

about each other, we could never be brought together again, and thus Theosophy would suffer. But Theosophy has taken stronger hold of most of us than that, and good humour and good fellowship best serve the Law. Many old friends in the cause will be reunited this last Yule-tide of the Lighting of the Fires.

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My faith in human nature has been such that until very recently I have been accustomed to read *Merlin and Vivien* in the *Idylls* as a picture of what might have been in the more perverted ages of human development. To suppose that Vivien could exist to-day, even with Becky Sharp in vivid memory, was more than my optimism could acquiesce in. We cherish more dearly our Enids and Elaines as the hideousness of the more pronounced types of moral abandonment come under our experience. It is well to keep in mind how

—Vivien deeming Merlin overborne
By instance, recommenced, and let her tongue
Rage like a fire among the noblest names,
Polluting, and imputing her whole self,
Defaming and defacing, till she left
Not even Lancelot brave, nor Galahad clean.

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MAGAZINES and papers received
Citizen and Country, Universal Brotherhood, New Century, International Theosophist, Christian Life, Boston Ideas, Meaford Mirror, North Ender Prasnottara (Benares), Light of Truth (Madras), Theosophical Gleaner, Review of Reviews, Events, Herald of the Golden Age, Flaming Sword, British Weekly, Weekly News, The Prophet, The Freeman, Theosophical Forum Co-Operator, Dawning Light, World's Advance Thought, Lyceum, Unity, Star of the Magi, The Abiding Truth, The Rainbow, Nya Tiden, Occult Truths, Religio Philosophical Journal, English Theosophist, Morning Star, Expression, Light, Prophetic Messenger, Teosofisk Tidskrift (Sweden), Intelligence, etc.

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Light, of London, England, has been having a controversy over Theosophy arising out of the recent address by

Herbert Burrows to the Spiritualist Alliance. In an editorial note on the 18th November reincarnation is contrasted with the "orthodox" notion that the soul was put into the body by God. "Here comes the reincarnationist," says *Light*, with his survival of the doctrine of the transmigration of the soul, the radical notion of which again is that the soul or spirit is something introduced into the body from without." And then the doctrine of evolution, differing in no degree, so far as it goes, with that of reincarnation, is explained. It is difficult to understand how so intelligent an authority as *Light* could so far misrepresent the conception of reincarnation as it is now almost universally understood; the triple evolution, physical, psychic, and spiritual, and the creation, by every soul, of its own bodily dwelling-place through natural means, laws and forces.

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HERE IS A vigorous repudiation:
—Dear Sir:—We are in receipt of your favour, inquiring if there is any truth in the report that we are about to issue a set of pamphlets on Occultism to be known as "The Hide and Tallow Series." We have too much reverence for sacred things to associate the offal of the butcher shop with the Scriptures of any people. Such sensational methods we leave to those who thrive by them, preferring, ourselves, to publish only serious works and not travesties under "authority." As publishers, we issue only such works as will succeed on their own literary merits. Aside from this business aspect of the question, we believe that there is now a widespread interest in Occultism, and that many Christians would welcome the convincing evidence that there is an esoteric basis to their religion; but to present such evidence requires real scholarship and knowledge gained by years of serious study of the occult philosophy and of the Christian Scriptures. The very people, including a large number of the clergy, who would accept genuine works on the subject, would be repelled by the crude dogmatism of charlatans who give pretended expositions of a Bible they have never read