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THE ACOLYTE STARTS ITS SECOND YEAR with this issue, but aside from a few extra pages, I'm making no particular effort to celebrate. Fancy anniversary issues are all right for fanzines which come out more frequently, but it would be silly to make a great to-do over a mere four issues. However, if The Acolyte is able to continue for that long, I guarantee

APPARITION

by E. A. Edkins

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Dreaming, I stood upon a crag that frowned
Defiant to the onslaughts of the sea,--
(A leaning menace to the seething sea)--
Beneath, the shelving shingle's narrow bound.
High in the mid-air hell there circled 'round
Vast shapes of wrack and storm that sought to flee
The cursed coast, the sentient enemy
Of the gray sea's sardonic laugh. A sound
More keen, more daunting, clove the tortured air,
A human note of most unhuman woe,--
And down the shore, revealed in one brief glare
Of blinding light, a form paced to and fro,
Singing a dirge of rapture and despair;
I saw the form, I heard the voice, of Poe.