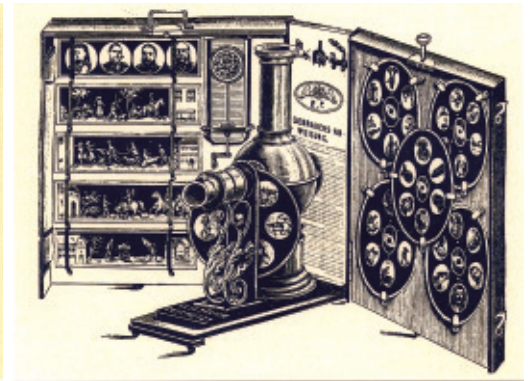


# MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

## A LAST-MINUTE PRESENT?

Wilhelm Widenmann has sent us this lovely advert and suggests: "Good boys and girls could, especially during Christmas time, receive from their parents this wonderful 'Helios' toy offered by Wahnschaffe (Nürnberg) in 1895".



## OUR NEW DOCTOR

Mary Borgo Ton is now a doctor! Mary has contacted *TML* from Bloomington, Indiana, to let members know that she successfully defended her PhD dissertation in August and is pleased to present her research as a website: [tiny.cc/DigitalDiss](http://tiny.cc/DigitalDiss). She wishes to thank the members of the Magic Lantern Society for their enthusiastic support and expert advice. And even more good news – Mary has agreed to take over editing our online publication *New Light on Old Media*. A very worthy successor to Dr Mervyn Heard, the inspiration and first editor, and George Auckland, 'interim' editor for the past two years.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

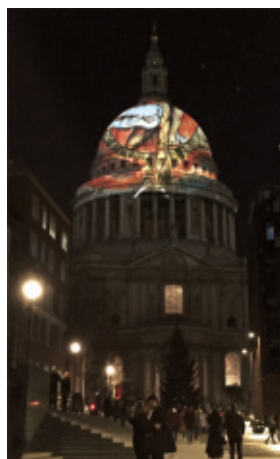
Kevin Varty found this charming advert in the July 1890 edition of *Temple Bar* – with which is incorporated *Bentley's Miscellany*. This fine publication is described as "A London magazine for town and country readers".



In the July edition alone you could read about 'Christmastide at Tangier', 'Some Florentine Mosaics' and 'Napoleon Described by his Valet', all for the price of one shilling.

## ANCIENT AND MODERN

Londoners and visitors who enjoy the projected image had a real treat from Thursday 28 November to Sunday 1 December. William Blake's final masterpiece 'Ancient of Days' illuminated the external dome of St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the artist and poet's birthday (his 262nd). Blake described this work from 1827 as "the best I have ever finished". The artist's lifelong ambition was to have work adorn the walls of churches and public buildings but this dream was never achieved during his lifetime – and now it is, nearly 200 years later. It was a truly spectacular sight with the animated hair (see *New Light on Old Media*, no.59).



## CALLING ALL POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS

Could 2020 be the year you contribute to *The Magic Lantern*? We are always interested in receiving articles, snippets and news of anything related to magic lanterns that you spot. We have two series running at the moment: *The Magic Lantern Within* (see p.6) featuring slides with images of magic lanterns, slides or peepshows and *A Slide with a Story* (see p.7) featuring one slide in your collection that turns out to have an interesting story behind it. Your editors are always happy to hear from you and to help.

## DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling

### 2020

24 January

B-magic event: 'Projecting Citizenship', lecture by Gabrielle Moser and screening *Aphasia*, a film by Jelena Jureša  
Cinematek, Brussels

25 January

Magic Lantern Society AGM  
Musical Museum, Brentford, London

25 April

Spring meeting of the Magic Lantern Society  
Swedenborg House, London

15-16 May

B-magic Bi-Annual Workshop: 'Projecting Pathos: Emotions and the Magic Lantern'  
Cinematek, Brussels

11-14 June

Convention of US & Canada Magic Lantern Society  
Cleveland, Ohio, USA

### 2021

16-18 April

Magic Lantern Society International Convention  
Birmingham and Midland Institute, Birmingham, UK

## NEW MEMBERS

<i>Emily Kanner</i>	Los Angeles, USA
<i>Ben Nicholson</i>	London, UK
<i>Sophie Michael</i>	Ely, UK
<i>Miguel Herrero Herrero</i>	Sax, Alicante, Spain
<i>Jo Israel</i>	Hastings, UK
<i>Jeremy Mold</i>	Silverstone, UK
<i>Garry Scoop</i>	Adelaide, South Australia