

The editorial in the February number treats of man's immortality, and throws light not only on the various post-mortem states, and on the illusive phenomena of the séance-room, but also on the essential fact that the immortal part of our nature can only be aroused by unselfish and impersonal service for the uplift of humankind.

The fourth instalment of Professor Darrow's classic "Studies in Orphism" throws a brilliant light on the true source of many beliefs now classed, in their imperfect modern garb, as Christian, but which in reality formed portions of the ancient mystery-teaching regarding Cosmogonesis, as taught in the temples of Greece. They can scarcely, perhaps, be fully comprehended until *The Secret Doctrine* is studied. "Unbroken Life under Perfect Law" is a fine article, which says, among other things, "Character is the vesture of the Soul."

In the section assigned to Women's Theosophical Work in Sweden, "The Upbuilding of Real Life" has premier place. How significant, in the light of Reincarnation, is the following passage: "Whole races may pass through their portion of sorrow, despair, and joy, and be no more; continents may rise and sink; but character, by which all these things are formed and colored, character, as part of man, the immortal, endures." Which imparts new meaning to the pithy lines by a Swedish poet:

Ett enda dock man förbiser
bland de förslag, som hvälva,
att världen bättre blir, ju mer
vi oss förbättra själva.

"The Song of the Soul," is a graceful and inspiring contribution from the pen of Sophie Ahnström. Other articles are: "The World's Unrest," "Weimar and the Duchess Amalia."

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Het Theosophisch Pad for January has a forceful article by Professor H. T. Edge, "The Presidential Address in the British Association, considered from a Theosophical Viewpoint." The writer exposes the feeble points of the materialistic views of life in a humorous but logical way, and devotees and admirers of materialism would do well to give the arguments presented due consideration. The next article deals with the interesting account of Dr. Waddell's acquirement of unknown Tibetan books of which he has collected three hundred muleloads—a fact which proves the truth of the statement by H. P. Blavatsky, that the western world may be startled in time by the discovery of hidden libraries to which it has no access. W. G. R. has an unusually interesting article on "The Hazel-tree," showing the part which it played in religious tradition and in the folklore of a very extensive part of the Old World, and even of the New. In "Theosophy for the Christians," translated from the German, Heinrich Wahr-

mund tells of the broadening influence the study of Theosophy will have on the belief of Christians today. Though Theosophy (in part) may act as an idol-breaker, the fundamental teachings of the Nazarene cleared from the later dogmatic tenets which have been woven around them, will appear in a new light through that study. "Our Thought Life" is a suggestive article by H. C., translated from *The New Way*. The number contains, further, a report of Mrs. Tingley's tour throughout Sweden and the enthusiastic reception she met there. A view of Lomaland and pictures of the Japanese Emperor and consort are given.

Het Theosophisch Pad for February opens with the article by Dr. Sirén, Professor at the University of Stockholm, on Pico de Mirandola, the remarkable philosopher of the Renaissance. Professor Daniel de Lange of the Conservatory at Amsterdam, who is with his wife at Point Loma, gives interesting impressions of the life at Point Loma. "Work considered as a Privilege," is an able social article by H. T. Edge, M. A., pointing out the real needs of our social life: there ought to be heart-life in our dealings with our fellows. H. Travers has an interesting article on "Evolution of Animals," and Marjorie Tyberg writes on "The Message Theosophy has for Women." In "Alchemy of Human Nature," T. Henry gives some suggestive hints as to the real significance of alchemy; his reference to the two kinds of manas in man is especially instructive. The Page for Young Folk has "A Glimpse into a Japanese School," translated from *The Râja Yoga Messenger*. Further there is the usual Survey of the Month.