

the Church, or the street, it is the commonplace that rules ; the young are sly, pert and precocious ; the women are unhealthy, padded, rouged, and unequal to the duties of motherhood ; the men are *blasé*, and dead long before they die."

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A GREAT many people have been asking who is in control of the best Theosophical literature. Being curious on the subject myself I have made some enquiries. The publishing company at 144 Madison Avenue, own the copyrights on *The Path* and on *Echoes from the Orient*. Mrs. Judge owns the plates and copyrights of *The Ocean of Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *Letters That Have Helped Me*. Elliott Page & Co. have acquired the sole publishing rights of these. The English and American copyrights of *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Key to Theosophy* are owned by Mrs. Besant. *Isis Unveiled* belongs to the publisher, J. W. Bouton. Mr. Judge's editions of the *Bhagavad Gita* and the *Yoga Aphorisms* are not copyrighted. *The Occult World* is the property of Houghton, Mifflin & Co. These facts will assist the loyal members of the Universal Brotherhood who desire to adopt a recent suggestion as to the impropriety of purchasing literature "published by enemies of the cause."

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MY GOOD FRIEND Sydney G. P. Coryn, in the *New Century* of 21st October threatens me with lunacy and death. Other good friends are congratulating me on having escaped these little accidents. It is all the difference of the point of view, and three thousand miles do make a difference. Distance lends enchantment, and nothing is more beautiful than a mirage. When I was in England and Ireland I felt just like Sydney, and I had such poor faith in human nature that I was quite liberal with my condemnations of those who were, as I conceived, disloyal. As Sydney remarks, the eternal justice is inexorable, and now I am having my turn. Two other friends have sent across the Atlantic to say they protest. They sent me back the October LAMP

with "I protest" written on it in eight places. If I told you where they wrote from, you could hardly believe they were such protestants. (Heiterkeit.) They point out also that I have fifteen personal pronouns indicating me myself in an editorial paragraph on page 125. I admit that this is very bad. The editorial Wego is in a tight place. This ought to be a horrible warning to people posing as gurus and puffed up with ambition.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.—I. M., (Dartford).—Much obliged. M. S. L., (Moorstown).—Next month. J. B.—The four suits in cards agree with the Tarot cards, whose suits are Wands or Sceptres, Cups or Goblets, Swords, and Money or Pentacles or The Host. They correspond with the four castes. W. D.—Pork sausage and dog sausage taste just alike. *Vegetarianism for Beginners* can be ordered through any bookstore. T. C.—The "holy man" of Benares, Swami Bhaskarananda Saraswati, described by Mark Twain in chapter lvi. of his book *More Tramps Abroad*, died last August. N. A.—Tookeram Tatya died on 3rd June, 1898. E. B.—If you wish to be absolutely loyal to the wishes of the Leader of the Universal Brotherhood, you will burn THE LAMP unread, or send it back to the office with "I protest" written on the passages you believe to be untrue. This tends to increase our love and confidence in each other, and is quite harmless otherwise. J. R.—The date given last month for the Forum reference should have been 1889. G. G.—Pillakatuka is probably the child's own creation. It is said that in Florida the consultation of ghosts is known as "palu-duka." D. J. H.—"Zoryan" is the pen name of a young Polish writer of great promise in New York.

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"LONDON, Oct. 24th, 1899. To the Editor of THE LAMP. Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to correct a slight mistake as to a matter of fact which I observe in a paragraph of your issue of Oct. 15th. You state that Mrs. Tingley