

SPLIT IN THEOSOPHISTS' RANKS.

Those Dissatisfied with Mrs. Tingley Forming a New Society.

Another schism has arisen in the ranks of the Theosophists. The first was in the lifetime of W. Q. Judge, who was accused by Mrs. Annie Besant and other heads of the society in London of manufacturing letters from the Himalayan adepts. The majority of the society in this country upheld Mr. Judge, and seceded from the main body. Some time after Mr. Judge's death Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley assumed command of the society.

Since then Mrs. Tingley has been the absolute ruler of the Theosophists in this country, with the exception of a few branches outside New York which retained their connection with the London body at the time of the Judge dispute. For a long time there has been growing dissatisfaction with the autocratic nature of the government of the society.

This dissatisfaction has now culminated in a movement to found another society. A few days ago a circular was sent out asking those who were interested in the formation of a new and independent society to meet yesterday at Lyric Hall. It was announced that a general convention, at which the subject would be informally discussed, would be held yesterday, and a public meeting at the same place this evening.

The call was issued by John M. Pryse, who has been identified with Theosophy in this country for many years. Many responded to the call, and the project was heartily supported by nearly everyone who attended. Mr. Pryse was appointed Secretary of the convention, and directed to communicate with the officers of existing organizations with a view to combining these bodies in one society.

It is expected that this evening's meeting will attract many who were unable to be present yesterday. A. B. Griggs, Mrs. Vera Johnston, Dr. E. B. Guild, Fred Flint, and John M. Pryse will be the speakers.

"QUEEN," THE LIONESSE, DEAD.

"Queen," the lioness, known for many years and admired by thousands of circus-goers in this and other cities, is dead. "Queen" died on Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden of consumption, a disease that animal keepers take more pains to guard against than any other ills that beset their charges. The remarkable characteristic of "Queen" was that she was known as the "mother of half of the lions in captivity." That is why she was considered so valuable by her late owners, Forepaugh & Sells, and one reason why she used to attract so many children and grown people about her cage wherever she was shown.

"Queen's" age is an unsolved problem. She was acquired by her last owners many years ago, and even then her age was a matter of conjecture. Her keeper, "Jack," says she was a young lioness then, and a thing of beauty.

"She was the 'star' in them days," Jack explained yesterday, "and the handsomest critter on the road."

"Jack" says that her offspring are to be found in many menageries traveling in America, and in zoological gardens here and abroad. Her last pups "Sampson," "Dewey," and "Schley," born last year, are with the circus, and according to her old attendant, the "huskiest youngsters" in the show.

"But then," said "Jack," "she was a jealous mother, and it's more than one cub she's killed. If too many people looked at 'em she'd kill 'em, sure. And now the old lady's dead. Her sickness took on her a year ago, and lately she just kind o' fell away. She just laid in her cage, and the last time I spoke to her she only opened her eyes a little and wagged her tail, weak and pitiful like."

"Queen's" skin will be stuffed, and in all likelihood placed in the Smithsonian Institution.

New Hampshire Man Found Dead.

Philip Pelim, who registered at the Acme Hotel, One Hundred and Fifty-second Street and Third Avenue, Thursday night, as coming from New Hampshire, was found dead in his bed yesterday afternoon. It was thought that he had left the hotel Friday, as he had not been seen since Thursday night. On his person were a silver watch and \$5.85. In a coat hanging on a door was a two-ounce vial half filled with wood alcohol.

The Colored Home and Hospital.

The Colored Home and Hospital, at One Hundred and Forty-first Street and Concord Avenue, celebrated its sixtieth anniversary and dedicated its new buildings yesterday afternoon. The old buildings, at Sixty-fifth Street and First Avenue, which had been occupied since 1853, were abandoned last Fall.