

this account knew nothing of occultism until quite recently, when this experience was recalled. "In 1890," he says, "I was living at the Falls, American side. One morning in July, something after dawn, I had just turned over in bed to renew a life-long discussion with myself as to the easiest way of getting up. I saw a little man about two feet high balancing himself along the edge of the bed at my toes. He had a little blue frock-like shirt on, his arms poised, body swaying, and his little round dark head moving in time with the rest. The appearance surprised a remark from me which must have hurt the feelings of the fairy, or perhaps he was a scout of the brownies. Anyway the little acrobat trotted through the mosquito netting on the window, close to which the bed stood. He seemed to pay no more attention to gravitation than smoke, for the window was not on the ground floor. There was another scene going on at the same time in the room around me. My wife unaccountably screamed and hid her head under my arm. She had not seen anything and never could tell why she had screamed. The room was searched, and the house. Nothing like the miniature man could be found. My remark to the little fellow was: 'What t'ell are you doing your acrobatic feats there for?'

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BEAVER
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.**

On Wednesday evening, 4th instant, the annual business meeting of the Beaver T. S. was held in the Forum, 5 Gerrard Street East. Nearly all the city members were present. The report of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer exhibited a record of great activity on the part of the Society since last June. There are at present 26 members on the roll. The meetings held numbered 49 Branch meetings and classes: 124 public meetings: 3 public lectures by Mr. E. T. Hargrove, and 2 by Mr. Smythe: with an aggregate attendance of nearly 4,000. The receipts from collections, donations, etc., amounted to about \$750, \$93 of which was expended on rent, \$33 contributed

to New York Headquarters, and \$10 on books, leaving a small balance on hand. Various activities in connection with the Branch work were sustained privately, and expenses defrayed, of which no note was taken.

The report of the President and Corresponding Secretary referred to the circumstances under which the Branch entered upon its new field of work.

"Believing that the true spirit of unity and brotherhood would be best served by co-operation with the active and working organization through which the Society originally came into existence as a local body, it seemed desirable 1st May to abandon the previous local organization. This was done in the spirit which seeks to realize itself in the permanent achievements of work accomplished and ideals upheld. A few extracts from a private letter received in July expresses the views upon which we had acted: 'If we went on taking advantage of the law, we come under the law, whose strength is sin. Our strength is not in or under law but in our *morale* and work. . . . The less we always have of property the better. It should be all spent in work as obtained. Hence, the "property" could easily go, if not retainable, without regrets. But work and ethic cannot be stolen. . . . These are my permanent opinions. Let the others do as they like. If they want law let them get it; if they do good work, then all the better for humanity and their own karma.'

"Some difficulty was found at first in getting a suitable room, but the present location in the Forum has proved admirably adapted to our purposes, having the advantages of convenience and publicity while the expense incurred is moderate.

"With the ideal of work on theosophical lines as our motive and object, it was determined to carry on the old programme of effort with such additions as might suggest themselves from time to time. The result is a series of meetings in which interest appears to grow, all of which fill distinct and separate purposes. The public meetings on Sunday morning at eleven for the dis-