

SCIENCE AND THE INFINITE.

To the Editor of the OCCULT REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to thank Sydney T. Klein for his courteous and explanatory letter, in your September issue, which I fully appreciate.

My comments on *Science and the Infinite* were based on your reference to the book in "Notes of the Month" in the June issue, not on the book itself, which I have not seen. I have, however, ordered it and am looking forward to reading it with both pleasure and profit.

I entirely agree with the writer "that the Riddle of the Universe is not to be solved by the intellect, but by attaining to a 'Loving and Knowing Communion with the Absolute'"; that it is "impossible for the finite to even approach the infinite by 'Intellectualism'"; as the author clearly points out in his letter, "we cannot fix a point (in time or space) so as to exclude the thought of a point beyond."

What I wanted to emphasize in my letter was that metaphysics alone will never take any one to the heart of God; that intellect is—or should be—the servant of love. The difference between Sydney T. Klein and myself is more apparent than real.

Yours faithfully,

OMNIA VINCIT AMOR.

CANDLES IN THE ROMAN CHURCH.

To the Editor of the OCCULT REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Can any one tell me what is the real reason of the traditional practice in the Roman Church of having tall lighted candles placed round a bier? The explanation, so-called, that the flame "is symbolical of the soul rising" seems too easy, too *banale*, especially as a great many people hardly know even that. What is the *real* occult reason, for I presume there is one?

Yours truly,

INQUIRER.

[Is not the idea to keep away the evil spirits?—Ed.]

STRANGE HYPNOTIC PHENOMENA.

To the Editor of the OCCULT REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—With regard to Mr. Joy's question: he will find the experiments he wants properly authenticated in *An Experimental Study in the Domain of Hypnotism*, by Dr. R. von Krafft-Ebing, Professor of Psychology and Nervous Diseases in the Royal University of Graz, Austria. Translated from the German by Charles G. Chad-dock, M.D., Assistant Physician Northern Michigan Asylum. New York & London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, The Knickerbocker Press. 1896.

Yours faithfully,

ALEISTER CROWLEY.