

The venerable lover of life (Editorial)

A recent visit to a bookshop in a remote part of Suffolk produced a copy of *The Vicar of Morwenstow* containing two articles from "The Daily News" on Baring-Gould at the end of his life. One of these is reproduced in this issue, the other will follow in due course.

The centre pages this month show an enlarged version of the sleeve for "Songs of the West", a cassette produced by the Wren Trust containing 17 of SBG's collected songs. A review appears on page 13.

Rebecca Smith reports good sales of the Praxis Books reprint of *Red Spider*. The advertising leaflet for her new edition of *The Book of Folklore* is enclosed this time. The striking cover and clear print of this venture fully maintain the standard of the former. Image Briggs' new edition of *The Mana of Lewis* also available from the same source, and is a 'must' for the comprehensive collection.

Short stories and articles by SBG published in *Cassells* and *Chambers* magazines and similar annuals are still coming to light thick and fast. When the spate seems to be drying up somewhat, it will be necessary to tabulate these findings in order to make the task of identifying the rest a little easier. Meanwhile, turn to page 16, Members' Notes, for the latest additions to the Bibliography.

At the moment there are plenty of research projects for members with time on their hands - for instance:

- 'SBG as an artist.'
- 'Were all his novels serialised before publication in book form?'
- 'SBG and old churches of Somerset.'
- 'SBG and his publishers.'

Try your hand!

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