

there is the Giant's Ring, 579 feet in diameter, which was called *Beal-agh*, or Fire of Baal, the Sun God. The old Irish name for the year was *Bealaine* or *Bliadhain*, the circle of Baal.

Dr. Kenealy, in his *Book of God*, says "the Irish hieratic language was called *Ogham* (pronounced *Owm*), which is the same as the Buddhist and Brahmin *Aum*, and the Magian and Mexican *Hom*, or ineffable name of God. The Greeks changed this into *ΑΟΜ* or Alpha and Omega," and the ancient formula was used by the Christian Church, as in the first chapter of Revelation, although the meaning is now lost to theological students and pulpit exhorters.

All these facts and many more are well known to scholars, although the conspiracy of silence conservatively cherished by those who desire to support an existing order of things, in preference to the honest recognition of the truth, has concealed the knowledge from the unlearned, who cannot search for themselves. Mr. Bonwick adduces a striking instance of both the knowledge of these things and the disregard of them on the part of our great scholars. It is well known to students that Free Masonry is a survival of an early Theosophical movement, the clues to which are nearly all now lost, and can only be supplied by occultists. Mr. Henry Melville and Mr. Frederick Tennyson, a brother of the late Laureate, once addressed a letter to the Duke of Leicester, Grand Master of Ireland, calling attention to the identity of Masonry with the Ancient Mysteries, and praying for the appointment of a commission "of learned and intelligent brethren" for the purpose of deciding three things: "1st. Whether the knowledge we profess was in former times considered Masonic. 2nd. Whether the Lost Mysteries were, and consequently still are, celestial truths. 3rd. Whether truth should be published to mankind under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, provided always, that these Lost truths interfere not with the Mysteries and Ritual of Modern Masonry."

FOR THE LAMP.

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The way not to start a nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood is—to imagine you can't. That will settle it.

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The way not to interest people in theosophy is—to imagine they don't want to hear about it, and, so far as you are concerned, they won't.

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The way not to start a Branch or Centre is—to imagine conditions are not yet ripe; that the town is not ready for one, and does not want one, anyway; and say so, out loud; and the result will be very much as you imagine.

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The way not to help along the local Branch is to imagine they can get along without your aid just as well as not. Therefore, don't attend the meetings regularly, and don't ask anybody else to attend: "beg off" when asked to furnish a paper or to speak; criticize the papers of others, and the management in general, freely, and never lose an opportunity to do so; above all, don't forget not to pay your dues. If you can get a majority of the members to imagine things out in this line, and to follow it up faithfully, there is not a doubt but that events will justify your jointly imagined predictions, and the Branch will die a natural death within three months' time.

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All this will also prove that you are something of an occultist yourself, and are not at all under the sway of Maya—but see things exactly as they are, and imagine them out accordingly.

Great is the power of the imagination.

C. L. A.

Lose the less joy that doth but blind:
Reach forth a larger bliss to find.
To-day is brief: the inclusive spheres
Rain raptures of a thousand years.

—Adeline T. Whitney.

Think, when our one soul understands
The great word which makes all things now,
When earth breaks up and heaven expands,
How will the change strike me? and you
In the house not made with hands?

—Robert Browning.