vi.
- Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m., "The Rationale of Theosophy." Mr. Scott.
- Sunday, May 5, 8 p.m., "Cyclic Evolution."
- Wednesday, May 8, 8 p.m., WHITE LOTUS DAY. Anniversary celebration. See later announcements.
- Friday, May 10, 8 p.m., "Theosophy and Crime." Mr. Smythe.
- Sunday, May 12, 9.45 a.m., II Timothy, i and ii.
- Sunday, May 12, 7 p.m., "The Law of the Spirit of Life." Mr. Randall.
- Sunday, May 12, 8 p.m., "Faith."
- Wednesday, May 15, 8 p.m., "Letters," etc. pp. 79-85.

These meetings are held in the Society's Hall, 365 Spadina avenue, and the public are cordially invited to attend on Fridays and Sundays. The Sunday meetings are in charge of Mr. Smythe in the morning, and Mr. Titus at 8 o'clock.