

which a hint about the "Watcher" appears. In "The Unity Underlying all Religions." Mrs. Besant, we are glad to see, does not agree with those who "argue that only the pre-existence of the soul" is taught by the Christian Fathers. "This view," she says, "does not seem to me supported by the evidence." Arthur A. Wells informs us that he belongs to the old school. This explains his method of dealing, as the *Madras Thinker* of July 11 puts it, with "points more ably and forcibly treated by that giant intellect, Col. Ingersoll." "An Important Letter" from a source much revered by H. P. B., first mentioned in 1886, is now republished. It is a pretty severe indictment of those who would ignore the noblest title of the T. S., "that of the Brotherhood of Humanity," and who would allow it "to become a simple school of philosophy." "He who does not feel competent to grasp the noble idea sufficiently to work for it, need not undertake a task too heavy for him."

*The Thinker* (Madras) is a most readable weekly. We regret that our Indian contemporaries go to irresponsible outside sources for news of the Theosophical Society in America when the official papers are all accessible. Let us hope that this will all be changed by our Indian brothers to whom the Truth is first and last. Anonymous letters such as that quoted in the 4th July number from the *New York Sun*, and reporter's imaginative and embellished sketches, do not represent the T. S. in A. "The Miracle of the Snake-bite" is an account that discounts the *Metaphysical Magazine's* story of ceremonial magic out of the market, and it bears every stamp of truth also.

*The Scottish Lodge Papers*, vol. iii, No. 8, has a scholarly and sensible article on the "Planetary Chains and Rounds" which begins by "knocking out altogether the first root error, which is that the hosts of monads sweep round the visible astronomical planets of the solar system." Mr. Sinnett's pet misconception, lately endorsed by Mrs. Besant, is not directly referred to, but

the President of the Scottish Lodge follows H. P. B. in her account. "The chain of worlds, the earth's chain of worlds, is the earth's seven principles, of which this visible material globe that we walk about upon and philosophize as best we may, is the Sthula-Sarira. Now, every planet has its own chain of seven globes, one of which is visible." The other paper has to do with Clemens Alexandrinus.

*Mercury* for August, which has been lent to us, contains a statement signed "ANNIE BESANT, Head of the E. S.," which is apt to mislead. The E. S. has existed since 1874, and after fourteen years private work a public announcement was made concerning it. It was also then chartered by Colonel Olcott as part of the T. S. organization. Subsequently Madame Blavatsky severed it from official connection with the T. S., and changed its name to the Eastern School of Theosophy. The real head of the Eastern School of Theosophy is a MASTER, who is of course not known to the public. Mrs. Tingley is the present outer head. The Secretary of the E. S. T. may be addressed at 144 Madison Avenue, New York. Mrs. Besant's E. S., of which she signs herself the head, is to be heard of through Mr. Alex. Fullerton, 108 East 17th Street, New York.

We have also to acknowledge receipt of *The Theosophical Forum*; *The Editor*; *The Dominion Review*; *Secular Thought*; *Notes and Queries*; *Theosophic Gleaner*; *Prasnotara* (Benares); *Maha Bodhi Journal*; *The Bibelot*; *Booknotes*; *Crescent*; *Islamic World*; *Righteousness*; *Cleveland Critic*; *L. A. W. Bulletin*; *Weekly Sun*; *Assiniboian*; *Boston Ideas*; *Meaford Mirror*, etc.

## UNITY.

Strive, thou, thyself to understand,  
That all selves may united be  
In the One Self in one harmonious band  
Whose thoughts, as pure as foam caps on the sea.

Reflect the Shining One, and discords cease  
Beneath the wide-arched Iris hues of peace.

W. H. G.