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ask me for a book tonight

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A.C. Letters March 1913 - 1914.

- 1 90 letters from a shorthand notebook as dictated by
A.C. March to June 1913 30 pp
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& transcribed from the shorthand note-book of A. C.'s secretary.
The notebook in 1955 is in the possession of K.J. Germer, & was
found amongst the papers of C. Stanfeld Jones on his death, death.

1 In shorthand ? Thanks

To C Stansfeld Jones.

17 March (1913)

Care Frater [U.A.U.I.O.]

A Marker of the Temple
in Equinox III, or xvi

The Chancellor of the A. A. is glad to receive your letter of the 28 ultimo. The only question which requires to be answered is with regard to the place & the circle. In a place like Vancouver, it ought to be possible to do very good work out of doors during the summer. The instructions in Liber CLXXV should settle your difficulties on most of these points. The instructions in this book can easily be translated into into terms of Higher Practice

Yrs Fraternally

To Truell.

Dear Truell (To R.H.S. Truell)

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I hate to put you out at all, but the question is hard upon me & I am very distressed. Strong bulls have encompassed me, Bulls of ^{Bashan} Bashan have beset me round. Consequently if you can, without too much inconvenience, please do. You cannot mean to tell me that you find Book 4 disagreeable. I have received an enormous number of letters from near & far, saying that it involves their idea of simplicity; but perhaps it is your wisdom & proudness that stands in your way. Yes, come soon & bring your boys with you.

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To the same.

19 March (1913)

Dear Truell

I am awfully sorry not to have answered your letter before, but the whole place has been bust up because of Easter. I haven't got the document with your name on as far as I know. It disappeared a long while ago, but the receipt enclosed should be sufficient.

I am sorry you didn't take Book 4 seriously. I would very much like you to take an active interest in it. You might give prizes to your boys for proficiency in the practices recommended, & see if anything comes of it. If you could arrange for this to be done, I would myself present the books for prizes. Let me know if you would like me to do this. If you agree, I would come down specially & have a talk to you about it

Yrs ever

Frank YEGE ONTO TOSS ELVA 4
To E.M. Pittock. H.M.S. Psyche. Sydney.
Care Frater.

In reply to your letter of the 15th Feb it is very clear what is wrong You have mixed up your knowledge of the conditions above the Abyss with matters below the Abyss. It is quite true that Saint, Hero & Crocodile are all equally nothing in one sense, but below the Abyss where we are living it is not so. The result of this is that you seem to be living in the Abyss. You can get out of this immediately by refusing to think of it, & attending to your daily duties toward the A..A.. & toward the Navy. Leave speculation absolutely alone & meditate if you will, but not admitting any thoughts whatever. All these statements of yours, everything is wrong, everything is right, everything is ^{vo} variable, everything is fixed, & so on, are all thoughts. As you well know, thoughts are lies, including this statement that all thoughts are lies.

You must find freedom from this world of contradiction, & this freedom is only to be found in duty. As you seem to be a (natural ? T) Babe of the Abyss, the best thing will be to send you the official publication for that Grade.

Yrs fraternally.

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To Grimwood (? T) High Council. Societas Rosicruciana America
Dear Sir & illustrious Brother.

I am very much obliged ^{by} ~~for~~ your letter of 15th march, just to hand. I thank you very much for the ? T . I am hoping to write to Mr V. on that subject in a short time.

With regard to the New Supreme Council I should explain that the real secret to which all Masonry only forms a veil is in the keeping of the O.T.O. to which our Supreme Council is subject, & as we are preliminary (? T) we are supposed to be in friendly communication with most Worthy (T) and Illus(trious ? Illuminated. T) J (, T) McD Thomson, with whom I have corresponded, & whose views enshrine a spirit of tolerance which is wholly admirable.

I have not the pleasure, however, of knowing him personally, & I do not know his exact position in reference to the higher Degrees which I represent. I suppose you will not be in England this summer. There is some talk of me coming to N.Y. in the Fall, but it is quite in the air. I should be glad if you would let me know (of ~~in~~ course, in strict confidence) your attitude with regard to Brother Mc D Thomson. I

do not know the extent of his following, especially in New York. His address is It might be worth your while to have a conversation with his representative in N.Y. with a view to cementing the bonds of fraternity between our various bodies.

Yrs fraternally.

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To W.F.Nott. Sunnyside, Garsholton. Surrey.

Dear Sir

Frater p(erdurabo) is in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant. questions of business are attended to by Wieland & Co, who will write you on the subject.

There is a description of the Great White Brotherhood in Vol 1 of the Equinox. With regard to your query on page 94 "after 3 months means any time convenient when that period has elapsed. When you think you are ready to be examined, you apply. No expense is entailed on probation, except the cost of the necessary book mentioned, £1-1-0. The A..A.. do not make money in any shape or form. All their books are sold at a cost which represents out of pocket expenses for printing, & those who serve them give their work without reward of any kind. With regard to personal instruction, I am always willing to see pupils by appointment & explain anything which may remain obscure. It is, however, desirable that pupils should study these books as in the course of teaching I have to refer to many statements in those books, & a study of them on your part saves my time.

Yrs Filly.

To Augustus John

De r John

7 To Augustus John about reproductions
of his head published in 12 Equinox
Alderney Manor, Parkstone, Dorset.

I am so sorry you did not call before you left London. You tell me that you can sell the reproductions (of his portrait of A. G. ? T) rapidly enough at a guinea piece, which I can't do. I will be very glad to let you have 30 reproductions as a gift. But the point at issue is that Madam Strindberg, who owes me £120, is the real owner of both original & reproductions, & is indebted to you in the sum of £30. Whatever is in my possession is, of course, hers as soon as she pays you & pays me, but until that blissful hour, I do not know what we can do.

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To C.W.Child.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged by your letter of yesterday. If you could call on me at

4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, I shall beglad to do what you wish. You might telephone to confirm the appointment if convenient.

Yours faithfully.

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To Cowie.
30 March (1913)
Care Frater

Thanks for your letter of Sunday. We shall be very glad to see you on Sunday the 21st April. I am glad you are ~~str~~ starting the Mass of the phoenix. It was not worth while to wait & worry about all sorts of accesories. You ought to be far enough advanced to work as recommended in Liber CLXXV para 15.

With regard to the Neophyte Initiation; you may not know now consciously. In the course of a further result you may find out what really happened (Vide Liber VII, chap 7, V.15)

Yours fraternally.

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To Count Louis Hamon.
Dear Count Hamon.

Forgive me for not having written to you before, but I have been run off my legs from morning to night. I am out of town till Thursday, but if you liked, we could have a dinner Thursday night, or any subsequent night later, till Sunday. Hoping this may suit. I am Yours fraternally.

P.S. I enclose 1 etter which has been sent on here in error.

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To W Steeff Langston
Dear Sir & Brother.

I will be at the Studio to meet you on Thursday at 3.30. But as I am comign up from the country on purpose, please let it be a fixed appointment. If for any reason you cannot come, please send me a telegram to 8 Old Orchard Road, Eastbourne not later than Wednesday evening

Yours faithfully & fraternally

12.

To The Editor. The Divine Life.
Dear Madam.

In the ^article in your excellent Magazine "The Divine Life", "I show you a

Good letter

Better Way" you give a certain amount of unfavourable criticism to a book of mine called Book 4. You say that the Student is not at any time in a state of mind for meditation during the practice of keeping his body still. Certainly he is not. The point is that he never will be until he has perfected the practice, conquered his body & reached the state described at the end of the chapter.

You further remark that in all these methods, not a word is said about devotion. This is again true, because they are not devotional methods. Some people are quite incapable of devotion, which seems to them ridiculous. Others are equally incapable of scientific thought. These two cannot be treated alike. In other parts of my teaching will be found many pages of a devotional character. I am sending you a typed copy of "Astarte", the instruction pertaining to this matter, which you are quite at liberty to print if you will do so without alteration.

This however is only preliminary. I do not think it desirable to talk about the Holy Guardian Angel, the Augoeides to profane persons who have no capacity for & no real interest in, the path. My method has always been to make a pupil study for a year, using my any practices that appeal to him, & keeping all details with regard to the same. By examining this record, I have obtained a map of his mind & can then tell what practices are likely to be useful to him. I know many painful experiences when one may go on with an unsuitable practice for an unlimited time without obtaining any result.

I must apologise for writing so long a letter, but I trust that you will find space for it, as you will see that a teaching may be entirely misrepresented although its words were quoted literally.

I am Yrs very truly

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O.T.O. Memphis Misraim

To Schube.

Most worshipful & Most Puissant & Very Dear Brother.

I am sorry that the advent (? T) of Easter has prevented me replying earlier to your valued letter. I am sending you an appointment as our Gen. Representative &

Correspondent, but I cannot arrange the matter of the National Government for the moment. I shall be obliged to divide Switzerland into three Governments, or at least two according to the language prevalent.

It is, of course, quite impossible for anyone to work the Rites of Memphis & Misraim. The object of the O.T.O. has been to consolidate the whole of their

knowledge as well as that of the Ancient and Accepted Rite & of the Illuminati & many other Bodies of Initiates into a simple & comprehensive system. In our ~~Rite~~ ^{Rite}, we have no multiplication of officers & no speeches too long for the ordinary ^{busy} man to get by heart in his spare time.

I shall be prepared to go thoroughly into this matter with you at a convenient occasion. If you are in London at any time, I should very much like to see you, & to show you the arrangement of Chapters & Lodges by which we are enabled to work all these degrees, not only in decorum but in splendour without that great expenditure of space which prevents practical working in so many cases. Please let me know your views at your earliest convenience.

Saluting you B T N K

April 3.

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Dear Mrs Loss.

In reply to your letter of March 31st, I could only pay a salary of 5/- per week. This is about what he has been receiving up to the date of your letter. Yesterday, April 2nd I gave him 10/-. As you say in your letter that unless he receives a salary of 10/- per week "it will be impossible for him to stay on in London", I shall, of course, see to it that he will not continue longer than Saturday.

Yours truly.

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*Typical
Good Letter*

Dear Austin Harrison.

I am afraid you will never acquire literary sense. My letter was not sincere. It was merely a sample of the kind of letter you ly yourself open to by such conduct ^{as} I have had to deplore. I thought I made it clearly understood that I could not work on the mg magazine (the English Review. T) until paid for it. I have tried writing articles to suit you, but you always want me to write them again & you keep on doing this, so that if I were to consent, I might have to work for the rest of my life on this one meagre article. However on receipt of the £20 I will endeavour to remove any spark of liveliness or wit that may be lurking in the article, & in every other way try to ~~try to~~ lower it to the standard of the "English Review". But, if in the course of an honest day's work I do my best in this matter, & if you then want me to put it into poetry or Dorsetshire dialect, or in the style of Tolstoi or Josh Billings, I shall require a refresher.

By this means, I hope, we shall keep as much goodwill in business as we have

A pulling tiff

A c- golf handicap apparently 3

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in golf, with regard to which I should like to make a few further remarks. I was under the impression that we were to play three days, 36 holes a day, on three courses & that this was to constitute a single match, payment to be made on the evening of that match. But on the fateful day at Mitcham, you wanted to do an entirely different set of things. You wanted 18 holes to count as 36, & as we might be a little late for the train, proposed 16 would be as good as 18, & "didn't it look like rain"? "Let us play 14". Now I was giving you odds considerably in excess of $\frac{3}{4}$, the difference between our handicaps, & under such circumstances I think you ought to have been particularly scrupulous not to try for any further advantage. A N 18 hole match is not the same as one of 108 holes. It is quite possible for me to catch Harry Vardon on an off day & beat him for a stroke in the course of a final round, but it is a million to one against me doing so in 6 rounds. Well, then, with re-g regard to the incident of the 12th green, when you said "I never claim a hole on penalty; but I always expect my opponent when he loses the hole in this manner - to offer to give it up, so that I may have the exquisite pleasure of saying "why, of course not, dear old chap, this is a friendly game". You can never have had a clear picture of yourself

Let me recall exactly what happened in stirring yet sober language. My ball was on the edge of the green yours near the other hole. It was my turn to play. A dog picked up your ball, was chased away by the caddie, & dropped it. Your caddie then picked up the ball, & put it what he perhaps thought was in the its previous place, but which appeared to me much nearer the hole. You then holed out, although it was my turn to play: in fact ^{you behaved} ~~your behaviour~~ throughout as if I was not there, & indeed I was not, being transported into the 85th Heaven by the extraordinary spectacle before me.

Now all this continued so very high handed, & would not have been done by anyone with a single figure handicap. If a point arises in the smallest degree out of the ordinary course of the game, every golfer at once draws his opponent's attention to the circumstance, & is very careful to do nothing without reaching an agreement. These unusual circumstances continually crop up, but it is very rare to find disputes take an unfriendly form. But you told me that ^{because} ~~that~~ my handicap was 3, I should immediately give way to one whose handicap was 14, however illegal his proceedings might be. I was rather offended. What spoils golf is these wretched long-handicap men, I think ignorant of the rules or careless of them, or sometimes often so utterly lost to even the semblance of humanity as to contract deliberately out of the rules. They agree not to play stymies, in other words, they agree not to play golf. Why then, do they

~~play golf~~
~~frequent the links. It is the unconscious Rom-a-Spirit-in-myself~~
 frequent the links.

It is this unconscious Rom^a Spirit in myself, & possibly like Lowe & Gordon Smith, that keeps the game anything like Golf. Innovations are always prowling at our gates. If we are not always careful, the millions who have already broken a way from Golf by using illegal clubs will introduce billiard cue putters, & howitzer drivers, & get their balls out of bunkers by electricity. The Rules of Golf should be studied as conscientiously as the study of the works of the Fathers, & the rigour of their application should remind one of the Trappists. Now it is off my chest.

Yours ever.

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To John Quinn 31 Nassau Street N.Y. City.

In reference to our letter of Feb 12, 1913, to which we have not had an answer: We cannot keep this parcel & must ask you to let us know your decision at once, as this offer can never be repeated. It has meant the labour of months to get together so complete a set of books. We are now able to supply the New Year's Card, which we have obtained with the utmost difficulty, as it was sent out more than 10 years ago to persons whose names & addresses are now lost. Similar remarks apply to many of the smaller items. They are particularly difficult to obtain through being issued in pamphlet form, & distributed among careless people, so that it is improbable that many copies will ever come on to the market, at no matter what price.

Yours faithfully

Wieland & Co

(Note. It appears from the Catalogue of the Quinn sale, that Quinn bought the set of books referred to. T)

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To Greiff.

Care Frater,

I am very sorry not to have answered your letter before, I have been very busy & rather ill & your letter got mislaid. The Astrol investigation (? T) which you describe is evidence of excellent powers, but they are clearly not under proper control. I should recommend practicing the assumption of the God form of Harpocrates, doing the Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram, only being very careful to do it right, & starting from quiet meditation. Do not try the God position. Get some position where you can sit on the floor. Otherwise one day, in the course of being thrown about the room, you may hurt yourself. But it is most important never to allow these

things to happen. You must repress the slightest movement of the body as being a disturbance to your concentration. Stick to one mantra. By the way, it is ~~Om-m-ni~~ "Aum muni padme Hum", which is quite different from the Om or Aum. You must keep on repressing any manifestations whatever. It is quite clear that you are predisposed to them. Think, think, all the time. No - this is not what I want. Nothing will content me but the ultimate ~~contentment~~ ^{aim} attainment. Do not allow yourself to be tempted to quit this attitude whatever may be offered you.

Yours fraternally

R Greiff. 142 130th Street. New York.

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Messrs Styles & Son. 2 Market Str, Jermyn Str. S.W.

No arrangement was made with you with regard to wholesaling the goods as they were made by you. We expected, & I gather that Mr Wieland personally understood from you that you would have no objection to holding them to our order. These goods are, in any case, very few, & take up very little room. So that we think the price would be too much, even if we could agree to pay anything. We shall, of course, be pleased to send you a cheque for your delivery charges, & to favour you with the continuance of our esteemed orders in the course of the next month or two, when we shall be requiring some decorations.

Yours faithfully

19

James Austin Davies. Secondee. Gold Coast.

Dear Sir,

We cannot communicate any secrets except by personal interview. We shall hope that you will call here on your next visit to England & take degrees. In the meantime, it will help you very considerably if you study the publication (which we are sending you as a present) & the books recommended for further study at the end of that book.

Yours faithfully

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Le Monnier (? T)

Dear Brother,

I have been looking through the Hebrew book, which is very interesting, but I have not much time to go into it deeply & I am not at all well. I am down at Eastbourne most of the time, having plenty of rest in bed & that sort of thing. When I feel a little stronger, perhaps I will try to come over to Jersey, or are you

giving up in London. Your work seems to be alright. The Tau sign should be an initial T upside down or a cross. Myrieland has not been to the office lately, He is busy doing some drawings. Kind regards to Sister Le Mesurier (? T) & hoping to see you both soon

Yours fraternally.

21.

O.T.O., Memphis Mizraim

I Reelfs

Very Perfect & Puissant Prince & Very Dear Brother

I am very glad to get your letter. I will get the translations done here. What I want you to do is to communicate with Prof. Emil Schaub in Basle & explain the circumstances. The Grand Master of the Rites of Memphis & Misraim & Scottish. Florence has given him authority in Switzerland, but it seems to me, in view of the language question, that it would be much better to divide Switzerland into two provinces, one for those who speak French, & one for those who speak German. Geneva & Basle are the capitals of such provinces & if you cannot come to some working arrangement with Prof Schaub to divide the Kingdom between you, I think it would be very easy to get some work done. I have written to him, explaining my views, but not mentioning your name. I will write further in a few days as soon as I have settled the details & heard again from Prof Schaub & I will expect to hear from you as well as from him.

Yours fraternally

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Miss Anna Wright

Dear Anna

The Key of the Mysteries Translation by A.C.

How dare you, how dare you, how dare you. Your betrayal is the most terrible thing in my career. Are you not back from Paris? Cannot I see you before Sunday night, because on Monday morning I am obliged to leave London for a fortnight or more & I must leave the Levi with you & get the Baudelaire (Note His translation of Baudelaire. T) to the printers before I go. Therefore, I say unto thee, come without fail unto me from that abode of the silence. If necessary, I shall proceed to the Spirits chain & even to the Greater Choruses.

I have got some other work that I want done besides the 2 things you already know about. So please manage to make an appointment without fail. On another occasion, if you have a telegram to send, please sign it Jack Johnson. Then I shall be able to anticipate the nature of the blow.

Yours ever.

Leila

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Durrant per L(aylah Waddell)

It has come to my notice that several important criticism of this turn (Ragged Ragtime Girls T) have appeared, which have not been sent to us.

Yrs filly.

Harrods. Chief Accountant.

24

5 April (1913)

Dear Sir

I enclose cheque as arranged. I am in indifferent health, & am going into the country on Monday, but have left instructions for a cheque to be forwarded to you every Saturday.

25

Mrs Murray Leslie. 3 South Cliff Eastbourne

7 April

Either for the Ragged Ragtime Girls or his play Tampo X
You are quite right. The music was entirely mine. (See 52)

Yrs very sincerely- truly

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Juzobi.

There is one further illustration for Book 4 part 2 ^{to} 6 - chapter called The Lamen. If you can make a reproduction from the cover of the Star in the West, of which I think you have the binder's block, excluding the lettering of the title & author, & reducing same to fit the page completely; & entitling the illustration by a simple design for Lamen & all should be well

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Keith Prowse. ~~Probably from Leila Waddell.~~ Ragged Ragtime Girls

10 April

In reference to my Manager's (Cordley P) call on you yesterday, I now beg to enclose card of my turn, the R(agged) R(agtime) G(irls) & shall be glad to know if you are interested in this, with reference to engagements for banquets, private entertainments or Society & Sunday engagements. I shall be pleased to submit photographs & press notices should you desire it at any time. I beg to enclose stamped addressed envelope for reply. Trusting that we can come to a mutually satisfactory arrangement, I am

Similar letter to Ashton Mitchell and several repayments of bills not copied.

W.N. Thorpe.

Miss Lescoques is in bed & won't be able to go to the Theatre. Will Miss W(Addell) get a substitute for the London Opera House?

29

Dear Miss C

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing cheque for £100 payable to me & which I have just paid in to Mr Crowley's account. I am paying off the most necessary debts with the amount. Very sincerely yours

30

£ 25 paid on account to University Press Cambridge.

31

Several short notes to the effect that no IX Equinox is now ready.

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Der Mr Greiff

If any copies of Equinox No IX are needed in America, no copies will be sent except on receipt of cash 5/3 & 1/- postage, in all 6/3 = about 1 dollar 60. If paying Custom Duties you may charge what you consider pays you for your trouble in the matter. Any orders for back numbers of Equinox will be supplied at 50% off published price to you.

Mrs Cremers wishes to say that she has received your letters safely, but she is too busy to answer. Just as soon as the present (pressing) financial troubles are over, you will hear from her. The business (Wieland & CO T) is practically in the hands of a Receiver. In sending money you had better go to the Post Office & ask them to determine what 6/3 is in United States money. "A. C. (P) has gone into a prolonged, magical retirement. He is not in England & we have no idea when he will return

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14 pril

De r Mr Cowie.

Yours of April 12 enclosing a draft for £100 just received. Yes, let us hope that this will keep matters smooth. With kindest regards.

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Mrs Crowley has been at death's door with bronchitis & Mr C is very ill & both are at Eastbourne. Your letter to Mr C has been forwarded.

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Mrs Waters

Mr Crowley is not only seriously ill himself but his mother is most seriously ill, & it will not be possible for him to leave Eastbourne to give the lecture on the 16th as arranged.

16 April

R Clay

Mr Crowley is very ill with bronchitis at Eastbourne & therefore we have not his authority to make a statement re delivery of the Equinox; as he is much too ill to attend to this matter. Just as soon as he is better, you will hear from him.

(Several similar letters not copied. T)

24 April

Dear P(erdur bo)

Batch of papers received. Glad you are showing signs of life. Please sign the enclosed as there is some trouble in getting the passbook (? T) which I must have to write out cheques. I will write you at length tomorrow

28 April

(A.C. back in the saddle. T)

Jacobi

Dear Sir

Please do not ask me silly questions. The order was sent out to Mr Jackson April 8. I am not taking any stand as I know nothing; but at least I know the purpose of my being here is to attend strictly to the business end, which I am doing. I am not a feather-brain like Wieland. In future spare me the annoyance of such questions. I am here to boost the business not to run it into the ground, as Mr Wieland must have done. On the 1st May, I shall send you a written statement, when I think it will be quite obvious that the business has picked up & considerably.

Yours very truly

Dr Deas M.S. to be copied.

Mr Wieland has heard that the cost of completing the Dee M^anuscripts (i.e. having them copied T) will be from £9 to £12. An exact estimate cannot be given because the writing is so irregular. That is excluding all drawings, sketches & diagrams. Please instruct if this is to be proceeded with at once

29 April

C de Haas. R^adio Officer. Siteobondo (E. Juva)

Dear Mr Haas

At the present moment the Chancellor of the A.. N.. is absent from

England. On studying the books connected with the A.. A.. if you find yourself in any difficulties, please communicate with the Chancellor at the above address; register your letter & it will be immediately forwarded to him

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Various business letters not by A. C. & dealing with the sale of his books not copied
On April 30 "Mr Wieland is no longer in charge of the business, having concluded to return to his profession of Artist".

April 30.

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Dear Mr Wieland. Would you be kind enough to let us have the name of the Keeper of MSS t the British Museum, as A. C. would like to correspond direct with him in re Dee.

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C C Williams. Los Angeles. California

Dear Sir

In answer to your^s of April 17 in re your application for admission to M.M.M. we refer you to the President General, Mr MCB Thomson 356 Alta(? T) Salt Lake City Utah U.S.A. please inform him that we have referred you to him. (Will have to be signed M.M.M. G.T. General)

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I I Exter. Amsterdam Holland.

Dear Sir

We can do nothing for you in re M.M.M. unless you come to London to take your Degrees. It is, however, the intention of our Most Supreme Puissant & Illustrious Master to visit our Brother H J Van Gimpel (? T) in Amsterdam for the formation of a Lodge in Holland. We will keep you advised of this matter.

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E W Johnston. Sunnyside Stowbridge Broomsgrove.

In answer to your of 7 April in re A.. A.., O.T.O. & M.M.M. we would ask you, if you find yourself in London, to call upon us at the above address, when we shall be glad to give you further particulars in regard to these matters. The nature of the work, however, is fully given in the publication ^{the} "Equinox" & other occult books

Yrs flly.

England. On studying the books connected with the A.. A.: if you find yourself in any difficulties, please communicate with the Chancellor at the above address; register your letter & it will be immediately forwarded to him

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Various business letters not by A. C. & dealing with the sale of his books not copied
On April 30 "Mr Wieland is no longer in charge of the business, having concluded to return to his profession of Artist".

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April 30.

Dear Mr Wieland. Would you be kind enough to let us have the name of the Keeper of MSS t the British Museum, as A. C. would like to correspond direct with him in re Dee.

44

C C Williams. Los Angeles. California

Dear Sir

In answer to your^s of April 17 in re your application for admission to M.M.M. we refer you to the President General Mr McB Thomson 356 Alta(? T) Salt Lake City Utah U.S.A. please inform him that we have referred you to him. (Will have to be signed M.M.M. G.T. General)

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I I Exter. Amsterdam Holland.

Dear Sir

We can do nothing for you in re M.M.M. unless you come to London to take your Degrees. It is, however, the intention of our Most Supreme Puissant & Illustrious Master to visit our Brother H J Van Gimpel (? T) in Amsterdam for the formation of a Lodge in Holland. We will keep you advised of this matter.

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E W Johnston. Sunnyside Stowbridge Broomsgrove.

In answer to your of 7 April in re A.. A.., O.T.O. & M.M.M. we would ask you, if you find yourself in London, to call upon us at the above address, when we shall be glad to give you further particulars in regard to these matters. The nature of the work, however, is fully given in the publication ^{the} "Equinox" & other occult books

Yrs flly.

H F Horace Gonzales. St Joseph. Trinidad.

Dear Sir

The Chancellor of the A.A. asks me to communicate the following to you. The perfume called guthah is for everyday use. The Chancellor says that all he can do is to advise you to do the same. Full instructions as to Talismans are given in Part II & III of Book IV. Part II is now ready for delivery. In re your query: is there any power in talismans, is this tested, or are things constructed according to Ancients (? T). The answer is : Yes, if you know how to do it. We hope that these rather veiled answers to your questions will at least give you a hint that the secrets of Adepts are not communicable.

Yrs fraternally

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W Child. Psychic Gazette. Manager.

Dear Sir

We enclose your cheque value £1-10-0 for an advertisement in the March issue of the Psychic Gazette, which we gave you in the mistaken idea that a promise was a promise, & would be fulfilled. In your letter of 27 Feb we quote your exact written words "will you kindly send us along a copy (the Equinox) & I will promise you a good notice in our next March issue, & will then write you further in regard to your suggestion re exchange advertisement in the Equinox".

In view of this promise we decided to give you an order for advertising in the March issue. An advertisement is valueless unless the Editorial Department says something in regard to its advertisers. Unless this promise is fulfilled we shall in future fight shy of the Psychic Gazette, which makes promises which it has no intention to fulfil

John Clay
5 May.

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[At the key of the Mysteries by Stephen Mori]

We are publishing a translation of the first 317 pages of the in No X of the Equinox. I have put markers in at the places where illustrations occur. Please tell me whether any of these illustrations can be reproduced satisfactorily

without the trouble of making fresh drawings & indicating to me which they are. I do not know whether you have anyone on your staff who would be competent to undertake this rather unusual type of illustration. Please return the volume at your earliest convenience. [No illustrations were included]

Dear Eben (? Emyu T)

I should very much like to see you. I went to get some well known singer, preferably Robert Michalis to sing the Tango Song (of which I send you a copy) & to introduce it to the public. I am also rather inclined to think that you might be able to do something with the two sketches, The Tango & Dr Bob, but I do not know how to talk to people who can arrange these things. Anthony Ellis has the sketches at the present & for over a month & it is impossible to induce him even to read them. If you could manage to call at the Studio any time between 10 & 6, one could talk to you about it.

Yours fraternally

51

My dear Taylor

Your letter I may is to hand. Why do I want Mr Eisenthal's money? Why do I want to see him in person? It seems to me that it is perfectly clear that the money entrusted to him has been misapplied. I do not know whether it is embezzlement or some other name, but it appears to me a point of what I may call natural law that he can be compelled to give of the way he spent the money & if it has not been spent in the way for which he received it, a crime has been committed. I consider that to accept any proposition whatever for payment, now we know that the money has been stolen, would be to make oneself an accomplice. If you concur, please take the necessary steps. My feelings in the matter is dictated by the fact that I feel it a public duty as an author to put a stop to this particular kind of swindle which is constantly being worked on unknown authors, & secondly because I induced two friends of mine to invest their own money in the scheme.

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Dear Page

Music by A.C. for the Ripped Raptures Girls, or his Play Tango
Sorry not to see you. Miss Widdell asked me to tell you that Ellis refuses to pay for the orchestration. Also Miss Cremers is still awaiting the particulars of the Clergymen & Booksellers which you promised to supply her with. I am probably going over again tonight or tomorrow for the rest of the week.

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Dear Col Brown

Thanks for your letter which I find waiting for me on my return after a month's holiday. I enclose a copy of the Keat's poem. I can understand that your volumes are not intended for scholars, but this country is England, & you must pretend that they are, or somebody will come along & blackmail you. You won't find

booksellers take the risk unless you go along with a pious expression & call yourself an archeologist or something ridiculous.

With regard to ^{the} altering of other people's work, it is not at all a question of my opinion. In the opinion of any literary man of any sort, to alter any man's work is unenimously deemed to be the greatest crime that is possible, even if you are the brightest star in the literary firmament & the man you alter is a worm. By altering a man's work, you not only show presumption in supposing that you know what to say better than he did, but you ~~fake~~ away his character, & when your ~~encher~~ author happens to be dead it is particularly wrong. I am bound also to point out that some of your proposed alterations deliberately destroy the point. If you write 'lie' instead of 'kneel' you completely destroy the picture - epigram (perhaps of a character familiar to you from your reading of Martial. Say nothing, as it is pointing in the last line say nothing, on the 'contrary continue'. This poem should go in the book with the orange cover although it shows but one digit of the number.

I am afraid I do not ^(? know) own Victorie Cross. I should very much like to read your friend's version of her visit to the Rajah. Directly I go to Paris I will get Martial's epigrams typed & have a copy sent to you.

I am extremely busy & have not had time to go through the whole of your Vol I as I should like, but it seems to me a very admirable & useful collection. I had not expected to find it so good. Please accept my heartiest congratulations. I am returning the magazine by registered post.

It is rather curious your being baffled by Collected Works. A complaint made over here is that usually ^(? quotable) pieces entirely suitable are too frequent, though of course I never write anything of the sort without it is a serious moral lesson. Please forgive me for disagreeing with you so strongly on the question of altering the text, but I feel very strongly in the matter, & there is surely no need. You have your own ideas & should be able to enshrine them in poetry of your own.

Hoping to hear from you again very shortly I am yours most sincerely

P.S. If I come across anything that I think suitable for you & that you are unlikely to have, I will send it along. Pray expect the Marshall (sic T) within a reasonable time I should think not more than at the outside two months from now

A Brendon. Toronto.

Cere Frater

The Chancellor of the A..A.. wished me to say that you are quite right in supposing that not having opened the robe (? T) may have proved a serious obstacle to your progress. It may not be much assistance to you to get it, but not getting it is undoubtedly a hindrance. The Chancellor is very sorry to hear that your help continues weak. You will be sent the second part of Book 4 in a few days. With that & the first part you should have thoroughly understood the elementary key to the principles of both parts of the work. No information is held back by the A..A.. You have everything necessary in their instructions. But you cannot properly interpret these instructions unless you practice them, just as even the simplest manual on such subjects as cricket can only be partially understood unless you played a game. You will check your understanding of these instructions by your own experience & the farther you advance in your own work, the more you will understand.

For the Chancellor of the A..A..

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Memphis Mizraim + O.T.O

Grantwood

The Most Worthy Supreme Megus of the Societas Rosicruciana in America.
Most Illustrious Knight & Very Dear Brother.

You will forgive the delay which has arisen in replying to your letters, as I have been away in the country. Please accept my thanks for the honour you have done me, & the diploma ~~the diploma~~ duly received. The death of the Most Illustrious Brother John Yarker 33°, 90°, 97°, leaves me the sole Custodian of the authority to work the Memphis & Misraim Rites in Great Britain & Ireland; but as I think I told you in a previous letter, I am proposing to concentrate the whole teaching of all these Rites in the 10 Degrees of O.T.O. & M.M.M.. I am not certain whether you have seen the Preliminary Pamphlet which we have issued & which I now beg to enclose a copy for your kind acceptance.

I am most illustrious Knight & very dear Brother

Yours fraternally.

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Memphis Mizraim + O.T.O

Reelfs. Cere Frater

Illness has prevented me from answering your letter of the 8th April till now. I have not heard from Professor Schwab but I have no doubt that he will agree with

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O.T.O. & Memphis Mizraim

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me/ in time. I am glad to hear that you have four other people to work with you. In order to comply with the regulations two of these - & I suggest one lady & one gentleman - should I think be initiated by us or affiliated to us if they are already Masons. The three of you should make joint application for a Charter or warrant authorising you to work. If they are not already Masons, it would be a pity for them to have to come to England for it, & in that case you would have to initiate them by your own authority, which you can do as soon as you are a Member of the 33rd or VIIth & I could if necessary make you an Hon Member of that grade which in any case it is desirable that you should possess. The matter which troubles me is that I do not wish to exact heavy fees & I can give you the Honorary degree as a compliment, though it is somewhat straining the Regulations. From your first two members we should have to charge the full fees either of initiation or affiliation, of which we send you a note. As soon as you have a charter you can initiate or affiliate others making your own scale of charges, but they would have to sign our pledge forms & you would be responsible to send us a capitation fee of 25 francs for each person admitted up to the 3rd. My experience suggests that you would find it best to work up to the 3rd degree only. The expenses of establishing a Lodge are extremely small. You could do it very well indeed for 2 or 300 francs. In fact the furniture of our Lodge was constructed with a view to making it easy to start night Lodges. You only require 3 chairs, 3 candles, 1 skull & crossbones painted with luminous paint, square, compasses, volume of the Sacred Law, which you get from us at the cost of 1 Guinea. I will however send you an authorised French translation of this book which I suggest you should have printed & sold to your members & any others who may apply. You should be able to derive some profit from this source - altar, carpet with emblems of mortality, sword for tyler, 3 gavels or mallets, hoodwink, cable tow, I & II degree aprons for candidates.

I think I have now explained all that is necessary for the moment & if you see your way to go on, please signify the same, when I will send you two pledge forms and a Hon. Diplome of our VIIth. On the two forms being returned signed with the petition for a Charter, I will issue one. The cost of a Charter is £25 but you can arrange to pay for in course of time out of the fees as you receive them. We find that the simplicity & completeness of the system, & the very small amount of work which its working requires from its officers makes it extremely easy to get new candidates. Moreover Co-Masonry is giving a great deal of dissatisfaction from various causes, & you will probably find a

great number of Co-mesons are most anxious to cooperate. The establishment of the IV^o should therefore be possible for you in the course of say 12 months, & I think you should spare no pains to have your furniture as imposing as you found it in London.

Yours fraternally (For P.S. see below 58.T)

57

My dearest Mother

I am extremely glad to hear that you are so much better. I am quite well & have ^[returned] into the strenuous life again quite completely. I cannot make up my mind whether to go to the ^aFlag Day or not. I am ~~in a torn~~ torn between conflicting emotions. The Editor of the Equinox went up on Sunday, also the Sub-Editor. They had never previously met. It was a touching scene of credulity. I am so busy that I am thinking about all the other letters I have to write instead of to you. Please pardon me this.

Your loving son

P.S. I am sending back the library book.

P.S. to 56 above to Reelfs.

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While my letter of yesterday was being typed yours came to hand. If you are going to ~~Bela~~ Besle you ought to be able to settle it in a friendly man-of-the-world sort of fashion. It is purely a question of the practical convenience of the work, & should lead to no friction. No need to beg my pardon for giving me trouble. I want you to understand that the more you write & work, the better I am pleased.

Dr Graham . Fordfield . Cambridge.

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A good letter on marriage

Thanks for your note of the 4th inst. I should have supposed that any mind could see that the finest possible thing is the indissoluble union of the whole of two personalities. Such union would be samadhi and in accordance with the One Great Law through whose operation we get back to God. I should also have thought even the conventional mind could see that this union was not secured by marriage, & owing to this failure, marriage has today become certainly to the young a symbol for the association of all that is vile & degreding with all that should be most pure.

It is also a question of what you mean by marriage. In the tenure of this planet there must have been thousands of different forms, some of which both in theory & practice must have been far looser bonds than what most people call "free love", & there is clearly no question of right or wrong involved in the choice of various details of the marriage contract. You must remember that some very responsible civilisations would have

been scandalised if a man married without giving his bride's father a cow. All these social arrangements are beside the question. In any case marriage today is a discredited question. Other than for rare accidents it has become so for the great majority of those people who need it most. It has consequently already been replaced by haphazard unions between economically independent people. That such unions are not open and respectable prevents them ^{from} ~~from~~ developing into unions which would be marriage in all but the name. Respectability as always defeats itself.

You will never get anything out of me by paying me compliments as you ought to know, & probably do. The only unpublished poem at my disposal is called "Chicago May". In it I endeavour to express the thoughts of the prince de Clairemont with regard to Lady Abdy. It is a very long poem & very beautiful but I do not think it will suit your purpose. All my work on Cambridge is to be found in the Songs of the Spirit, & in ~~my~~ "Mysteries Lyric & Dramatic. I may mention "In Neville's Court, "Wheat & Wine" "By the Cam", "Astrology", "The Dreaming Death" "Beside the River" "On Garrett Hostel Bridge"; all are more or less inspired by Cambridge. There is also a book of rubbish of mine called "In Residence", Elijah Johnson, 1/- I dare say you have seen it. Absolute filth. I think that one or two of the things catch the real spirit of Cambridge in certain of its aspects. Of all that light vein of Cambridge verse which ^{generation} ~~generation~~ after turns out ~~which~~ with such regularity that you cannot possibly distinguish any given ~~given~~ author, it is the undergraduate point of view. It is the spirit of undergraduate life expressing itself through ~~every~~ ^a any of its ~~avatars~~ ^{avatars} who happen to have a little ordinary education, which of course is a very rare thing among undergraduates. The light of intelligence gradually dwindles & finally flickers out in the gloom of Fellowships & Benefices. I never mind experience on occasions. "Mad Mary" is an attempt to express the feelings of a devout Catholic girl. The natural way of dramatising ^{ing} ~~ing~~ to me appears to be Browning's. I find it unfortunately more difficult to express character through dialogue & action.

I rather thought you were psychic & cannot quite tell you why, but did you ever hear what happened to the fish that wouldn't swim. It is sweet of you to send me Newbury's address, but in case you should be writing to him, I must tell you that Mrs Royce lives at 125 Victoria, not 135 as you say. Mrs Royce is his ^a ~~a~~ aunt. I know her. I have known her long. I have never known her intimately. I don't think I have ever liked her very much. It has never occurred to me to make love to her. She has never attracted me intellectually. Morally I approve of her, but without enthusiasm, & yet, despite all

this, I am perfectly sure of her address. I am asking the stenographer to check this certainty of mine by an appeal to the telephone book & to send you a signed certificate stating the result of her researches

Yours very sincerely

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A. O. Spare.

Dear Spare

I have been having influenza for a month or so. Somehow or other your letter got mislaid & I have not got your address. I wish you could come down here one day & I will explain what happened to you about those pictures. It is not all my fault. I could not write before because I did not get the facts until within the last day or so. I am not sure that the situation is hopeless. It will depend to some extent on what you think about it.

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Bettiscombe Gunn

Dear Gunn

I should have written before but for the uncertain issue of the contemptible intrigues of my swindling friends. Her name was Miller & is Mrs Conn. Her address is 14 Sussex Place, Regent's Park & she has a flat in the Champs Elysees or a house. I am not sure which. She is undoubtedly responsible to Le Prade, Echeverria, King, Barne,

O'Connor, & of these persons should bring action against her in France, she will have to pay up. As I have two independent witnesses to the fact that she commissioned me to buy pictures for her & an acknowledgement in writing which implies that she did so, you might see these people & ask them if they would like to take any steps. They can be sure of the heartiest support from me & my friends. Banks (? T) walked into the Cafe Royal the other night & was rather offensive, though I was glad she thwarted (? T) Hener Skene. She thinks the ? clique (? T) the only artists pest, present & future. I am aware that I am using the word 'thinks' most uncordially.

(I think she married him 9/14)
[initials]

Mary d'Este Sturges descended upon us on Sunday. She kicked the terrible Turk out of doors & has started a scent shop 4 Rue de la Paix. I have been rather ill with influenza & things, but am all right now. There is a kind of vague possibility of my getting over to Paris in the course of the next 10 or 12 days. Banks, by the way, brought strange tales of you. Let me have a line from you. I suppose we have to thank you for the notice of Book 4 in the "Mail". You will get a copy of part II next week

Yours ever

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Charles Watts . Literary Guide. 17 Johnson's Court, Fleet Str.

My dear Watts

I am enclosing you a literary article which I think might conceivably suit the "Guide". We printed the poem of the After (? T) Creed in No IX of the Equinox. Have we sent you a copy for review ? Will you notice at least that poem, even though the rest of the Number should not appeal to you . Hoping you are well, I am Yrs ever.

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Dear Austin (Harrison .T)

They tell me in the office that a book of lines (?) a book of mine ? the Book of Lies T was most assuredly sent to you. However I dare say it has been mislaid. I am therefore sending a copy to you personally. Perhaps you will even so far honour me as to review it yourself. You know I don't mind how much fun you make of it. It will ^{however} ultimately be discovered to be as important as Zarathustra.

Yrs ever

63

H Thomas. De Bourbon Plein 31. The Hag-ue

Your P.C. of the 3-5 received. You will find the second part of Kabbalah Unveiled by McGregor Mathers in Equinox 5 with the omission of redundancies. However if you wish us to procure this book for you, we can do so. For books on the Science of Number, you will find reference to this also in Equinox 5. Books on Alchemy. There are a series of books by Wynn Westcott which we can also procure for you. Allen Leo's Esoteric Astrology is considered good. We will send you the book of magic in a few days. Let us know if we are to get any of the above for you

Book 4 sent 2

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To C(owie) 15 May.

Dear Mr C

Duplicate in A.C. vs Cosmic Patterns

Cheque for £50 received. Thank you very much. It has enabled me to settle finally with one creditor. In re your robe : I cannot find out anything about it except that Miss W(eddell) opened the parcel. I have written her in reference to the matter. I am sending your eye glasses by the same post. I had wondered to whom they belonged to. I hope you are well and send you my kindest regards. Yours fraternally.

22 May. Tegner Price & Co

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Dear Sirs

Have you such a thing as a Russian Guide Book in either English or French. If you have not a Russian Guide Book, could you give us any information where we could procure some information in regard to hotels pensions in Moscow & St Petersburg. I shall be extremely obliged if you can give me any information in regard to these matters. Yours very truly.

(Note. Later in the year Crowley took the 7 Regged Regtime Girls to Russia .T)

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The Proprietors. ~~74~~/ Slavinsky Bazar. Moscow.

Dear Sir

Will you let me know the cheapest price that you could accomodate 8 women who will arrive in your city about July 12 to appear at one of the theatres there. Please quote your very lowest prices for rooms & meals per day. . I enclose photograph.

Yrs truly

(Similar letter to Berlin Hotel, Moscow.)

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24 May. Comtess de Morelle . Charing Cross Hotel.

Chère Comtess.

Votre aimable letter ne m'a pas venue jusque aujourd'hui, comme j'étais en voyage. Veuillez ainsi de faire ^{de savoir} ~~te voir~~ si vous êtes toujours à Londres. Enfin que je puisse servir de l'opportunité que vous avez la gentillesse de m'offrir.

Hommage et devouements.

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^h Richard Clay & Sons.

Dear Sirs.

Re drawings. Please get all of them reproduced up to I think it is p 317; any way where the first book ends. With regard to their size. I think the title page should be big enough to show some ? on the Equinox page. With regard to the others it does not matter very much. One should use one's discretion. Where the detail is very great they might be with advantage be enlarged. I am hoping to get the complete set of proofs of this book within a very few days

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Taylor.

My dear Taylor

I have been ^aaway, or would have answered your letter of 6 May long ago. With regard to the question of prosecuting Isenthal: it is quite true that we took civil proceedings, but on the supposition that the money was in the Bank. His refusal to pay is the first indication that we have had that the money has been stolen. We were not in a position to take criminal proceedings before, because we had no reason to suppose that it had been stolen. I am perfectly prepared to tell the Magistrate that I waive all claim to the money & that he can have it for the poor box if it is recovered from the criminal. So that it would not be possible to construe our action as an attempt to enforce payment of the debt.

Yours very truly

70

Dear Sister Le Mesurier (? T)

I have just received your charming letter on my arrival in London. I shall hope to hear from you again in a few days. I am quite well but am rather tired after from my long journey yesterday. I was not bored by my visit. It was by no means dull but very pleasant indeed. I hope your stay with us will be equally pleasant.

Yrs festernelly.

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Bois & Bois 16 Royal Street. Jersey.

Gentlemen.

Mr Crowley must decline to enter into any negotiations with you without satisfactory evidence that you are authorised to any free and unconstrained instructions of the gentleman to whom you refer. Yrs faithfully.

72

Dear Kathleen Pritchard.

Thanks for your letter & the booklet which I will read when I have sometime. Do come to the (Gnostic T) ^aMass tomorrow, Sunday night, at 9 o'clock, & bring Miss Roby^{son}.
Mass of the Shorn?
 Yrs ever.

73

Thomes Jenkinson Heddle. Ague Pooce. Sam Thome.

Your letter of 5 April to hand, We can enrol you as a Member for 4 guinees & 3 guinees subscription, on receipt of which we will send you the preliminary documents

to sign, & on their return signed we will communicate to you instructions corresponding to the first four Degrees.

Yrs filly.

J. D. Reelfs A. A. 1910

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I. S. Reelfs. Florence.

.... I got back to London only last night. I am sending you a few dozen copies of Book-4 Part II of Book 4 for distribution & enclose herewith a letter of introduction to Dr Frosoni.

Yrs filly & fraternally.

Dr Frosoni.

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O.T.O. or Memphis Mizraim ? Think the latter

Most Worshipful & Most illustrious We pray you to receive fraternally Mr T. S. Reelfs Puissant (Prince ? T) of Rose Croix (V°). He will inform you of the proposals which I wrote to him previous to my hearing that you had appointed Professor Schaub in Switzerland. I trust you will agree with me that for the purposes of practical work it will be more convenient to have two provinces in Switzerland on account of the difficulty of language.

B T N K T T E O

76

27 May. Cowie.

Care Frater,

Duplicate in A-C to Cowie series

I have just got back and have read Transcendental Universe. It is rather interesting, but I think of no great value. This alledged contest between intellect & spirit makes me tired. It shows a totally wrong conception of the nature of the cosmos. It is just as bad as the alledged antagonism between mind & body. With regard to the other matter, if things go on as they are going now, everything should be satisfactory by the end of the year. I don't know whether this will seem to you too late. There is, however, another proposal, & in fact an agreement is being signed of the most satisfactory nature, but has not yet been carried out, & a great deal of opposition has arisen, & it may conceivably break down altogether. I will be able to let you know definitely, I hope, in a few days. Fearfully hot, fearfully busy, so no more.

Gerald Minchin

Dear Sir & Brother.

I understand that you are not in good standing & it is improper to resign until that matter is settled. Further, you of course mean that you resign from active participation. You cannot resign from the thing itself, having taken the obligations, you are bound by them. Neither I nor anyone else has power to release you.

I am sorry that you did not see fit to disclose perfectly the nature of the intrigues which have been going on when appealed to. Information from the third person is never so satisfactory. However, all's well that ends well. Those who take obligations without the slightest intention of keeping them are not usually a source of strength. I am rather surprised, however, in view of the very high-minded attitude which you took in the case of Sister H, & ^aas you could not make any allowances for her, you must not expect others to make much for you. Allowance, however, is being made on the ground of your general weaknesses & your temporary obsession.

Yrs filly & fraternally.

28 May

78

A(ustin) Harrison.

Dear Sir

Here are two revisions which I trust you will find suitable. I have had to rewrite the American article practically throughout. I am going down to Eastbourne & will give it a final revision. I hope to let you have it by Monday morning next. Please remember me to Mrs Strinberg.

Yrs affectionately

Crawley at his best

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excellent

Dear Mrs Graham

The ^aPlace of the World does explain what it's about. It is a well known title of Melkeh, Bride & Father, it corresponds to the nature of the poem for Equinox II I think you said. You will find on page 19 the Lesser ritual of the pentagram. This poem describes exactly what happens when you do the ritual. Possibly a note to that effect might suit your purpose. If I were to invent a name to describe the poem, that name would be a most formidable cabalistic compilation. The sort of word that makes Ayrehedabra look like 30 cents. I don't like Memnon because it is too Egyptian & the poem is not at all Egyptian in feeling.

I am afraid I cannot approve of removing the word "Some" from the "Goad" because it is

is intended to emphasise the vagueness of the goaded one.

Now then to business. Your remark is very good. What I object to in your literary style is that ^aeach sentence causes me to foam in about 1000 words. Of course, your record is not religious but it is scientific. Science will become religion in the end. Science is not religion because it is Nescien (that is a very good paragraph, please tell everybody). But of course I cannot agree that religion ought to deal with objective truth. To begin with I regard the distinction between subjective & objective as a limitation of knowledge. I give an illusion (? illustration T). Surely Berkeley was right with regard to the subjectivity of knowledge all estimates of knowledge. I am not arguing that his system will serve for a limited interpretation of the Universe. I say that it is unthinkable to me that I should be told to think anything but a thought, whence by the word God I can only mean my idea of God. It is quite true that this idea may be totally false & have no connection whatever with objective truth, supposing that there be such a thing. But I cannot help that. All I can do to increase in knowledge of God is to clarify, define, no, deepen. A religious reformer who attacks the theory that Vishnu has 99 arms complains of this small shopkeeper idea of him, insists that his arms, if carefully counted, come to 999. He has not really altered the facts about God. All that religious dispute comes to is that A's idea is different from B's. Revelation does not help ^{us} because that materially consists in ~~correcting~~ correcting the ideas of A & B by those of C. Hence in practice in order to get a better idea of God, & it is totally unimportant whether that is truer as well as nobler, objectively, the true God must be the Demon of the Evangelicals. Believe I should say that these words were really meaningless. If you tell me an individual created the world, & placed men upon it with the seeds of evil in them, I cannot call that individual God, so long as I include the idea of Good in my connotation of God. Of course I only state this dilemma in its crudest form. For to continue the sentence in spite of the hot weather, if you wish to make your idea of God nobler, the way to ^{do} it is to make your mind nobler, & in particular to cultivate that noblest part of it which you owe God.

Now, you & I, ^{as} more or less educated people, have an idea of God based upon mathematical & philosophical conceptions. We are quite beyond the Australian bushmen & Rudyard Kipling, & I think we are false to ourselves if we hamper our idea of God by involving him in a geocentric theory. To anyone capable of pure thought it is simply disgusting to hear people scabble on the authenticity of manuscripts. It does not matter to me in the least whether the Gospel story is true in the police court sense of truth. If

if that story does not square with my ^h highest ideas, so much the worse for the story. Let God be ~~God~~ be true & ~~evangelical~~ every man a liar is intensely immoral. So long as by ^h the truth of God is meant the truth of statements (? T) which are of ^{unknown} origin, which have certainly been ^{in tampered} tampered with both by ignorance & malice - statements which are in themselves revolting alike to good sense & good manners. ^{There} They are Gnostic & Rosicrucian interpretations of many Christian dogmas such as the Trinity in particular, which appear to me extraordinarily helpful, but not because they approximate to objective Truth, but because the method of their presentation helps my mind to enlarge itself. Here then, & this is what I have been coming to on these pages, is only advance toward God as the evolution of the mind. Hence we must investigate the mind & discover its laws. We must then work in accordance with these laws to make the best of our minds.

← For example, the evolution of ^h man is an obvious weakness & convinces us that it is possible to improve the control. Ultimately, as it happens, the mind is itself transcended, & our consciousness loses itself in a new region where such limitations of the mind as time & space do not obtain.

Your next question is ? What is the Great Work ? This is a very large question. The Alchemist said, Solve et coagula. Part I, make man God. Part II, make man God Man. Part I, Dissolve the Ego in God. Part II, Dissolve the Non-Ego in God. I am not sure that this is very clear. It is rather difficult to formulate the operations of Eternity in a few words. Fortunately, however, there is help at hand. In the official papers of the A. A. A. the path of a probationer is to prosecute the Great Work, which is to obtain a scientific knowledge of the nature & powers of my own being. When he becomes a Neophyte, he swears to prosecute the Great Work, which is to obtain control of the nature & powers of my own being. He becomes a Zelator, & ^{swears} swears to prosecute the Great Work which is to obtain control of the foundations of my own being.. He becomes a Practicus & swears to prosecute the Great Work, which is to obtain control of the vacillations of my own being. He becomes a Philosophus & ^{swears} swears to prosecute the Great Work which is to obtain control of the attractions & repulsions of my own being. He becomes a Dominus Liminis & swears to prosecute the Great Work which is to obtain control of the aspirations of my own being. He becomes an Adeptus Minor & swears to prosecute the Great Work which is to attain to the Knowledge & Conversation of the Holy Guardian Angel. Such, in detail, are the elementary steps. Higher conceptions may be found in higher grades.

May 23

With regard to your record, better not be quite rigid. The position's all right. The

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pictures are merely memory & imagination. The pain in head & heart should be the result of physical causes. You should not practice when unwell, unless you should come to the conclusion that these pains are sent in order to stop you, in which case you must take a high hand with them, But I should not do this unless every meditation is stopped by ^{them} over a long period.

The feelings mentioned on May 24 are very good as symptoms, but of course must be conquered.

May 25. This is very good, the loosening of the consciousness entirely accompanied by astonishment. You ought to make it impossible for anyone to disturb you. For an invalid nothing should be easier.

May 26. Still good. The sensation in the palms & legs as if you might be getting stigmata.

There is nothing else to criticise in detail. On the whole record it is evident that you have a natural tendency to get into trances without very much trouble. I would like to bet that you would get Samadhi or its equivalent in the course of perhaps 3 months work, may be less. Your great danger will therefore be to accept the results of that Samadhi as truth. You cannot deny the thing itself, but because it is very much more real to you than (anything) in previous ^{states} ^{states} ^{states} of consciousness, you could & should deny the validity of the intellectual ideas connected with it.

If a savage is struck by lightning, but not killed, the experience is real enough, but it will be merely his intellectual ignorance which makes him ascribe his experience to the wrath of an offended deity. You will presumably attain ^{the} a Vision of Christ, or rather of what you call Christ, & this will be an experience of unutterable bliss & glory. But having done this, you must read Arnold's Song Celestial Chap 11, & your intellect must tell you that the vision of the Hindu, which he calls Vishnu is identical with us (? this T)

You will find, by the way, in the Equinox, ^{IV} Temple of Solomon the King very detailed records of meditations, as also in Equinox VIII, which should help you to recognise various symptoms which may occur. I am bound to recognise that your natural capacity for this ~~for~~ ^{the} particular type of work is a thousand times greater than mine is now or ever will be. This has not been altogether a disadvantage to me as the difficulties greatly assisted my material character & I am ^{really} quite afraid that your success will be so speedy that you will get a totally false idea of everything. You may assume that it is just as easy for everyone else, & the first Great Vision may

seem to you to touch the limit of possibility, & prevent you going on. It is of vital importance to refuse to regard any experience whatever as good. What now appears to you as the Supreme Vision ought to be in a year's time a bar, an interruption, not merely as bad, but because it is a million times stronger, a million times worse than your present pictures of cathedrals.

I suppose the course of thoughts we think & the deceitfulness of riches of May week will be interfering with you shortly. Don't press matters. Your temptation is not to do too little meditation, but to do too much. However, what you do, let me know in say 3 weeks time from now. I shouldn't be at all surprised if you wrote sooner through having come to something.

Yrs fraternally.

C Stensfeld Jones.

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Cere Preter

? of the Abyss

The Chancellor is in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst & quite approves your decision. You are at liberty to take the oath at any time. Permission once given is never withdrawn.

Yrs fraternally.

Arthur Richmond.

Franker Qui Regit - 81 -
Qui Regit Animam (5 Oct 1910)

Cere preter

In reply to your letter of the 28 ult the Chancellor of A..A.. desires me to say that you ^aare mistaken in supposing that your Neophyte severed his connection with the A..A.. He is however undergoing the ordeal of a Neophyte & his remarks to you are according to the state of mind in one in that condition. It is quite evident for you not to take the oath superficially. You must remember that that oath only pledges you to prosecute the Great Work. Every subsequent ^aact of yours must be interpreted as part of the fulfilment of that Oath. ^{Minimum?} Medium success is no part of the programme. The A..A.. do not confine their outlook even to ^aa single life. It is of no importance that you should be following our Instructions. All you are expected to do is to keep a record which will aid you in the future to interpret your experiences & enable us to give you detailed help should you apply for it. It would be certainly very desirable for you to call at headquarters for a short conversation would make matters very clear.

Yrs fraternally.

^a ^{Fraser} ^{servato} ^{Fidem} 7 Aug 1910
Windrem.

Cere Preter

Thanks for Bank Transfer duly received & handed to the proper quarter. You seem to have a good deal of tendency to cause your work to reflect upon the estere-
material plane. It looks as if you were ^a wasting force somehow. ~~I think rising on the~~
~~I think rising on the plane is the-~~ probably the first ^a game to play. You must get your
vision perfect. Harpocrates is a dear little god with a beautiful god form. I am
sending you per same mail v^o ritual; the others to follow. Also the secrets & grades
up to the XXXII^o. By the way, Yerker's death leaves me with the sole authority of
Scottish Memphis & Misraim in this country.

Yrs fraternally.

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Miss Crawley.

Dear Cousin Agnes

The Regged Ragtime Girls are not a musical composition. They are 7 girls who
dance & play the fiddle. So the only possibility of it attaining in Devonshire Park would
be a Sunday engagement. June 29 is the only possible date. It is very kind of you to
take an interest in it. If you should happen to be in London between June 30 & July
5 I should be very pleased to take you to see the show. But perhaps you could
personally ~~manage~~ ^a ^a give them ^a ^a an engagement for that date.

I had no idea that my Uncle had seen you. I haven't the slightest idea what he could
have had to say. It is extremely stupid of you to ? ? , but the whole
business ^a ^a appears to have been muddled from the ^a start to finish.

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Graham. Forfield. Cambridge.

My dear Sir.

I never try to lead ^a ^a anyone away from ^a anywhere. All I want you to do is to
gain your own personal experience. I do not want you to rely on mine. I am only a
housemaid & the rule is "no followers ^a allowed". The only thing about which I am
anxious to warn you is any ^a ^a attempt to tie down personal experience to some very
conservative ^a intellectual notion. If you make up your mind to do that, you will start
a war in your own cosmos which may cause endless bitterness. Your record seems to me
still very good. There is no reason for humility any more than there is was for pride.
All these are unbalanced forces pertaining to the ego, which is your great enemy, ^a as it
it is mine. I will thus hope to hear from you again in 3 weeks. Yrs fraternally

Draft of a puff for The Ragged Regtime Girls.

A very interesting item in the programme of the for next week is the Ragged Regtime Girls, seven beautiful & graceful maidens who dance & play the violin simultaneously. The strange exotic beauty of the leader, Miss Leila Weddell Bathurst as she weaves her dances in the labyrinth of her attendant (9-7) nymphs thrills every heart with a sense alike of the rococo & the bizarre. Miss Hobbs thinks the show bizarre - a terrible word to use, so find another if you agree.

Mr the enterprising manager of the has scored in their in their tremendous successes. The Ragged Regtime Girls is one of the best turns we have ever seen in . The weirdly fascinating appearance of the leader, Miss Leila Bathurst first stupified the house & then roused it to frenzy. Exotic & bizarre as her beauty is, it is yet of that royal kind which goes straight to every heart. Her paces suggest the tiger & the snake & her violin contains in itself all the music alike of nature & of art. The house could not wait for the fall of the curtain to rise to its feet in surging enthusiasm, & the last bars were drowned in the roars of applause that greeted the march past through the stalls. Women shrieked & strong men wept, babes at the press fainted with emotion. The very unborn emulated the execution of John the Baptist recorded in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St Mark.

[Leila Weddell. Referring to it times as Mother of Heaven. Show up as a of her in the Book 86 of L127]

Leila Bathurst. Hippodrome. Stockton-on-Tees. A.A. 1 Apr 1910

Dear Mother,

Thanks for your letter of the 30th. + enclose paragraphs (see 85 above. T) which you can work up if they are not enthusiastic enough. I hope you are getting on with your French at Stockton too. I am simply crazy with hard work, having to get everything ready for No 10 (of The Equinox. T), trying kind of hoping to get to Paris on Thursday, but I promise nothing.

Yrs ever.

Memphis Mizraim

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3 June. Don Isidore Villerino del Viller. Madrid.

Puissent Sovereign Grand Commander of the Rite of Memphis.

Most Illustrious & very dear Brother

The death of the most illustrious puissant & most illustrious Brother John Yerker, 97° Grand Hierophant of the Rite, has left me sole heir to his authority in the country of which he was Sovereign Grand Master General ad vitam. It therefore becomes my

duty to summon an electoral college for the purpose of electing a new Grand Hierophant 97°, & I have further much pleasure in proposing the election of Don Isadora^{95°} to that post, not only because he is the eldest in years of us all, but because of the distinguished services which he has rendered to the Rite. My proposal is seconded by the most illustrious & most Puissant Brother Theodore Reuss, 96°, the Sovereign Grand Master General of the German Empire. Should you have any alternative proposition to make I shall be pleased to receive them & to lay them before our most illustrious & Puissant Brethren in due course.

Salutations B T N K

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Minchin

Dear Brother.

I have now access to my files & find that I did use the word obsession. I did not however wish to imply it in any occult or mysterious sense. I was merely referring to the obvious fact that your letters, although written in your own hand-writing had been dictated by another person. I am ^{very} sorry that this is an illegitimate use of the word, for as you know, I am a great stickler for accuracy in English.

Yrs fraternally

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My dear Sister,

I quite appreciate the points in your letter of June 1 & quite agree with the Vision of ^{Diana} ~~Dyane~~ (- ? Diene). (The short-hand expert rendered it 'mouse of Dyane T.') & I also thoroughly understand how a vision of this sort blinds the judgement & causes inaccurate description. But that is just why I say that this is only just above the physical. I think you have told me that you had The Psychology of Hashish in No II of the Equinox. You will see visions classified in that essay & yours came under Videne. For it is certainly based on emotion which is lower than perception. I do not mean lower in any ultimate sense, for the perfect adept has all his sense equally developed, well balanced & completely harmonised. I should say 'earlier' rather than 'lower'. In the course of evolution emotion is developed before perception. It is because you have the emotional side so well developed that I am anxious for you to cultivate an icily critical attitude. If I were writing to a scientific man, I should probably be telling him not to neglect devotionism. Of course it is all right so long as you distinguish the essential from the accidental. But in your case it does seem as if your mind, like the minds of master artists,

took on shapes too readily.

With regard to the seal of the confessional, I have always set myself against secrecy. You should never mind anyone knowing every detail of your life. Almost the whole trouble today arises from this cause. 99 people in England out of every 100 live the lives & think the thoughts of ^aatheists. These are the people who call me religious. & the cause of this is that they are secretly ashamed of their own thoughts, because of what they falsely suppose is public opinion, & this to such a point that 98 out of the 99 do not even know that they are atheists. It is curious that my father, (who was a) Plymouth Brother, found exactly the same trouble. He was a Christian but a great stickler for the ^areality of things, & the great obstacle that he found was that everyone was quite ready to agree with him & yet it meant absolutely nothing.

Yrs fraternally

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De Jong. ^{aa}Java.

The T-S & Krishnamurti

Dear Sir,

You are quite right in saying that there is only one such order. In the nature of things there could not be two. Nor have I any doubt that the Theosophical Society was founded by members of this Order. But it is impossible that these ^aMasters should have so far departed from every rule as to advertise in person ^(? Krishnamurti. T) Leadbeater ^(? T) as the coming Christ. In ^{the} exceptional circumstances such a claim is worse than ridiculous. I will ask you to remember that H P B gave no ^aauthority to Annie Besant to carry on her work, & Annie Besant may be regarded as a usurper. The present movement of the Star in the East is certainly calculated to bring the whole Society into contempt. This is so obvious that to some minds deliberate treachery appears the only explanation. Some of the immediate followers & friends of H P B are at present working with him (? me ? T) at the Headquarters of the O.T.O. (? refers to ^aHartmann T) & this is their considered opinion.

However this has really nothing to do with your question. Though the White Brotherhood is one, its members may & do see fit to work in very different ^amanners. It would be absurd to limit their activities to purely religious movements. Why should they not inspire discoveries in science & achievements in all forms of art ? For all these tend to the uplifting of humanity.

Yrs faithfully

The Editor. The Eastbourne Gazette.

Last week I revisited Beechy Head in whose cliffs I spent so many weeks nearly 20 years ago. At that time I was strongly opposed to any interference with people who chose to wander about the face. The situation has, however, completely altered. & that portion of the large grassy slope which I have marked in the accompanying photograph has fallen, leaving a narrow & unsafe ledge which is itself liable to fall at any moment, overhanging the sheer cliff of the rottenest dust that is to be found anywhere. The path leading to this from the top of the cliff is well-worn, & has obviously been used by many people. It is therefore quite natural for anyone to stroll down this path & find himself in imminent danger. It has been converted into an oubliette much more critically (? T) than was ever done by any Baron of the Middle Ages.

Almost similar remarks apply to the Easy way, as it used to be called, further to the East. There is a well-worn path leading from just below the Coast Guard Station through a cleft called the Notch, which leads to grassy slopes here, which have flourished exceedingly in the last 20 years & become far more small; while at the bottom of these slopes the action of the weather has left an extremely steep & rotten cliff of some 20 feet in height, a cliff so steep that it took me the best part of an hour to cut 90 steps up it last Thursday. An inexperienced person might easily try to descend the face, & find himself at the top of this little cliff, & kill himself through trying to scramble down.

I think that a notice board should be erected stating the circumstance that what used to be safe has now become dangerous through a landslide, instead of the usual vague & foolish warning of which no sensible person ever takes notice. It will interest // climbers to know that the landslide referred to at the beginning of this has cut off the old easy access to Etheldreda's pinnacle. The only practical way of reaching it at present known is to descend Crowley's Climb on the East side of the Devil's Chimney & so to the foot. But the landslide itself has very much altered the character of the cliff immediately below Etheldreda's Pinnacle. I think that a properly equipped party could easily reach the foot of the pinnacle from the beach. I got within 60 or 70 feet of it the other day, but was unable to finish the climb owing to the illness of my companion. It will be remembered that previously it had been thought impossible to reach the Pinnacle from below.

I notice, however, that in one respect the cliff remains unchanged. The Universe in

general & the Alpine Club in particular have not attempted to repeat my ascent of the
Devil's Chimney

I remain, Dear Sir, Yrs flly.
