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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Do you know where you are at?

Our "Scripture Class Notes" have been unavoidably crowded out this month.

We have some interesting first-hand notes from the wife of a Christian missionary in India for next month's issue, concerning the attitude of the natives towards Christianity, theosophy, and other matters.

In spite of the severe weather of the past month the attendance at the various meetings of the Society has been maintained. The reports at the annual meeting on the 27th inst., will present the record of a good year's work. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present.

The Sunday evening meetings at 365 Spadina Ave., were intended originally

to elucidate the Society's second object, the study of Aryan and other Eastern religions, sciences, and philosophies. This is frequently lost sight of, and the restriction in the length of readings is repeatedly ignored. The first reading should not exceed twenty minutes, say 2000 words, and the second five minutes, or 500 words.

Mr. W. A. Bulmer, of the "Northern Theosophist," is prepared, if everybody leaves the Society but himself, to continue to run it on the original lines. Bro. Bulmer does himself proud, but we fear he won't have this splendid privilege yet. There are still a few of us left.

The "Christian Guardian" of 23rd January, considers "heathenism" is receiving too much attention, and inveighs against the translation of the Sacred Books of the East. The partial publication of these scriptures in English is giving the native Hindoo population the impression that they are entirely pure and moral, says the Guardian, and as nothing could be further from the fact the cause of truth suffers accordingly. This sounds well in a community which published a Ross Bible, and whose prudery is such that if THE LAMP quoted verbatim certain passages in the Old Testament its publication would be suppressed. The Guardian speaks of the "Yagur Vega," as it calls what it considers one of the most immoral of these scriptures, and yet it is in this same Yajur Veda that occurs the Gayatri, the most sacred verse of the Hindus.

Will church people never get it into their heads that sacred books were not written for the sake of being obscene, and that the obscenity of the Christian Bible is as justifiable or as unjustifiable, and for the same reasons, as the Bibles of other faiths? From the point of view of the modern church or the "Christian Guardian," the Hon. G. W. Ross is uncontestedly a better editor than Ezra the Scribe or the compiler of the Vedas,