

PERSONAL NOTES.

* Claude Falls Wright is lecturing in Ohio on an itinerary which brings him to Denver, Colorado.

* "The Chap Book" for 1st November, Bliss Carman's brilliant micromagazine, has a print of "A Priest of Ra" by Claude Fayette Braydon.

* "Sepharial" foretells strife in Ireland and the establishment of a Government at Dublin before 1901. Russia will conclude an alliance with Afghanistan after that date.

* The American Asiatic and Sanskrit Society has been organized in New York under the Presidency of William Q. Judge to further publicly Asiatic research and the Sanskrit revival.

* Mrs. Besant has had the most enthusiastic and crowded audiences in the Australian cities, having to make repeat engagements to be filled on her return from New Zealand to which she sailed on her birthday, 1st October.

* Dr. Talmage quotes Isaiah lxx, 20, as a standard of the normal age of men, and instances the fact that in the reign of Vespasian 45 people were found of 135 years old, while in the 16th. century Peter Zartau lived to 185. Old Parr was 159.

* Mr. Harry Steele Budd, 144 Madison Ave., New York, is receiving subscriptions for Dr. Chas. H. Davis' fine edition of the Egyptian Bible, "The Book of the Dead." It is a large folio of 186 pages and 99 full-page plates from the press of G. P. Putnam's Sons.

* George Francis Train eats nothing but ginger snaps, crackers, fruits and nuts. He has never used tobacco or liquors, and is only intemperate in his use of the Turkish Bath, of which it is said he has taken more than any man alive. At 65 he has never used glasses, and boasts of remarkable health, never having occasion to blow his nose, and rarely sneezing or yawning.

* Mr. Edmund Russell has been captivating London by recitations in character from Sir Edwin Arnold's "Light of Asia." The Saviour is presented in the marvellously picturesque costume of an Oriental Prince, and the audience have a "living picture" of the Lord. But this is nothing after Oberammergau, and we may expect shortly to hear the Sermon on the Mount given in character. Mrs. Mountford has been preparing us by her admirable illustrations of the real life of Palestine.

THE MONTH TO COME.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., "Modern Theosophy," pp. 131-139, "Prehistoric Races."

Friday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m., "What Theosophy Is."

Sunday, Dec. 23, 9.45 a.m., Acts xxv. and xxvi.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m., "What Theosophy Offers You." Mr. Port.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m., "Secret Doctrine," Book I, Pt. II, Sec. XIII, "The Seven Creations."

Wednesday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m., "Modern Theosophy," pp. 139-151, "The Monad" and "Nirvana."

Friday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m., "Earth an Academy."

Sunday, Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m., Acts xxvii. and xxviii.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 7 p.m., "Why Are There Infidels in a Christian Country?" Mrs. Brown.

Sunday, Dec. 30, 8 p.m., "Secret Doctrine," Book I, Part II, Sec. XIV and XV, "The Four Elements."

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 8 p.m., "Modern Theosophy," pp. 152-162, "The Masters."

Friday, Jan. 4, 8 p.m., "Theosophy and the Alcohol Question."

Sunday, Jan. 6, 4 p.m., "Science and the Secret Doctrine Contrasted" Mr. Smythe

Sunday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" Mr. Titus.

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m., "Modern Theosophy," pp. 162-171, "Masters."

Friday, Jan. 11, 8 p.m., "Some Aspects of Man."

Sunday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m., "The Philosophy of the Churches." Mr. Smythe.

Sunday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., "Hope." Mr. Beckett.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 8 p.m., "Modern Theosophy," pp. 182-188.

These meetings are held in the Society's Hall, 365 Spadina avenue, and the public are cordially invited to attend on Fridays and Sundays. Note the change of hour after New Year.

In "The Theosophic Gleaner" (Bombay) a short article on Indian Music has some valuable information, while a reply to the "Times of India" betokens local activity. The "Journal of the Maha-Bodhi Society" (Calcutta) is full of facts and teaching which overthrows continually the assumptions of western writers regarding Buddhism.