

cussion of The Secret Doctrine, and on Sunday evening at seven; and on Friday evening at eight in The Forum hall, and on Tuesday evening at eight at 136 Carlaw Ave., where by the kindness of Mr. C. B. Hoggan, an elementary class has been established — afford suitable means of appeal to the outside world. It will be a matter for your consideration whether an effort should not be made to establish centres of work in the North and West Ends similar to that now existing in the East.

"The increasing attendance on Sundays indicates these meetings as the most popular with the public, and we recommend that increased publicity be given them by advertising, or in whatever way may seem most appropriate.

"Special lectures are another means of reaching the public, and this suggests the desirability of having addresses given in the West and North Ends, out of which might grow the centres of work before alluded to. It may seem rash to recommend the inauguration of further activities, but we do not advocate these measures unless the demand occurs for them. This demand we can, however, cultivate by continually dwelling on the necessity which we know exists for such work. The power of thought is boundless, and when thought is inspired with the high purposes of help and brotherhood on the spiritual plane, the latent tendency to development is stirred from dormancy. There remains but another year, we have been told, for sowing the seed. After that our labour will be of cultivation and direction. It seems doubly important therefore to put forth every effort of will and act to spread the knowledge throughout the community of the great facts of life and being with which we have been entrusted.

"Our private study must evidently keep pace with our outer work if that is to be useful and illuminating. Our regular branch meeting is intended to serve this object, and the courses of study laid down are expected to afford the members a solid foundation of theosophic thought. During the year the study of "Letters That Have Helped Me" was concluded, and Dr. Hart-

mann's "Magic White and Black" has also been almost completed. It should be the endeavour of each member of the Society to attend the Branch meeting regularly, and at least one other meeting. Those who can attend more will do so, but this should be at least the minimum of interest displayed by each member.

"In addition to this we have had the great advantage for some months past of the class conducted by Mr. Brown for the improvement of those who desire to assist the work by public speaking.

"The publication of THE LAMP continues as heretofore in connection with our Society, and the many complimentary opinions received from different quarters of the world lead us to hope that its distribution, which has reached about 100,000 copies, may have been the means of presenting theosophic ideas to many who may not immediately be prepared to acknowledge their force and truth, but who will eventually display the effect of their influence.

"We have confidence in recommending to the members the further pursuit of the ideal of 'ethic and work,' 'that good part which cannot be taken away.' To have a successful Society we must have successful members, those who exhibit in their lives and endeavour to realize in their own characters the operation of the great law of Unity under which men render up the fruits of their labours to the Supreme. 'It is impossible for mortals to utterly abandon action; but he who gives up the result of action is the true renouncer.' So is it written in the Bhagavad Gita. Let us then work while it is day, assured that the duty of action will but lead us to greater duties that lie beyond."

On the motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Taylor, the officers were re-elected as follows: President, S. L. Beckett; Vice-President, John Randall; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, R. E. Port; Librarian, William Jones; Corresponding Secretary, A. E. S. Smythe. Three delegates to the Annual Convention in Chicago on 26th April were appointed: S. L. Beckett, *ex-officio*, F. J. Brown and A. E. S. Smythe.