

## A THEOSOPHICAL CONVENTION.

### TO BE HELD IN THIS CITY, AND MAY RESULT IN A NEW ORGANIZATION.

A general convention of Theosophists will be held at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, April 30, at Lyric Hall, in Sixth-ave., between Forty-first and Forty-second sts., for the discussion of problems relative to Theosophy, and in regard to the advisability of forming a new and independent Theosophical Society. Every person interested in the movement is invited to be present. The subjects of the addresses to be delivered at the Sunday night session of the convention and the names of the speakers, are as follows: "Theosophy, What It Is and What It Is Not," by A. B. Griggs; "The Message of H. P. Blavatsky," by Mrs. Vera Johnston; "Theosophy and Christianity," by Dr. E. B. Gould; "Personal Responsibility," by Frederick Flint; "The Wisdom-Religion," by Miss Anna M. Stabler, and "The Attainment of Divine Powers," by John M. Pryse.

The opening session will be held at 10 o'clock on the morning of April 29, the second session in the afternoon and the third meeting in the evening of the same day. A printed letter written by John M. Pryse has been sent to many persons interested in Theosophy. Mr. Pryse says in his letter that it is the opinion of many earnest and sincere Theosophists that it is now time to form a new Theosophical Society in order that the real work of the Master may be carried out. He then states why the movement was started. Several of the oldest workers of the society, he says, have without trial been recently expelled from the organization called "Universal Brotherhood," and a large number of members in greater New-York have resigned from it. Not only do personal motives in the main rule the so-called "Universal Brotherhood," he further says, but the present methods employed are clearly designed for the destruction of the Theosophical cause and the liberty of conviction among members. He adds that if there is one lesson to be learned from the mistakes of the quarter-century's work it is that prominence given to a new member is most dangerous to that person and to the society.

He also says among other things: "In order to save what can be saved from wreckage, let all who would unfurl the banner of Theosophy, unswayed by the personal advertisements of any individual, come together in a general convention on April 29 and 30 next to organize a new Theosophical Society. Let us strive earnestly to sink all personal differences in the cause which is so much greater than any of us. Nearly all of those who would take part in such a convention would be those who are weary from the many attempts in the past at priestly control. So let us lift high the banner: Not for Self, but for the Cause!"