

IN REVIEWING Max Muller's *Systems of Indian Philosophy*, the *New York Nation* is rather indignant that he regards the question as still an open one whether the monistic or the dualistic system is the older. The *Nation* thinks "there can be no doubt that the dualistic system as a system preceded the monistic, although monistic ideas were current before any system was formulated."

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GEORGE D. HERRON, author of *Between Caesar and Jesus*, and Professor of Applied Christianity at Grinnell College, Iowa, has resigned his position. Mrs. E. D. Rand, who contributed \$35,000 to the endowment of the college on condition of his appointment to this chair, has assented to the change and will continue the endowment. Pro. Herron's larger freedom and activity will be hailed with pleasure by many.

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HORACE DRESSER is one of the most brilliant of contemporary writers along the line of what might be termed applied metaphysics. His point of view is indicated by a quotation. "To him who dedicates his entire life in entire willingness to obey the inward command, favourable circumstances shall come with a power which nothing can withstand. All things yield before such a soul in a wonderful way." This represents a healthy optimism, but it is not pessimism to be prepared for a disappointment.

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THE TORONTO members of the Universal Brotherhood and Beaver Theosophical Society meet in a semi-octagonal room in the centre of the city. A curious mechanical contrivance, said to resemble an appliance recently discovered in an Egyptian excavation, is used to secure the entrance. Visitors are declared to experience thrills of emotion when President Beckett assumes control of the meeting, and calls on Brother Port to read the minutes of the last assembly. The vibrations are so exhausting that the clock frequently stops. (Heiterkeit.)

It is intended at the close of the present volume of THE LAMP to introduce several changes, a different form, larger type, and other features, as the support afforded may warrant. Many readers wish a revival of the Sunday School lessons, and this is being considered. Study courses for private students and for societies and for children's classes are also wanted. But we wish to do these things rather than talk about them in advance.

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GRANT ALLEN, the Canadian author, died in England on the 25th October, and was cremated on the 27th at Woking. Florence Marryatt died on the 27th. Emma Harding Britten passed away earlier in the month. All of these in their various ways have done much for the advance of broad and liberal thought, and while not identified with the Theosophical movement their pioneering has been of the utmost service.

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TWO GOOD friends have written me remonstrating upon the attempt to carry water on both shoulders. The expression was new to me, and very suggestive, and I adopt it. I became a mugwump when I heard of the possibility, and I have always sat upon the fence. And I wish to try to stand up straight and carry water on both shoulders if it can be done. The attempt will not be confused with an endeavour to carry water on one shoulder and sewage on the other.

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THE AUTHOR of *John Inglesant* (a book that no theosophical student should leave unread), Mr. J. H. Shorthouse, was educated as a member of the Society of Friends. He afterwards joined the Church of England. His great book, the labour of twenty years, was produced in the leisure evenings after the day's business. In it "we feel in all their loveliness as the author felt them, the ecstasies of obedience, service, loyalty, idealism, other-worldliness—the happiness of self-surrender, the blessedness of benefaction."