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89 letters and miscellanea 13 June to 7 July and 1 to 13 September 1913  
transcribed from a short-hand notebook used by A.C's secretary and in the

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To Richard Clay and Sons (printers of The Equinox T)

13 June (1913)

In answer to your letter June 12 Mr Crowley is in retirement for three weeks and we have been ordered not to send him any proofs or letters. You will hear in regard to proofs and your letter of June 12 by about June 25.

Yours faithfully

To J Odker (?) T)

13 June (1913)

In answer to your recent letter Mr Crowley is away but in a note scribbled on your letter it says the following: "Ask him to send only the poems. I hope to put 'To the Woman' in No X Equinox."

To Louis Hamon.

16 June (1913)

Dear Brother Hamon

Your books are here. Shall I send them to you or will you call for them. The Books of the East cost £1.1.0 net 15/-. Mélines 2/- net 1/- as per Book 4. Shiva Samhita 4/- not 5/- as per Book 4. Postage on these books should be 6d so that you should send me a postal order for 6/- I can send them to you and in that way save you the trouble of calling here as the office is now closed from 2 o'clock. Your communication to Brother Crowley cannot be answered until the end of the month as he sent word to send no communication to him unless urgent.

Yours truly.

To Lugne Pee

27 June (1913)

Selon votre gracieuse invitation j'empresse de vous faire envoyer par ce marine . 2 num. de Equinox. Exemplaire de Mortadelie où vous trouverez plusieurs belles balines de caractères très variés. Je vous- ne dites pas à variés. Je vous a surprise ladite (?) jour que mes œuvres ne sont pas encore joué. Je n'ai jamais veulut, mon cher maître les faire jouer par le Stage (?) T. Il faut agir sérieusement ou pas de tout. Mais la plus grande et la véritable raison est qu'en Angleterre je tiens une position unique. Une position incomparable a ce qui ne connaît pas bien l'Angleterre. Vous emprendrez quand je vous dites que m'ai mon ami le directeur de The English Review, tué en acceptant un peu'me de moi m'a obligé de le signait en pseudonym. Tant il craignait faire apparaître mon nom devant son public. C'est la un espace de gloire dont on ne peut jouir au dehors d'Angleterre et à Paris.

dont on ne peut pas jouir au dehors de l'Angleterre: et à Paris je craindrai vous semblerez assez banal/e . Néanmoins je serai les bontes de vous rambrance considérant (? T), et espere avoir le très grand plaisir de vous revoir au commencement de Juillet. J'espere beaucoup de vous trouverez maintenant tout à fait retrouvé. Agreez, mon cher maître l'expression (?) de ma plus haute estimee (? T)

To Quilliam 27 June  
Very Ill. and very brother

Yours of the 26th instant to hand. I am sorry that you will be unable to attend at Manchester on Saturday, but I shall be pleased to meet you illustrieus son at the Midland Hotel at 1 o'clock on Saturday. I shall try and see Very Ill. Brother Higham privately before the meeting.

Saluting you B.T.M.K.

To Mrs Graham (Aelfrida Tillyard). (27 June)

Dear Sarasvati

It is owing to the serpent that I have cherished in my bosom, the creature that has wormed her way into my confidence, of whom you have already had to complain, that your records have not been returned. She will now make amends by doing so, and they are accordingly enclosed.

I have not had time to deal with your ?

We will agree to differ about physical love.

When you say cruelty is bad in itself you assert an a priori knowledge of the Absolute which involves you in the (teils ?) of Satan ?.

I thought you would be afraid of Mr (? Mrs T) Cremers

Several calls LUX

You have my address in Paris quite correctly and no doubt we shall manage to meet. With regard to more important matters I do not mean that you were simply day-dreaming. There was undoubtedly a real explosion, but your tendency to confuse things causes explanation to be comparatively mild so far as these results are concerned. Just as a heap of gunpowder in the open can be fired without damage. An experience like yours in the mind of a butcher would probably mean insanity or death. I think you will find more difficulty in controlling the mind than you suppose. Your innate tendency, ancestral or otherwise, to mysticism has to be combated.

About the books. I am very distressed as to what you say about the Necklace, but as you are very fond of it, what can I say. Anyway it is not my funeral as I have nothing to do with the business here. There is nothing in my Collected Works of much interest. Mrs

Grevers is sending you a set of Equinoxes. You will find all the official instructions of the A.A. very valuable and much that is useful in the T(emple) of S(olemn the ) K(ing). She is also sending you a 777. It is all very well to say that the language (? T) is a jargon, but so is the language of Algebra. In order to be able to talk about these things commonly (? T), we had to shew a correspondence between the different systems of religion, and it was necessary to have some basis. Once you understand the ~~truth~~ <sup>truth</sup> of life you find it very easy and very useful. In 777 you will see how we have formulated these from various religions.

Logic will certainly not hurt you. Keynes was my teacher at Cambridge and his 'Fermal Logic' has always been one of my favorite books for lighter reading.

You asked where I think you will get to ultimately, and of course the answer is "some as everybody else". Now you have got The Equinox I should like you to study in there "Aha! Aha" and Adonis (? T), of which I am very proud. This is a frightfully hurried letter, but I have to catch a train.

Yours fraternally.

To Rev Samuel Gasking.

(27 June)

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Co-Masonry

Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother.

Krishnamurti

I hope you were not unpleasantly surprised by the line I found myself obliged to take on Saturday with regard to Mr Wedgwood. I am an extremely broadminded person and masonically inclined towards laxity, and my objection on technical grounds might have been overcome in any other instance. I therefore think it right for me to explain to you what is behind all this. A week or two ~~ago~~ Mr Wedgwood boasted from the Chair of the Emulation Lodge of so-called masons that he had bought the A(ncient) and P(rimitive) R(ite) and that the Rite should pass into the hands of Co-masons. This might have been passed over as being equivalent to the extension of the Rite, if this was all. But it goes much deeper. Co-masonry itself is being dragged into the worship of this coming Christ, who appears to be a person of few wits and ~~no~~ <sup>but</sup> morals, as you will see by the enclosed pamphlet (on the Aleyone Case. T), which please return as I have no copy: and concerning which I may mention that the Court upheld the plaintiff's contention (for the return of his son Krishnamurti from the hands of Mrs Besant T) in every point, in spite of the fact that he is a very poor man while Mrs Besant is spending money by the bucketful to better the ends of justice. She is very anxious to have some respectable masonic authority to pass ~~the~~ impudent blasphemous claims upon; and she took advantage of our late lamented Rev G. Master's great age to wheedle him into various courses

(D - Masons)

of action which no mason could approve. I am sure therefore that you as a Christian clergyman no less than as a mason will see the necessity of combating to the utmost <sup>insidious</sup> this attempt to capture our venerable Rite for purposes alike so foul and so ridiculous.

Saluting you B T N K T T E O.

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To Mrs Graham (Aelfrida Tillyard) (27 June)

Dear Sister Sarasvati.

You think your records about the French and things are dull, but they would not be dull to me because they show by signification. I told you that it would be very hard work, but you must not ~~think~~ it. When I say tired I mean mentally tired, and you never seem to me to be that. In fact your mental activity is one of your worst faults-- features. With a little of this practice you will learn to love every form of thought with almost incredible intensity. Incidentally the break ought to do you a lot of good physically (Two lines illegibly T) Bye and bye you will discover that every statement involves its own contradiction. I think you will find The Soldier and the Hunchback in Eq(uimox) I stimulating. ... T)

(Something about 'the proposed meeting in Paris')

You ought to send me the lovely poem in ? . I liked the other poem very much and the reason I have not got your book is that I handed it over immediately for review to the most poetically minded member of our staff and I cannot get her to return it, owing I suppose to the fact that she always sleeps with it under her pillow. However when I do get it I will let you know immediately. I hope I shall be able to do this before Paris.

Yours fraternally.

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To ? . (Higham?) - (Probably to Quilliam) (27 June)

Higham purported to convoke a Sov. Sam(ctuary) of the A and P R(ite) at Manchester at 4 o'clock on Saturday June 28. Messrs Higham, Gasking, Crowley and Wedgwood were present. The various documents connected with the Convention were taken as read. It should however be mentioned that they included 2 strongly worded protests from Very <sup>8</sup> illustrious Brother Reuss and Quilliam against the illegality of the said Convention.

Very Illustrious Brother Crowley raised his voice in protest against any business being done at the meeting. He further challenged Brother Wedgwood- the Brothers present to prove that they were Masons, and Mr Wedgwood in doing this claimed authority from a Co-Masonic body so-called with which he is associated. It was, of course impossible

for the others to recognise this claim, as whatever regularity there may have been in Mr Wedgwood's initiation, it was clear that he had plenty of claim to be considered a mason, and a fortiori a member of the A and P Rite by his connection with the so-called Co-masonic Body. Very Illustrious Brother Crowley thereupon further supported his first protest by leaving the Lodge counting (? T) on a general agreement of the Brothers present to disband the meeting. In other words Brother (Crowley's ? T) protest was sustained unanimously and Mr Wedgwood's name must consequently be effaced from the muster roll of the Sovereign S(anctuary) of the A and P R(ite) and all its subordinate bodies.

10/10 *Important*  
To Sir Edward Letchworth, Freemasons Hall, Grt Queen Street, E C (27) June

Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother

I wish to appeal to the fraternal Brothers of the Lodge of England in the following circumstances. I was made a Master Mason 17 December 1904 in Lodge 343 X Angle Saxon in Paris, working under the Grand Lodge of France. My proposer was the Rev I L Bowley, who I understand has been the Provost (Officer) Grand Master (? T) in the Oxford Province, and I fully understood from him that the Angle-Saxon Lodge was duly recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and in fact numbers of admitted English masons have attended the Lodge while on the other hand I have always been received with the greatest fraternal welcome in many Lodges both in England and India, and no question has been raised as to my status except in the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch at Freemason's Hall. I must admit that at that time I was annoyed by what seemed to me a narrow minded view of masonry. As the Ritual of my initiation was that in use all over England, and no such alteration of landmarks had taken place as that which has caused the breach between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Orient. And I shall consequently prepare to support the G L of France in its claim to the validity of its initiations. I am now, however, credibly informed that recently the Grand Lodge of France has tolerated and even recognised so-called co-masonry, and in these circumstances I see no course open to me but to resign from that Lodge, not only on masonic grounds, but because so-called co-masonry is merely a mask for the cult of "Alcyone", which I have no hesitation in describing as the most impudent blasphemy and filthy fraud that has ever been attempted in the history of the world.

I write to assure you of my thorough loyalty and allegiance to the principles of the Grand Lodge of England and I ask your fraternal kindness to make it as easy as possible for me to regularise my position.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

To E.P. Denney 55 Boulevard Suchet, Paris.

27 June

Dear Sir and Brother

When I joined Lodge no 343 I did so on the understanding that the Lodge was in fraternal communication with the Lodge of England and not until last year did anything occur to arouse doubts on the subject. I now understand that the Grand Lodge of England has never recognised our Lodge, and I further learn to my extreme surprise and horror that the Grande Loge de France has decided to recognise so-called Co-Masonry, which is merely a mask for the blasphemous cult of "Alcyone". It is of course impossible for me to have any further connection with a Lodge which makes itself an accomplice in this filthy fraud, and I cannot believe that either yourself or any other of my brothers of the Lodge 343 can have had any notion or come to any other decision. I write to ask you what is the intention of the Lodge? Surely it would be possible for a unanimous petition (? T) of the Brothers of the Lodge to be sent to the G.L. of England for incorporation. The only difficulty was apparently the <sup>Concave</sup> <sup>(Ceremonial Rite?)</sup> Central Right (? T), but I take it that the Grande Loge de France had at one time at least some sort of claim to recognition from <sup>Concave</sup> <sup>(Ceremonial Rite?)</sup> England. Recent developments have forfeited any such claim, and no question of usurpation could possibly be raised.

I hope that you will let me know without delay what, if anything, is being done in the matter. I shall be ever in Paris next Sunday for at least a week and hope to have the pleasure of an interview with you, but as I am in communication with Sir E.L. on the same subject, I should like to have some - your reply before I leave London.

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

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To R Clay.

1 July (1915)

We now have pleasure in forwarding you a cheque for £50 on account, and hope to let you have another very shortly.

11 H 13

To Ricard Higham

(1 July)

Dear Brother

I am writing you unofficially to express a hope that you will not meet any opposition, as you hinted that you ought to recognise the acts of the Convocation of which an official report is being sent you herewith.

The election of Brother Myer is in accordance with Brother Yarker's express wishes, who wrote to me some little time back, and I think you will agree with having three thoroughly active and enthusiastic brothers determined to conserve the Rite besides myself. It is not likely that any other Convocation that you might call would come to

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Present Brothers Reuss, Quillian, Meyer, Crowley. <sup>Reuss chartered Crowley as Head of the O.T.O.</sup> for Great Britain etc

The Brothers present having proved their right to sit, speak and vote, Brother Quillian called the Convocation to Order, called upon Brother Crowley to read the summons, a copy of which is here appended. This was duly done. <sup>REUSS</sup> Brother ~~Reuss~~ proposed and Brother Crowley seconded that Brother Meyer take the chair. Brother Meyer having done so called upon Brother Crowley to read his report of the proceedings at Manchester. Brother Crowley did so, and a copy of the same is here appended. Brother Crowley remarked that no written protest against the present Convocation had been received from any P(rince) Pat(riarch).

Brother Quillian moved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late S.G.M.G., which was agreed to.

It was approved and adopted and moved to be recorded in the minutes of the Convocation.

The Election of the S G M G was then duly held as recorded above. The most Ill. S. G. M. - Sev. G M G then opened the Convocation as a Supreme Council of Sev. Grand Inspectors General of the 33 and last degree of the A.A. Scottish Rite, and he was duly elected Most Puissant Sev Grand Commander. He then opened the meeting as an Absolute Grand Sev. of the 90th and last degree of the Oriental Rite of Misraim, and was duly elected as its Patriarch.

The Sev G.M. General returned thanks in an eloquent speech for his election, and conferred the degree of P(rince) Patriarch Grand Conservator (?) T of the Rite on Brothers Robert Ahmed Quillian 32°, 94°, and Leon Engers Kennedy 30°, 90°. He further made the following appointments: Bre Crowley Patriarch Grand Administrator General,

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Yours.

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Messrs Welheim (? T)

(1/July)

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To Rotaries (? T) Ltd

(1/July)

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Dear Sirs.

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To Arthur Grimball (1 July) 18 20

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I am awfully glad to hear you are better. I am putting your sonnet into No X (of The Equinox T) (half a line illegible T) I hope you like the Devil. I wish you would come down and see me one day this week and we will have a long chat over old times I haven't got a chance to come out to Theyden Beis much as I should like to do it. I am leaving London on Sunday morning, I hope, for a couple of months. I quite agree that the Ballad of the Mad Bird is excellent but it is a solitary swallow. I suppose you saw Neuberg's Triumph of Pan? Have not yet sold it.

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July 2.

The Studio office is going to be vacant from now till the middle of August. So that if Gewie likes to come up and meditate he will be most welcome.

To Higham. (2 July) 20 22

Very Illustrious and dear Brother

I received your notice of 3 July 1 with regard to the meeting. You will see from other documents which I am sending you that my account differs from yours slightly. Mr Wedgwood did not object to my presence but only argued that if I were right in my contention that he was not entitled, I was equally so on the ground that his masonic authority was identical with mine.

Saluting you B T N K T T E O

To Richard Clay (2 July) 21 23  
Gentlemen.

Herewith is enclosed further copy for Equinox X. It is really most urgent that we should have the proofs of The Equinox this week as we requested. I hope that you will not fail to let us have the same.

To Biberstein (2 July) 22 24  
Dear Sir and Brother

I was very pleased to receive your letter. I am sending you a copy of Book 4 parts 1 and 2 which I hope you will appreciate. You will learn from them what other books you need, and Messrs Wieland of this address will be pleased to supply the same. (3 lines illegible T) We have a representative in N(eu) Y(ork) Mr Gref (? Greif T)

To his mother.

(2 July)

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At A. C. T. O. S.

I am sending you ten shillings or rather a cheque for the same which I hope the bank will honour. The manager is a very pleasant man full of good spirits and very friendly in disposition. He seemed to take a liking to me the first time he saw me, but whether it will run to ten bob is more than I can say. I hope to <sup>hear</sup> that you are very much better. I am probably leaving on either Sunday <sup>for Russia</sup> morning or Tuesday night. I can't quite make out, so let me have a line by return to say you are well, happy, prosperous and conducting yourself with the decorum which I have learned to expect from you

Ever your loving son.

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95°

3 July (1913)

A. C. made 33° + 95° Mason

To Robert Ahmed Quilliam

Very Illustrious and Very Dear Brother

I must apologise to you for the confusion that took place on Saturday, but it was not my fault, except that I was careless with regard to the source of the telegram which I received, and which I thought had come from your father at Liverpool. This telegram made me think that you would be arriving from Liverpool at 12,15 and I consequently went to meet the train. <sup>Hundreds</sup> ~~Thousands~~ of people with buttonholes got out of that train, I suppose some holiday party, and made the search for you nugatory. I went back to the Midland and learned to my amazement that you couldn't wait any longer, but would be back at 3, and you had not said where you were. Of course I went back to the office at 3 and you never turned up till I had to go to the meeting. From this telegram I further concluded that you would certainly not be in Manchester at 1 o'clock, and so I left no instructions with regard to my whereabouts, but in point of fact I lunched in the grill room of the hotel, and the failure of the hotel people to find me reflects the greatest discredit upon their management. They further, of course, ought to have told me that you had left word where you were to be found. I am very much amazed at their stupidity, though as things turned out it did not matter as it only took me 10 minutes to break up the meeting. You will see that the new Sov(ereign) Grand Master Gen(eral) made me 33° 95°, and I am very glad to be able to congratulate you on your reaching that degree.

I hope you will come and see me next time you are in London.

Saluting you B T N K T T E O.

To Austin Harrison.

(3 July) 27

Dear Harrison

I trust that your silence means that you are pleased with me over the American article. If not, do not hesitate to say so, and let me do anything else I can to put it right, if not right.

If you would like me to look over the Socrates article and supply a different finish I will do my best for you.

I have pleasure in enclosing story for your (Review ? T). I hear at the office that you are on extended holiday and hope it doesn't mean that you are ill. Let me have a line

Yours ever

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To Chas Watts  
My dear Watts.

(3/w,)

I wrote you enclosing an article. I have not had a reply, and would like to know what you think about it. I am also sending you a story which I think you might like for the Agnostic Annual or whatever you call it, as I suppose it is too long for the Guide. I think that it should meet with your approval whimsiest (? T) moral approval (?T) Please let me know as soon as you can what you will do in the matter.

Yours rationaly.

27 29

To Mrs Graham (Aelfrida Tillyard)  
Dear Sarasvati

(3/w,)

Thanks for the 1/7d. It doesn't matter in the least whether you join the A.A.. You have got all its advantages. All that joining it implies is that you make a definite continuous record, reference to which is very useful to yourself for various reasons which are probably quite obvious to you. If not they should be. Of course there are certain definite forms of initiation but I don't know that it would be particularly useful to you at present. The only other thing is that you keep the robe for doing your meditation. It is found useful for a great many people to make a complete distinction between the ordinary life and the work. You put on the robe when going to meditate very much as you dress for dinner. By the way, I wish you would send the necklace to Wieland and Co here as I do not like interfering in business matters if I can possibly help it.

What you say about the correspondence of postures and mantras is very interesting, but it would not work for another person. I certainly expect you to understand the whole of 777 without the slightest difficulty. (Three illegible lines, T)

Thank you for the poem with attached curse. I would put it in the Equinox were it not that it must wait for No 1 of Vol III

I may say that when I have pulled your leg about seven times blessed. These things are always writ sarcastic, if you ever meet Soror Virakam (Mrs Sturges) you will taste the exquisite flavour of the joke.

I note your Paris address. But various unforeseen circumstances have arisen, and I am now not quite certain whether I shall be in Paris on these particular days but I will let you know. By the way, where is Rue Démors?

I sent back the revised proofs to you the same day I received them. There were some more, if I remember rightly. If you have not got them, please tell Heffer to send me another set by the first possible post and he shall have them by return  
Yours fraternally

To Whimerey.

26 30

July 4 1913

Dear Whimerey

It says in Liber Legis "my incense is of resinous woods and-perfumes gums; and there is no blood therein; because of my hair the trees of eternity." Your customer can therefore exercise a wide choice in the composition of his incense. No doubt your experience will be extremely helpful

Yours

27 31

To Theodore Reuss.

(4/ul, 1)

Dear Merlin

I enclose copy of Gasking's letter which please return for filing. That makes two of us in the workhouse. I am writing to the executors of Yarker's estate for information as to the property of the Rite, but not answering Gasking's letter. I think he must be 33°, 95° all right, and if so one must send him an invitation. It does not a bit matter because even if Higham were against us, we are still in a majority in the Sanctuary. Personally I don't expect any real opposition.

Yours ever

P.S. Enclosed are the letters I/44 propose sending with regard to the Grand Lodge.

30 32 Equinor Sales

To Daly. Toledo.

(4/ul, 1)

Dear Sir

Nine numbers of The Equinor have been issued. Practically the whole has been written by Mr Crowley. The exception to this rule are articles signed by Frank Harris, F C Fuller, Gee Raffalevich, Victor B Neuberg, Ethel Archer, Arthur Grindle, J H S Vincent, John Yarker and perhaps one or two others, but a very small proportion of the whole .... (one illegible line) but there are very few left of Nos I, II and

III. We enclose lists both of The Equinox and of Mr Crowley's books. We also ~~have~~ <sup>stock except</sup> (one T) 'The Whirlwind' by Ethel Archer 1/-, 'Star in the West'. There are no other publications of any importance except 'The Whirlwind' by Ethel Archer 1/- and 'The Triumph of Pan by V B Neuberg 5/-.

To Cewie.  
Care Frater

(4) July

32 33

I am going back to the solemn passionless profound (? T) on Tuesday, and shall not be back until the middle of August, or perhaps the end. I am triumphant except about the proofs; so that if you choose to come here on July 21 you will have no disturbance at all. Miss Hobbs will be here in the morning, but I imagine no-one else at that time.

I am very glad that you have found it satisfactory to take pains over ritual. You formulate the occupants of the Pyramids by the simple process of creating them. You ought by this time to be able to visualise to such an extent that you can hardly distinguish between the planes, and further to project with sufficient vigour to assure the presence of something so close to the material as to make no difference.

I will do what I can to help with the interpretation of the Ritual, but whether I can do so this morning depends entirely on the telephone. It is quite clear that you develop your astral body to the point necessary point. I am absolutely swamped under with proofs, so farewell for the moment.

(Four letters (short ones) quoting Equinoxes etc for sale not copied)

To ?  
July 7 (1913)

32a 34  
Mrs Graham

I understand from Lux Pete that you are willing to work with her. I gladly accept the offer and will be glad if you will report for duty at your earliest convenience. I am leaving England this afternoon for 5 or 6 weeks at least. Will let you know my address when I know it myself.

Yours eternally

To Mrs Graham

(7) July 1

32 35

Wieland and Co are most obliged by the enclosed. I think it is charming. I think you might possibly help me very much by getting your husband to write to his colleague in Moscow. Kind of introducing me, and that is the end of my hopes. I have to catch the 2.20 and travel continuously to Moscow to be there for a month unless I decided in the course of the next few half hour not to go at all, which seems more than likely. I should very much like to know, wild one, and cannot possibly make

the humiliating ~~remarks~~ that you ask me to. I don't know mind how many visions you have so long as they don't interfere with the serious work. You could do quite well in the Role of a Probationer. I entirely refuse to discuss the question of P.H.L. (Physical Love ? T). You give yourself away every time. I assure you that the most prolonged study of your excellent husband would afford me no information whatever on the point in dispute. Physical love is quite independent of the body: like practically everything else it is all brains.

Sorry I can't write more, but I am in a terrible state of mind about going away  
Yours fraternally

Please address me c/o the British Consul Moscow unless you hear to the contrary.

(A short illegible letter not copied)

33 35 36

To Mrs Graham

1<sup>X</sup> Sept (1913)

I am really quite innocent of pulling your leg and it hurt me very much to think that you should have <sup>would</sup> imagined that I enjoy a joke in which there was any cruelty involved, and I think the illness of which you spoke is the real explanation. Now I am awfully sorry, but I didn't want to be thanked for the mountains and I don't want to be blamed for the valleys. I only want you to do what you said you had done and eliminate me altogether. I will consequently confine my remarks on my Collected Works to the statement that you are quite misinterpreting them if you find anything bitter or uncharitable in them. I enjoy making a 'bitter jest', but there is no bitterness in the enjoyment. I could never understand the feelings some people have about cynicism. Delano's jardineyee (? T) seems to be considered a type, but all the most genial men I know are habitually cynical. Your remarks about the abominable houses are in error. Think again. You are again quite wrong about the Guardian of the Sanctuaries. The purloined letter dodge is well known nowadays, and besides it doesn't matter whether anyone knows that it is a sanctuary or not. The profane must be prevented from entering, for, should they do so, they would be slain. I am not trying to keep you out of the Sanctuary. I am trying to see whether you will allow me to keep you out, and I want to make sure that you come in by the right door.

Of course I should not mention Aelfrida Graham, but Aelfrida Tillyard is a public character, I know. .

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To Arthur Gilman  
Dear Sir

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The Chem(celler) of the A.A.A. desires me to say that there is a seophyte assistant engineer Fittock H M S Psyche with whom you might perhaps profitably communicate. It is however not particularly necessary to have guidance in these practices. The method of breathing is very clearly illustrated in Equinex VII which you have. Yours faithfully.

Sept / 1913 /

(Four short notes not copied)

35 30

To Battiscombe Gunn  
Dear Gunn

I am just back from Russia, and hope to be in Paris just about the time when your next quarter's rent falls due, when I will bestow the 30 francs and Equimex No X. Say no more. Yours ever.

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36 38 39

The Chancellier of the A.A. desires me to say that you will find a complete treatise on names and numbers partly in Equinex V and partly in No VIII special supplement. With regard to your query as to whether you would be a suitable pupil I am forwarding you Parts 1 and 3 of Book 4. From Part I you will see a brief outline of the system. The author will be glad to see you personally at any time that you might find it convenient to call on him in January.

Te J T Windram  
Care Frater

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37 39 40

Windham working the Scottish River

Memphis Missouri

I am just back from Moscow. I had an excellent time. Got about a year's work done in six weeks. I am hoping to see Yardly next week and will write again on that subject. I will now answer your letter of 30 June.

Thanks for quotations from U(nited) G(rand) L(odge) <sup>Circular</sup> I think they are only referring to Co-masons. I will talk over the whole question of Masonry with Wardly. You can have authority to work up to the 5th degree. You don't need to get Reuss. <sup>Approved</sup>

There was some question of the admission of women to Scott(ish) Memphis and Mizraim and I have come to the <sup>(decision?)</sup> question that it is not worth quarrelling about. Nobody in their senses cares twopence about these Rites. My position now is that O.T.O. in no way trenches (? T) on the privileges of U(mited) G(rand) L(odge). As you know the Rituals though certainly in some respects similar, are entirely contrary in teaching. I think

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Yours in very great haste.

38-41

To John Quinn

(13/2/1)

7/2/1911

Dear Sir

I have been away in Russia for the summer and find on my return your letters of July 22, July 31, Aug 1 and Aug 20. The Book Berashith you have got though the title is printed in Hebrew, the sub-title being An Essay on Ontology. With regard to the New Year's Card: we have no copy and it would seem almost impossible to procure one. We are relying on the generosity of a friend to let us have his copy for forwarding to you. We are sending you a copy of Oracles, and one of the lithographs Of Mr (Augustus ?) John's Sketch. If you will not consider it impertinent to make the enquiry, I should like to know whether if by any chance you are the buyer of one of these Sketches (of Crowley) which Mr John made. [? I think he was £15.]

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youthful initiations of public school life did not touch him. At Cambridge someone gave him a copy of Krafft-Ebing's *Psychopathia Sexualis*. The conclusion of the eminent German professor revolted him intellectually then, as they do now. He refused to admit that vice was the result of disease. His "White Stains" is an answer to Krafft-Ebing. It is an attempt to explain the feelings of persons engaged in various abnormal practices, that is to explain these practices in terms of psychology rather than of pathology. The work is entirely one of imagination as he had no actual experience even by hearsay of the subject on which he was writing, and of course, being a poet, the poetic form came naturally to him. Alienists have expressed the view that this work is a valuable contribution to medical literature and a great help to the private understanding of the question.

The Scented Garden deals entirely with paederasty, of which the author saw much evidence in India. It is an attempt to understand the mind of the Persian, while the Preliminary Essay does the same for the English clergymen.

The World's Tragedy was only . . . ? to statements in the Preface with regard to the ~~morals~~ of Cabinet Ministers and others in high position, which might be held libellous. The book itself is the best ever written by this author. We will arrange for these three to be sent to you by registered post, and charge your account accordingly.

Yours faithfully.

P.S. Bagh-i-Muattar. 100 printed, of these many of these purposely destroyed.

World's Tragedy. 100 printed. All mutilated of ppXXVII, XXVIII except in a few copies which are in the hands of the author's friends.

White Stains. 100 only printed.

39-42

To Eligh Bond  
Dear Bond

Thanks for your postcard. I am in Lednon for a little while and should of course be glad to see you any time you are pp.

40-43

To Mrs Graham  
Bar Sarasvati.

I thank the goodness and the grace upon my birth that smiled. I had hardly hoped to pull a leg which I esteem even above that of Sir Willeoughby Patteme (? Patteme); especially as I had already pointed out that any statement I might make only indicated a possible point of view or a possible line of argument. In No X (of The Equinex T) you will find an Editorial statement to the effect that my life and work is a practical joke, that I am a fortune hunter, and that I do not exist. I have had

Good letter  
(Oscar Ichampanze & I think of you 79)

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six weeks of being daily kicked by a helier Guru than myself, and have written about 150,000 words including a poem called The Disciple dedicated to you. It was inspired by fear and doubt whether (? T) you would answer my letter.

Your 'true dream' is very interesting. It is particularly curious because I wrote a poem called The Tyler also dedicated to you in which I explained why I always wrote Spiritual Essays in Billingagate and vice versa (? T), of which the last verse:

"These worthy hogs read me with frowning brows

But their guardian angel gains a fresh hold.

However eager these unworthy sows

Meet only a dweller on the threshold.

Please understand that I am the Guardian of the Sanctuary, and my main difficulty is to keep out anyone who is in any way unworthy. I do not care what means I employ so long as the Sanctuary is inviolate. It is natural for anyone who is turned away to blackguard the Guardian, and it does not follow that they are telling lies. They may say that the brute stuck a sword into them, or they may say that he behaved with such impropriety that they were quite sure that it was not a Sanctuary but a brothel. If you are going to be fooled by any of these illusions or terrified by any of these threats you don't get in. Anyhow your leg pull appears to have lasted a little more than a week. But of course you mustn't reject the ? ? (Please.... arguments ? On a certain plane they are quite true. But if you read my <sup>ent essay on</sup> Varietomy in K(enx) O(m) P(ax) you will see it there argued with great eloquence that because shallow enthusiasm reveals ugliness, it does not follow that deeper <sup>in this argument</sup> might not reveal a further beauty. We go into the Temple of Diana and find in the shrine only a common meteorite. But that is not the end of the argument. What is a meteorite?

I am very amused at your Heffer story. I don't think I offended him, but he was always frightened of me. Heffer was very anxious to catch the University tone - get the <sup>the</sup> official clerical trade, which he adroitly did by wearing black clothes and a long sad smile. I knew nothing of his private life but I believe it is his broad ambition to rival Heliegobulus

Your records appear all right. Your question about "Is it good for the mind to have nothing but a green cross in it ?" appears to me quite fatuous. It is very bad for the mind, and if you keep it up long enough the mind will die of it, which is what you want. Of course I have a little doubt about the 8 minutes without no break on July 21, but I think I shall know more about it when I see you. I may be ever in Paris in the course of the month. Just at present I am swamped under with Equinex X.

I am returning your official biography because it is extremely (? T) clever. With regard to choosing a title, you do not suggest a single one. The catechism of 'A.C.' is very good, and does very well represent exactly what I should say. But the catechism of Sarasvati is not quite true (? T) in some points, though the last sentence I do not potently believe. You see I can't deny that you are a Christian. All I say is that every other Christian would deny it.

PS is 81

Most fearfully busy. Yours

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letter 75

To Bergendahl  
Dear Brother.

At 44

Yours of 21 August. I think you are getting on very well with meditation. You are at it in the right way and having the right symptoms. I don't think I need to tell you anything with regard to love, <sup>however</sup>; you should remember that love is that which plays. That is the whole point of Yoga. If you are in England shortly I should like to see you. I think I could clear up your difficulty about clairvoyance by a personal interview. It is very difficult to give instruction in that particular manner at a distance.

Yours eternally

To Cowie  
Care Frater

(18/1)

42 45

Duplicates in A.C. > Letter to Cowie.

Just back having done a great deal of work for once. You have got quite the wrong conception about that Ritual. If you go on with Ceremonial the right feeling will come to you. It is almost impossible for me to explain or describe. You might do it a million times and get nothing out of it, and then suddenly boil over. However, the doing of it does produce a result in subconsciousness which will one day flower, and that perhaps not when you are doing the Ritual, but something quite different.

Another thing is this. I think you will find it better only to resort to the Ritual when you feel a sudden inspiration to do so. That is my idea of combining Magick and Meditation. You go on with Meditation until you can't stick it any more, and then you will say "Well, by Heaven, I'll do that Ritual" and it works. Similarly you exalt yourself tremendously by a Ritual and all of a sudden sit down in the middle of the circle and shut everything out. You catch the swing of the pendulum from motion to rest. The brain stops working and there you are.

Your reply to Takuti is of course silence. You were quite wrong about your illumination again. It ought to have been ~~so~~ good as you could have made it, because it

was only to be used once and then destroyed.

Overwhelmed with No X so no more. The Rag Time Girls will be in Edinburgh for three weeks.

To Mrs Davies  
Dear Sister Davies.

45 46  
(18241) Re O.F.O

Thanks for your letter of 27 August which has just reached me. I got back late on Saturday night. Brother Windram writes me to tell you that he wrote to your son but got no answer. Please fill in the papers for the candidates and send to headquarters with the fees up to III Degree. I am afraid there is no chance of the Second Officer being <sup>re</sup> present. She went to Glasgow last night and doesn't come back till November, but we shall arrange something.

Irs fraternally

To his mother  
My dear Mother

44 47  
(18241)

Very sorry you are not so well again. Hope you are all right now. I get back late on Saturday night. Please let me know at once of Lela (his daughter T) goes down to you. What is Mrs Germley's ( his ex-wife Rose T) present address? I am sending you a speech with "Christ is Risen" on it and a hand at the end to remind people to say grace. Also something else, I don't know what it is.

Ever your loving son

(A short letter not copied)

To ?  
Dear Sirs

45 48  
(18241)

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The mistake clearly arose through my illness which has kept me away so long. I find that I was in error with regard to the amount of £6-5-0, and if I had received your reply I should have admitted it, but I have not done so until today. I am sure you do not want to disturb the harmonious relations that have always existed between me and your clients and hold the costs. I shall be pleased to pay half the costs, if that will meet their views, leaving the question of any counter claim for advertising to be settled amicably at another time.

Yours faithfully

To The Chiswick Press (1891)

Will you let us have a dozen copies of *Oracles*. Mr Crowley has just returned to London. He was delayed by illness and other matters with the result that he is now extremely pressed with regard to the sending to press of *Equinox X*. He will call on you personally within a few days.

Yours faithfully. Wieland.

P.S. You had better soap the streetype and we will pay the cost.

(Note. The P.S. may refer not to this but to another letter to Richard Clay and Sons T)

Richard Clay and Sons. (1891) 47<sup>50</sup> 50

Dear Sir

Mr Crowley has returned to town this morning and will write to you fully with regard to the account in a few days. He is at present so occupied with the arrangement of *No X* that he has no time.

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To Hunt  
Dear Mr. Hunt (1891)

*Letter*

I am awfully sorry your account has been overlooked. I admit I am (an illegible line T). I should have sent it months ago but I was very ill in the spring and had to go away to Russia for 6 weeks. I am only just back. I am better in health but worse in pocket and I want to ask you to let the matter stand over for a few weeks till I have had time to turn round.

49 52

To B Lockhart. British Consulate. Moscow. (1891)

Dear Lockhart

*Good Letter*  
Oscar Wilde

I am sending you by this mail a selection of masterpieces as I promised. You will find them sufficiently varied. If you feel friendly disposed you might take great pains to read *Mortadelle* five times. I am convinced that it would do very well for Russia, and if you can understand *Lycapedin* (?) T I shall be extremely grateful.

I am so sorry at missing that last lunch. I was going to tell you a story which very few people knew. That is the inner story-- history of the catastrophe that overtook the gentleman (Oscar Wilde ?) in whom Russia is so interested. The story is called "Danger of Bumburying". Bumbury is a portmanteau word Bambury and Sunbury. The author in question hastily getting into the train at Bambury found the carriage already occupied by a schoolboy who was returning from a public school not very far away. They got into conversation and subsequently met by appointment at Sunbury. Hence the word Bumbury and its meaning. For our author began a series of frequent and unexplained absences

The talented author of so many sonnets, the same who is now the condemnation of purity in English morals, found these absences suspicious and jumped to a correct conclusion - as women will to a correct conclusion although without definite evidence. There was a tremendous row, and in the event he determined to ruin his friend. You have perhaps heard Ross's conviction that a catastrophe was deliberately brought about by (Lord) Alfred Douglas. I don't think even Ross knows why. In fact I think there are only two people living who know. There have been reasons for not telling the story before, but it is a very good one and quite true.

I shall, probably know in a fortnight whether I am likely to get to Moscow in January. I most earnestly desire the same. Please write and tell me what you think of my books and my anecdote. [I do not know if he returned there 9.7.97]

Yours very truly.

50 53

The Mass of the Phoenix will be celebrated on Sunday at 9 p.m. the 7th September. //

To Mrs Sturges.

Dear Sister Virakam.

(1845)

51 54

Did you get my postcard about the voyage to Venus, which is not to be confused with 'Embarquement pour Cythère'. I am back here crushed beneath a load of Equinox X. Should very much like to hear from you, and still more to see you. I may be able to get over to Paris in the course of the month but it is at present doubtful. I have not had a word from Lugné-Pée and am very disappointed. I hope you will go and (stir) him (up), as you could surely (get) anyone to do what you want, and put one of these things on.

Ever yours.

52 55

To Hon. Everard Fielding

Dear Fielding.

(1845)

There is no news of Eisenthal and I am afraid we must give up all hope. I cannot, of course, offer to make it good for you are proud and I am poor. But on the other hand I cannot but feel that I have let a friend down, so I am sending you a 'Rodin in Rime' as a consolation prize. If you are in town, let us drown our sorrows in the usual manner.

Yours ever.

To Clifton, Carfax Gallery, 24 Bury Str.  
My dear Clifton

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(18yrs) 56

Can you find time to look in here one morning with regard to the things I wanted to dispose of. They are rather numerous and bulky for St James's. I have been in Moscow all the summer and had an excellent time

Yours truly

To Ralph Shirley

(18yrs)

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Translation of Eliphaz  
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Dear Shirley

I have just got back from Moscow where I have had a great time. Of course quite overwhelmed with the preparation of No X. I will send you a copy of every advertisement in the course of a few days. Can you let me have the copy for your (Rider & Co T) advertisement if possible within 24 hours. I am sending you a proof of the 'Key of the Mysteries' as I am afraid I shall not be able to let you have an Equinox in time, and I should feel very much obliged if you would give yourself the trouble of reading it and either writing an article on it or at least making an extended editorial reference. It is to my mind by far the most exalted and convincing work of Lévi's. Such passages as are the one with regard to the Spirit of Charity and his description of the Catholicism of the future beginning on p 72 have to my mind few rivals in French literature. I am anxious to see you and have a long talk as soon as may be. Perhaps you will have dinner with me one evening. At present I am quite free any night but Sunday, when we begin once more with the (Mass of the) Phoenix.

Yours ever

To Higham

(18yrs)

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Co-Masonry

I have now returned from Russia and had hoped to find an answer to my letter of July 24. I am publishing the details of the whole affair within the next few days. I do not know whether you have attended a Lodge meeting recently but a circular has just been sent out by the United Lodge of Great Britain warning brothers once more against so-called co-masons practicing in England and admitting women. I am most anxious to have your definite written guarantee that you will in no way recognise Mr Wedgwood. The Ancient Primitive Rite will in future have a monthly organ which will of course come under the notice of Grand Lodge. I am most anxious personally to keep on the best of terms with Grand Lodge, and I shall have no hesitation in recommending the Rev. Grand Master General to suspend any member of the Rite whose attitude is doubtful until the approval of Grand Lodge has been obtained.

Saluting you B T N K

54 5 59  
Executor of the late John Yarker (1845) Memphis Tennessee

Dear Sir

I have had no answer to my letter of June 4 asking for an account of the property of the Antient and Prim(itive) Rite. I enclose for you a copy of the minutes of the Committee. No doubt you will see that the successor of the late John Yarker was regularly elected and that the property of the Rite must be handed over to him or his representative. I do not propose to refer to certain information which has come to my knowledge. I will only say that I am instructed to commence legal proceedings unless satisfactory arrangements are made within the next few days

Yours faithfully.

55 60

To Neuberg  
Care Frater

(1845)

I was delayed a fortnight coming from Moscow which makes the pressure on me at the moment enormous- tremendous. No I will have nearly 600 pp in it as far as I can make out and I am particularly anxious to have a second eye to go over the proofs. If you could manage to come up for one day or two, if possible Wednesday I think it would be got through. I sent you the proofs as I have to go through Liber Legis with the (holograph manuscript ? T) which is as you remember on a book (?) big T) roll, and I am anxious to obey the injunction "Not so much as the style of the letter". The final proofs I could send you, but they will not be in for a fortnight I suppose. It looks as though we were going to be a month late now

— 56 61 (slurpss)

To the Sub-Editor, the Equinox. Miss Mary d'Este

(1845)

I can't pay anything beyond your usual salary which however I will double for the future. But I don't mind standing reasonable expenses while you are actively helping. If you work at Alton (?) you can live by it. I therefore send you a postal order for 10/- which will pay your fare and any further expenses I will defray as they arise. I will expect you Thursday morning.

— 62

To I C Van Netten  
4 Sept.

I am so sorry to have missed you. I got back to London late on Saturday night and found your letter. I thought there was just a possibility of reaching you by telegram so I did so. I am hoping to see Mr Reelfs sometime this month and I have no doubt that everything can be satisfactorily arranged.

Irs

To Raelfs  
Care Frater

(4 Syr)

58 63

I get back from Moscow too late to communicate in time with Mr Netton. I expect to be either here or in Paris during the next months at least, so I shall be able to meet you in one place or <sup>the</sup> other when you arrive.

Yours fraternally.

To Gwendolen Otter  
Dear Sister Gwendolen

(4 Syr)

59 61

I can get no news of Eisenthal and I am afraid we must resign ourselves to our loss. Will you accept a Japanese (vellum) Kenx Om Pax in token of sympathy.

Ever yours

60 65

Sept 1 (1913)

To Mrs Cremers.

Dear L.F. It is the English Resicrucian Symbols that I cannot find. I am also unable to discover the silver Sanctuary Lamp with gilt cherubs. It is <sup>rather</sup> ~~rather~~ an important matter as that lamp forms part of the property of which you are one of the trustees. The stereos of Book 4 were sent to N(ew) Y(ork) in cartons with your written articles some little time before you came over. I am sorry to hear you have been so ill, and hope you are now quite well again and ready to return to duty.

Yrs fraternally.

To Ralph Shirley  
Dear Shirley

(4 Syr)

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I will manage to get the copy in somehow. If it exceeds 1½ pp however- never mind, we will not charge you extra. Monday or Friday would suit me for dinner. We could dine anywhere you like. Verrey's is quite close to a Tube Station, but if you can think of anywhere better, say so. Any time will suit.

Yours very truly

To Jacobi

(4 Syr)

62 67

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday and we note that you are unable to furnish the plate <sup>(Book?)</sup> T Unless we can fill our orders, we cannot send you cheques. Money does not grow in South Kensington. We cannot even discuss the subject while our trade is being interfered with.

Yrs faithfully.

Richard?

65 68

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Send for Probationer's Book. Charge him 10/6 Eq. ix. Second hand Probationer's Robe for £3-13-6. Tell him that we have sent it to Mr Bertham

To [unclear] ?

Care Frater

I am very sorry to have been away when you came to England, as I very much wanted to see you about various things. In particular the question of these sterees. They were sent over to America at the request of Mrs Cremers before she left America, and I understood from her that you would undertake her work while she was away ever helping. I need hardly say that we had no wish to involve you in any expense and would gladly have refunded you any sums which you might have dispensed on our account. We are always glad if Brothers will make sacrifices to help us but we do not expect and do not ask it. At present I am faced with the alternative of having these valuable plates destroyed and I hope that you will take delivery at once and save them. As soon as I come over to America I will see about having the book published, though I should certainly be very much obliged if you would try and get a publisher to issue it. I think he would be likely to do so, as he would only be put to the cost of printing from the plates, and as I should be quite prepared to forego any royalties until he himself had recouped his expenses. I am sorry you did not write to me and tell me how you were getting on, as I am very interested in your progress. Please let me know your views as soon as possible.

Yours fraternally.

65 70

6 Sept (1913)

To Madame Strindberg. Cabaret Club, 9 Heddon St. Regent St.

Dear Madame

I am told you want to see a copy of The Tango (a short play.) I am therefore sending you one, also a copy of the Song. With regard to the Song I may remark that it can be transposed to a lower key if necessary. It is rather high for most people.

Yours faithfully.

74 66 71 ? for his support Bagdad of girls

To Kousniseff (?) T) under cover to Miss Waddell

Dear

I enclose the Libretto of the Ballet for which you asked (The Blind Prophet.) In brackets on the right are some suggestions for the music underlined, but they are not necessarily to be followed. I understand that some of the directions are not practicable. Hope you are very well and to hear from you. I am yours

To Danby

Dear Bro Danby

(6 Sept)

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72

I do envy you in Cairo. It is too hot at present, I suppose, but November is the best month of the year. I wish I were coming out myself. There is a man named Inman somewhere about in Egypt, perhaps in Cairo, an Engineer of some kind, who knows all about everything. He had the vision of the Demon Crowley when last heard of, but is probably all right by now. I will send you a copy of No IX Luxe (i.e de Luxe Luxe edition T) as soon as I get any. Do let me have your permanent address and all your news

Yours fraternally

of the Equinox

Edmund Gosse

(6 Sept)

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Mr Austin Harrison suggested that I should write to you and ask you to read a story I have written. I find editors reluctant to (publish) psychology. Your authority would put this straight. My father died when I was quite young, so that I never had your experience. (half line illegible T) entirely unenlightened by any sort of ability, in one sense more tragic, and another less so.

Yours very sincerely

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P.S. I have seen Harrison twice and talked to him about Valia. He says that he can only publish 24 stories in a year, and as far as I can make out he is a little shy about an author's pseudonym, and I fancy <sup>a</sup> <sub>he</sub> wants you living in Russia. He <sup>says</sup> his paper is called the English Review and if he is going to print a 'lot of Russian stuff' he ought to call it the Russian Review. I know this is incredible, but it is what he said to me. I don't think it would do any harm for you to use another pseudonym in this particular instance.

Yours

69 74

To Anna (Wright) ( ? To Anna.)

8 Sept (1913) Ys

Thanks for the Huguenots which I return. How painfully inadequate it is. You ought to write a little thing of about the same length in French for us. Chacornac would publish it, as he is very interested in The Equinox, and I could give you some splendid yarn of thaumaturgy. I was telling you of Waite's mistake, one of them is to translate 'auriculaire' 'index'. I am to expect you 4 o'clock next Monday aren't I?

Yours ever

70 75  
To W H & A G Herbert, 10 Cork St.  
Gentlemen

28

Yours of the 6th. The advertisements were arranged for early in 1909 and have appeared from time to time in the Equinex whenever any reproductions of photograph copies have been in it. Orders have been duly sent to your clients. We have no wish to refer to this matter at all. We only wish to pay the account on the terms suggested in the last letter and resume amicable business relations

Yrs faithfully

To Tait

71 76  
Dear Bro Tait I have been expecting the Suggestive Enquiry into the Hermetic Mysteries (? T for a long time. When is it coming? In No X of the Equinex we have a special supplement of Lévi's Clef des Grands Mystères. The number will be some 600 pages, price 10/6. I think if you notify your clients you ought to be able to sell a very large number of copies.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

To A.O. Spare.

Dear Spare

72 77  
If you have any illustrations that you think would do for No 10 of The Equinex please let me see them this week. I should like to have something of yours in our last number.

Yours ever

To Hon Everard Fielding  
Dear Fielding

73 78  
(8 8/11)  
Thanks for your note. Rodin in Rime has 7 lithographs by Clet of Rodin's drawings and a lot of poems of mine, all on China paper. I am glad you are getting to be yourself again at last. I was in Russia all the summer and had an excellent time. I wrote about 150,000 words. I should like to see the Drunken Jones Trances, but when I was young I was very very wise and called all that sort of thing hysteria, not in defiance of Greek but in defiance of accepted sex classification (? T).

I think it is very rude of you to ask me why I don't write something else for the stage. I have written a lot of really decent things but nobody will look at them. The only time anyone has ever condescended to discuss the subject at all seriously was this 'Tango', which is not mine at all, but was adapted by me from the draft of Mrs Sturges. If you like when you come back we will look at some of the things, and if you think anything can be done with them, we will then discuss what. I shall probably be here for the next two months. Drop me a line when you get back

Yours ever

To Cowie  
Care Frater

(8 Sept)

74 79

Duplicate in his letters to Cowie

I am not letting you down easily at all. Do read once more about the Ibis and the Humming Bird. I don't regard you as doing magic but as learning how to do it. It takes a long while to count up to 99 and is a very short distance from there to 100. I cannot tell where you have got to. You should write to Mother (Leila Waddell T) at the Hippodrome, Leeds, name Miss Leila Waddell- Bathurst. I am sure she will be very pleased to get your very kind offer.

About the 8th Aethyr I don't think I can tell you anything. I am particularly warned not to instruct about it, but it is obviously intended for anyone to do.

Terribly busy, so no more. Still yours fraternally

To Yardly. (Shanklin. I.O.W.) (8 Sept)

Care Frater

75 80

I am sorry to get your letter. You should obey your doctor. Surely your brother could read Equinox V aloud to you. I should be rather glad if you would give us not only part but all of your time as soon as possible. This business will <sup>have</sup> to be reorganised thoroughly and you are obviously the man to do it. Very busy, so no more.

Yours fraternally

Letter ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Mrs Graham continued.

(8 Sept) 81

Your record is sent back herewith. I gladly present you with a Collected Works and request that you should read it with greater comprehension. Also a Book of Lies in the hope of disgusting you completely. The Unofficial Biography is of course an invitation. I did not perceive the plot (?) on the previous occasion.

Yrs ever

To Dennes

(8 Sept)

76 82

I am very surprised to find that knavery has been developed so far in Scotland. I suppose I had better see the cash account. I also strongly objected to paying Ellis Piers anything. It was entirely their fault for not cashing the cheques when they were sent them. I will <sup>deal</sup> with the matter further when I have seen Watt and Williamson's account

Yrs very faithfully

77 83

To Richmond.  
13 Sept (1913)

Care Frater

The Chancellor of the A.A. desires me to say that he is glad to receive your record. If you find the Dragon position too difficult, try another. You should get a

position which is fairly comfortable at least. The pain should only develop in the course of the practice. You are quite mistaken in thinking that it would help you to talk over difficulties with other probationers. It is true that you begin like that, but such talks always degenerate. You will see an official pronouncement by the Chancellor to that effect in the Equinox

Yrs fraternally

11111

X. If you find that the pain of the position diminishes with practice, and if you think that you will ultimately be able to succeed in it, then persist. You need not do astral visions in any position. You can try sitting in a chair as you did when you were at Headquarters.

78 84  
(is right)

To Denness Lamb Pearce & Gould  
Dear Mr Denness

I am rather surprised at Watt & Williamson's cash account in this respect, that they said the expenses (half a line illegible T) would be trifling. I do not think £33 odd is trifling. With regard to Ellis Peters: I must really take a firm stand. I tendered the money on the day that it was due and they refused it. I am surely not obliged to keep on tendering it every day until they condescend to take it.

79 85  
More Business Housekeeping.

The thanks of the community are certainly due to the Daily Mirror for endeavouring to solve the business girls lunch problem. However perhaps it hardly goes far enough. We have consequently invited the opinion of ~~France~~ - the most famous experts in Europe, and the following is: (sic T)

Caviar, the finest Astrachan (? T)	1 lb	0 - 4
Salmon 8 lbs		6½
2 brace greuse		1 - 2
1 lb dripping		6
Caraway seeds		½
Parfait aux Marbons Glacés		3

(The Parfait is made by taking 2 lbs of the best chestnuts, whipping them to a paste with Devonshire Cream, adding cayenne pepper and ? to taste and holding the mixture in the hands until it freezes.

A great many English people are now preparing a light continental lunch. Here is the menu of a delicious meal said to be the favourite of His Holiness the Pope during Lent. The Menu: Vermicelli Soup. Spaghetti au Gratin. Lashane Macaroni. The total cost

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80 86

To F B MEYER

Letters from Hell. No 1.

(13 82/4)

Dear Sir

Judge of my surprise and annoyance to discover that St Paul was wrong when he wrote "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned (? Brasted T) and have not got charity, it profiteth me nothing". The mistake has proved rather expensive. I should be exceedingly grateful for a drink if by my means you can send it to me

81 87

Useful Latin Phrase

Benedicto Benedicatur.

Thank God for Benedictine.

Nemo sapit omnibus heris. No one is safe in an omnibus with ladies.

Sept 14 (1913)

82

To Mrs Lewis

88

Dear Anna

Thanks for the little note. I am so sorry that I see no chance of getting away even for an hour, but if you are in London, please come and see me. If you ring up any time before twelve thirty you are sure to catch me, but of course it is better if you send me a line the day before

Yrs ever

To Arthur Richard (? Richmond)

83 89  
(13 82/4)

Dear Mr Richard (? Richmond)

I asked my friend about you, but he had already been suited I need a great deal of help myself however, and if you liked to come to London, I could give you afternoon and evening work. You could spend your mornings looking for a proper berth. Unfortunately I could only pay a very small salary. Write and tell me how much you would want if you think this would be any use to you.

84 90

Renouf (? T) and Crème. St Heliers New Jersey

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I enclose you a copy of a contract which has not yet been carried through. I am told that Mr Scheminé (? T) is under some legal disability, but he was not so at the time of the signing the contract, and I should like your opinion as to whether it can be enforced. I would also like you to find out very privately and without anyone

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suspecting that anyone is moving in the matter if he is in possession of his personal liberty. I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully

85 91

Addwords

How to make Addws. Read the advertisements in this paper. From any advert you may take one word, but not more. These words must be arranged so as to make a sentence. Credit will be given to the length of the sentence and for its cleverness as a comment on some matter of current interest. Example: this must be made up from the advance sheets of the paper in which this notice appears.

(Details of prizes to be awarded etc not copied: they are in a very rough state. T)

(Two short notes not copied T)

Dear Cadell

(13 Sept.) 86 92 92

Go to the stage door of the Theatre Royal and ask for Miss Leila Bathurst.

Please tell Stewart to do ditto.

Yours ever

86 93

To Demmes.

Dear Mr Demmes, Please have the enclosed agreement stamped and returned. By the way one of the Trustess of M.M.M. (Mrs Cremers T) has (? died) <sup>(? resigned)</sup>, but some of the property of the Trust cannot be found. She has presumably put it away somewhere for safety. She was the acting Trustee in charge of the chattels. What can I do about it?

Yours truly

86 94

7th Politis

Lord Lovelburn (? Lereburn) was a brilliant advocate a good judge and an excellent Lord Chanceller. It is a pity that he did not stop there, for his later proposal reveals a depth of misunderstanding of the situation which in a less trying crisis would be comic. His proposal amounts to little more than the appointing of a Royal Commission. The Irish hate the English almost as much as the English fear the Irish. The Irish party are in power and it would give them unmixed gratification to see Ulster treated à la Cromwell, and there is no doubt that they will do it themselves as soon as the power is in their hands. This is a question of the elemental passions of human nature and the problem is not more possible to solve than that of Poland. England has already paid a thousand times over for the wrongs done to Ireland and as yet she has not diminished the debt by one jot. Justice is the Prince of Moneylenders.

More piffle than enough has been written during the last fortnight about the Railways. Most of the writers seemingly possess no more practical acquaintance with the work of a Railway than may be obtained from a cheap trip to Southend. Whatever may be the result of the enquiry, practical railway men will have no doubt that gross carelessness on the part of the men in charge of both trains was the cause of the accident. Next week we shall print an article 'Some Curious Railway Accidents'.

The wise layman has been very ready with his suggestions for rendering such accidents impossible in the future. A detonator to warn the driver that he is running past signals and other such emergency devices have been very cleverly invented for the benefit of the expert who knew about them in his cradle. But the ~~samest~~ opinion is opposed altogether to emergency signals. The psychology of the engine-driver is such that if he has two signals he will only take notice of one and the second is consequently wasted. It is best to have signals as simple as possible, and they should preferably be all <sup>of</sup> the same ~~same~~ kind. The majority of accidents are caused by coincidences quite impossible to foresee. The public generally, too, fail to recognize the size of the signal problem. Last year in Germany there were 700,000,000 signal operations. In so vast a number there must be many mistakes. From the point of view of the safety of the trains, probably 99% of such mistakes have no bad result. The 100th wrecks a train, and the unthinking begin to distribute blame without any basis whatever for their judgements.

The keyword of the 19th century was Competition, that of the 20th is combination. All great fortunes are made by men who understand this, and can give it practical shape. He deserves best of his country who can induce his countrymen to organise themselves to work in unison towards a common end. We have therefore determined to institute a competition in which a reward will be made for combination.

The military formation of the Ancient Greeks was called the Phalanx, and with the arms that were then in use it proved irresistible. It is our intention to imitate this formation. Any reader of the paper may become the Captain of a phalanx. Let him cut out the coupon on this page and affix with gum to the head of a large sheet of paper. He must then get as many of his friends as possible to do the same, putting 2 coupons beneath his in line, 3 coupons that line, 4 coupons beneath that line and so on. He will then send this sheet with postal orders for as many sixpences as there are coupons. To every member of the largest phalanx the sum of one sovereign will be paid sent, and he will also have the right to enter one of our special Ad(vertisement) competitions for which the prize will

be as many sovereigns as there are phalanxes competing. The members of the second largest phalanx will receive 5/- a head; that of the third largest 2/6; that of the fourth free coupons for the following week's competition.

A phalanx must consist of at least 31 persons. The address of any member of a phalanx must be within 10 miles of that of his captain.

Circular to Newsagents.

Dear Sir

Permit me to draw your attention to Phalanx of which you will find <sup>an</sup> account in the current number of . In your position you have special opportunities for forming phalanxes by inducing your customers to join at the time when they purchase the paper. As a further inducement to you to interest yourself, we offer a bonus of a sovereign to every newsagent who is the Captain of a Phalanx of 63 members or more.

Keep your phalanxes together. If you ~~have~~ not won this week, you may win next.