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Claude Falls Wright.

MR. WRIGHT will miss celebrating his twenty-seventh birthday in Toronto by a month, having been born in dear dirty Dublin on 18th September, 1867. He must have been born at an advanced age however, to judge by his appearance and acquirements, or have

made more use of his previous incarnations than some of us older people. Educated at the Harcourt Street school in Dublin, he passed a grade in the Civil Service, and took an appointment in an Assurance Company while waiting for a vacancy. At the age of eighteen, however, he entered the Royal College of Surgeons to study medicine and during his first year there heard of Theosophy from Mr. Charles Johnson, the well-known Irish theosophist and Sanscrit scholar. Mr. Wright was at once interested in the Wisdom Religion and in 1887 went to

London to meet H. P. B., who had just then published *The Secret Doctrine* and was planning "Lucifer." He thought of going to India, but followed Madame's advice and founded a Branch of the Society in Dublin which was opened by Messrs. Judge and A. Keightley, and then returned to accept her invitation—

"Do not go, but come to me and I will

teach you." Since then he has been entirely devoted to the Society.

He remained with H. P. B., for three years, until her death, when he knelt beside her as she passed away, and drew the Master's ring from her finger which Mrs. Annie Besant now wears. Mr. Wright acted as H. P. B.'s Secretary for some time and has been one of her most intimate friends.

Her apartments at London Headquarters were arranged under his supervision. He has also managed the Theosophical Publishing Society's affairs, and held the office of Secretary of the Blavatsky Lodge. In December, 1891, he arrived in New York and has been attached to Headquarters there ever since. As a lecturer he has travelled all over the United States meeting everywhere with great success in stirring up interest and elevating the signal of his/her and purer standards of thought and life. Even in New Orleans the most gratifying reception was met,



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and the churches in several cities have opened their pulpits for him. His book on "Modern Theosophy," written by invitation for the owners of the Humboldt Library series, has recently been issued by the New England Theosophical Corporation and is a recognized textbook for beginners in the study of theosophy.