

PERSONAL NOTES.

* Miss E. M. Daniell of the Aryan Branch, New York, was in Toronto during the first week of the year.

* Mr. Flinders Petrie has published the first volume of a history of Egypt to be complete in six volumes. It is full of plans and photographs and goes back to "the earliest times," that is, as far as possible.

* Mr. Clarke Thurston's visit to Toronto in December proved a most interesting one to the local Society which he addressed at the Wednesday and Friday meetings during his visit. Fresh from Europe, and with a fund of helpful conversation, all who met him felt benefited.

* The Theosophic Gleaner states that Mrs. Annie Besant, Countess Wachtmeister and Mr. Bertram Keightley propose to make their permanent home in India and will defray the expenses of providing and maintaining a suitable headquarters for the Indian Section work at Allahabad or Benares.

* Miss Christina Rossetti, sister of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and the greatest of the later English poetesses, died on 29th December. She was the author of Madame Blavatsky's favorite verse:

Does the road wind uphill all the way?

Yes, to the very end.

Does the journey take the whole long day?

From morn till night, my friend.

* Francis Thompson, the new English mystic poet, describes an October firmament with:

"Clouds

Upwafted by the solemn thurifer,

The mighty spirit unknown,

That swingeth the slow earth before the embannered Throne."

Bliss Carman, quoting Hazlitt, remarks "if any one do not feel the beauty and the force of this he may save himself the trouble of enquiring further."

* Henry Westworth Monk, of Ottawa, has for forty years been disseminating his views of life and the universe, which are almost identical, so far as they go, with the teachings of the Secret Doctrine. He practically accepts the three postulates of the eastern teaching under the terms "World Life," which covers the planetary and other cosmic manifestations, and the identity of all human souls with the aggregate life; and "Universal Alternation," which is the Law of Periodicity, of ebb and flow, under which reincarnation occurs.

THE MONTH TO COME.

Friday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m., "Jesus the Initiate."

Sunday, Jan. 20, 9.45 a.m., Philippians iii.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 4 p.m., "Theosophy, the Royal Law of Life."

Sunday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m., "Hope." Mr. Beckett.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., "Gravity."

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25, 8 p.m., "How to Become a Theosophist."

Sunday, Jan. 27, 9.45 a.m., Philippians iv.

Sunday, Jan. 27, 4 p.m., "The Epistle to the Philippians."

Sunday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m., "Steadfastness." Mr. Watson.

Sunday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., "Scientific Theory of Rotation."

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., "Universal Brotherhood."

Sunday, Feb. 3, 9.45 a.m., Ephesians i.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 4 p.m., "The Goodly Fellowship of the Prophets."

Sunday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m., "Karma." Mr. Scott.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., "Physics and Metaphysics Compared."

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., "Practical View of Karma."

Sunday, Feb. 10, 9.45 a.m., Ephesians ii.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 4 p.m., "Science at the Altar."

Sunday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., "The Ten Commandments." Mr. Derratt.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., "What is Force?"

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m., "How Death May Be Conquered."

Sunday, Feb. 15, 9.45 a.m., Ephesians iii.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 4 p.m., "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be."

Sunday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m., Mr. Mason.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., "Dr. Richardson on Force."

These meetings are held in the Society's Hall, 365 Spadina avenue, and the public are cordially invited to attend on Fridays and Sundays. The Sunday morning class is conducted by Mr. Port; the Sunday afternoon meeting by Mr. Smythe, and the Secret Doctrine talks at 8 o'clock on Sundays by Mr. Titus.