

THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE GOLDEN DAWN

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THE GOLDEN DAWN:

*Being a Chronological History
of a Magical Order*

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Introductory Note

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When I began co-creating this chronology, I soon realised the book would not satisfy all its readers. For example, rather than providing footnotes, we chose to list our primary sources for the chronology in the bibliography. No doubt there will be those who will feel this or that fact should or should not have been included. If we were to attempt to compile a truly comprehensive chronology of the *Golden Dawn*, it would rival the doorstep edition of Regardie's *Complete Golden Dawn* (Falcon Press, 1984), and put it out of the price range of most readers. Rather than attempting to be a definitive, all inclusive timeline, this simple book is meant to assist readers and researchers as they study other historical books relating to the *Golden Dawn*.

The *Golden Dawn* books of the past have traditionally focused on the more exciting and turbulent aspects of the Order. Some readers might get the impression that the *Golden Dawn* was always in "quarrels and continual disturbance," but this could not be further from the truth. There were many happy and fruitful years within the Order that have been less apparent. Our primary purpose in writing this book is to offer our readers a general overview of the connections and parallels of the *Golden Dawn* history in a readable chronology.

As I worked on my *Golden Dawn* study series over the several years, I created my own chronology to assist me. After talking with Mary K. Greer, we decided to combine our chronologies and present them to the public so that other scholars, researchers and magicians might have the benefit of these brief and sketchy road maps. We welcome additions and corrections from our readers as we hope to reprint this volume in a moderately expanded format in years to come.

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1378

✠ "Birth of Christian Rosenkreuz."—W.W.W.

1383

✠ "C.R. placed in a cloister for tuition."—W.W.W.

1393

✠ "C.R. journeyed to Damascus."—W.W.W.

1394

✠ "C.R. arrived at Damcar; received by the Wise Men."—W.W.W.

1397

✠ "C.R. journeyed into Egypt."—W.W.W.

1398

✠ "C.R. arrived at Fez."—W.W.W.

1400

✠ "C.R. went to Spain."—W.W.W.

1402

✠ "C.R. settled in Germany."—W.W.W.

1407

✠ "C.R. designed a scheme of Reformation."—W.W.W.

1408

✠ "C.R. chose three Fratres G.V., I.A., and I.O."—W.W.W.

1409

✠ "Building of the House Sancti Spiritus; writing the Book M., and a Dictionary."—W.W.W.

1410

✠ "Four more Fratres added to the Society, viz.: R.C. his cousin, F.B. a painter, G.G., and P.D. their Secretary."—W.W.W.

1412

- † "Five Fratres departed on travels of benevolence, only B. and P.D. remain with the Founder."—W.W.W.

1413

- † "The Founder remains alone with R.C. his cousin, and Frater I.O."—W.W.W.
- † "Frater I.O. died first, in England: then P.D."—W.W.W.

1450

- † "The vault made."—W.W.W.
- † "The Second Circle, formed of Fratres P.A., A., and R."—W.W.W.

1459

- † "The Hermetic Romance [or the Chymical Wedding], written by C.R."—W.W.W.

1484

- † "Death of the Founder C.R.: closure of the vault."—W.W.W.

1561

- † *Polygraphiae et Universelle Escriiture Cabalistique* by Abbot Johann Trithemius is published in Paris. This book contains the cipher used in the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*.

1600

- † "Frater A. died, and Frater K.N. became Magus."—W.W.W.

1604

- † "Opening of the vault, after 120 years."—W.W.W.

1610

- † "Date of the manuscript of the *Fama Fraternitatis*."—W.W.W.

1614

- † *Allgemeine und General-Reformation der ganzen weiten Welt. Beneben der Fama Fraternitatis des löblichen Ordens des Rosenkreuzes* [The General Reformation by Boccacini with the *Fama Fraternitatis*] by Johann Valentin Andreæ (?) is first published at Cassel.

1615

- † *Secretioris Philosophiae Consideratio brevis a Philippo Gabella, Philosophiae St conscripta, et nunc primum una cum Confessione Fraternitatis R.C.* [The *Confessio Fraternitatis*] by Johann Valentin Andreæ (?) is first published.
- † The *Fama Fraternitatis* is reprinted with the *Confessio Fraternitatis* at Frankfurt.

1616

- † *Chymische Hochzeit: Christiani Rosencreütz, Anno 1459* [The Chemical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz, in the year 1459] by Johann Valentin Andreæ (?) is first published.

1622

- † "Michael Maier, S[upreme] M[agus], died."—W.W.W.

1637

- † "Robert de Fluctibus, the Magus, died."—W.W.W.

1652

- † *The Fame and Confession of the Fraternity of R.C: Commonly, of the Rosie Cross* translated in English by Eugenius Philalethes (Thomas Vaughan) is published in London.

1680

- † "Eugenius Philalethes, i.e., Thomas Vaughan, S[upreme] M[agus]."—W.W.W.

1685

- † "John Heydon died."—W.W.W.

1690

- † *The Hermetick Romance: or The Chemical Wedding*, translated in English by E. Foxcroft is published.

1710

- † "Sincerus Renatus, i.e., Sigmond Richter, was Magus."—W.W.W.
- † *Die wahrhafte und vollkommene Bereitung des philosophischen Steins der Brüderschafft aus dem Orden des Gulden und Rosen Kreutzes, darinne die Materie zu diesem Geheimniss mit seinem Nahmen genennet, etc.* [The True and Complete Preparation of the Philosophers' Stone of the Brotherhood, from the Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross] by Sincerus Renatus (Sigmond Richter) is published in Breslau. A second edition was published in Berlin in 1714.

1757

- Circa: The Gold- und Rosenkreuz is founded by Hermann Fictuld.

1781

- † *Der Rosenkreuzer in seiner Blösse* [The Rosicrucian in his Nakedness] by Magister Pianco is published. The grade structure of the Gold- und Rosenkreuz is first published in this book. The *Societas Rosicruciana* in Anglia and the *Golden Dawn* will adopt a similar grade structure for

their Orders. Mackenzie will print a translation of the grade structure in his *Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

1785

- † *Die theoretischen Brüder oder zweite Stufe der Rosenkreuzer* [The Theoretical Brotherhood or Second Degree of the Rosicrucians] is published. This anonymous book contains the grade ceremonies of the *Gold- und Rosenkreuz*.

1785 & 1788

- † *Geheime Figuren der Rosenkreuzer aus dem 16ten und 17ten Jahrhunderten* [The Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians of the 16th and 17th Centuries] edited by Hinricus Madathanus is published in two volumes at Altona.

1794

- † "A copy of the Register of Admission of Sigismund Bacstrom by Le Comte de Chazal, is extant, with this date."—W.W.W.

1808

- 12 June: The Masonic Lodge, called *Loge zur aufgehenden Morgenröthe* [Lodge of the Rising Dawn] is founded at Frankfurt-am-Main. This Lodge is probably the source of the *Golden Dawn*'s fictitious Mother Temple called *Licht, Liebe, und Leben Tempel*, Nr. 1 [Light, Love, and Light Temple, No. 1].
- 13 October: Frederick Hockley born (d. 1885); member of the *Society of Eight*, and alleged co-Chief with A.F.A. Woodford and K. Mackenzie of the *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2.

1810

- † K. Mackenzie wrote, "Johann Friedrich Falk [became] the head of a *Kabbalistic College* in London [in 1810]." The Hebrew name of the Society was reported by Westcott to be "*Chabroth Zerech Aur Bokher*" or "*Society of the Shining Light of the Dawn*." This College is the probable source of the *Golden Dawn*'s fictitious daughter Temple called *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2.
- 10 February: Alphonse Louis Constant born (d. 1875); author of numerous books on the occult, his nom-de-plume was *Eliphas Lévi*; alleged member of the *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2, and member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*. W.W. Westcott and S.L. Mathers later claim that Lévi once had the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript* in his possession.

1816

- 28 April: The Revd. William Alexander Ayton born (d. 1909); probable member of the *Society of Eight*.

1821

- 9 July: The Revd. Adolphus Frederick Alexander Woodford born (d. 1887);

alleged co-Chief with F. Hockley and K. Mackenzie of the *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2. Westcott claimed he received the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript* from Woodford.

1823

- † Thomas Lake Harris born; founder of utopian communities called the *Brotherhood of the New Life*, in New York and California.

1828

- † Dr. William Robert Woodman born (d. 1891); member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and a founding Chief with W.W. Westcott and S.L. Mathers of the *Golden Dawn*.
- 20 May: Benjamin Cox born (d. 1895); member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and the *Society of Eight*. Later co-founded the *Osiris Temple*, No. 4 of the *Golden Dawn* in 1888.
- 19 June: Major Francis George Irwin born (d. 1893); member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and co-founder of *Fratres Lucis*.

1830

- † "Godfrey Higgins writes in his *Anacalypsis* that there were Rosicrucians at work in England at that date."—W.W.W.

1831

- 12 August: Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (née von Hahn) born (d. 1891) soon after midnight at Dnepropetrovsk (then Ekaterinoslaw), Ukraine.

1833

- † *Anacalypsis, An Attempt to Draw Aside the Veil of the Saitic Isis* by Godfrey Higgins is published in two volumes.
- 17 April: John Yarker born (d. 1913); author of numerous books on Fringe Masonry. He also revived a number of defunct Fringe Rites.
- 31 October: Kenneth Robert Henderson Mackenzie born (d. 1886) at Deptford in London. Possible author of the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*, his nom-de-plume was *Cryptonymus*. Alleged co-Chief with F. Hockley and A.F.A. Woodford of the *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2. Author of the *Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia*.

1840

- † Robert Wentworth Little born (d. 1878); co-founder with K. Mackenzie of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and member of the *Society of Eight*.
- 10 February: Fräulein Sprengel is initiated as *Sapiens Dominabitur Astris* in the 5°=6° Grade of *Adeptus Minor*.

1842

- ✠ *Zanoni: A Rosicrucian Tale* (an occult novel) by Edward Bulwer-Lytton is published.

1845-57

- ✠ *Ägypten's Stelle in der Weltgeschichte* [*Egypt's Place in Universal History*] by Christian C.J. Bunsen is printed in five volumes at Hamburg, Germany. This is the first serious attempt to publish a translation of Egyptian hieroglyphs.

1846

- 16 September: Anna Kingsford (née Annie Bonus) born (d. 1888) at 5 A.M. in Stratford; co-founder with Edward Maitland of the *Hermetic Society*.

1848-67

- ✠ *Egypt's Place in Universal History* [*Ägypten's Stelle in der Weltgeschichte*] by Christian C.J. Bunsen is translated into English from the German by Charles H. Cottrell in five volumes.

1848

- ✠ Fox sisters claim spirit communication in New York.
- ✠ John William Brodie-Innes is born (d. 1923). He would succeed Mathers as Chief of the *Alpha et Omega*.
- 17 December: William Wynn Westcott born (d. 1925) at Leamington, Warwickshire; member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and the creator and a founding Chief with W.R. Woodman and S.L. Mathers of the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*.

1850

- ✠ Westcott wrote, "In 1850 the very old Rosicrucian Lodge at Frankfort-on-the-Main fell into abeyance." It is possible that the Lodge which went into "abeyance" was the *Loge zur aufgehenden Morgenröthe* [Lodge of the Rising Dawn]. In 1816-17 the *Morgenröthe* had a dispute with working the Christian degrees of the Scottish Rite instead of a similar structure for its Jewish members. With no settlement in sight the *Morgenröthe* petitioned the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for a Warrant of Constitution. On 30 April 1817 the petition was granted by the Duke of Sussex. The Lodge remained on the English roll until 1873 when it was able to join the Eclectic Union and became Lodge No. 218 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of Germany. Westcott could have believed that the *Morgenröthe* went into "abeyance" when it joined the Eclectic Union in 1873.

1853

- 13 March: Robert William Felkin born at Broadgate House in Nottingham.

1854

- 8 January: Samuel Liddell Mathers born (d. 1918) at 11, De Beauvoir Place, West Hackney, London, N.1. Possible birth time: 10:56 A.M. Greenwich Mean Time. Member of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*, and a founding Chief with W.W. Westcott and W.R. Woodman of the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*.

1854 & 1856

- ✠ *Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magic* (two volumes) by Eliphas Lévi is published in Paris.

1857

- 2 October: Arthur Edward Waite born (d. 1942) Brooklyn, New York at 1 P.M. local time; author of numerous books on the occult.

1860

- 7 July: Florence Farr born (d. 1917) in Bickley, near Bromley, Kent at 6:27 A.M. Greenwich Mean Time.
- 3 October: Annie Homiman born (d. 1937) in Forest Hill, London. 7:35 P.M.

1860-90

- ✠ Darcy Küntz characterizes the period from 1860-90 as "The Golden Age of English Fringe Masonry." The leading personalities were R.W. Little (1840-78); Frederick Hockley (1808-85); Kenneth Mackenzie (1833-86); F.G. Irwin (1828-93); John Yarker (1833-1913) and W.W. Westcott (1848-1925).

1861

- December: Kenneth Mackenzie visits Eliphas Lévi twice in Paris to test his Tarot theories on the great Magus. On his return to London (10 December) Mackenzie dictates an account of his two meetings to Frederick Hockley.

1863

- 9-10 May: K. Mackenzie transcribes the dictation of his two meetings with Lévi. It was later printed in *The Rosicrucian* (May 1873) under the title of 'Philosophical and Cabbalistic Magic: A Narrative.'

1865

- 28 February: Mina Bergson born (d. 1928) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 13 June: William Butler Yeats born (d. 1939) at "Georgeville" near Sandymount Castle, Dublin, 10:40 P.M. local time.

1866

- ✠ Founding of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* (a Rosicrucian Society of Freemasons) by R.W. Little and K. Mackenzie. Little was inspired to

found the Rosicrucian Society by a large folio manuscript translation of the *Geheime Figuren der Rosenkreuzer* (*Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians*), circa 1810 that he found at Freemasons' Hall where he worked as a clerk in the Grand Secretary's office. R.W. Little became the first Supreme Magus of the Society.

21 December: Edith Maud Gonne born (d. 1953) at Tongham, Surrey.

1868

July: *The Rosicrucian: A Quarterly Record of the Society's Transactions, with occasional Notes on Freemasonry* (edited by R.W. Little and Dr. W.R. Woodman) is published in London. This is the first magazine of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

1871

24 October: William Westcott is initiated into Freemasonry in the *Parret and Axe Lodge*, No. 814, at Crewkerne, Somersetshire.

1872

† Captain James Henry Lawrence Archer brings the *Royal Oriental Order of Sikha* (*Apex*) and the *Sat B'hai* to London, England. This was the first esoteric Order to admit both men and women. Yarker, Irwin, and Mackenzie become involved with the Order and try to establish it in London. Mackenzie writes that, "Modifications will have to be made before Apex will be of much Masonic service to us." These "modifications" could have been the creation of initiation ceremonies which became the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*.

1874

Autumn: F.G. Irwin visits Eliphas Lévi in Paris.

December: *The Star Rising in the East, or a Brilliant Light Revealed unto all Men* is written by [Thoma]S [Vaughan]N (i.e., F.G. Irwin), but is never published. It has similar initiation ceremonies as those contained in the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*.

1875

31 May: Alphonse Louis Constant (Eliphas Lévi) dies (b. 1810).

12 October: Edward Alexander (Aleister) Crowley born (d. 1947) at Leamington, Warwickshire, between eleven and twelve at night.

November: Madame Blavatsky with W.Q. Judge and H.S. Olcott found the *Theosophical Society* in New York.

1876

1 July: Yarker, Irwin, and Samuel Leather receive a Canadian charter to found the *Rite of Swedenborg* in Manchester, England. Kenneth Mackenzie was appointed as Supreme Grand Secretary, but resigned in April 1879.

1877

† *Isis Unveiled* by Helena Blavatsky is published.

4 October: S.L. Mathers is initiated as an Entered Apprentice in the Masonic Lodge of Hengist, No. 195. Nowhere in the Lodge records does Mathers have the appendage of "MacGregor."

15 November: Mathers is passed to a Fellow Craft Mason.

1878

30 January: S.L. Mathers is raised to the degree of Master Mason. On his Master Mason certificate his name is followed "Comte de Glenstræ."

16 February: Corinne Pamela Colman Smith born (d. 1951) in Pimlico, Middlesex, England.

April: Robert Wentworth Little dies (b. 1840). Dr. W.R. Woodman succeeds R.W. Little as the Supreme Magus of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

1879

7 August: Mackenzie writes Westcott, "I am not disposed to communicate the Tarot system indiscriminately although I am acquainted with it. To do so would put a most dangerous weapon into the hands of persons less scrupulous than I am."

1880

† Mina Bergson, age 15, first attends the Slade School of Art on a scholarship.

15 April: W.W. Westcott is initiated in the Zelator grade of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* in the *Metropolitan College*, choosing the motto *Quod Scis Nescis*.

1881

6 October: S.L. Mathers proposes Frederick Holland as a candidate in the Masonic Lodge of Hengist, No. 195.

3 November: Holland is initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

1 December: Holland is passed to a Fellow Craft Mason.

12 December: W.W. Westcott is advanced to the Second Order of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

1882

† *The Perfect Way; or the Finding of Christ* by Anna Kingsford and Edward Maitland is first published.

5 January: Holland is raised to the degree of Master Mason.

20 April: Frederick Holland and S.L. Mathers are initiated in the Zelator grade of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* in the *Metropolitan College*. Mathers choose the motto of the Clan MacGregor, 'S Rioghail Mo Dhream (Royal is my Tribe). After Mathers' initiation he began using "MacGregor" with his name. Holland was never sold on the Mathers'

"tartan-hued pretensions" and wrote Westcott on 19 April 1910 complaining: "[Mathers] never mentioned such tosh to me and knew better than to do so for I should have laughed him out of court."

Early October: "Early in October 1882 at the Slade School, University College, Gower Street, I made the acquaintance of Mina Bergson."—Annie Horniman.

27 December: Mathers resigns from Masonry.

1883

† The *Society of Eight* is founded by Frederick Holland for the study of practical occultism. Mackenzie probably wrote the initiation ceremonies for the Society which were never used. These ceremonies, once encoded, could have become the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*. The members were Holland, Mackenzie, Yarker, Irwin, Hockley, Cox, Ayton, and Westcott. Mathers became a member after the death of Hockley in 1885.

† W.W. Westcott is appointed as the Secretary-General in the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

August: The fictitious daughter Temple of the *Golden Dawn* called *Hermanubis Temple*, No. 2 is reconstituted with the alleged Chiefs of the Temple being Frederick Hockley, A.F.A. Woodford, and Kenneth Mackenzie. The history of this Temple is probably based on the history of the *Kabbalistic College* or *Chabrath Zerech Aur Bokher* in London.

28 August: K. Mackenzie wrote to F.G. Irwin that the *Society of Eight* "means work not play. It is by no means poor [R.W.] Little's foolish Rosicrucian Society. We are practical and not visionary and we are not degree-mongers. That nonsense is played out."

1884

† *Practical Instruction in Infantry Campaigning Exercise*, by S.L. MacGregor Mathers is published. It is a translation of a French military manual.

† S.L. Mathers studies Kabbalah with Frederick Holland in Bournemouth.

† The London branch of the *Theosophical Society* is founded, with Anna Kingsford as president, but she resigns after one year.

3 October: Paul Foster Case is born outside of Rochester, New York.

28 November: A Warrant is issued for the Masonic Lodge of research called the *Quatuor Coronati Lodge*, No. 2076. The Lodge proposed to "take an interest in the History and Antiquities as well as the Ritual of the Fraternity [of Freemasonry]." It has become known as the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research.

1885

27 January: Mary Ann Mathers dies "in the presence of her son" in Bournemouth, and MacGregor moves to London to 53 Great Percy Street.

May: The *Hermetic Society* is founded by Anna Kingsford and Edward

Maitland in London. Westcott and Mathers both join the Society and give lectures.

16 June: The Dublin *Hermetic Society* is founded with W.B. Yeats presiding.

10 November: Frederick Hockley dies (b. 1808); his papers go to William Robert Woodford, possibly including the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*.

20 November: Kenneth Mackenzie meets with Mathers and later writes, "Br. Liddell Mathers was here last evening—he is a highly intelligent and earnest seeker into our favourite studies. I hope to see more of him."

1886

† *Astrology Theologised: The Spirit Hermeneutics of Astrology and Holy Writ being a Treatise upon the Influence of the Stars on Man and on the Art of ruling them by the Law of Grace* by Valentine Weigel is published. It was translated from the 1649 original by Anna Kingsford and Edward Maitland and contains a Prefatory Essay by Kingsford entitled "The True Method of Interpreting Holy Scripture." On the title page appears the Latin motto "Sapiens Dominabitur Astris," which was also the motto of Fräulein Sprengel.

† *The Mysteries of Magic, A Digest of the Writing of Eliphas Lévi* by A.E. Waite is published.

† Mathers shows Blavatsky his manuscript translation of Rosenroth's *Kabbalah Denudata*.

February: "Rev. A.F.A. Woodford converses with W[illiam] W[ynn] W[estcott] re[garding the] Cypher MSS. in his possession; he promises to show them, or give them to W[estcott] at some future time."—W.W.W.'s Diary.

† "The Cypher [Manuscript] translates into English, yet they came to me from a correspondent in France with a history that they had passed through Lévi's hands and indeed a loose page among them has a note signed A[lphonse] L[ouis] C[onstant]."—Note of a conversation with Woodford handwritten by Westcott.

3 June: Mathers lectures to Anna Kingsford's *Hermetic Society* on "The Qabalah."

17 June: Westcott writes Yarker worried about Mackenzie's health: "I fear he cannot live much longer." He also suggested they should revive the Swedenborgian Rite and that he would "be willing to act as Grand Secretary and make an effort to revive the order of the Swedenborg, of which I have some years been a Warden." He was also worried he would have trouble attaining the documents and ceremonies of the Swedenborgian Rite from Mrs. Mackenzie's after her husband's death and suggested that "if you will send me a warrant, as from you as Grand Master, to obtain them, I will act after his funeral."

3 July: Kenneth Mackenzie dies (b. 1833) at the age of 52. Westcott writes Mrs. Mackenzie asking for the documents of the Swedenborgian Rite, but she does not respond to Westcott.

8 July: Mathers lectures to the *Hermetic Society* on "The Physical or Lower Alchemy."

- 29 July: Westcott lectures to the *Hermetic Society* on "The *Sepher Yetzirah*: A Rabbinical Treatise on Creation."
- ✚ Westcott writes Yarker complaining that "I have applied to Mrs. Mackenzie, and also sent your letter, but cannot get any answer from her. I asked for an appointment to see her, but this she has not granted."
- 4 August: After Irwin's intervention, on Westcott's behalf, Mrs. Mackenzie writes Westcott stating "If you would like to fetch those I have found you can do so by giving me 24 hours notice."
- 8 August: Westcott writes Yarker to inform him of the contents of the haul of documents of the Swedenborgian Rite from Mrs. Mackenzie.
- 21 August: Mrs. Mackenzie writes Westcott stating she will send further material after she goes through Mackenzie's papers.
- 28 August: Westcott writes to Yarker "I received from Mrs. Mac[kenzie] yesterday the other papers, viz.: Declaration Books, Hermes Warrant, and some loose papers." These "loose papers" may have included the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*.
- Autumn: Mina Bergson completes the regular course at the Slade Art School. She shares a studio with a Miss Offor at 17, Fitzroy Street, location of the first *Golden Dawn* initiations.

1887

- ✚ *Kabbalah Unveiled* translated by S.L. MacGregor Mathers, and dedicated to Anna Kingsford, is published.
- ✚ *Sepher Yetzirah: The Book of Formation* by William Wynn Westcott is published.
- ✚ *The Isiac Tablet of Cardinal Bembo, Its History and Occult Significance* by William Wynn Westcott is published.
- Summer: Mina Bergson studies Egyptian art at the British Museum, where she probably meets Mathers.
- 8 August: Westcott receives a letter from Woodford which states, "With this I send MSS. under seal, which I promised, in cypher." Interestingly the letter was hand-written by Westcott.
- 9 August: "Revd. A.F.A. Woodford sent to W[illiam] W[ynn] W[estcott] his collection of Cypher MSS."—W.W.W.'s Diary.
- 12-30 August: "W[illiam] W[ynn] W[estcott] occupied with study of [the Cypher] MSS. Finds them to be English in a peculiar cypher unknown to him. He deciphers almost all the letters."—W.W.W.'s Diary. Westcott made his translations on the back of old Swedenborgian Rite documents.
- 20 September: "W[illiam] W[ynn] W[estcott] hands [the Cypher] MSS. to S.L. M[acGregor] Mathers for opinion."—W.W.W.'s Diary.
- 3 October: "Heard from Mathers, with his report on the [Cypher] MSS., dated October 1."—W.W.W.'s Diary.
- 4 October: "W[illiam] W[ynn] W[estcott] offers Mathers to be his co-adjutor in working up the [Cypher] MSS."—W.W.W.'s Diary. Westcott writes Mathers offering him a position as one of the Chiefs and asks for help to

flesh out the ceremonies in the Cipher Manuscript. He also wrote that "We must then choose a 3rd [Chief] and endeavour to spread a complete scheme of initiation."

- 6 October: "Heard from Mathers accepting the post. He proposes [W.R.] Woodman as a 3rd [Chief]."—W.W.W.'s Diary.
- 12 October: "Wrote to Sap[liens] Dom[inabitur] Ast[ris], i.e. Fräulein Sprengel."—W.W.W.'s Diary. All the correspondence between Westcott and Sprengel in German was translated by Albert Essinger, the director of the Sanitary Wood Wool Co. Westcott had a financial stake in this company and he would later use the address and location for a independent *Golden Dawn* Group.
- 26 November: "Heard from Sap[liens] Dom[inabitur] Ast[ris] first time."—W.W.W.'s Diary. S.D.A. (Fräulein Sprengel) writes that N.O.M. (Westcott) should "Begin a new Temple, No. 3 and choose two learned persons to form the first three Chiefs; when you have raised three more adepts to you may be independent." The alleged Chiefs of the *Golden Dawn*'s fictitious Mother Temple, called *Licht, Liebe, und Leben Tempel, Nr. 1* [Light, Love, and Light Temple, No. 1], were *Sapiens Dominabitur Astris* and *Ex Uno Disce Omnes*.
- December: A perfect pentagram of quintile aspects (72°) is formed in MacGregor's chart involving the transits of Uranus & Saturn along with MacGregor's natal Mercury, Neptune & Saturn.
- 23 December: The Revd. A.F.A. Woodford dies (b. 1821).

1888

- ✚ *The Tarot: Its Occult Signification, Use in Fortune Tellings, and Method of Play, etc.* by S.L. MacGregor Mathers is published.
- ✚ *The Key of Solomon the King (Clavicula Salomonis)* translated and edited by S. Liddell MacGregor Mathers is published.
- ✚ *The Kabbalistic Rose + Croix* is founded by Stanislas de Guaita in Paris. Members include Péladan, Papus, Oswald Wirth.
- ✚ Dr. William Elliot Carnegie Dickson is born (d. 1954).
- 25 January: S.D.A. (Fräulein Sprengel) writes N.O.M. (Westcott) stating, "I authorise you to sign my motto 'Sapiens Dom. Astris' to any papers which are necessary to carry out my wishes as to forming Temples and carrying on the work of the Order of the G[olden] D[awn]."
- February (?): The Preliminary Pledge Form (version I) of the Order of the G[olden] D[awn] is issued.
- ✚ The Obligation of Candidates Admitted to the Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer is issued.
- ✚ The Ordinances of the First Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer is issued.
- ✚ The Bye-Laws of the Isis-Urania Temple is issued.
- 7 February: S.D.A. (Fräulein Sprengel) writes N.O.M. (Westcott) that "all reports and questions [should] come from yourself only."

11 February: The three founding Chiefs of the *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 3 of the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn* (Westcott, Woodman, and Mathers) sign their pledges of fidelity.

22 February: Anna Kingsford dies (b. 1846) and the *Hermetic Society* falls into abeyance.

1 March: *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 3 of the *Golden Dawn* is chartered.

March: *The Historical Lecture for Neophytes* by *Sapere Aude* (Westcott) is issued.

† Nine candidates are initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte of the *Golden Dawn*: (1) Mina Bergson taking the magical motto *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum*; (2) Theresa O'Connell initiated as *Ciall Agus Neart*; (3) Benjamin Cox initiated as *Crux Dat Salutem*; (4) Thomas Henry Pattinson initiated as *Vota Vita Mea*; (5) Eugene Street initiated as *Certus et Constans*; (6) William Lemon initiated as *Via Crucis Via Lucis*; (7) John Collinson initiated as *Servabo Fidem*; (8) Alexandrina Mackenzie (wife of Kenneth Mackenzie) initiated as *Cryptonyma*; and (9) Sidney Jones initiated as *Beneficiorum Memor*.

20 March: *Isis-Urania Temple* is consecrated and has its first Equinox Ceremony.

Spring: Mina Bergson introduces Mathers to Annie Horniman and tells her that he is "an interesting man, whom she did not want to marry."

July: The Revd. William Ayton is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte with the motto *Virtute Orta, Occidunt Rarius* at the age of 72.

31 August-9 November: Jack the Ripper terrorizes London.

Autumn: *The Secret Doctrine* by Helena Blavatsky is published.

† Blavatsky founds the *Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society* as a alternative to the *Golden Dawn*. She hopes this will prevent further *Theosophical Society* members leaving to join the ranks of the *Golden Dawn*.

[October]: Frank Coleman is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte with the motto *Audi Et Aude*. Later he creates additional *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript folios* based on the *Golden Dawn Officers*.

8 October: *Osiris Temple*, No. 4 is established (but not chartered until December) at Weston-super-Mare with *Crux Dat Salutem* (Benjamin Cox) as Imperator. The Temple was consecrated on 16 April 1889.

10 October: *Horus Temple*, No. 5 is established at Bradford with *Vota Vita Mea* (T.H. Pattinson) as *Præmonstrator*. The Temple is consecrated on 19 October.

11 October: Westcott gives a lecture to the S.R.I.A. in which he claims, "Revd. A.F.A. Woodford ... was a very learned Hermetist, and a member of a very ancient universal Rosicrucian Society ... its Hebrew title was *ChaBRat ZeReCH [AVR] BoQR (Society of the Shinning Light of the Dawn)*, and its students are now known in England as '*Hermetic Students of the G.D.*'"

13 November: Constance Wilde (*Qui Patitur Vincit*) and Anna de Bremond (*Fiat Bien-Les Dire*), Oscar Wilde's wife and sister, are initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

Winter: William Butler Yeats joins the *Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society*.

1 December: C.D.S. (Benjamin Cox) is initiated in the Grade of Portal.

8 December: Gustav Mommensen writes to *Notes and Queries*, "Johann F.

Falk succeeded to the directorate of a secret society of students of the Kabbalah about 1810, in London, I believe. Its name was "Chabrah Zereh aur bokher", as nearly as Hebrew can be put in English. ... Is this society still in existence?"

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates thirty-two candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Osiris Temple* initiates seven, and the *Horus Temple* initiates eleven. A total of fifty.

† Five members are advanced to the nominal 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor, of which, three are questionable. An additional four questionable names are listed in the Second Order Parchment Roll who entered the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor prior to 1888.

1889

† Second edition of Mathers's *Practical Instruction in Infantry Campaigning Exercise* is published, dated Bournemouth, 1889.

† *Le Tarot des Bohémiens* by Papus is published (possibly co-written by fellow-Martinist Frederick Holland).

† W.W. Westcott becomes the Celebrant of the Metropolitan College of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

Circa: Westcott begins using the street address of the Sanitary Wood Wool Co. as a cover address for his *Golden Dawn* correspondence. Those who were initiated wrote to his home at 396 Camden Road.

30 January: Maud Gonne meets W.B. Yeats. She joins the Dublin *Theosophical Lodge* and meets Madame Blavatsky later in the year.

9 February: Westcott replies to Mommsen: "The order of mystics which ... Johann Falk was at one time the Lecturer on the Kabbalah in London, is still at work in England. ... Its true name is only told to initiates, and the few outsiders who have heard of its existence only know of the society as '*The Hermetic Students of the G.D.*'" Westcott unnecessarily gives his home address.

April: W.A. Ayton writes F.L. Gardner and proposes that "If you think of joining it [i.e., *Golden Dawn*], the address for all Members and others is: G.D. Secretary, c/o Sanitary Wood Wool Co."

May: Edmund W. Berridge (*Resurgam*) is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

June: A letter from Mathers appears in the *Theosophical journal Lucifer* which claims that the *Hermetic Students of the Rosicrucian G[olden] D[awn]* in the Outer hold a true "ancient and secret knowledge."

31 August: *Virtute Orta, Occidunt Rarius* (Revd. Ayton) is initiated in the Grade of Portal.

10 September: *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum* (Mina Bergson) is advanced to the nominal 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates seventeen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Osiris Temple* initiates two and the *Horus Temple* initiates two. A total of twenty-one.

† Four members are advanced to the nominal 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1889-90

15 August-15 March: Westcott writes a series of articles for the Theosophical publication *Lucifer* on "Numbers: Their Occult Power and Mystic Virtue."

1890

Circa: Bye-Laws of the *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 3 of the *Order of the G[olden] D[awn]* in the Outer is issued.

January: Annie Horniman (*Fortiter et Recte*) is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte at V.N.R.'s [Mina Bergson] studio in Fitzroy Street. Immediately after she is advanced to the 1°=10° Grade of Zelator and the 2°=9° Grade of Theoricus.

7 March: W.B. Yeats is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Demon est Deus Inversus*.

20 March: W.W. Westcott, S.L. Mathers and W.R. Woodman are advanced to the 7°=4° Grade of Adeptus Exemptus.

May-June: Mina Bergson stays with the Ayton's at Chacombe, near Banbury to establish residency for her marriage banns.

Summer: Gatherings at Stent Lodge, Forest Hill home of the Matherses, focusing on "testing the power of symbols to bring about changing moods and thoughts," and skrying past lives.

16 June: Mina Bergson and MacGregor Mathers are married by the Revd. William Ayton. They move to Stent Lodge, Forest Hill, where MacGregor will be the caretaker of Annie Horniman's father's museum.

June-July: Annie Horniman is advanced to the 3°=8° Grade of Practicus and 4°=7° Grade of Philosophus.

July: Florence Farr is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data*.

Mid-Summer (?): The Preliminary Pledge Form (version II) of the *Order of the G[olden] D[awn]* in the Outer is issued with the new address of the Matherses.

20 July: Fräulein Sprengel (*Sapiens Dominabitur Astris*) dies.

August: J.W. Brodie-Innes is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Sub Spe* at the age of 42.

23 August: *Nom Omnis Moriar* (Westcott) receives a letter from *Ex Uno Disce Omnes* stating that Fräulein Sprengel (S.D.A.) is dead. Permission to "perform ceremonies in large Lodges ... was given by S.D.A. against the wishes of other Chiefs, and they will not correspond with you, or help you any more at present, until they find out how this change affects the Order."

Autumn: Mina takes the Celticized name Moïna.

September: Percy W. Bullock is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Levavi Oculos*.

November: Yeats is asked to resign from the *Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society* for trying to raise the ghost of a dead flower.

6 December: Violet Mary Firth born (d. 1946); author of numerous books on the occult. Her nom-de-plume was *Dion Fortune*.

13 December: Lecture by Westcott on "Physical Alchymy" is issued as F.R. No. VII on 27 December 1892.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates fifteen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Horus Temple* initiates four. A total of nineteen.

k No one is advanced to the nominal 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1891

January: Arthur Edward Waite is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Sacramentum Regis*.

February: Florence Farr appears as Rebecca in the first production of Ibsen's *Rosmersholm*. (As the second Ibsen play produced in England, it establishes Florence as a quintessential Ibsen actress.)

March: Helen Rand (*Vigilate*) and Oswald Murray (*Quaestor Lucis*) are initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

15 March: The Matherses begin to borrow "ready money" from Annie Horniman.

May: Mrs. Florence Kennedy is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Volo*.

8 May: Madame Blavatsky dies (b. 1831).

Summer: Mathers spends time in Paris and establishes contact with the Secret Chiefs where he has gone to "seek enlightenment."

June: Mrs. Lina Hamilton is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Fidelis*.

30 July: Mathers writes Westcott to inform him that "I have been much in communication with Frater Lux E[x] Tenebris and other Chiefs since I have been over here." Mathers claimed he received material for the Adeptus Minor ceremony from Frater L.E.T. or Dr. Thiessen.

2 August: S.S.D.D. (Florence Farr) is initiated in the Grade of Portal.

31 August: Maud Gonne's son, Georges, dies at 20 months of age of meningitis. Over the next few months she seeks a way to bring him back through past life readings with A.E. (Ireland's mystic, George Russell), and with Moïna and MacGregor Mathers, who see exactly the same things.

16 November: Maud Gonne is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Per Ignam ad Lucem*.

December: Dr. William Robert Woodman, one of the three Chiefs of the *Golden Dawn*, dies (b. 1828). William Westcott succeeds Woodman as Supreme Magus of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia*.

† Mathers claims the Secret Chiefs order him to "transfer his occult centre to Paris." Annie Horniman has also been encouraging Moïna to go to Paris to study art.

† S.L. Mathers creates elaborate ceremonies for the Grades of Portal and 5°=6° Adeptus Minor. The *Rosae Rubrae et Aureae Crucis* (R.R. et A.C.) under the Secret Chiefs is established as a prerequisite to practising magic.

7 December: The construction of the first Second Order Vault of the Adepti at Thavies Inn is completed. The Vault is located in a room at the Sanitary Wood Wool Co. Annie Horniman is the first to experience Mathers new ceremony for the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

22 December: S.S.D.D. (Florence Farr) is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates twenty-four candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Osiris Temple* initiates two and the *Horus Temple* initiates nine. A total of thirty-five.

† Three members are advanced to the nominal 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor. Two members are initiated to the full 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1892

† Mathers begins teaching ceremonial magic to the *Rosae Rubrae et Aureae Crucis* (R.R. et A.C.).

† Three new sub-offices are created to help with the duties of the Chiefs: viz., Sub-Imperator, Sub-Præmonstrator, and Sub-Cancellarius.

† Annie Horniman becomes Sub-Præmonstratrix under Westcott.

† Dr. Edmund Berridge lectures on "Horary Astrology." Issued as F.R. No. XXIV on 12 January 1894.

5-9 March: Several initiations in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor in the Vault of the Adepti at Thavies Inn.

9 March: The Consecration Ceremony of the Vault of the Adepti at Thavies Inn begins at 4:00 P.M.

18 March: Westcott writes in his diary, "Recd. letter from Wood Wool Co. re other room." The Second Order needed additional space which seemed to be unfavorable for in August they moved the Vault to Clipstone Street.

22 March: *Shemeber* (Pamela Bullock, née Carden) and *Dum Spiro Spero* (Henrietta Paget, Farr's sister) are initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

April: Amended Bye-Laws of the *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 3 of the *Order of the Golden Dawn* in the Outer is issued.

3 April: Moïna goes to Venice for five weeks with Annie Horniman.

20 May: The Matherses move to Paris to 79, Rue Miromesnil, Paris, 8'.

Late May: The Matherses move to 121, Boulevard St. Michel, Paris, 6'.

† Moïna clairvoyantly contacts the Secret Chiefs of Third Order.

3-17 July: Three members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor in the Vault of the Adepti at Thavies Inn.

10 August: Westcott wrote, "S.A. [Westcott] here [at Thavies Inn between] 11-12 [A.M. and] 4:30-5:00 P.M.] in pastos. Decided on [moving the Vault of the Adepti to] Clipstone Street."

September: Annie Horniman agrees to give the Matherses £200 a year.

6 September-20 October: The Matherses in London to get the affairs of the Second Order in order. "S.R.M.D. [Mathers] and V.N.R. [Moïna] called at 5:15 [P.M.] and examine new quarters [at Clipstone Street], which are most admirably fitted for their purpose and beautifully arranged." They attend the Equinox Ceremony, the Consecration Ceremony of the new Second Order Vault of the Adepti (20 September) at Clipstone Street and four members are advanced to the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

25 September: Annie Horniman disciplines the unruly members of the *Horus Temple* in Bradford as Mathers's deputy.

26 September: *Fidelis* (Lina Hamilton) is advanced to the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

October: The unruly members: *Volo* (Oliver Firth) and *Volantia* (Florence Firth) resign and *Quanti est Sapere* (Francis Harrison) is suspended from the *Horus Temple*.

November: Dr. Henry Pullen Burry is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Anima Pura Sit*.

2 November: Westcott issues a circular letter to the members of the *Horus Temple* that he will "take charge of the Temple until it has once more its 'Three Chiefs'."

7 November: F.R. No. I, Part I: "Notice to Members of the 5°=6° Grade" and Part II: "A Subject for Contemplation" by Westcott is issued.

10 November: Spirit Vision of Empress Tarot card experienced by S.S.D.D. (Farr) and *Fidelis* (Lina Hamilton). Some authors have incorrectly stated that *Fidelis* was Elaine Simpson, but she did not join the Golden Dawn until 18 January 1897. Issued as F.R. No. IV, "Example of Mode of Attaining to Spirit Vision" on 28 November. Later re-numbered as F.R. No. VI.

24 November: F.R. No. II, Part I: "A Second Subject for Contemplation" by Westcott; Part II: "Remarks upon A Subject for Contemplation" by P.W. Bullock and Part III: "Three Suggestions on Will Power" by F. Farr is issued.

† F.R. No. III, "Instructions on Procedures" by Westcott is issued.

9 December: Florence Farr plays lead in Shaw's first play, *Widowers' Houses*.

11 December: F.R. No. V, "A Few Thoughts on Imagination" by Berridge and Westcott is issued.

† F.R. No. VI, "Concerning Flying Roll No. II" by S.L. Mathers is issued. Later re-numbered as F.R. No. IV.

26 December: Annie Horniman, in Rome, does skrying for healing a sick child.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates twenty-one candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Horus Temple* initiates eleven. A total of thirty-two.

† Nine members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

- † *The Science of Alchymy: Spiritual and Material* by *Sapere Aude* (Westcott) is published.
- † *An English Translation of the Hermetic Arcanum of Penes Nos Unda Tagi*, 1623 edited by *Sapere Aude* (Westcott) is published as Volume I of *Collectanea Hermetica* series (edited by Westcott).
- † Records show 70 visits by Florence Farr to the Second Order Vault of the Adepti on Clipstone Street.
- † *Ciall Agus Neart* (T. O'Connell) is suspended from membership. "A Notice of Expulsion" is issued with the following persons who resigned their membership: Oliver Firth, Florence Firth, Alfred Monck, Emily Bates, W.M. Farquhar, Jessie Horne, Francis Harrison, John Midgeley, Selim Mosalli and Mahomet Eusof.
- January:** The Matherses living at 1, Avenue Duquesne, Champ-de-Mars, Paris, 7'. £40 a year rent which seems expensive to Horniman.
- 20-21 January:** W.B. Yeats is initiated in the Grade of Portal and the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.
- 29 January:** S.A. (Westcott), L.O. (Bullock), and S.S.D.D. (Farr) invoke Jupiter.
- 25 February:** F.R. No. VIII, "Geometric Pentagram" by Dr. Pullen-Burry is issued.
- March:** Harrietta Dorothea Hunter is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Deo Date*.
- † William Westcott resigns as Præmonstrator and Florence Farr fills the position. (Mathers = Imperator, Horniman = Sub-Præmonstratrix, Bullock = Cancellarius, and Berridge = Sub-Imperator).
- 27 March:** F.R. No. IX, "On the Right and Left Pillars of the Sephiroth" by Westcott is issued.
- 31 March:** Good Friday ceremony. Mathers lectures on "Concerning the Symbolism of Self-Sacrifice and Crucifixion contained in the 5°=6° Grade." Issued as F.R. No. X on 8 April.
- 6 April:** J.W. Brodie-Innes is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.
- 9 April:** F.R. No. XI, "On Clairvoyance" by S.L. Mathers is issued.
- † Moïna is advanced to the 6°=5° Grade of Adeptus Major.
- May:** Florence Farr delivers a lecture on "Secrecy and Hermetic Love." Issued 1 June as F.R. No. XIII.
- 27 May:** F.R. No. XII, "Telematic Images and Adonai" by S.L. Mathers is issued.
- Summer:** Annie Horniman, in Trondhjem, Norway (to see Ibsen's plays in the original). She writes "Progress in the Order" which is issued as F.R. No. XVIII on 30 August.
- 8 June:** *Amen-Ra Temple*, No. 6 is chartered in Edinburgh (consecrated on 19 December) with J.W. Brodie-Innes as Imperator.
- 15 June:** F.R. No. XIV, "On Talismans and Flashing Tablets" by Westcott is issued.

- July:** The *Amoun Temple* is established in North Kensington, London with Dr. Felkin as Imperator.
- 26 July:** F.R. No. XV, "God and Man" by Westcott is issued.
- † Major F.G. Irwin dies (b. 1828).
- 17 August:** Two lectures given by Westcott: "The History of the Rosicrucian Order," and "On the Seven Sides of the Vault." Issued as F.R. No. XVI on 24 August and F.R. No. XVII on 29 August.
- 15 September:** F.R. No. XIX, "The Aims and Means of Adeptship" by Westcott is issued.
- 23 September:** The lecture by Mathers, "On the Constitution of Man" is issued as F.R. No. XX.
- 24 September:** The Equinox Ceremony held at the *Isis-Urania Temple*. Moïna Mathers lectures on "Gnothi Seauton (Know Thyself)." Issued as F.R. No. XXI on 26 September.
- October:** S.S.D.D. (Farr) looks for a new location for the Second Order Vault of the Adepti.
- 8 October:** F.R. No. XXII, "Free Will and the Theory of Separateness," and "River of Life" by Oswald Murray is issued.
- 16 October:** Visions by Moïna Mathers issued as F.R. No. XXIII, "Examples of Tattwa Visions: Prithivi-Prithivi; Prithivi-Tejas; Apas-Akasa".
- December:** *Festina Lente* (George T. Pollexfen: Yeats's uncle) and *Veritas et Lux* (William Peck: astronomer) are initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte in the *Amen-Ra Temple*, Edinburgh.
- 3 December:** *Athathöör Temple*, No. 7 is chartered in Paris (consecrated on 6 January 1894) with S.L. MacGregor Mathers as Imperator.
- Year-end:** The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates fourteen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Horus Temple* initiates four, and the *Amen-Ra Temple* initiates six. A total of twenty-four.
- † Twenty members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1893-94

- † S.L. Mathers predicts imminence of Great Wars.

1894

- † *The Pyramider of Hermes*, preface and edited by *Sapere Aude* (Westcott) is published as Volume II of *Collectanea Hermetica*.
- † *A Short Enquiry concerning the Hermetic Art by a Lover of Philalethes*, introduction and notes by *Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data* [Farr] is published as Volume III of *Collectanea Hermetica*.
- † *Æsch Mezareph, or Purifying Fire. A Chymico-Kabalistic Treatise*, preface and notes by *Sapere Aude* [Westcott] is published as Volume IV of *Collectanea Hermetica*.
- † *Somnium Scipionis: The Vision of Scipio*, translated by *Levavi Oculos* [Percy Bullock], with *The Golden Verses of Pythagoras* by *Audi Et Aude* [F.W.

Coleman], and *The Symbols of Pythagoras* by Sapere Aude [Westcott] is published as Volume V of *Collectanea Hermetica*.

† J.W. Brodie-Innes establishes the *Cromlech Temple of the Sun Order* in Edinburgh and London. Brodie-Innes is the first head of the Order and is known as *Metatron*.

Circa: The 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor is divided into two sub-grades. The Zelator Adeptus Minor upon admission and the Theoricus Adeptus Minor after passing eight examinations.

January (?): F.R. No. XXVI, "Regarding Planets to Tattwas: A Supplement to Flying Roll No. XII" by S.L. Mathers is issued.

6 January: The *Ahathöör Temple*, No. 7 is consecrated in Paris, with Annie Horniman officiating and Mathers as Imperator.

27 January: F.R. No. XXV, "Essay on Clairvoyance and Travelling in the Spirit Vision" by J.W. Brodie-Innes is issued.

February: Yeats in Paris staying with the Matherses at 1 Ave. Duquesne.

† Allan Bennett is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Voco*.

12 March: Robert W. Felkin is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Finem Respice* into the *Amen-Ra Temple*, Edinburgh.

20 March: Frederick Leigh Gardner is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Experto Crede*.

March-April: Florence Farr produces the first public performance of the plays of W.B. Yeats (*Land of Heart's Desire*) and George Bernard Shaw (*Arms and the Man*) at the Avenue Theatre, with money provided anonymously by Annie Horniman.

5 May: Charles Henry Rosher is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Æquo Animo*.

June: *The Dancing Faun*, a novel by Florence Farr is published.

† "The Principia of Theurgia or the Higher Magic" by P.W. Bullock is issued as F.R. No. XXVII.

18 June: Mathers declares four "Lieutenants" to the R.R. et A.C. of *Isis-Urania Temple* who are to report directly to him rather than to Westcott. *Nephthys*: Annie Horniman, *Isis*: Florence Farr, *Horus*: Percy Bullock, and *Aroueris* [Horus the Elder]: Edward Berridge. Issued as F.R. No. XXIX, "Notice to all Members of the Second Order" on 8 November.

August: Second Order Vault of the Adepts moves to 62 Oakley Square.

3 November: F.R. No. XXVIII, "On the Value of Magic Implements and Insignia in Methods of Divination" by S.L. Mathers and Westcott is issued.

December: Maud Gonne resigns from the *Golden Dawn* (having achieved the 3°=8° Grade of Practicus) because she believes they are Masons, and committed to keeping Ireland enslaved to the Empire.

Year-end: Annie Horniman gives the Matherses £280 over the year.

† The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates twenty-seven candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Horus Temple* initiates four, the *Amen-Ra Temple* initiates eight, and the *Ahathöör Temple* initiates two. A total of forty-one.

† Nine members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1895

† *The Chaldean Oracles of Zoroaster*, preface and edited by Sapere Aude [Westcott] is published as Volume VI of *Collectanea Hermetica*.

† (?) F.R. No. XXX, "Tattwa Cards and Tattwic Clairvoyance" and "Hierophant Rising 0°=0° Signs" by S.L. Mathers is issued.

† (?) F.R. No. XXXI, "Correspondence between the Enochian and Ethiopic Alphabets" by Moïna Mathers is issued.

† (?) F.R. No. XXXII, "The Theban Letters" by Westcott is issued.

† (?) F.R. No. XXXIII, "[Seven] Visions of Squares upon the Enochian Tablets." Numbers I & II by H.M. Rand, III by Horniman, IV by Dr. Pullen-Burry, V by Dr. Berridge, VI by Pamela Bullock, and VII by Dr. Berridge is issued.

† (?) F.R. No. XXXIV, "Notes of an Experiment in Exorcism" by J.W. Brodie-Innes is issued.

† (?) F.R. No. XXXV, "Notes on the Exordium of the 'Z' Ritual" by S.L. Mathers is issued.

† Revised *Second Order Manuscript A: General Orders of the G[olden] D[awn]* is issued by the Chief Adepts 'in Britannia.'

Circa: Pattern Bye-Laws for all *Golden Dawn Temples* is issued.

22 March: Allan Bennett is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor as *Iehi Aour* (*Jehe Aur*).

23 March: Papus (Gérard Encausse) is initiated in the *Golden Dawn* at the *Ahathöör Temple*, Paris—the first in the French language.

April: Yeats goes to Castle Rock in Lough Key, Ireland, and sees it as a place to establish "mysteries like those of Eleusis and Samothrace."

2 April: Frederick Leigh Gardner is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor as *De Profundis Ad Lucem*.

28 May: Ada Waters is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Recta Pete*.

June: The Matherses in London for the annual Corpus Christi Ceremony.

Summer: The Matherses move to 87, Rue Mozart (Auteuil, near the Bois de Boulogne.) Now Avenue Mozart, Paris, 16' for £60 a year.

July: The Matherses entertain a Duke and his suite at Annie Horniman's expense.

12 July: George Cecil Jones is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Volo Noscere*.

23 August: Edmund A. Hunter is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Hora et Semper*.

11 September: Percy and Pamela Bullock, and Annie Horniman stay with the Matherses in Paris.

22 November: Amy Turner is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Veritatem Peto*.

December: Florence Farr encounters an Egyptian adept in the British

Museum who she determines is a member of the 8°=3° Grade of Magister Templi in the Order.

† Benjamin Cox (b. 1828) dies. The *Osiris Temple*, No. 4 goes into abeyance with his death, and the Warrant is returned to Westcott.

16 December: Mary Briggs is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Per Mare ad Astra*.

25 December: Florence Farr, W.B. Yeats, Pamela and Percy Bullock share Christmas dinner; they divine "for Armageddon," because of a prophecy by Mathers. There is a British-American near-war over Monroe Doctrine boundary disputes in South America.

31 December: Moïna Mathers writes Annie Horniman that she and MacGregor "have nothing whatever to do with any sexual connection," in response to Annie's concern over Dr. Edward Berridge's advocacy of the sexual teachings of Thomas Lake Harris.

Year-end: Annie Horniman gives the Matherses £435 over the year.

† The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates twenty candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Horus Temple* initiates four, the *Amen-Ra Temple* initiates fifteen, and the *Ahathöor Temple* initiates five. A total of forty-four.

† Twelve members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1896

† *Euphrates, or the Waters of the East*, by Eugenius Philalethes (Thomas Vaughan), with commentary by *Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data* [Farr] is published as Volume VII of *Collectanea Hermetica*.

† *Egyptian Magic: Occult Mysteries in Ancient Egypt*, by *Sapientia Sapienti Dono Data* [Farr] is published as Volume VIII of *Collectanea Hermetica*.

† *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, by Karl von Eckarhausen, translated by Isabel de Steiger and preface by J.W. Brodie-Innes is published by George Redway.

† Bye-Laws of the *Amen-Ra Temple*, No. 6 is issued.

† The Preliminary Pledge Form (version III) of the *Order of the G[olden] D[awn]* in the Outer is issued with the addition of the mesmerism prohibition.

† The Preliminary Pledge Form (version IV) of the *Ordre de l'A[ube] D[ore]* a l'Exterieur is issued in French of version III.

Circa: The sub-Grade of Practicus Adeptus Minor was added to the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

27 January: Farr receives permission from Mathers so that the *Sphere Group* can work with the Egyptian Adept—given that the Adept responds appropriately to signs given by Florence Farr.

17 February: Arthur Edward Waite is re-admitted, by ballot, to the *Golden Dawn*.

Spring: The feud between Annie Horniman and Dr. Edmund Berridge over "sex matters" and the teachings of Thomas Lake Harris intensifies. Berridge puts a one year curse on Horniman.

March: Mathers in London primarily to do "political" work.

1 March: Farr, Westcott and Horniman skry a picture of an Egyptian Priestess (Florence Farr's Adept?).

21 March: William T. Horton is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Spes Mea Christus*.

13 May: S.S.D.D. (F. Farr), I.A. (A. Bennett), A.A. (C. Rosher), and D.P.A.L. (F.L. Gardner) evoke the mercurial spirit *Taphthartharath* to visible appearance.

June: The Matherses go to Scotland at the invitation of J.W. Brodie-Innes and possibly to meet with a Jacobite group, the *White Rose Society*.

4 June: The Matherses are "absent with insult" from the Corpus Christi Ceremony and meeting, according to Annie Horniman. MacGregor takes her Neophyte Symbol away, saying it is invalid, and that all Second Order symbols are invalid.

July: Horniman terminates financial allowance to the Matherses.

27 August: Marcus Worsley Blackden is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Ma Wahanu Thesi*.

30 August: W.B. Yeats proposes "to undertake in vision an Analysis of the Paths of the Tree of Life"; volunteers are assigned various routes according to their astrological bent.

Late Summer: Pullen-Burry stays with Mathers for 10 days. Notes that MacGregor is "under the influence of Mars."

September: Annie Horniman resigns her position as Sub-Præmonstratrix of *Isis-Urania Temple* since Mathers would not come to the Corpus Christi meeting "because of politics."

September-October: MacGregor negotiates with publisher, Redway, over *Abra-Melin* manuscript. MacGregor needs "ready cash."

29 October: Mathers, as Chief Adept and Ambassador of those Secret and Unknown Magi who are the concealed Rulers of the Wisdom of the True Rosicrucian Magic of Light, demands complete submission from the Second Order in a Manifesto to the 5°=6° Theorici Adepti Minores, in which he reprimands the Theorici for gossiping and unfraternal feelings.

Autumn: Farr writes Gardner telling him to inform Westcott she was "thinking of chucking the whole thing." She had to "constantly be helping things occultly." "But I do not work on G[olden] D[awn] lines and I am only keeping on until I have seen one or two more people thorough 5°=6° [Grade of Adeptus Minor]."

7 November: Robert Palmer Thomas is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Lucem Spero* into the *Isis-Urania Temple*.

† Kate Sands Staunton is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Causam Omnium Scire* into the *Ahathöor Temple*, Paris.

23 November: Annie Horniman in Florence studying Italian; writes F.L. Gardner explaining skrying technique with the High Priestess Tarot card.

- ✦ Maud Cracknell is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Tempus Omnia Revelat* into the *Amen-Ra Temple*, Edinburgh.
- 27 November: Moïna Mathers writes Horniman appealing for money.
- December: Mathers meets briefly with the Second Order at 2:30 P.M., 62 Oakley Square to discuss his Manifesto.
- 3 December: Mathers expels A. Horniman from the *Golden Dawn* for insubordination and her refusal to pay his subsidy.
- ✦ Mathers writes Gardner the same day begging for £100 loan.
- 25 December: A. Horniman writes William Peck to inform him she stopped the payments to the Matherses because MacGregor was spending too much time "on political matters, [and] not on Order business."
- 30 December: Mathers writes in the register of Order members that on "Wed. 30 Dec. 1896 [Kate Sands Staunton] became suddenly insane after having passed exam for 1°=10° [Grade of Zelator]."
- Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates seventeen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Horus Temple* initiates three, the *Amen-Ra Temple* initiates sixteen, and the *Ahathöör Temple* initiates four. A total of forty.
- ✦ Twenty-five members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1896-97

- 7 December-January: W.B. Yeats and Maud Gonne working with the Matherses in Paris on the Celtic Mysteries. They see the "old Druid of Murias on a mountain and are told to "bathe in the green fire." They are told later they thus received an "Initiation of the Cauldron." Yeats returns to London convinced Mathers is in the right over Annie Horniman.

1897

- ✦ The Matherses establishes the first American *Alpha et Omega Temple* called the *Thmé Temple*, No. 8 in Chicago with G.W. Wiggs as Imperator.
- ✦ The Matherses establishes the *Thoth-Hermes Temple*, No. 9 of the *Alpha et Omega* in New York with C. Lockwood as Imperator. The Temple was consecrated in 1904.
- 18 January: Elaine Mary Simpson is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Donorum Dei Dispensatio Fidelis*.
- End January: The Matherses are in London to calm the reproachful 5°=6° Theorici Adepti Minores.
- March: Florence Farr is to preside over the Tuesday meetings of the 5°=6° Adeptus Minor members.
- 13 March: MacGregor Mathers returns to Paris after a brief stay in London.
- 15 March: Westcott meets with the State officials who have discovered he is a member of a magical Society. Crowley noted that "Dr. Westcott ... was paid to sit on corpses, not to raise them; and that he must choose between his Coronership and his Adeptship."
- 16 March: Moïna Mathers writes Yeats that Bailly was "thinking of making his

new magazine, *Isis*, an organ for the cause." Are resurrecting the Egyptian Gods and ceremonies.

- 17 March: Westcott informs Gardner that he has decided to resign from all his "offices in [the] *G[olden] D[awn]* and remain but a private Adept. ... I cannot think who it is that persecutes me—someone must talk. ... It looks as if someone was trying to get me out of [the] G.D. office—eh?" It is possible that Mathers is the one who wanted Westcott out of the *Golden Dawn* because he would have complete control of the *Golden Dawn* with him gone.
- 20 March: The Minute Book of the *Ahathöör Temple* notes that Kate Staunton was demitted because she was "suffering from a mental affliction."
- 1 April: Westcott withdraws from "official" participation in the *Golden Dawn*.
- 5 April: S.L. Mathers loses the *Abra-Melin* manuscript on a train.
- Mid-April: Mathers appoints Florence Farr to head *Isis-Urania Temple* and the *Golden Dawn* in Anglia. She allows "secrets groups" with the permission of Mathers.
- ✦ Westcott obtains approval from Mathers to form a private *Golden Dawn* group. Initial members are: Gardner, Francis Wright, Reena Fulham-Hughes, and Mrs. Kennedy.
- ✦ Mathers deposes J.W. Brodie-Innes probably for the creation of the Sun or "Solar Order" within the *Amen-Ra Temple*.
- May: Farr raises fees and collects £20 to send to the Matherses.
- ✦ Gardner receives a pamphlet containing a footnote bragging that F.e.R. (Annie Horniman) has been under an occult curse for a year which has resulted in "a great disaster on the physical plane." She was both expelled from the *Golden Dawn*, and permanently estranged from her father and brother over her father's marriage to a 21 year old girl.
- ✦ The Matherses move to Rue Mozart.
- 7 May: Gardner attempts to get Annie Horniman reinstated, which angers Mathers.
- ✦ Berridge is suspended from the *Golden Dawn* for three months.
- 14 May: Gardner writes to Mathers complaining that he should finish the translation of *Sacred Magic of Abra-Melin* "before you do Political Work."
- July: Moïna Mathers writes Gardner concerning her desire to sell more art, and about her strange experiences when sketching the *Abra-Melin* cover.
- 8 July-August: Allan Bennett visits the Matherses in Paris.
- August: MacGregor Mathers proof reads the *Abra-Melin* manuscript.
- 22 August: Florence Farr demotes Gardner for being rude and loud during ceremonies.
- September: Mathers issues General Orders that "works of [Thomas] Lake Harris school are better avoided."
- 2 September: Westcott writes Gardner, "I am sorry to say I have had a sort of astral Adept Visitor, known to me, who advises me that for the present

- F.e.R. [Horniman] and all other Sorores should not work with me occulty, and this both for their sake and mine.
- † The Second Order Vault of the Adepts moves to 36 Blythe Road.
- October: F.R. No. XXXVI: "On Skrying and Travelling in the Spirit Vision" by Moïna Mathers is issued.
- 12 November: Mathers writes Gardner asking for a loan of £10 to buy a printing press he saw at the Arsenal Library. Gardner mentions the request to Westcott, who offers to give Mathers the money himself.
- December: Farr and Annie Horniman work with Yeats and others on visions for his Celtic Mysteries Rituals.
- † Mathers tells Yeats that he's thought of joining the Russian Secret Police.
- Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates ten candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, the *Amen-Ra Temple* initiates nine, and the *Ahathoor Temple* initiates four. A total of twenty-three.
- † Seventeen members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1898

- † *Sacred Magic of Abra-Melin the Mage* by S.L. MacGregor Mathers published. Sales of the book are very poor.
- † The *Sphere Group* No. 1 is established by Farr, and is closed in 1901.
- February: Mathers becomes head of the *Horus Temple* when members refuse to work under Florence Farr (at instigation of Gardner). Mathers is "pleased."
- March: Yeats hears from Mathers that he is almost finished with a vital initiation for his *Castle of Heroes* (Celtic Mysteries).
- † Reena Fulham-Hughes, and Mrs. Kennedy leave Westcott's private *Golden Dawn* group. Westcott forms another group at the Sanitary Wood Wool Co. Members include: Gardner, Francis Wright, and Colonel Webber Smith.
- 9 March: Moïna's father, Michel Bergson, dies in London.
- 14 April: Yeats stays with the Matherses at Rue Mozart. Seeing them about "Celtic things." "Mrs. Mathers has been seeing Conla and without knowing that we have been invoking him constantly." Yeats also has visions with Maud Gonne.
- June-July: Mathers expresses "fear of assassination". This is all "flam and side" says Westcott, but writes on 1 July of "some deep villainy."
- 22 August: T. O'Connell writes an affidavit for Westcott which states Westcott created the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*.
- September-December: Annie Horniman and F.L. Gardner explore the planets in a series of experimental skryings.
- 12 September: A. Essinger writes an affidavit for Westcott which states he translated the German correspondence between Westcott and Sprengel.
- 31 October: Moïna Mathers writes Yeats that they are restoring the Egyptian Mysteries.
- 26 November: Aleister Crowley (aged 23) is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Perdurabo* in the *Isis-Urania Temple*.

- 7 December: W.B. Yeats and Maud Gonne experience mutual dreams involving a "Spiritual Marriage," and receive the "Initiation of the Spear" in his *Castle of Heroes* (Celtic Mysteries).
- Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates eight candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Ahathoor Temple* initiates one. A total of nine.
- † Twelve members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1899

- Circa: The Preliminary Pledge Form (version V) of the *Order of the G[olden] D[awn]* in the *Outer in Anglia* is issued from Paris.
- Early February: Yeats is in Paris and probably spent time with the Matherses.
- March: Public performance of the Matherses' "Rites of Isis" at the Théâtre Bodiniere, Rue Saint Lazare, promoted by Jules Bois.
- † Florence Farr takes over as the stage manager of London's Irish National Theatre.
- 15 March: Westcott writes Gardner, "I feel a curious occult necessity not to act directly, with any Soror occultist, at present time." 19 March: *Sunday Chronicle* article about "devotions to Isis" carried on in an underground chapel at the Matherses' residence, 38 Rue Mozart.
- 29 May: The Matherses meet mystic and novelist William Sharp at their home in Paris.
- October: The Matherses move to 23, Rue St. Vincent, the Buttes, Montmartre, Paris, 18'.
- Mid-October: The Matherses are interviewed by the *Humanist Magazine* of New York for an article on their Egyptian religion.
- 12 October: Boer War begins in South Africa.
- 18 October: Mathers offers Annie Horniman a conditional reconciliation. She requires total exoneration which he refuses.
- 21 November: Arthur Machen (the novelist) is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Avallaunius*.
- December: Florence Farr refuses to initiate Crowley in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor because of rumors of his depravity.
- 8 December: Mathers suspends F.L. Gardner who has threatened publication of *Golden Dawn* manuscripts and ceremonies.
- Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates fourteen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Ahathoor Temple* initiates four. A total of eighteen.
- † Six members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.
- † Five *Golden Dawn* Temples including the *Ahathoor Temple* in Paris have initiated 358 candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte since 1888. There have been 124 members initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1900

- † *The Way of Wisdom: An Investigation of the Meanings of the Hebrew Alphabet considered as a Remnant of Chaldean Wisdom* by Florence Farr is published.

- † Revised Obligation of Candidates Admitted to the Order of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer is issued.
- † MacGregor Mathers is in charge of building an Egyptian Temple of Isis for the Centennial World's Fair held in Paris in 1900-01.
- 12 January: At a meeting of the R.R. et A.C. in London, Farr mentions some "private affairs" of the Matherses which is probably of a financial nature.
- 13 January: Mathers hears from Farr who he accuses of attempting to make a schism under S.A. (Westcott) and of mentioning his "private affairs" at a meeting of the R.R. et A.C..
- Mid-January: Florence Farr resigns in protest.
- 20 January: Crowley's diary: "G.C. Jones hears from Mathers that S.S.D.D. [Farr] wants Isis [Urania Temple] closed. Mathers is told there is an "astral jar" in the Isis Urania Temple., but it is a lie. Politics is at the root of the problem. L.O. (Bullock) confirms as Second Order Resolution."
- 23 January: Mathers initiates Crowley into the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor as *Christeos Luciftias* in the *Ahathöör Temple* at Paris. Crowley entered his initiation date as "Perdurabo, Jan. 23, 1900" (number 129) in the Second Order roll. The London Adepti refused to recognise his initiation and his entry was struck out by *Levavi Oculos* (P. Bullock) with the comment, "This name was signed without authority and is removed by order of [the] Committee. L.O."
- February: Article on the Matherses and their Egyptian religion appears in New York's *Humanist Magazine*.
- Mid-February: Crowley applies for his quota of grade papers for the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor and is refused.
- 16 February: Mathers writes Farr (after a month) refusing her resignation and accuses Westcott of forgery, saying that the "real" Fräulein Sprengel (Soror S.D.A.) is with him now. The "real" Fräulein Sprengel was actually Editha Jackson, a spiritual con-artist, who called herself Mme. Laura Horos. At the meeting of the *Ahathöör Temple* Mathers introduces her as "Soror S.D.A.," a 5°=6° Adeptus Minor, from the *Thmé Temple*, No. 8. Mathers later claims that Editha and Frank Jackson (aka, Theo Horos) had stolen his travelling bag which contained a set of the *Golden Dawn's* Outer Order initiation ceremonies.
- 17-19 February: Farr goes to Bromley for three days to think the situation over.
- 20-24 February: Farr is in Dublin at Irish Literary Theatre productions.
- February (?): S.S.D.D. (Farr) writes S.A. (Westcott) asking him for an explanation of D.D.C.F.'s (Mathers) statement. S.A. writes that he denies the accuracy of the charge of forgery, but says he cannot prove it false as his witnesses are dead, and therefore he wishes "to remain neutral in the matter."
- 21 February-17 April: Crowley undergoes the magical Operation of the *Sacred Magic of Abra-melin the Mage* at his Boleskine house, but he does not complete the operation.
- 3 March: A seven member committee from the Second Order is formulated by

- Farr to investigate Mathers' allegations. They write to Mathers asking for proof.
- 20 March: Yeats calls upon Westcott to question him about Mathers allegations. Westcott states his lawyer has advised him to "abstain from any statement until compelled to enter into [the] controversy." After the meeting Westcott writes Yeats stating, "I must allow you to judge us both to the best of your judgement."
- 22 March: D.D.C.F. [Mathers] absolutely and unconditionally refuses to acknowledge the Committee or to give any proof whatsoever, so the Committee agrees to place the matter before the Second Order.
- 23 March: Mathers dismisses Florence Farr.
- 24 March: A General Meeting of the R.R. et A.C. is held and the Committee is empowered to act as a temporary representative. They state that "the reason for making the matter known was that the whole constitution of the Society depended upon the authenticity of the [founding] documents he [i.e., Mathers] alleged to be forged."
- 25 March: Farr writes Mathers, "I saw that if I kept silence, I should become a party to a fraud. ... We sent you repeated messages, couched in most respectful terms, pointing out as delicately as possible the impressions conveyed by your letter. You refused to recognize the friendly Committee, so the only thing to be done was to get the Committee appointed by the Second Order Council of Adepts. This has been done, and neither I nor anyone else have the power to prevent the matter being carried to its legal conclusion."
- † Dorothea Hunter writes Crowley that the *Isis-Urania Temple* "did not recognise his recent 5°=6° [Adeptus Minor] initiation in Paris."
- 29 March: The Committee hears from Percy Bullock concerning an interview with Westcott, who gives his honourable assurance that he has no reason to suppose that *Sapiens Dominabitur Astris* (Sprengel) was not the person she purported to be. He only had communications with her by letter, and had, bona fide, posted letters to her in Germany. The Committee deposes Mathers.
- 2 April: Mathers writes, "I annul the Committee and I annul the Resolutions passed at the meeting." He threatens the Committee members with the "Punitive Current."
- 5 April: Farr visits George Cecil Jones and asks him to "kick out Crowley."
- 9-12 April: Crowley is in Paris with Mathers who gives him a list of instructions for interviewing the *Golden Dawn* members.
- 17-19 April: "The Battle of Blythe Road." Crowley breaks into 36 Blythe Road and seizes the property, but a constable does not allow him to take anything. Members are summoned to private interviews with Crowley, who, masked, and in Highland dress, is acting as Mathers' envoy, and demands they sign a pledge of allegiance to Mathers. Crowley is compelled to leave the Second Order Headquarters by the landlord, Edmund Hunter, Yeats and the constable.

- 21 April: Mathers is expelled from the *Golden Dawn* by the London Adepti. This action brings the end to the original *Golden Dawn*.
- † A new Executive Council is appointed with Florence Farr as Moderator, Annie Horniman as Scribe, and Edmund Hunter as Warden.
- † Mathers performs a Pea Ritual against the Executive Committee "so that they might fall upon and confound each other with quarrels and continual disturbance."
- 26 April: Annie Horniman is officially reinstated in the *Golden Dawn* by W.B. Yeats.
- 28 April: Crowley brings Hunter and Yeats to court for assault, but withdraws, having had to pay £5 in costs.
- May: Annie Horniman as Scribe is horrified to find that Farr has not enforced the system of examinations and there are great irregularities in the records of admissions, examinations and members. Annie Horniman attributes her tribulations to the existence of "Secret Groups" within the Order.
- † *Statement of Recent Events which have led to the present Constitution of the Second Order in London* by the Executive Council is issued.
- † *List of Documents attesting the accompanying Statement* by the Executive Council is issued.
- † Second Order Bye-Laws of the R[osae] R[ubeae] et A[ureae] C[rucis] in London is issued.
- † Bye-Laws of the Isis-Urania Temple of the G[olden] D[awn] in the Outer is issued.
- † Dr. Edmund Berridge establishes the Isis Temple in London with Mathers as Imperator, Berridge as Cancellarius, and Westcott (briefly) as Præmonstrator. The Temple later becomes known as the *Alpha et Omega Temple*, No. 1.
- 10 May: Annie Horniman receives a letter from Dr. Berridge and a Mrs. Scott threatening that she will be committed to a mental asylum. They have sent a letter to her father about her belonging to a witchcraft organization.
- 11 June: T.H. Patterson signs an affidavit, written by Westcott, which states Westcott created the *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn*.
- Late June: A. Crowley sails to New York.
- 13 July: Yeats issues a circular that "The Chiefs regret to know that a very serious leakage has recently taken place concerning the affairs of the Order on the part of some members ostensibly adhering to the present Constitution ..." continued with issuing a password by which one could know the "true" members.
- 28 August: Cathcart writes Gardner inquiring, "Is it true that S.A. [Westcott] is working again with D.D.C.F. [Mathers]? There seems a sort of disintegration abroad everywhere. Some say S.S.D.D. [Farr] has resigned! Others say she has not. Some say Dr. Peck is still working with D.D.C.F., others that they have quarrelled."
- September: Farr finds that her *Sphere Group* "which has been working

- unhampered for three years" is now being violently attacked for using the Order rooms.
- October: Maud Gonne helps found two organizations (one public and one secret) that use magical rituals in the cause of Irish freedom.
- † Maud Gonne gives a speech on "The Goddess Brigid."
- † The Matherses move to 28 Rue Saint-Vincent, Montmartre.
- 6 October: Mathers reinstates Gardner into the *Golden Dawn*.
- 30 October: Algernon Henry Blackwood (the novelist) is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Umbram Fugat Veritas*.
- December: Article "Isis de Montmartre," on the Matherses as the Hierophant Ramses and High Priestess Anari, appears in *L'Echo du Merveilleux*.
- 4 December: Gardner reports to Mathers that Farr and Horniman "are having a grand old row."
- 20 December: Swords Vision at Blythe Road presided over by Dorothea Hunter. An attempt is made to clairvoyantly determine the history of the *Golden Dawn* documents. The seers include: Amy Turner, Reena Fulham-Hughes, Annie Horniman, Henrietta Paget (Florence Farr's sister), and Dorothea Hunter.
- Year-end: The Isis-Urania Temple initiates eight candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Ahathöör Temple* initiates six. A total of fourteen.
- † Four members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1901

- 11 January: Mathers writes Yeats to inform him of the Horos couple who "were present at one if not two meetings of *Ahathöör Temple* (but I think only one); and borrowed some Rituals from me as well as other things and books which they have not yet returned."
- 17 January: Florence Farr writes Brodie-Innes a description of her experience with her Egyptian Adept, and the resulting approval from Mathers to found the *Sphere Group* No 2. She formally opens the group to all Theorici Adepti Minores.
- 1 February: A Council meeting is held to discuss elections and the *Sphere Group*. Annie Horniman is insulted and "Secret Groups" are attacked.
- 6 February: Horniman writes a "Scribe's Account" of the preceding meeting.
- 25 February: The *Sphere Group* accuses Annie Horniman and W.B. Yeats of creating problems.
- April: Mathers writes to the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* and Westcott for a loan of £10.
- † *Is the Order of the R.R. et A.C. to Remain a Magical Order?* by D.E.D.I. (Yeats) is published.
- May: A *Postscript to the Essay called "Is the Order of the R.R. et A.C. to Remain a Magical Order?"* by D.E.D.I. (Yeats) is published.
- 12 June: R.W. Felkin and J.W. Brodie-Innes found the "London Temple of the Sun, No. 5." This is probably the *Beacon Temple*, an off-shoot of the *Edinburgh Cromlech Temple of the Sun Order*.

July-August: The *Sphere Group* hold a series of visions on the Enochian letters at the home of W.E.H. Humphries.

August: Yeats writes George Moore about experiments in a "new art" in which Florence Farr uses a psaltery to accompany her "cantilation" of poetry.

20 September: Frank and Editha Jackson, aka; Theo and Laura Horos, are arrested and charged with conspiring to cheat and defraud Vera Croysdale of her money and jewelry.

10 October: The Horoses are further charged with the "procurement for immoral purposes" of Croysdale, Olga Rowson and Daisy Adams. Theo is also charged with raping the sixteen year old Adams, with the help of his wife, as part of a "Golden Dawn initiation."

October-December: The *Golden Dawn* receives unwelcome publicity as a result of the Horos Trial. Members are concerned that the "real" *Golden Dawn* may be implemented. The trial ends with Theo being incarcerated for fifteen years and Laura for seven years.

November: Pamela Colman Smith is initiated in the $0^{\circ}=0^{\circ}$ Grade of Neophyte as *Quod Tibi Id Aliis*.

15 November: Florence Farr and Olivia Shakespear write and produce two Egyptian plays, *The Beloved of Hathor* and *The Shrine of the Golden Hawk*. In the latter, Florence makes it clear what flaws she perceives in ceremonial magic. There are also performances the following year.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple* initiates five candidates in the $0^{\circ}=0^{\circ}$ Grade of Neophyte.

⊕ One member is initiated in the $5^{\circ}=6^{\circ}$ Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1902

⊕ *Numbers: Their Occult Power and Mystic Virtues* by W.W. Westcott is published as Volume IX of *Collectanea Hermetica*.

⊕ *Concerning the Revisal of the Constitution and Rules of the Order R.R. & A.C.* by J.W. Brodie-Innes is published.

⊕ The *Horus Temple*, No. 5 is closed.

January: Mathers' letter to the newspapers protesting the association of the *Golden Dawn* with the Horos couple is published, but too late to help. He writes Maud Gonne who refuses to respond as, she tells Yeats, "I really can't afford to have charlatans about."

⊕ Annie Horniman is in contact with her own "Purple Adept."

13 January: Horniman and Yeats rewrite the *Golden Dawn* rituals.

January-February: Florence Farr resigns from the *Golden Dawn*.

30 March: Draft Rules of Reconstitution of the R.R. et A.C. is issued for the *Golden Dawn*.

11 April: Felkin writes Brodie-Innes that "the proposed Constitution would absolutely destroy the Order," as it would include an alternative scheme for the return to the original "Three Chiefs."

3 May: Percy Bullock, Dr. R.W. Felkin, and J.W. Brodie-Innes are elected as

the three Chiefs of the Order for the interim period of one year. The election took place at 4:30 P.M. at Mark Masons' Hall, London.

9 May: Westcott writes F.L. Gardner that William Peck "was in a ghastly funk over the Horos affair, and hurriedly burnt all his lectures, letters, jewels, robes, etc." The *Amen-Ra Temple*, No. 6 went into abeyance when Peck destroyed most of the Temple property.

21 May: New section of the *Bye-Laws* written which includes the return to the original Ordinances and the Three Chiefs, etc.

June: *Isis-Urania Temple* changes its name to the "*Hermetic Society of the M.R. [Morgenröthe]*" in an attempt to distance itself from the Horos scandal of 1901.

⊕ Dorothea and Edmund Hunter resign from the *Golden Dawn*.

Mid-June: Florence Farr joins the *Theosophical Society*.

26 June: Members of the *Golden Dawn* are informed they now belong to the *Hermetic Society of the M.R.* "These letters convey the same meaning as the letters G[olden] D[awn], indicating as they do the German word *Morgenröthe*. The change of name must be kept absolutely secret."

27-28 October: Maud Gonne plays *Cathleen ni Houlihan* (the Spirit of Ireland) in Dublin, preceded by Florence Farr reciting poetry with her psaltery.

2 December: The *Secret Council of Rites* is constituted which includes the *Masonically Reformed Order of the G[olden] D[awn]*.

11 December: Annie Horniman does a banishing ritual of the *Sphere Group* influence which she feels is still creating problems for the Order.

Year-end: There are no initiations in the $0^{\circ}=0^{\circ}$ Grade of Neophyte.

⊕ Two members are initiated in the $5^{\circ}=6^{\circ}$ Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1903

⊕ *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, by Karl von Eckarhausen, translated by Isabel de Steiger and revised with introduction by A.E. Waite is published by Philip Wellby.

21 February: Maud Gonne joins the Catholic Church and marries John MacBride.

March-October: Annie Horniman does a series of four Tarot readings to determine how she can best help W.B. Yeats with his Celtic Mystery Theatre in Dublin. As a result of the fourth reading she decides to build what will become the famous Abbey Theatre.

25 May: The Constitution of the *Secret Council of Rites* is issued.

July: The *Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn* divides into several groups: Waite, Blackden and Ayton retain the *Isis-Urania Temple* and the *Golden Dawn*. R.W. Felkin creates the *Order of the Stella Matutina* and the *Amoun Temple*, No 21 at 47, Bassett Road, North Kensington. The Matherses retain the *Ahathöör Temple* in Paris.

24 July: The Manifesto of the R.R. et A.C. by A.E. Waite is issued.

7 November: A.E. Waite issues the Constitution of the R.R. et A.C. which states, "The name of the [Hermetic] Order [of the Golden Dawn] shall be the *Independent and Rectified Order R.R. et A.C.*"

† Crowley defects from the Matherses, betraying them with theft, slander and attempts an occult attack.

Late: The section of the Order still ruled by Mathers is renamed "The Rosicrucian Order of the Alpha et Omega." Mathers assumes the title of *Archon Basileus*.

Year-end: There are no initiations in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

† One member is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1904

† The Matherses move to 4, Rue de la Source, Passy, Paris 16', where Maud Gonne and folklorist, Ella Young, visit them.

† The Preliminary Pledge Form (version VI) of the *Order of the M[orgen] R[öthe]* is issued.

August-October: The Matherses living with Moïna's mother at Acton.

27 December: The opening of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin. Owned and rebuilt by Annie Horniman.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates seven candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates five. A total of twelve.

† There are no initiations in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1904-05

† Florence Farr, Annie Horniman and W.B. Yeats (separately and together) are active in various theatrical productions aimed at bringing pagan myth and ritual to the people as initiatory experiences. These include plays at the Abbey Theatre. Yeats' *The Shadowy Waters* and Farr's *The Shrine of the Golden Hawk* which were presented before a Theosophical Congress in April 1905, and Farr presents her "The Mystery of Time: A Masque" also for the *Theosophical Society*. Additionally, Florence Farr produces the first English production of Oscar Wilde's *Salomé*.

1905

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates four candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates eight. A total of twelve.

† There are no initiations in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1906

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates two candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates nine. A total of eleven.

† Three members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1907

February: Florence Farr and Pamela Colman Smith spend time together at the Martha Washington Hotel in New York City.

April: The Most Faithful Agreement and Concordant between the *Independent and Rectified Rite* and the *Stella Matutina Temple* is signed by A.E. Waite and R.W. Felkin.

28 June: Between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 9:15 P.M. Dr. R.W. Felkin receives the "full 6°=5° Grade of Adeptus Major."

September: Florence Farr writes an article on "The Rites of Astorath" (sacred prostitution), and a series on Ibsen's women, for the *New Age Journal*.

† The Matherses move to Aux Gressets, La Celle-Saint-Cloud (Seine-et-Oise).

17 November: Israel Regudy is born in London; author of numerous books on the *Golden Dawn*. His nom-de-plume was Francis Israel Regardie.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates three candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates nineteen. A total of twenty-two.

† Two members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1908

† Florence Farr writes a series of articles for the *Occult Review* based on her unfinished book, *The Magic of a Symbol*.

† According to Ezra Pound, Yeats and Crowley are "struggling for the soul of [the artist] Althea Gyles." (See Crowley's "At the Fork of the Roads" in *The Equinox*, Vol. I; No. 1, 1909.)

July: Yeats and Maud Gonne experience a second "Spiritual Marriage" filled with visions and dreams concerning the fate of Ireland.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates eight candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates twelve. A total of twenty.

† Three members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1909

† *The Arcane Schools* by John Yarker is published.

1 January: The Revd. William Alexander Ayton dies (b. 1816).

March: Vol. I, No. 1 of *The Equinox: The Official Organ of the A.:A.:* by Crowley is published.

24 July: Dr. W.E. Carnegie Dickson is initiated in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte as *Fortes Fortuna Juvat* in the *Stella Matutina*.

September: Vol. I, No. 2 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published. This volume contains a number of the *Golden Dawn's* grade papers and ceremonies. i.e., the rituals of the Pentagram and Hexagram; the Outer

Order Grade ceremonies (Neophyte to Portal) and the ritual "Z" documents.

December: *The Rider-Waite Tarot Deck* illustrated by Pamela Colman Smith under the direction of A.E. Waite with the help of W.B. Yeats is published.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates thirteen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates eighteen. A total of thirty-one.

† Six members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1910

† *An Introduction to the Study of the Kabbalah With Eight Diagrams* by W.W. Westcott is published.

† The Preliminary Pledge Form (version VII) of the *Order of the S[tella] M[atutina]* in London is issued.

† Ordinis of the A[lpha et] O[mega] in the Outer: extracts from the By-Laws of the *Amen-Ra Temple*, No. 6 is issued.

† Mathers issued 'On the Tarot Trumps' to the Practicus of the Alpha et Omega. He wrote that "Furthermore, be it remembered that he [i.e., Lévi] had in his possession those Cypher MSS. of the Order of the A[lpha et] O[mega] as a cypher note of recent date signed with the initials A[lphonse] L[ouis] C[onstant] testifies."

March: Mathers sues Crowley for publishing private and personal papers in *The Equinox*. The case is heard in London by Mr. Justice Bucknill. Mathers wins, but only nominally. Westcott writes Gardner that Mathers is "better off." MacGregor keeps a flat in London in connection with legal case.

† Vol. I, No. 3 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published. This volume contains the "Ritual for the Evocation unto Visible Appearance of the Great Spirit Taphthartharath" and the ceremony for the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

September: Vol. I, No. 4 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

December: J.W. Brodie-Innes breaks from R.W. Felkin and the *Stella Matutina*. He reconstitutes the *Cromlech Temple* in conjunction with the *Amen-Ra Temple* under allegiance to Mathers.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates twelve candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte, and the *Stella Matutina* initiates two. A total of fourteen.

† Four members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1910-14

Year-end: The *Stella Matutina* initiates twenty-one candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

1911

March: Vol. I, No. 5 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

September: Vol. I, No. 6 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates ten candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

1912

† *The Solemnization of Jacklin: Some Adventures on the Search for Reality* (an alchemical novel) by Florence Farr is published.

† The *Horus Temple*, No. 5 is closed.

† Robert Felkin establishes the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*, No. 49 in New Zealand.

† James Chapman-Taylor (1878-1958) builds a house in Havelock North for the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* which is called *Whare Ra* (House of the Sun). The *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* has been mistakenly called the *Whare Ra* by some authors.

† According to J.W. Brodie-Innes, Mathers has developed initiation ceremonies for the 6°=5° Grade of Adeptus Major and 7°=4° Grade of Adeptus Exemptus.

March: Vol. I, No. 7 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

April: W.B. Yeats attains the 6°=5° Grade of Adeptus Major.

5 April: Westcott writes F.L. Gardner stating, "I make no claim to the 5°=6° Ritual authorship, but I do claim right and precedence in the origin of the G.D. 0°=0° to 4°=7° [Rituals] derived from Woodford. I started the *Isis [Urania] Temple*. I paid Mathers to translate and write out the Rituals from my original Cypher drafts. I paid for the *Isis [Urania] Warrant* and paid M[athers] for writing it."

September: Vol. I, No. 8 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

6 September: R.W. Felkin writes an affidavit for Westcott which states Westcott did receive letters from the "real" Anna Sprengel.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates seven candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

1913

† Florence Farr takes up her post as principle of the Ramanathan Hindu Girls' College in Jaffna, Ceylon, under the direction of Minister for Education, Ponnambalam Ramanantha, Allan Bennett's former spiritual teacher.

† The *Alpha et Omega Temple*, No. 2 is establish in Edinburgh and London with J.W. Brodie-Innes as Imperator.

March: Vol. I, No. 9 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

20 March: John Yarker dies (b. 1833).

5 August: Mathers appoints J.W. Brodie-Innes as his *Deputy Archon Basileus* of the *Alpha et Omega*.

September: Vol. I, No. 10 of *The Equinox* by Crowley is published.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple of the Independent and Rectified Rite* initiates thirteen candidates in the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte.

1914

- ✦ A.E. Waite withdraws his rituals from the *Isis-Urania Temple* and closes the *Independent and Rectified Rite*.
- ✦ M.W. Blackden writes *The Ritual of the Mystery of the Judgment of the Soul* in protest to A.E. Waite closing the *Independent and Rectified Rite*. He uses parts of the Order's initiation ceremonies to fill in the gaps from the missing Egyptian hieroglyphs.
- ✦ W.B. Yeats becomes Imperator of Dr. R.W. Felkin's *Amoun Temple*, No. 21 of the *Stella Matutina*.
- ✦ *General Orders of the S[tella] M[atutina]* is issued by R.W. Felkin.
- ✦ The Matherses move from Saint-Cloud back to the Montmartre district.
- August:** World War I begins. The *Alpha et Omega Temple*, No. 1 goes into abeyance with the outbreak of the War.

1915

- ✦ *Ritual of the Mystery of the Judgment of the Soul* by M.W. Blackden is published in German as *Het Rituaal van het Myserie van het Oordeel der Ziel*.
- ✦ The Matherses move to 43, Rue Ribéra in the 16^e Arrondissement, near the Bois de Boulogne.
- 9 July:** Waite establishes and performs a Consecration Ceremony of the *Salvator Mundi Temple of the Fellowship of the Rosy Cross*. Algernon Blackwood is recorded as member of the 5^o=6^o Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1916

- ✦ The Constitution and Bye-Laws of the *Fellowship of the Rosy Cross* are issued.
- Circa:** Bye-Laws of the H[ermetic] O[rder of the Amoun Temple], No. 21 is issued.
- April:** The "Easter Rising" in Dublin begins the same weekend as a revival of Yeats' inflammatory play *Cathleen ni Houlihan*. In his poem "Easter 1916" he despairs that he may have sent so many to their deaths.
- ✦ Maud Gonne's estranged husband, Sean MacBride, is executed and becomes a martyr to the Irish cause.
- 24 April:** W.B. Yeats attains the 7^o=4^o Grade of Adeptus Exemptus.
- 18 June:** Dr. R.W. Felkin draws up a New Constitution for the *Stella Matutina* prior to him leaving England for New Zealand.
- ✦ The *Amoun Temple*, No. 21 is re-constituted. Dr. R.W. Felkin, Dr. Hammond, and C.M. Stoddart become the new Chiefs.
- ✦ The *Hermes Temple*, No. 28 of the *Stella Matutina* (consecrated on 9 July) is founded in Bristol by Felkin.
- ✦ The *Merlin Temple* is established by Felkin in London with Col. Webber Smith as Imperator.
- ✦ The *Secret College* is established by Felkin in London with Dr. Hammond as Imperator. Membership was restricted to members of the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* of Grade IV and higher.

1917

- 29 April:** Florence Farr dies (b. 1860) in Ceylon of breast cancer.
- 29 September:** Dr. R.W. Felkin writes to W.W. Westcott to inform him that the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*, No. 49 in New Zealand has twenty inner members, thirty-four outer member, and ten "willing to join."
- 25 October:** W.B. Yeats marries George Hyde-Lee who soon begins channeling spirit messages for him.

1918

- May:** S.R.M.D. (Mathers) issues the paper, "On the Least Amount of Work Actually Necessary for the Studies of the First Order Grades."
- November:** Paul Foster Case is initiated as *Perseverantia* in the *Thoth-Hermes Temple*, No. 9 of the *Alpha et Omega* in New York.
- 19-20 November:** Mathers dies (b. 1854) at midnight of influenza at the end of the war, while living in Rue Ribera. He is almost 65.
- 12 December:** *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum* 5^o=6^o; In *Rosae Rubeae et in Aureae Crucis*, *Victoria Mea* 7^o=4^o (Moïna Mathers) announces to the *Ahathöör Temple* that *Deo Duce Comite Ferro* 7^o=4^o (Mathers) had instructed her, in conjunction with *Sub Spe* 5^o=6^o; *Fidei Tenax* 7^o=4^o (J.W. Brodie-Innes) and *Resurgam* 5^o=6^o; In *Spiritu Sancto* 7^o=4^o (Edmund Berridge) "to see that the Tradition would always be observed. He named as his Successor and as Supreme Chief of the Order [of the *Alpha et Omega*] representing the Secret Chiefs, the V.H. Frater *Sub Spe* 5^o=6^o; *Fidei Tenax* 7^o=4^o."

1919

- ✦ Vol. III, No. 1 of *The "Blue" Equinox* by Crowley is published.
- ✦ Moïna Mathers returns to London where she lives in a small flat at 266, King's Road, Chelsea. She takes over the *Alpha et Omega Temple* which she establishes as No. 3. She works for nine years and trains Dion Fortune.
- ✦ The Grand Chiefs of the *Alpha et Omega* establish the *Ptah Temple*, No. 10 in Philadelphia.
- ✦ Dion Fortune (Violet Firth) is initiated as *Deus Non Fortuna* in Brodie-Innes' branch of *Alpha et Omega*, but soon transfers to Curtis-Webb's London Temple.

1920

- ✦ Moïna writes Gardner that Mrs. Berridge hates her.
- ✦ Moïna Mathers and Annie Horniman join G.R.S. Mead's *Quest Society*.
- ✦ The *Amoun Temple*, No. 21 is closed by C.M. Stoddart due to her growing paranoia. It is later revived by the Revd. A.H.E. Lee and Dr. W.E. Carnegie Dickson.
- Early:** Series of letters from Moïna Mathers to Paul Foster Case (*Perseverantia*), Lilli Geise (*Nunc et Semper*) and members of the *Thoth-Hermes Temple*, No. 9 concerning questions to the legitimacy of the Order. i.e., the origin and

author of the *Golden Dawn Cipher Manuscript*, Fräulein Sprengel (*Sapiens Dominabitur Astris*), the initiation ceremonies and the Enochian system.

20 March: W.W. Westcott and his family set sail for South Africa.

May: The Grand Chiefs of the *Alpha et Omega* establish the *Atoum Temple*, No. 20 of the *Alpha et Omega* in Los Angeles.

June: Paul Foster Case is initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Zelator Adeptus Minor in the *Thoth-Hermes Temple* in New York.

1921

✚ The *Secret College* in London is closed.

7 August: Moïna spends August in Paris. As *Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum* she presents a message from S.R.M.D. (Mathers) that "he had reason to believe he would be able to guide and to protect from the Spiritual Plane where he is now," and asks them to cultivate tolerance and sympathy for all of Nature.

November: Westcott writes Gardner asking if "Horniman is still interested" (Does this mean she is working with Moïna?)

1921-23

✚ J.W. Brodie-Innes is in constant contact, through extensive correspondence, with the American *Alpha et Omega* Temples. He provides manuscripts and guidance, and defends S.L. Mathers against criticism levelled by Paul Case.

1922

11 January: Moïna Mathers expels Paul Foster Case from the *Alpha et Omega* because of his "attempt to dishonour the memory of our late Chief [S.L. Mathers]."

Early: The *School of Ageless Wisdom* is founded by Dr. Paul Foster Case for the study of practical occultism. In the early stages he confined his Order to corresponding students. In 1938 he changes the name of his Order to the *Builders of the Adytum*.

6 May: R.W. Felkin, his wife Harriet, and daughter Ethelwyn receive the 9°=2° Grade of Magus at the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*.

1923

✚ Ms. Stoddart claims that the *Merlin Temple* was "in abeyance."

✚ The *Athathoor Temple*, No. 7 possibly goes into abeyance.

✚ Annie Horniman declines an invitation to stand for Parliament for the Liberals.

✚ W.B. Yeats is awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

8 December: J.W. Brodie-Innes dies (b. 1848). His appointed successor as ruling Chief of the *Alpha et Omega* is W.E. Carnegie Dickson.

1924

✚ Moïna writes Yeats about her husband and his education.

25 October: Westcott writes Gardner, "Mrs. M[athers] was obsessed by Samuel Liddell M[athers]. Otherwise I know nothing against her."

1925

✚ Paul Foster Case begins to revise the initiation ceremonies and knowledge lectures of the American *Alpha et Omega* for his Order the *Builders of the Adytum*.

30 July: William Wynn Westcott dies (b. 1848) of Bright's disease in South Africa and is buried at Stamford, Durban.

1926

✚ Moïna Mathers publishes a new Preface to *Kabbalah Unveiled* with a fictional account of Mathers life and involvement with the *Golden Dawn*.

28 December: R.W. Felkin dies (b. 1853) at 3:30 p.m. in Havelock North, New Zealand. He is replaced as ruling Chief of the *Stella Matutina* by his wife Harriet M. Felkin.

1927

✚ Moïna's health begins to fail toward the end of the year. According to Yeats, she refuses to eat.

✚ Dion Fortune (Violet Firth) forms the *Fraternity of the Inner Light* "to be an Outer Court" to the *Golden Dawn*.

7 April: Dion Fortune (Violet Firth) marries Thomas Penry Evans.

1928

✚ Paul Foster Case opens his first Temple in Boston (known as a Chapter) for working of the 0°=0° Grade of Neophyte in the *School of Ageless Wisdom*.

25 July: Moïna Mathers dies in London at St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Marloes Road, W.8. She is 63 years old.

1930

✚ Nella Fornario dies under mysterious circumstances. Dion Fortune implies it is the result of a "psychic attack" by Moïna Mathers, but she died two years earlier.

Late: The *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* becomes known as the *Order of the Smaragdum Thalasses*.

1932

✚ Regardie published his first book, *The Tree of Life: A Study of Magic*.

1933

✚ Regardie joins the *Hermes Temple of the Stella Matutina* with the encouragement and assistance of Dion Fortune and is initiated as *Ad Majorem Adonai Gloriam*.

October: Paul Foster Case writes Regardie telling him of his reasons for

leaving the *Alpha et Omega* and of his re-construction of the Order and its initiation ceremonies for the *School of Ageless Wisdom*. Regardie later uses Case's criticism of the American *Alpha et Omega* for his book *My Rosicrucian Adventure*.

1934

- 2 November: Regardie writes his examination on Enochian for the 5^o=6^o Grade of Theoricus Adeptus Minor.
December: Regardie leaves the *Golden Dawn* after attaining the 5^o=6^o Grade of Theoricus Adeptus Minor.

1936

- ✠ *My Rosicrucian Adventure: A Contribution to a Recent Phase of the History of Magic, and a Study in the Technique of Theurgy* by Regardie is published. It was originally intended to be the introduction to his book *The Golden Dawn*.

1937

- ✠ Volume I of *The Golden Dawn: An Account of the Teachings, Rites, and Ceremonies of the Order of the Golden Dawn* by Regardie is published.
6 August: Annie Horniman dies (b. 1860) in Shere, Surrey at the home of a friend. She leaves all her papers to former *Golden Dawn* member Helen Rand (*Vigilate*).

1938

- ✠ Maud Gonne publishes her autobiography, *A Servant of the Queen*.
✠ Volume II of *The Golden Dawn: An Account of the Teachings, Rites, and Ceremonies of the Order of the Golden Dawn* by Regardie is published.
✠ *The Middle Pillar: A Co-relation of the Principles of Analytical Psychology and the Elementary Techniques of Magic* by Regardie is published.
✠ Paul Foster Case establishes the *Builders of the Adytum* in Los Angeles formerly known as the *School of Ageless Wisdom*.

1939

- ✠ Volume III of *The Golden Dawn: An Account of the Teachings, Rites, and Ceremonies of the Order of the Golden Dawn* by Regardie is published.
28 January: W.B. Yeats dies (b. 1865). He is buried at Roquebrune in the South of France.

1940

- ✠ Volume IV of *The Golden Dawn: An Account of the Teachings, Rites, and Ceremonies of the Order of the Golden Dawn* by Regardie is published.

1942

- 19 May: Arthur Edward Waite dies (b. 1857) at Bridge, near Canterbury.

1946

- 8 January: Dion Fortune (Violet Firth) dies (b. 1890) in London.

1947

- 1 December: Aleister Crowley dies (b. 1875) in London.

1948

- ✠ W.B. Yeats' body is brought back to Ireland for burial in County Sligo. In a poem composed in his memory, W.H. Auden wrote, "Earth, receive an honoured guest; William Yeats is laid to rest."

1950

- March: The Chiefs of the *Hermes Temple*, Bristol request that the Chiefs of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*, New Zealand and the Chiefs of the *Hermes Temple* should use a mutual password to strengthen the link between the two Temples.

1951

- 18 September: Pamela Colman Smith dies (b. 1878) at Bude, Cornwall.

1952

- March: Mrs. Hope Hughes dies and is replaced as a Chief of *Hermes Temple* by Mrs. Brown (*Soror Pacifica*), a member of the New Zealand Temple who travels to Bristol, England for this purpose.

1953

- 27 April: Maud Gonne dies (b. 1866) near Dublin.

1954

- ✠ Paul Foster Case dies (b. 1884) and his appointed successor as prolocutor general of the *Builders of the Adytum* is Ann Davies.
25 November: Dr. W.E. Carnegie Dickson dies (b. 1888).

1956

- April: Mrs. Carnegie Dickson is appointed a Chief of the *Hermes Temple*, Bristol.

1959

- December: Harriet M. Felkin dies and three new Chiefs are appointed for the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*, New Zealand.

1960

- Early: The *Hermes Temple*, No. 28 goes into abeyance.
Late: The *Cromlech Temple* goes into abeyance.

1963

† Alastair Wallace arranges to bring Ann Davies to New Zealand and she meets with members of the *Builders of the Adytum* and the Chiefs of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*. There are negotiations to merge the two Orders together.

October: Mrs. Carnegie Dickson issues a warrant to Charles Renn to open a Temple of the Sun Order in New Zealand (known as *Io-Ana*), as a daughter Temple of the *Cromlech Temple*. This Temple was consecrated on 12 December 1964.

1964

† Alastair Wallace is the new leader of a New Zealand Chapter of the *Builders of the Adytum* which is opened following a second visit by Ann Davies to New Zealand. All the early members were members of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*. Negotiations to merge the two Orders is abandoned.

1967

Autumn: The *Alpha et Omega* grade papers, banners, and ritual implements of Mrs. Tranchell-Hayes are washed up on a beach some thirty years after having been buried in a box on a cliff-top garden overlooking the beach.

1969

† Alastair Wallace dies and William Chesterman is appointed the new leader of the New Zealand Chapter of the *Builders of the Adytum*.

1970

† *Ritual Magic in England: 1887 to the Present Day* by Francis King is published.

1972

† *The Magicians of the Golden Dawn: A Documentary History of a Magical Order 1887-1923* by Ellic Howe is published.

14 September: Ellic Howe gives a lecture on "Fringe Masonry in England, 1870-85" to Quatuor Coronati Lodge. It is published in *Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*, Vol. 85 in 1973.

1975

† Ann Davies dies (b. 1912) and William Chesterman is brought to Los Angeles to put the affairs of the *Builders of the Adytum* in order.

1977

† Frater S. (Chic Cicero) and his wife establish an autonomous *Golden Dawn Temple* in Columbus, Georgia called the *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 18.

1978

Early: Frater S. (Chic Cicero) begins construction of the Second Order Vault of the Adepti.

September: The *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*, No. 49 is closed, but a small group continues to work under two of the previous Chiefs.

Year-end: The *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 18 reaches seventeen members.

1980

† Frater S. (Chic Cicero) begins correspondence with Regardie.

1982

Early: Frater S. (Chic Cicero) completes construction on the Second Order Vault of the Adepti.

24 June: A.M.A.G. (Regardie) performs the Ceremony of the Consecration of the Vault of the Adepti. This event marks the re-establishment of a valid initiating Second Order in the United States.

25 June: A.M.A.G. (Regardie) lectures to the members of the *Isis-Urania Temple*, No. 18 on the "Hebrew Alphabet" and "Crowley's Relationship with Mathers."

26 June: A.M.A.G. (Regardie) initiates Soror M. in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

27 June: A.M.A.G. (Regardie) initiates Frater E. in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

Year-end: Two members are initiated in the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1985

10 March: Regardie dies (b. 1907) of a heart attack in Sedona, Arizona.

1988

July: John H. Von Dadelsen dies (b. 1913) in New Zealand. He was the last ruling Chief of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple*.

September: The surviving members of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* and two ex-Chiefs initiate a small group of students in the grades up to the 5°=6° Grade of Adeptus Minor.

1989

November: An ex-member of the *Hermes Temple*, Bristol along with ex-members of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* and three surviving members of the *Cromlech Temple* revive the *Io-Ana Temple of the Sun Order*.

1991

October: Two ex-Chiefs and a 7°=4° Adeptus Exemptus of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* initiate a Frater in the higher grades of the *Stella Matutina*

and the grades of the Sun Order (Cromlech Temple) to keep the Golden Dawn tradition alive.

1994

April: F.G. Salt (Frater Lux) dies (b. 1916). He was the ex-Præmonstrator or Demonstrator of the *Smaragdum Thalasses Temple* in New Zealand.

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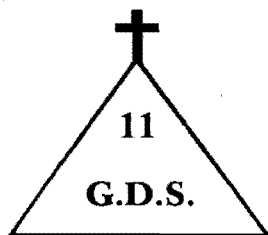
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