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EDITORIAL NOTES.

ATTENTION is called to the liberal offers on page 54 made to those willing to assist in extending the circulation of THE LAMP.

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MR. T. M. GRISWOLD CAMP, writes from Karma Lodge, Edgewood Park, Alleghany Co., Pa., where he and several other F. T. S. have established a co-operative home in connection with the Pittsburgh T. S. which may serve as a centre for theosophic work in their district. Mr. Camp doesn't say so, but there may be afternoon tea for visitors, and there is sure to be a "feast of reason" among this band of "householders."

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A SECULARIST friend has misquoted THE LAMP as having stated that secularism was dirty water as compared with Christianity. On page 31 of September issue we hinted at the invisibility of the churches throwing out their dirty water, in accordance with the verb. Secularism has no water to offer

to the churchman, we take it, and while it may have other commodities good enough in their way it has nothing wherewith to fill the void that a host of people feel, and of which the very existence of the churches themselves is an evidence. Secularism does not understand the religious feeling, and like the savage and the witch would club it to fragments. Why not try to understand and explain the great phenomenon of the religious instinct?

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THE only national recognition of a Divine order in the Universe by the United States or Canada consists in the annual celebration of Thanksgiving Day. The shewbread of pie and the sacrifice of turkey seem but inadequate tokens of our reverence and gratitude, but they are not inappropriate oblations to that gastric deity which the Apostle conceives to be the object of our worship.

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MR. A. W. WRIGHT, the labor leader, when speaking recently in Toronto on Socialism made the significant remark that we had arrived at a point, we had ascended to an elevation, when we must go on and up, towards the ideal of Bellamy's "Looking Backward" or Morris' "News from Nowhere," or else retrograde downwards to "Caesar's Column," since there could be no standing still. We have more fear than hope for the immediate future

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END of the century, or more literally, end of the cycle, is a slang Frenchism in common use by many who have little thought of its occult force. In the Kali Yuga through which we are passing, events move with heightened rapidity, and motives have tenfold weight. Even on the physical plane this is noteworthy, and the breaking of records by ocean racers, by race horses, by bicyclists, and the general headlong hastening of society, as down a steep place, is the result of a perihelion on the subjective side of nature. These objective indications are but straws to make apparent the drift of the current for the student.

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THE Bible, like all sacred books, is a mirror of the truth, not the truth itself. So each man sees reflected in it just as much of the truth as shines in his own heart. And so it is that every sect and system can find justification for its beliefs in the sacred pages. The ignorance of the dark ages appealed to this author-