

Hargrove and others might be profitably perused at Avenue Road.

The Metaphysical Magazine has a capital article by Prof. Elmer Gates on "The Art of Mindbuilding" which should be read by our pseudo-psychologists. "My researches in brain-building have led to a demonstration of the evil effects of hypnotism. This practice produces a species of congestion of the brain. The pupil in the science of mind-structure who desires to achieve good mental and moral character must avoid hypnotic experiences, under no circumstances permitting himself to be hypnotized—save, perhaps, for some absolutely necessary surgical purpose. Hypnotism tends to vitiate the moral character." Charles Johnston writes on "Karma in the Bhagavad Gita," Dr. Edward G. Day on "The Subtle Body," and Lieut. Foster, U. S. N., on "The Serpent and its Symbol."

Three numbers of *The Theosophical News* indicate the line of work proposed by the Boston editors. The Branch correspondence has not yet begun to come in, but we trust the various societies will take full advantage of this golden opportunity to advertise their doings. The Crusade work is well reported up to date, and the newspaper clippings are very interesting.

We have also to acknowledge receipt of *The Theosophical Forum*; *The Editor*, which has absorbed *The Authors' Journal*; *The Dominion Review*; *Secular Thought*; *The New Bohemian*, among whose contributors E. M. Nicholl gives promise of strong work; *Modern Astrology*, which commences a new volume with the new price of ten shillings and sixpence a year; *Notes and Queries*, which gives a list of the thirty-three degrees of the A. and A. S. Rite, and an article by the late George Stearns on the "Constancy of Earth's Orbital Motion;" *The Bibelot*; *Booknotes*; *Islamic World*; *Rays of Light* (Ceylon); *Theosophy in Australia*; *Cleveland Critic*; *L. A. W. Bulletin*; *Farmers' Sun*; *Assiniboian*; *Boston Ideas*; *Footlights*; *Meaford Mirror*; *Valley Record*; *Wheelwoman*, etc.

LETTER OF DENIAL.

The following letter appeared in the New York papers on May 30th, 1896:

TO THE EDITOR OF ————*Sir*: A fantastic and vulgar report concerning the reincarnation of the late William Q. Judge has been circulated in the columns of the daily press by certain persons posing as "prominent Theosophists," but who are not members of the Theosophical Society in America. It is asserted by these individuals that the members of our society are looking for the immediate reincarnation of Mr. Judge, with additional statements equally foolish and coloured with repulsive coarseness. This report having been originated and circulated solely by enemies of the society, we, the undersigned, as representing almost the entire body of Theosophists throughout the United States, hereby make this emphatic public denial of the truth of all such rumours. No member of the society known to us has originated this absurd story, and no such expectations are entertained by any prominent Theosophist or by any member who is a real student of the solemn mysteries of life and death. We are, yours faithfully,

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CLAUDE FALLS WRIGHT,
ALEXANDER H. SPENCER,
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THE PITTSBURG BRANCH "lit the Fire" in its new Headquarters in Curry Institute Building, June 28th. Papers were read by Mrs. Geo. F. Jones, Mr. M. A. Oppermann and others. The address of the evening was given by Mr. H. A. Gibson, of Los Angeles, on "That which Man Seeks." A collection was taken up at the close towards defraying expenses. Henceforth the Room will be open daily in the afternoon and evening, and a series of public lectures, a study class and other features of interest are planned for the coming months. A life-size portrait of Mr. W. Q. Judge was presented to the Branch by a generous member.