

WE MAY NOT BE READY TO ACCEPT all that men like Sir Arthur Conan Doyle or Sir Oliver Lodge accept—or we may wish to have an opportunity of examining the evidence before judging—but it is presumptuous folly for men in other professions to say BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW, therefore these alleged revelations are of Evil. Whether or not the two scientists mentioned (Conan Doyle studied medicine in Edinburgh before he became famous in literature) are guilty of errors of judgment, their sincerity can hardly be questioned. And, for our part, we venture to believe that in this world or any other sincerity of purpose—which does not condone recognized evil—will go far, if not to cover a multitude of mistakes, at least to prevent a passport being denied any soul to higher or more enlightening service.

IN AN AGE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION, is it not foolish to set limits dogmatically to the possibilities of inter-communication between "spheres" of any kind? Progress seems to be the law of life even on earth, and to men concerned in the pursuit of knowledge, or in ideals of service and character development, the span of this life appears all too short.

As Terzison wrote:

We have but faith; we cannot know;  
For knowledge is of things we see;  
And yet we trust it comes from Thee,  
A beam in darkness: let it grow.

Let knowledge grow from more to more,  
But more of reverence in us dwell;  
That mind and soul according well,  
May make one music as before,

But vaster.

"IS IT NOT REMARKABLE that there are some people who think it is only about God that we are never to learn anything new?" That sentence might naturally be connected with the subject of fuller light on life, here and beyond. It was not asked by Dr. Morgan but by another able theologian, Professor Kent (of Halifax) who officiated in a West-end church the other Sunday. From the same pulpit the minister in charge has said that for his part he "thanked God for such men as Sir Oliver Lodge." So that there is reason to hope that Science and Religion may be reconciled. The writer remembers that in an early paper in the HIBBERT JOURNAL, Sir Oliver Lodge said "The region of Religion and the region of a completer science are one."

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### AFTERTHOUGHTS OF AN AUTHORS' ANNUAL (From Page 7)

whatever their financial expectations from their compositions, waste their own time, and—when they get the opportunity—that of editors, too.

There is still another type of writer, not without capacity, but with commercial instincts well developed, who seems to think that an editor is a man who sits in an office all day reading copy, and who can be called upon at any hour without pre-arrangement, and who may be expected, if found in his office, to read, review, and pronounce judgment immediately on any article submitted, if not indeed to supplement that course by writing a cheque for it without delay.

Apart from the luring advertisements of some "earn while you learn" journalistic or literary bureaus, it is a fact that the ease with which much experimental writing can be done "on the side" by people who have assured incomes from other sources, leads to there being no lack of writers, original and otherwise, whose dominant purpose seems to be to turn an itch for writing into a money making business, regardless of much else than the filling of space.

Without much of the best original writing in fiction, and concerning social, scientific and religious subjects, in prose, and a good deal on all subjects in verse, human life today would be the poorer. On the other hand, as every editor of any experience knows, there is a great deal of irresponsible and experimental writing done by people with delusions as to the market and other value of their ideas, reviews or opinions. Such folk need to learn that, in order to ensure the life of publications, from the local weeklys to the most useful and influential Dailies, Weeklys or Monthly Magazines, factors more weighty than the production of articles have to be considered, and in other departments there must be careful management and strenuous and steady work done compared with which the supplying of many literary contributions is little more than a form of mental recreation.

It might surprise some experimental writers, who readily aspire to monetary returns for articles submitted "at the usual rate," to learn that, so far from making money out of their contributors, some editors and managers may often continue at their work, not induced by monetary gain, but because of their love of literature and belief in its far-reaching influence on individual and community life.

The idea of establishing a bureau of information and statistics is a good one. But some editors may suggest that, while there need be no difficulty in giving rates, it would be well if such a bureau could reciprocally provide writers with certificates of capacity in one direction or another.

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