

study. The charmingly unconscious humour it displays atones for the "fallacies that are committed" (*vide* page 487). Unless one has a pain, and a strong active pain at that, life would be worth nothing (page 488). Sometimes (page 486), the pain works "a regular havoc inside" the disciple, and then "he has to sit upon the ruins of himself quietly waiting." In justice to her contributor the Editor of *Lucifer* should put these statements in a form which will make them less available for the columns of the *Westminster Gazette*, et al. At the same time it is difficult to believe of the higher aspects of consciousness that "the elimination of the pain must inevitably be followed by oblivion of the realities of existence, and with the disappearance of the shadow of spiritual life its light would vanish too." How does this agree with a state of freedom from the "pairs of opposites?" A new section of the Theosophical Society is announced as being organised with headquarters at Chicago. The presence of a vigorous internal pain will probably testify to its vitality on the lines laid down above.

The Vahan consists chiefly of reports. Mrs. Besant acknowledges the existence of the "Theosophical Society in Europe" though a few months ago the formation of a similar body in America was considered unconstitutional.

Booknotes announces the publication of T Subba Row's collected writings in a 35c page volume, price 3s. 6d.

Modern Astrology presents an attractive appearance which is not discounted by the contents. "Sepharia's" translation of "The Legend of the Red Man of the Tuileries" is one of the most important items. Various astrological topics are dealt with; regarding the Queen's horoscope there is a disposition to hedge over the prediction, for the month of November, made some years ago.

The Metaphysical Magazine for September has an article by the New York palmist, "Cheiro," on his special subject; Carl le Vinsin writes on "The Moral Influence of Music;" Dr. Hotchkiss con-

tinues her paper on "Concentricity"; while Prof. Bjerregaard adds another to his series of articles on "Being," taking the Vedantin view for consideration. Mr. Whipple's magazine is evidently making a place for itself among the liberal-conservative philosophers.

The Monist for the July quarter is wonderfully interesting to the theosophist who desires external confirmation for the eastern esoteric doctrines. As far as Dr. Carus is prepared to go he is in perfect harmony, as indeed all logical and earnest thinkers must be, with esoteric teachings. The scientific student and the materialist will be enabled to approach the "Secret Doctrine" through the channels Dr. Carus presents, and the change of terminology, if subsequently felt to be necessary, can readily be made. Prof. Dolbear's remarks on vortex rings may be considered from this aspect, and also this paragraph from Dr. Carus' article on "The Metaphysical x in Cognition": "The forces of nature which in their innermost essence appear to us as inaccessible, are nearer to us than we imagine, and we know them better and more intimately than anything else, for our own soul is the metaphysical essence of our bodily being and the company of strangers who introduce themselves as their brothers and cousins are not only akin to one another, but also to our own existence. The gravity of the falling stone, the heat of the sun, electricity, magnetism, and all other energies are the cousins of our own vitality. They are life of our life, and our organism is but a transformation of these supposed strangers. We hold the key to Nature's secrets in our possession, for our own being is an immediate and most direct revelation of her metaphysical interior." Sir Robert Ball's paper is somewhat elaborated for the rather self-evident proposition it expounds.

Mercury wears a new garment and displays a broader sheet. Mr. Fullerton is the principal contributor and he "freely admits" that in the circumstances which have led to his withdrawal from 144, Madison Avenue, "humanity has undergone a check which cannot be gauged and may operate for years." It is to be hoped that the check is not of the magnitude which Mr. Fullerton seems to