

Those who have met John D. Hughes, of Wilkinsburg, will regret to hear that that brave and cheerful soul has passed from among us. But eighty-five years of conflict is a long battle, and his rest is well earned.

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THOSE professed Theosophists who do not act in accordance with the teachings of Karma, Reincarnation, and the Masters, are simply those who do not in their hearts believe them. The full significance of this will appear later.

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MARK TWAIN writes in *Harper's Magazine*: "I am quite sure that (bar one) I have no race prejudices, and I think I have no colour prejudices, nor caste prejudices, nor creed prejudices. Indeed, I know it. I can stand any society. All that I care to know is that a man is a human being—that is enough for me; he can't be any worse."

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MRS. ALICE BERTHA GOMME has completed her two-volume work on "The Traditional Games of England, Scotland and Ireland." She makes it clear that many, if not all of the nursery and children's games are survivals of ancient rites and customs. That these are usually traditional versions of ancient religious and occult mysteries is well known to students.

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SOME people complain that THE LAMP does not quote the bible correctly. We have a dozen reliable translations lying about the sanctum, and are always careful to quote from the nearest. If a reader does not happen to be acquainted with that version he must not blame us. If we quoted in Greek he would probably be still less satisfied, and, of course, the inspiration is in the Greek and not in the translations.

MAGAZINES and papers received: *Events, Citizen and Country, Universal Brotherhood, Occult Truth, New Century, International Theosophist, Christian Life, Boston Ideas, Meaford Mirror, North Ender, Prasnotlarras (Benares), Christian Messenger, Light of Truth (Madras), Theosophical Gleaner, Review of Reviews, Toledo Non-Partisan, Immortality, The Realm, Righteousness, Fred Burry's Journal, Christian, Philistine, Herald of the Golden Age, Psychic Digest, Assayer, Flaming Sword, Light, etc.*

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On the 18th September Mrs. Tingley held a meeting of the Universal Brotherhood in the Academy of Music in Stockholm at which the King of Sweden was present. He remained to the end of an exhibition of lantern slides, with which he expressed great satisfaction. After he left Mrs. Tingley gave an address in which she said "there were no Mysteries, properly speaking, but had only seemed so to the populace of Antiquity." I must say that I hope she is incorrectly reported. *Isis Unveiled* and *The Secret Doctrine* were written to demonstrate the contrary.

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THE largest monastery in the world is the Carthusian Priory of St. Hugh's, in Sussex, England. The monks inhabit little four-roomed cottages, affording a study, a bedroom and library, a room for sawing and chopping wood, and a carpenter's shop where the monk works for health. Every passing beggar gets a penny and a piece of bread. The monks spend ten hours of the twenty-four in prayer and intercession for the sins of the world, the midnight service lasting two hours and a half.

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SIR ALFRED C. LYALL, in his "Asiatic Studies," points out the effect Western theories of life are having on Hindu thought and conduct. It is the old struggle between the natural and the spiritual ideal. In the case of the Hindu, however, the spiritual has become ascetic, while in the European the natural has grown materialistic. In America, as well as in Europe, even