

REVIEWS

THE MESSAGE OF THE EAST (May, '21, December '21, January, May, June, July, '22) is a monthly magazine issued by the Vedanta Centre of Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A. In each number is a lecture by Swami Paramananda and besides other articles are short reprints from famous mystics and saints such as Ruysbroeck, Molinos, St. John of the Cross, John Tauler, Chwang-tze, etc. In two of these numbers are extracts from the teaching of the Buddha, one upon the Dharma, and the other upon the joy of self-conquest, and another on Vedanta and Buddhism by Sister Daya. She says: "Buddha never sought to found a new religion. What he did seek was to *be* that about which others argued; to prove the reality of the old ideals by living them. He destroyed nothing but misconception. Far from being dreamy or negative, the whole purpose of his teaching was intensely practical. Speculation he forbade. 'Cease speculation,' he urged; 'become the thing and you will know. Here is the Way, here is the Path laid down for your treading centuries ago. Follow that; nothing else is needful. And every word was backed by his great life. There could be and there was no separation between this life and the age-old ideals which nurtured it, between Vedanta and Buddhism. They were related as the thought and the word. Lord Buddha was the living proof of Vedanta, a justification of India's spiritual life, the Gita and the Upanishads made manifest." In the June number is a little scene called "Buddha the Compassionate," a dramatic adaptation of "The Light of Asia" by Georgina Jones Walton now known as Sister Daya. This selection is the swan scene where the youthful Buddha saves the hunted swan. It is a graphic depiction of the Buddha's compassionate heart for all living

creatures including the animals. In the May number is a lecture by the Swami, "The Value of Food in Spiritual Unfoldment," a plea for a non-meat diet. The July number has several articles of interest on the subject of Re-incarnation. Readers who like Oriental thought would be well to subscribe to this magazine.

THE ISLAMIC REVIEW (June to October, '21, January, March, April, May, July August-September, '22), a monthly magazine published in London, edited by Khwaja Kamal-ud-Din. This magazine as its name implies is devoted to the teachings of Muhammad. It is a well-printed periodical containing many interesting articles and giving in each number an account of Muhammadan activities in England. The Muhammadans in England support a mosque where sermons and lectures are given on Islam, festivals held, and with a publication office of magazine and books. Articles which are particularly interesting in this Review are: "The Five Principles of Islam and Their Significance," by Maulvi Mustafakhan in the June-July number; "The Qur-an and Buddha," by Dr K. Md Ariff, of Penang, is in the same number. "Studies in Islamic Poetry," by Arther Field, a review of Professor Nicholson's book of the same title is of interest. In the May number, 1922, is a brief article on "What is Islam?" which is quite illuminating, it explains in a simple way the faith of Islam and its teachings.

LA REVUE SPIRITE (February, March, May, 1922) published in Paris, edited by Leon Meyer, founded by Allan Kardec in 1858; a journal devoted to psychology and experimental spiritualism. There are articles by noted psychical research writers such as Camile Flamarion, Leon Denis, by the editor, and others. Some of the subjects treated of are: "Spiritism in Art," "The Supporters of the Subconscious," "The Rehabilitation of Spiritualism." The May number contains an account of the anniversary of Allan Kardec on

the second of April. Besides the articles there are reviews of books and of magazines, accounts of spiritualistic meetings and activities. It is an attractive magazine for French readers who are interested in the subject of spiritualism and psychical reasearch.

RAYS FROM THE ROSE CROSS (July '21 to January '22), organ of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, published by the Rosicrucian Fellowship, Oceanside, California, U. S. A., edited by Mrs Max Heindel. The editor is the widow of Max Heindel who was the founder of the Rosicrucian Society in America, author of *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-conception*. The magazine is an exposition of the Rosicrucian teachings. Attractive articles are "Meat and Drink as Factors in Evolution" by Max Heindel; "The Mysterium Magnum of the Rose Cross," also by Max Heindel; "The Destiny of the Coloured Man," written by Sydney H. French, evidently a coloured man himself; "Your Aura, What Colour is It?" by Elizabeth Preston. Considerable attention is given to the subject of astrology; there is also a children's department, containing stories for children, a department on nutrition and health, and a healing circle.

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PSYCHICAL RESEARCH, New York, (August '21 to May '22). This monthly publication is the organ of the American Society for Psychical Research, Section B. of the American Institute for Scientific Research. Among the general articles are "Peculiar Experiences Connected with Noted Persons," edited by Walter F. Prince; "Psychic Phenomena in Greco-Roman Times," by James H. Hyslop; "Gregory the Great as a Psychical Researcher," by Albert J. Edmunds; "The First International Congress on Psychical Research," by the editor, Walter F. Prince; "Spiritualism and the New Psychology," also by the editor; "Psychical Research in the Letters of William James," "by Miles Menander Dawson;

Psychic Phenomena and the Physician," by E. Pierre Mallet. There is a department for book reviews. Persons interested in psychical research will find this magazine of great value in its special field.

THEOSOPHY IN AUSTRALIA (November '21 to July, 1922), published in Sydney, N. S. W., organ of the Theosophical Society in Australia. This monthly magazine contains articles of interest to theosophists, and accounts of theosophical activities, and questions and answers on theosophical teachings. Of special value, we have noted a series of articles on Buddhism by F. L. Woodward and a series on Reincarnation by H. H. Hungerford. The number for June contains an article by the editor on "Buddhism in Japan" which is really a review of our magazine *The Eastern Buddhist*. We are grateful for the words of praise and appreciation and hope that many theosophists may find something of help and interest in our endeavour.

THE VEDIC MAGAZINE AND GURUKULA SAMACHAR (Sept., '21, Jan., Feb., April, '22) published at Lahore, India, edited by Prof. Rawa Deva, prints articles in regard to India and Indians. Interesting articles to be noted are: "The Political Condition of India as Described by the Chinese Traveller Fa-Hien;" "Is Monism the Teaching of the Upanishads?" "The Caste System"; "A New Theory of Man and His Tongue;" "Beyond Philosophy, a Peep into Transcendent"; "An Exposition of Yoga." There is a department of book reviews and editorials on contemporary thought. Students of things Indian will be enlightened by reading this magazine.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PATH (July, December, 1921, February, March, April, May, 1922), edited by Katherine Tingley, international magazine, published by the International Theosophical Headquarters, Point Loma, California, U. S. A. Beautifully printed and illustrated, published by the Theoso-

phical Society of which Mrs Tingley is the head, not connected with the society represented by other theosophical magazines, of which Mrs Besant is the leader. This society is called the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society. The magazine claims to be unsectarian and non-political and is more a literary magazine with a theosophical point of view than a periodical of theosophical teachings, although it contains a number of articles on theosophy. In the numbers which the editors have received, they notice of special significance the following: "The Power and Possibilities of Thought Control," "Reincarnation," "The Law of Karma," "Art from a Theosophical Standpoint," "Resurrection," "Did the Americans come from Asia?" The Screen of Time giving account of theosophical activities especially those of the Raja-Yoga College for young people is of much interest. The illustrations showing views from all over the world and of the Theosophical Headquarters and Raja-Yoga College at Point Loma are of great beauty.

RE-INCARNATION (Sept., 1920 to May, '22), official organ of the Karma and Re-incarnation Legion, published in Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., edited by Weller Van Hook and C. Sluddemagen. The purpose of the Legion and of the magazine is to popularise the teachings of karma and re-incarnation. The headquarters are in Chicago and there are groups all over the world in many cities and towns of the United States as well as in Holland, Italy, South Africa, South America, Norway, and even faraway Iceland. The articles are all upon the subject of karma and reincarnation, or closely connected with these subjects and some of them are exceedingly interesting and helpful. The May number has a review of the *Eastern Buddhist* and has quoted at length from the article by Sensho Murakami on Māhāyana Buddhism.

DIVINE LIFE (Sept., Oct., Nov., 21, Jan., Feb., '22), Devoted to Theosophy, published monthly by Celestia Root Lang,

president of the Independent Theosophical Society of America. Articles on theosophy chiefly written by the editor, differing somewhat in standpoint from the teachings of the well-known theosophical society of which Mrs Annie Besant is the President. There is also a serial study of life in the spiritual world by Mrs Lang.

THE ESOTERIST is an eight leaflet issued by the Esoteric Brotherhood, Washington, D. C., U. S. A. It is edited by Agnes Marsland., and contains passages selected from the writings of great religious leaders and from those of the editor and each issue contains a poem. The extracts are given with the idea that study or meditation upon them will increase spiritual growth. One of them contains an exposition of the Buddhist Eightfold Path.

THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF THE MYTHIC SOCIETY, published at Bangalore, India, the transactions of the Mythic Society. This is an attractive magazine, devoted to the study of the science, archeology, ethnology, history, religions, and allied subjects of India, more particularly in Mysore and Southern India. Two numbers have been received. The April, 1921, number contains an article on the birth-place of the Buddha by the president of the Society, the Reverend A. M. Tabard. The frontispiece to this number is a Tunha or sacred banner from a Buddhist temple in Nepal. Buddha sits enshrined upon a pedestal in meditative posture, holding a jewel in one hand. Below him and around him are Bodhisattvas. In the January, 1922, number we find "The Influence of Oriental Literature in the West," by Dr Walter Eugene Clark; "Primitive Religion in Mysore," by C. Hayavadana Rao; "Ancient Hindu Education," "The Age of the Brahmanas." There are also departments for notes correspondence, reviews, etc. Students of India and Indian things will find much to please them in this magazine.

THE QUEST (January, 1922, April, 1922), a quarterly

review published by John M. Watkins, London, edited by G. R. Mead. This is a magazine for the investigation and comparative study of religion, philosophy, and science. "It desires to promote enquiry into the nature of religious and other supernatural experiences and the means of testing their value, to strengthen the love of wisdom which stimulates all efforts to formulate a practical philosophy of life, and to emphasise the need of a vital science to crown and complete the discoveries of physical research." In the January number, V. C. MacMunn writes of "Mysticism and the Organic Sense." In the April number, Mrs Rhys Davids has a long article interesting to students of Buddhism on "The Buddhist Doctrine of Rebirth." Also in the April number, there is a fascinating article on "Hasidica: Stories and Sayings of the Ba'al Shem," and others. "Tree Felling," by W. J. Ferrar, greatly appealed to this reviewer. The reviews of books are thoughtful and illuminating. In this department of the January number appeared a short but appreciative notice of *The Eastern Buddhist*.

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- Other magazines received which will be reviewed later :
- OCCULT REVIEW, London, (May to September, 1922).
- THE JOURNAL OF RELIGION, published by the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. (March-July '22)
- THE BUDDHIST ANNUAL OF CEYLON, Colombo, India :
Volume III.
- THE HERALD OF ASIA, Tokyo. (August 1921 to September, 1922.)
- O THEOSOPHISTA, Official Organ of the Theosophical Society in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro : (February to May, 1922.)
- TEOSOFIA EN EL PLATA, Official Organ of the Theosophical Society in the Argentine, Buenos Aires : (April, 1922.)
- PAPYRUS, Official Organ of the Theosophical Society of Egypt, Cairo, Egypt : (March, June, 1922.)

- MESSENGER, Organ of the Theosophical Society in America
Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. : (April to September, 1922.)
- THE EPOCH AND THE LIGHT OF REASON, Ilfracombe,
England. (March to June, 1922.)
- VEDANDA KESARI, Madras, India. (February to June,
1922.)
- THE KALPAKA, Tinnevely, India. (March to August, 1922.)
- THE MAHA-BODHI AND THE UNITED BUDDHIST
WORLD, Calcutta, India. (May, June, July, 1922.)
- PRABUDDHA BHARATA, or AWAKENED INDIA, Maya-
vati, Almora, Himalayas. (May, June, 1922.)
- THE HINDU MESSAGE, a weekly review of Indian and
world problems from the Hindu standpoint, Srirangam,
India : (July 27, August 3, 10, 1922.)
- THE STANDARD BEARER, under the inspiration of Sri
Aurobindo Ghose, Chandernagore, India. (May 1, 8, 1922.)
- SELF-CULTURE, Organ of the Self-Culture University, Kiz-
hanattam, Tinnevely Dist., India. (December '21 Feb.,
March, 1922.)
- REALITY, the Bahai magazine, New York, U. S. A. (June,
July, August, 1922.)
- THE HARMONIAL THINKER, a quarterly magazine, pub-
lished by the Harmonial Publishers, San Diego, Cali-
fornia, U. S. A. : (Second quarter; Third quarter, 1922.)
- ZEITSCHRIFT FUR BUDDHISMUS, Munchen-Freiburg,
Germany:: (April-June, 1922.)
- SAMSKRITA BHARATI, a quarterly Anglo-Sanskrit mag-
azine of literature, science, and art, Burdwan, Bengal,
India. (January-March, 1922.)
- LA ROSE CROIX, organe de la Societé Alchimique de France,
Paris, France. (June, July, August September, 1922.)
- NEU-BUDDHISTISCHE ZEITSCHRIFT, published by the
Neu-buddhistische Verlag Zehlendorf West bei Berlin,
Germany. (Frühjahrsheft, 1922.)

BULLETIN DE L'ASSOCIATION FRANÇAISE DES AMS
DE L'ORIENT, Paris. December, 1922.

PROBLEMEROGIRDEN, published by the Danish Theoso-
phical Society at Copenhagen. (January, April, 1922.)

ALLE FONTI DELLE RELIGION RIVISTA DI STORIA
E LITTERATURA RELIGIOSE, edited by Guisepe
Tucci, Rome, Italy: (April, 1922.)

LOGOS internationale Zeitschrift für Philosophie der Kultur,
Tubingen, Germany, Band XI, Heft 1.

We also acknowledge the following:

DAS HEJLIGE, über das Irrationale in der Idee des got-
tlichen und sein Verhältniss zum Rationalen, by Rudolf
Otto. Breslau, 1922.

Six Post Cards, Buddhistischer Plastik aus dem Museum
für Völkerkunde München, published by Oskar Schloss, Mün-
chen-Neubiderg, Germany.