

1st September. Dr. Buck, who is the author, and the best equipped man in the movement for the task, an A. and A. S. R. 32, will entitle his book "Masonry, Theosophy, and the Greater Mysteries of Antiquity."

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LAMP at 25 cents a year are reckoned from the first number issued after receipt of subscription; if you want any back numbers, and very few remain, they will cost five cents each. We cannot include back numbers in yearly subscriptions. Remittances should be made in postage stamps (U. S. or Canadian) for sums under one dollar. Bills or postal orders are preferred for larger amounts. There is absolutely no sense in paying for a postal order for 25 cents as many do.

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THE following copies of *The Irish Theosophist* are urgently wanted. Any one having them for sale please communicate with THE LAMP, stating price. No. 1, Vol. 1, October, 1892 (three copies wanted); Vol. 1, No. 5 (one copy wanted); Vol. 3, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; Vol. 4, Nos. 1, 2 and 3. (Two copies each.) We also want *The Path*, June, 1886; and July, 1888 (two copies of the latter). When we get the foregoing we will in future refrain from the back-number business. There are people who make a living by it, and they are not to be envied.

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING CO. report an unprecedented activity in their printing department. New editions of "Echoes of the Orient," "The Ocean of Theosophy," Patanjali's "Yoga Aphorisms," "Key to Theosophy," "Theosophy Simply Put," and other books are almost ready. Mrs. Besant's Manuals have not yet arrived from England. The publishers of "Ourselves" are about to issue an elementary manual of theosophy intended for use among the "masses," the various chapters of which have been written by prominent English theosophists. For simplicity and completeness it is expected to surpass any similar publication.

WE HAVE to welcome yet another theosophical publication. Our Boston friends have adopted our idea of a weekly paper and the first number has arrived. It is intended to give all the news from all the Branches everywhere and to make an interesting budget of *Theosophical News*. Correspondents are to be appointed in all centres, and events which come to light after two months in the ordinary course of magazine publication are in future to be served fresh every Monday. It remains for the members to put up their dollars and give the Boston folks a chance to fill the long felt want whose existence said dollars will indicate. The movements of the Crusaders and the Crusade Work will form a special feature of the paper, and this in itself should form a powerful attraction. The subscriptions, one dollar a year, should be sent to the *Theosophical News*, 24 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Mass.

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MR. SMYTHE visited Buffalo on the 27th June and lectured for the local Society in their rooms at the Genesee Hotel that evening on "Theosophy in Ancient Egypt," and on Sunday evening, 28th June, on "Theosophy and Freemasonry." The press gave good notices, the *Courier* printing a column and a half on Sunday. On Monday evening an introductory lecture was given in the parlors of the Cataract House, Niagara Falls. Out of an attendance of forty or fifty there were enough interested to make preliminary arrangements for a reading circle, the members of which will be assisted by the Buffalo Branch. On Tuesday evening, 30th June, an address was given in the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Hall, Tonawanda, to about a score of visitors. After the address one or two remained to talk about getting up a study-class. About twenty people were stated to be interested in theosophy in Tonawanda, and an effort had been made last winter to establish a centre, but this had been unsuccessful. With the assistance of the Buffalo theosophists it is hoped that a reading-class may now be formed.