

REVIEWS

THE BUDDHIST REVIEW, (Vol. XI., Nos. 1. 2. 3. 4.; Vol. XII., No. 1.) edited by Ananda M. and J. E. Ellam, the journal of the Buddhist Society of Great Britain and Ireland, published in London, England, is now in its twelfth volume. Formerly a quarterly, beginning with 1922 it has become a bi-monthly. This is a very interesting magazine. For the most part, the writers of its articles take the Hinayana view of Buddhism, but there is a great deal with which the Mahayana Buddhist would be quite in agreement. Of the numbers before us we find some articles of great interest. In January, 1921, one of the editors, J. E. Ellam began a series of articles on Practical Buddhism which are most stimulating. He discussed the "Buddhism of the Buddha," "The Problem of the World," "The Problem of the First Cause," "The Problem of the Soul," "The Problem of Suffering," "Karma and Re-birth," and in the January number for 1922 the series is continued under the title, "The Ethics of Buddhism." Sunyananda has in the July-August-September number an inspiring article on "Is There a Secret Doctrine?" This is written from the temple of Tofukuji, Kyoto. It may be of interest to note that the present reviewer of these notes is sitting writing in the very room occupied a few years ago by Sunyananda who was then residing in the same Tofukuji temple. Sunyananda's writing is always full of suggestion, and the article on "Buddhist Methods of Meditation" written from Tibet is of special importance to the students of meditation. The editor Ananda M. (Mr Allan Bennett) has three interesting articles in three successive numbers: "Buddhism and the Western World," "The Miraculous Element in Buddhism," and "The Doctrine of the Aryas." The last number, January-February, 1922, has recently come to this magazine. Sunyananda writes this time from the Himalayas on "The Personality of the Buddha," Ananda M. on "Scientific Analogy," and J. E. Ellam on "The Four Noble Truths." The article, "The International Buddhist Union," should be of particular interest to all Buddhists and friends of Buddhism, for it tells of the formation

of the International Buddhist Union. The editors consider it so important that under the Notes they have reprinted part of it as it describes a work with which they are in entire sympathy.

THE MAHA-BODHI AND THE UNITED BUDDHIST WORLD, (January, 1922; February, 1922). The Journal of the Maha-Bodhi Society, Calcutta, India. The magazine has been founded by the Anagarika H. Dhammapala and is now in its thirtieth volume. It contains articles and reviews and news of interest to Buddhists. Some of the articles are "Aryan Civilisation," "Psychology of Superstition," "Buddhism in the West," "The Great Buddhist Temple at Buddhagaya," etc.

THE KALPAKA (July '21, Aug '21, Oct '21 to Feb '22) is a monthly magazine published in Tinnevely, India, edited by Dr T. R. Sanjivi. In the numbers which the editors have, they notice the following articles: "Hindu Ethics and Philosophy," by Shiv Nath Das, "Healing Through Ashtakshara Maha Mantra," by P. S. Acharya, "The Dawn and Efflorescence of Hinduism," by Victor E. Cromer, "Occultism and the Theory of Relativity," by H. Stanley Redgrove. There are also quite a number of articles on the New Thought, some of them being by prominent New Thought writers in America.

THE VEDANTA KESARI, (May '21, July '21, to Jan. '22) published by Sri Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore, Madras, India. Here are articles on Vedanta philosophy, the most interesting in recent numbers being a series on Sri Ramakrishna the great master, by Swami Saradananda. There are others on "National Education," "The Ideal Before Us," "Thoughts from the Bhagavad Gita," etc.

THE MESSENGER (August to December, February, 1921; March, 1922), is the official organ of the American section of the Theosophical Society, Chicago, Illinois. It has many short articles of interest to theosophists. The October number is largely taken up with a report of the first world-congress of the Theosophical Society held in Paris last July. The February number 1922 has an article on "Hindu Dhyana and Buddhist Zen", by Earnest Wood. He writes, "Zen is more than the practise of meditation, it is a philosophy of life rising out of experiences in meditation or illumination resulting from it." "Further," says he, "for a long time I had

difficulty in understanding what happened in the mind; until on one occasion, as I was returning from a temple towards the road, as I approached the gateway, an unusually fine *torii*, something suddenly said within me, 'Zen is the gateway,' and I saw in my own mind that that thing was an expression of the divine mind." This is his way of understanding Zen, and it will be interesting to read this with his account of Hindu Dhyana in the first part of his article.

THE HERALD OF THE STAR (July, 1921) is the official organ of the Order of the Star in the East, published in London, England. It is well printed and contains a number of well-written articles by prominent theosophists such as Annie Besant, Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinara-jadasa.

THE RALLY (December, 1921) is the organ of the International New Thought Alliance, British section, published in London, England, and devoted to news, notes, and short articles on the New Thought movement.

LE VOILE D'ISIS (July to October, December, 1921) published by Chacornac Frères, Paris, France. This is a most attractive magazine, among the recent articles we notice "Involution et Evolution," "Le Dernier Mot de l'Esprit," "Le Dernier Mot de la Vie," all by Dr Alta, and a series of articles upon "Les Symboles Secret des Rose Croix," by Dr Fr. Hartmann; "Swedenborg et l'Univers Invisible," by Sylv. Trébuq; "Lettres Cabalistique au Baron Spedalieri," by Eliphas Levi; it also contains a translation of Bulwer Lytton's Strange Story. A valuable feature of this magazine is its department of book and magazine reviews.

THE OCCULT REVIEW (August 1921, October 1921 to January, 1922, April 1922), is a monthly magazine devoted to the investigation of supernormal phenomena and the study of psychological problems, edited by Ralph Shirley, London, England. This is a most interesting magazine. Some of the articles are: "St Francis of Assisi," "Occult Lore of Burma," "Shakespeare and the Occult," "The Cult of the Witch," "The Occult Value of the Scientific Attitude," "A Visit to Eliphas Levi." Each number opens with notes of the month in which the editor reviews one of the leading books recently published along the line of occultism. Specially informing to the students of occultism are the departments of periodical literature, and reviews of books. In recent numbers there

are two articles on Buddhism both by Captain Eilam, editor of *The Buddhist Review*. "Buddhist Images and their Influence" tells of the symbology of the images in different Buddhist countries: "Buddhist Occultism" treats of Samadhi and how to attain it.

THE EPOCH AND THE LIGHT OF REASON Sept-Dec '21, Jan-March '22, founded by James Allen, 1902, is now continued by his widow and daughter, in Ilfracombe, England. This is one of the best New Thought magazines. It contains a number of articles in regard to animals which are in full sympathy with the Buddhist standpoint. It has many other helpful articles on practical New Thought. James Allen who died ten years ago was one of the most spiritual and intellectual of the New Thought writers. Upon the desk of the present reviewer lies his *Mastery of Destiny* valued for the chapters on concentration and meditation.

We have received a copy of THE BUDDHIST, (February 18, 1922,) a weekly paper published at Colombo, Ceylon. Its leading article by the editor, D. B. Jayatilaka, is one of a series on the history of the Samgha in Ceylon. It has many short news and notes of interest, giving particulars of Buddhist activities in Ceylon.

Other magazines received which will be reviewed later :

THE JOURNAL OF RELIGION, published by the University of Chicago, Chicago. (July, Sept., Nov., '21, Jan. '22.)

THE SHRINE OF WISDOM, Official Organ of Ancient Wisdom, Cheshire, England. (Vol. I, No. 1 to Vol. III, No. 3.)

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH. New York City. (Aug. '21 to March '22.)

THE VEDIC MAGAZINE. Lahore, India. (Sept. '21, Nov. '21, Dec. '21, Jan. and Feb. '22.)

RAYS FROM THE ROSE CROSS. Organ of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. Oceanside, California. (July '21 to Jan. '22.)

THEOSOPHY IN AUSTRALIA. Sydney, N. S. W. Organ of the Theosophical Society in Australia. (Nov. '21 to Feb. '22.)

O THEOSOPHISTA. Official Organ of the Theosophical Society in Brazil. Rio de Janeiro. (July '21 to Jan. '22.)

- BULLETIN THEOSOPHIQUE. Bruxelles. Organ of the Theosophical Society of Belgium. (Oct. Nov. Dec. '21.)
- TEOSOFIA EN EL PLATA, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Official Organ of the Theosophical Society of Argentine. (July '21, Sept. '21)
- REVISTA TEOSOFICA, Habana, Cuba. Official Organ of the Theosophical Society of Cuba. (June to Nov. '21)
- PAPYRUS. Official Organ of the Theosophical Society of Egypt. Cairo, Egypt. (December '21.)
- RE-INCARNATION. Chicago, Illinois. Official Organ of the Karma and Re-incarnation Legion. (Sept. to Dec. '20, Jan.-Feb. '21, May to Oct. '21, Feb. '22.)
- BUDDHIST ANNUAL OF CEYLON. Colombo, Ceylon. (Vol. I, Vol. 2.)
- THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF THE MYTHIC SOCIETY. Bangalore, India. (April '21, Jan. '22.)
- THE ESOTERIST. Washington, D. C. (July to Nov. '21)
- THEOSOPHICAL PATH. International Theosophical Headquarters, Point Loma, California. (July '21, Dec. '21, Feb. March '22.)
- BULLETIN OF SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL STUDIES. Published by London Institution, London, England. (Vol. II, Parts I, II)
- ISLAMIC REVIEW. London, England. (June to Oct. '21, Jan. and March '22.)
- LA REVUE SPIRITE. Paris, France. (Feb. '22.)
- THE QUEST. Published by John M. Watkins, London, England. (January '22.)
- THE ASIAN REVIEW. Tokyo, Japan. (Sept. Nov. '21)
- BUDDHISM IN AMERICA. San Francisco, California. (July, Aug. Sept. '21)
- DIVINE LIFE. Chicago, Illinois. (Oct., Nov., '21, Feb. March, '21)
- THE HERALD OF ASIA, a Weekly Review of Life and Progress in the Orient. Tokyo, Japan. (May '21 to April '22)
- DER PFAD. Munich, Germany. Quarterly. Organ of the "Bund für Buddhistisches Leben." Oskar Schloss, München-Neubiberg. (Nov. '21, Feb. '22)
- ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR BUDDHISMUS. Published by Oskar Schloss. München-Neubiberg, Germany. (Jan.-Feb.-

- Sept.-Dec. '21)
- MICHI-NO-TOMO. A Monthly magazine in Japanese. Los Angeles, California. (Feb. and March, '22)
- THE DŌBO. A monthly magazine in Japanese. Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. (Feb. '22)
- PHILOSOPHIA (哲學), a Chinese Magazine, published by Chê-hsao shê (哲學社), Peking. (Sept. '21)

We also wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following books and pamphlets :

- SIKSHA-SAMUCCAYA, A Compendium of Buddhist Doctrine. (Indian Texts Series.) Compiled by Santideva and translated from the Sanskrit by Cecil Bendall, M. A. Late Professor of Sanskrit in the University of Cambridge, and W.H.D. Rouse, M.A., Litt. D., University Teacher of Sanskrit and Headmaster of Perse College. Published by John Murray, London, for the Government of India.
- BUDDHIST PSALMS, (The Wisdom of the East Series). Translated from the Japanese of Shinran Shonin by Shugaku Yamabe and L. Adams Beck. Published by John Murray, London.
- BUDISMO. Three Extracts in Spanish from the Anguttara and the Majjima Nikaya, and an appendix on Buddhist Creeds. Published by Raúl Arture Ruy, Buenos Aires, Argentine.
- THE SYMBOLISM OF BUDDHISM. A pamphlet on some of the symbolic figures to be found in the Buddhist temple such as lion, elephant, lotus, wistaria, etc. Issued by The Publishing Bureau of Hongawanji Mission, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.