

The Theosophical Society in Australia

Campbell Library Newsletter July 2016



Since our last Newsletter much has been happening with the work of the Campbell Library.

Dr Patricia Plummer, from the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, conducted research in the Library on TS artist Louisa Haynes Le Freimann. She also gave a talk to a small group at the National Headquarters on the subject of her research.

Gil Murdoch, our Webmaster, has created a spreadsheet which includes all titles of Theosophical pamphlets housed in the Campbell Library. A PDF copy of an article by A. P. Sinnett published in *Broad Views*, May 1904, was sent, upon request, to the Head Librarian of the Henry S. Library at Wheaton, National Headquarters of the Theosophical Society in America.

Missing issues from *Esoterica* and *Insight* magazines, from the TS in England, were requested and kindly sent by the Assistant Editor. Jennifer Hissey, our Librarian, replied to a request from the TS Archives in London regarding information about the visit of Countess Constance Wachtmeister to the South Yarra Lodge in Melbourne, in July 1895.

A copy of the article 'The Theosophical Society in England' by Edward L. Gardner, originally published in *The Australian Theosophist* (August, 1927), was sent, upon request, to the Assistant Librarian of the Henry S. Olcott Library in Wheaton, Illinois, USA.

We received, through Dianne Kynaston, a copy of two brief memoirs from former students of The Garden School in Mosman, which was started by members of the TS in Australia. Also received were copies copy of interviews with Esme Farmer, a former TS member in New South Wales, and with El-liston Campbell, by Stephanie Claire. We received two enquiries one month from relatives of J. L. Davidge, former General Secretary of the Australian Section, and from Peter Schranko regarding his grandfather Thomas H. Martyn, former President of the Sydney Lodge of the TS in Australia.

Volunteer Gloria Yiangou has finished organizing the duplicate copies of a number of periodicals. Jennifer is also gradually reorganizing the cross referencing and re-labelling of the entire archival collection, whose cards needed to be updated from their Kent Street location to their new home. Following the binding of a number of periodicals a re-allocation of space was necessary.

Gloria helped to reorganize the periodical collections in the Library. Missing copies of the *Adyar Pamphlets* in our collection are being filled by downloading them from online sources. The Campbell Library is a *reference* library and not a lending library. Researchers and students are welcome to visit it by appointment with the Librarian.

Pedro Oliveira
Education Coordinator

‘At its simplest and most basic level, consciousness lets us recognize an irresistible urge to stay alive and develop a concern for the self. At its most complex and elaborate level, consciousness helps us develop a concern for other selves and improve the art of life.’

Antonio Damasio, *The Feeling of What Happens—Body and Emotion in the Making of Consciousness*

Titles added to the Campbell Library

The Adyar Library Bulletin, volume 78-79, Radha S. Burnier Commemoration Volume

Adyar Pamphlets, volumes 1 to 212

Authentic report of the talks given in 1945 and 1946, Oak Grove, Ojai by Krishnamurti

Authentic report of the talks in Saanen, Switzerland, 1974 by Krishnamurti

Authentic report of twenty-five talks given by Krishnamurti in Latin-America

Be a Lamp unto Yourself, K. Satchidananda Murty

The Beauty of the Mountain: memories of J. Krishnamurti by Friedrich Grohe

Dawn: a magazine devoted to the promotion of universal brotherhood, edited by John Prentice

Eastern Religions and Western Thought by S. Radhakrishnan

Explorations into Insight by J. Krishnamurti

Hymns to the Goddess and Hymn to Kali by John Woodroffe

The Impossible Question by J. Krishnamurti

J. Krishnamurti 1949-1950 Sri Lanka Talks by J. Krishnamurti



A view of a section of the Library's collection

J. Krishnamurti: 1957 Sri Lanka Talks by J. Krishnamurti

KFA History: report on the formation of the Krishnamurti Foundation of America and the law-suits which took place between 1968 and 1986 to recover assests for Krishnamurti's work by Erna Lilliefelt

Krishnamurti at Rajghat by J. Krishnamurti

The Krishnamurti Reader, First and Second, edited by Mary Lutyens

Krishnamurti's Journal by J. Krishnamurti

The Language of the Gods by Judith Tyberg

Life the Goal by J. Krishnamurti

Masters of Wisdom: The Mahatmas, Their Letters and the Path by Edward Abdill

Memorabilia: Reminiscences of a Woman Artist and Writer by Isabelle de Steiger and Arthur Edward Waite

The Mind of J. Krishnamurti by Luis Vas

Non-Guru Guru: My Years with J. Krishnamurti by S. Balasundaram

The Only Revolution by J. Krishnamurti

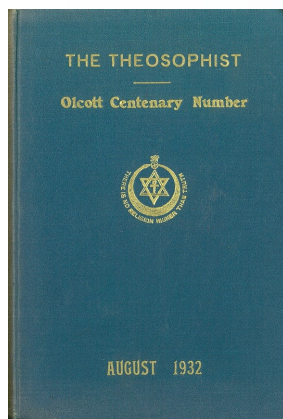
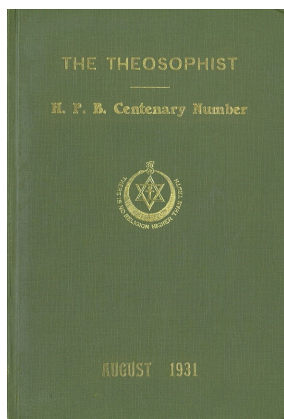
The Pilgrim Way, First Volume by Josephine Ransom

The Summit of Her Ambition: the spirited life of Marie Byles 1900-1979 by Anne McLeod

Talks by Krishnamurti in Europe, 1965, Paris and Saanen by J. Krishnamurti

The Way of Intelligence by J. Krishnamurti

World of the Buddha: an Introduction to Buddhist Literature by Lucien Stryk



Two prized assets of our collection are the special issues of the international journal, founded by H. P. Blavatsky, *The Theosophist*, pictured on the side: The H.P.B. Centenary Number, published in August 1931, and the Olcott Centenary Number, issued in August 1932. Both mark the birth centenary of the Principal Co-Founders of the Theosophical Society. They contain a variety of articles, photographs and facsimile reproductions of letters and communications, including the inscription on HPB's copy of *The Voice of the Silence*:

'H.P.B. to H. P. Blavatsky with *no* kind regards.' In the volume dedicated to Col. Olcott we find a facsimile reproduction of the minutes of the first meeting to organize the Theosophical Society, held at No. 46 Irving Place, New York, on Wednesday evening, September 8th, 1875.



Dr Patricia Plummer (pictured with Jennifer Hissey), who conducted research in the Campbell Library in the later part of last year, has published an article on Louisa Haynes Le Freimann in Australian issue of the open access Journal "Gender Forum", hosted by the Cologne University Department, 'The Hidden History of an Australian Painter: Louisa Haynes Le Freimann (1863-1956)'. Dr Plummer was in Sydney in 2015 as a visiting research fellow at Sydney University's Department of Studies in Religion, where she gave two talks: 'From Birmingham to Balmoral Beach' and 'Rebellious Spirits: Louisa Haynes Le Freimann and the Arts & Crafts Movement in Birmingham'.

Enquiries to:

Campbell Theosophical Research Library

The Theosophical Society in Australia

Level 2, 162 Goulburn Street

Surry Hills NSW 2010

Email: campbell@austheos.org.au Librarian: Jennifer Hissey

02 9264 7056 Visits to the Library are by appointment