

The Pacific Theosophist is a superior issue, with a particularly good article on "Theosophy in Theory and Practice" and one on "Religion in Religions." Nearly a page is devoted to our British Columbian brethren who have been lecturing to the convicts in their provincial prison every Sunday, (we must try our local gaols since the Ministerial Association neglects them), public lectures, study classes, newspaper reports and other activities. Good heart to you, Kshanti!

Secular Thought has had a series of articles entitled "A Glance at the Philosophy of India" by an American "Swami" who has taken the name of Abhayananda. It is really encouraging to find our free thought friends free enough to examine these world-old systems. Chas. Etlar on "Bedlamism," and Chas. Cattell's "Dialogues with the Living," are notable contributions and altogether *Secular Thought* displays in recent issues a more moderate and thoughtful tone with less tendency to mere rabid denunciation.

THE LAMP has also received *Boston Ideas*, *Editor*, *Meaford Mirror*, *Notes and Queries*, *Theosophic Gleaner*, *Maha Bodhi Journal*, *L.A.W. Bulletin*, *Amusement Gazette*, *New Bohemian*, *Footlights*, etc.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOON: Or the Laws and Logic of the Lunatics. A SATIRE.

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The masses were finally moved with emotion that resolved itself into rational revolution. The people demanded protection to native industries. The growl grew to a roar. The Government was willing but weak, and lacked the suavity and keen insight necessary to group contending interests, that were each of them to prosper in the interests of all. The chief attack on the Government was led by two separate factions that were also at war with each other.

The Undertakers' Union, the Head Stone League, the Grave Diggers' Guarantee Co., and the United Cemeteries Syndicate, combined under the name of

the Peoples' Party, demanding legislation to restore the old one-man-one-vote system, setting forth through press and pulpit that the present state of things was causing wide-spread destitution and was driving capital from the country. (This tale relates to the most advanced country in Luna and deals only incidentally with others.) It was a fact they said, an indisputable fact, that the working man was on starvation wages. Owing to a slight break in the clouds the columns of the *Dodger* were so blurred that the account, if any, of how the unworkingman's wages were affected, was lost. The People's Party leaders did not declare wholly against the Government. They only wanted readjustment, the laws relating to the voting of women being entirely satisfactory, but repeal they must have regarding Manhood Suffrage, or they would vote with and for the Opposition.

The other point of attack was for the repeal of the franchise in regard to women, and to maintain the *status quo* regarding men. To support these views, the insurance fraternity, led by the Sun and Moon Life, the Live Forever Mutual, the Perpetual Incubus Assessment, the Horse Leech Investment, the Lion and Lamb Life, the Canvasser's Standard Life, the Permanent Perverter's Endowment Life, and the Mortality Mortgage Co., all combined to oppose the People's Party and the Government under 'he title of the Rate Receivers' Revenue Party. They proceeded to show with force and feeling that the country was in a fairly prosperous condition, as shown by the bank balances and by their annual statements. Policy-holders were better risks now than ever, thus not only adding to the wealth of the Companies but increasing the Guarantee Fund which enhanced the value of their policies. They admitted the existence of an amount of destitution that was deplorable, but showed that it was caused by the great mortality among women. The workingman's lot was indeed a hard one; doctors, grave diggers, funerals, nurses, the greed of cemetery owners, the great expense of procuring a new wife; all these combined to grind down the workingman, and of course it was all chargeable to the compulsory franchise on the sliding scale for women. Let the Government repeal that clause and all might yet be well.