

relation of early and mediæval secret orders and societies, recommending the rare work, Heckethorne's "History of Secret Orders," for study as to the origins of Masonry. Many friendships were renewed, and delegates from all parts of the country exchanged confidences, compared notes, and gained new ideas for future work.

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THE PROPOSAL to hold an extra Convention in Toronto during the sessions of the British Association for the Advancement of Science next year, was very popular among the delegates. On the motion of a Toronto member, it was referred to the Executive Committee to decide upon the advisability of proceeding with the idea. If done at all, it would be necessary to carry it out on the largest scale, without any doubt of a success equal to the Theosophical Congress at the Parliament of Religions. Such a scale could not be assured without the co operation of the highest authorities. Should it be decided upon, the scientific world will for the first time have an opportunity of judging of the marvellous completeness of theosophical teachings about physical and allied branches of science. As the Association meets on 18th August, 1897, there is ample time for the maturing of any plans that might be arranged.

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EVERY member of the T. S. A. will feel it a privilege to do what he or she can towards the erection and completion of the School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries, the announcement of which recently created such a sensation in New York. Mrs. M. W. Brown and Mr. W. F. Ardagh have consented to act as collectors, and any sums, however small, sent to them will be acknowledged through THE LAMP and also by the Central Committee in New York. Dr. Buck, Dr. Walton, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pearce and others form this committee, and their names are a guarantee of business methods in connection with the arrangements. A banking account has been already opened with a considerable sum, as

announced elsewhere. Those who prefer to contribute to the Central Committee direct may do so at 144 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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"PERHAPS the best observance of White Lotus Day consisted in the placing in the printer's hands of the MSS. of the translation of "The Sermon on the Mount," "The Coming of the Christos" and other translations from the New Testament, with notes by Aretas as they appeared last year in *The Irish Theosophist*. They will form a pamphlet of thirty-two pages of the size and appearance of the *Bibelot*; the type will be clear and the workmanship of the best class. Copies may be had for ten cents each, or one dollar per dozen. It is intended to supply one to every clergyman in Toronto, and the scholarship of the work must attract attention, while the truths which it unveils will leave a deeper impression.

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THE question of possible reaction after such a momentous occasion was discussed during and after the Convention, and it was generally agreed that there need be none. We should not forget, however, that the present success can only be sustained just as it has been attained—by earnest work and aspiration. Nor should we lose sight of the fact that the outer development of such a singularly interesting project as the re-establishment in America of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity is the result of years of persistent effort on inner planes. That effort must be maintained and increased, those inner planes must become more and more real to us, if the new School is to be a God's gift to the race, and not a mere dead image of a dead past. More responsibly than ever now all theosophists stand at the bar of the Great Law, and the fate of their fellow-men depends on their fidelity to their trust—the great trust with which they have been trusted.

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SO MUCH ADVANTAGE has been taken of our offer to supply the theosophical magazines to those sending in subscrip-