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ALEISTER CROWLEY

ALLEGES THAT HIS WORKS ARE BOYCOTTED

When Mr. Edward Alexander Crowley, the author, commonly known as Aleister Crowley, appeared in the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday for his public examination, he attributed his insolvency to a boycott of his works and to the loss of a libel action.

Mr. Crowley's statement of affairs showed liabilities £4,710. £4,695 ranking, and assets, a doubtful book debt of £15,000

Asked by Mr. Bruce Park, Assistant Official Receiver, if he had been known by many other names, Mr. Crowley replied "Hundreds. Nearly every time I wrote a book I invented a name to fit it."

In 1926 he and other persons formed a "pool" to publish the results of his research work on his theory of philosophy. He had no capital in liquid form, but possessed a large stock of books, which were valued at £20,000. The work of the pool was discontinued in 1932.

No income tax papers had been sent to him since the war. He never inquired the reason, but he was living almost all the time abroad.

Mr. Park: You attribute your insolvency partly to a boycott of your books. Would it not be fairer to say that the public did not buy the books?—No. It would be grossly unfair and untrue.

The examination was concluded.