

NOTES ON THE MAGAZINES.

The leading Theosophical Magazines are the Theosophist, published at Adyar, Madras, and edited by Col. Olcott; Lucifer, published at London, edited by Mrs. Besant and Mr. G. R. S. Mead; and The Path, published at New York, and edited by Mr. W. Q. Judge. Subscriptions for these should be sent to The Path office, 144 Madison Avenue, New York. The Theosophist is \$5 a year. Lucifer, \$4.25. The Path, \$2. The Lamp, which is only a jackal to these lions, recommends all theosophists to subscribe to them.

Mercury, devoted to the work among the children, is published in San Francisco, at fifty cents a year, and is a meritorious attempt to cater for the little people of the Dawn. A charming lesson on "The Rainbow" we must copy some day. "Karma," a song of Whittier's set to music by Toronto's proxy, Mr. Julius Oettl, should be a morning hymn in every nursery. Rev. W. E. Copeland's "Catechism" is capital, but precocious; children are not so clever as that around here. Remembering a similar achievement in The Path some years ago one inclines to think that our catechists interpret the word infant in the legal sense.

The "Astrological Magazine," which is now in its fifth year, has many curious deductions in its November number. Written early in October it foretells a royal death, fulfilled in the Czar's demise, from the presence of the "ruler of the tenth in the sixth." The planet Jupiter entered the sign Cancer on 20th August, and this is said to augur well for secret societies on a religious basis. The recent authorization of such organizations by the Roman Catholic Church comes under this head perhaps. The "greater infortune," the planet Saturn, entered the mysterious sign Scorpio on 6th November, and will continue therein for two years and a half, during which many evil things will result. At the latter part of 1896 there is a conjunction of Saturn with Uranus which bodes ill. Great mortality will occur among the aged in all ranks. Ireland will be subjected to renewed disturbance. Strikes will abound and the rich will suffer loss. The Prince of Wales and Mr. Gladstone are in danger, and the prophecy concerning the Queen is confirmed.

"Transactions of the Scottish Lodge" No. 16, comprises an exceedingly inter-

esting memorandum on "Celtic Occultism," and a note on Magic Mirrors." St. John and St. Peter are taken as types respectively of the Celtic and Teutonic races, according to the traditional features given them by painters. The doctrine of the new birth or regeneration among the Druids and other so-called Pagans is elucidated, and the mystery of the Son of Mair, or Mary, the "Star of the Sea," and of Maya, the mother of the Buddha, is examined. The Apocalypse is considered to be an expression of ancient Celtic mysticism, the addresses to the seven churches following ancient Celtic poetic forms.

Mr. Stead's "Borderland" is so interesting that one has merely to recommend it to the reader. The Psychic Research Society's Report is usefully digested, "Haunted Houses" are discussed, a list of the great historic "Haunts" being given, "The Welsh Lourdes," a French historical chapter of seership, the Occult side of Freemasonry, Mark Twain's "Bunch of Fives" and other topics are treated, but the exhaustive article on Madame Blavatsky's magic, noticed elsewhere, is of first interest to members of her Society. "Do you believe all that?" asks a good-natured friend who is assured of our weak-mindedness, and we can only reply "greater things than these shall ye do," if you will observe the conditions.

"Our Monthly," the brightest piece of special pleading we know, has an article on THE LAMP and its light. The Manufacturer's Life seems inclined to offer special inducements to occultists—or anyone else.

The Journal of the Maha Bodhi Society, edited by Mr. Dharmapala, the Buddhist who was so well received in Chicago last year, works for the consolidation of Buddhist thought and effort. It is a matter of wonder why people in the West refuse to accept the statement of a Buddhist as to what he believes. Dr. Kellogg, recently of Toronto, has been at great pains to show what he believes Buddhists believe, but Dr. Kellogg's laborious effort falls to pieces when an intelligent Buddhist declares he doesn't believe that at all. In fact Dr. Kellogg's views are as much a caricature of Buddhism as the ordinary secularist rant is a caricature of Christ's teaching. When you want to know what a man's religion is, ask himself, not his opponent. Nirvana is distinctly declared to be "a state to be realized here on this earth." Now, Dr. Kellogg,