

THEOSOPHY EXPLAINED.

Interesting Meeting of the Jersey City Society Last Night.

The special meeting last evening of the Jersey City Theosophical Society at their headquarters, 22 Virginia avenue, was a success, there being a large attendance and much interest manifested. After a selection by a vocal quartette, Mrs. M. A. Maschmedt, President of the Corinth Branch, spoke on "Brotherhood."

"There are ties that unite all mankind," he said. "That there is something all men have in common, is felt by everyone—only egotism and the passions stifle this feeling; but it is ever trying to break through the crust of selfishness that covers the heart. At times of great distress, and when the heart seems bursting with joy, one touch of nature shows men to be like strings on a lute. The keynote powerfully struck on one string calls forth sympathetic undertones on all others. Why not cultivate this hidden side of our nature, which is so near to the source of all light and love?"

Dr. E. B. Child, a lucid expounder of the philosophy, had for his subject, "The Search for God." He quoted mystics of many past centuries who have said that what one does not find within oneself, it is useless to search for it elsewhere. "God must therefore dwell in man's inmost nature, His divine portion, and the only way to find God is to diligently search within. Theosophy reveals this hidden way. It leads the soul through the valley and shadow of material life to the place of peace."

Mrs. Sarah Cape, of the New York Headquarters staff, gave a sketch of theosophy. Mr. B. B. Cattell and Mr. T. R. Prater also spoke in a similar strain.

In closing Mr. John Pryse, President of the Jersey City Branch, urged the following of this path that leads to immortal life.

Theosophy for Newark.

The Newark Theosophical Society meets every Saturday evening at Chosen Friends' Hall, corner Market and Broad streets. They will give a special free meeting next Saturday evening, to which all are invited. Some of the best speakers now in New York will be present, and explain theosophy in understandable terms; and since the programme will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, it will be well worth attending. Dr. Guild is a lucid expounder; Mr. Freeman is usually jovial in his remarks; Miss Stabler is a sympathetic speaker; and Mr. Pryse will show the foolishness of running after the Hindu monks who have been coming to America to teach what they call "spiritual science," but which is, he claims, only psychical gymnastics.