

[Text of the letter:]

To One of the Vice-Presidents or Councillors of "The London Lodge,"
Theosophical Society, from K.H.

To the Members of the "London Lodge," Theosophical Society, —
Friends and Opponents,

I have just ordered two telegrams to be sent to Mrs. A. Kingsford and
Mr. A.P. Sinnett to notify both that the former should continue to be the
President of the "London Lodge" Theos. Society.

This is not the desire alone of either of us two, known to Mr. Sinnett,
or of both, but the express wish of the Chohan Himself. Mrs. Kingsford's
election is not a matter of personal feeling between ourselves and that lady but
rests entirely on the advisability of having at the head of the Society, in a place
like London, a person well suited to the standard and aspirations of the (so far)
ignorant (of esoteric truths) and therefore, malicious public. Nor is it a matter of
the slightest consequence whether the gifted President of the "London Lodge"
Theos. Soc. entertains feelings of reverence or disrespect toward the humble
and unknown individuals at the head of the Tibetan Good Law, — or the writer
of the present, or any of his Brothers — but rather a question whether the said
lady is fitted for the purpose we have all at heart, namely the dissemination of
TRUTH through Esoteric doctrines, conveyed by whatever religious channel,
and the effacement of crass materialism and blind prejudices and skepticism.
As the lady has rightly observed, the Western public should understand the
Theosophical Society to be "a Philosophical School constituted on the ancient
Hermetic basis" — that public having never heard of the Tibetan, and
entertaining very perverted notions of the Esoteric Buddhist System.
Therefore, and so far, we agree with the remarks embodied in the letter written
by Mrs. K. to Madam B. and which the latter was asked to "submit to K.H.;"
and, we would remind our members of the "L.L." in this reference, that
Hermetic Philosophy is universal and unsectarian, while the Tibetan School
will ever be regarded by those who know little, if anything of it, as coloured
more or less with sectarianism. The former knowing neither caste, nor colour,
nor creed, no lover of Esoteric wisdom can have any objection to the name,
which otherwise he might feel, were the Society to which he belongs to be
placarded with a specific denomination pertaining to a distinct religion.
Hermetic Philosophy suits every creed and philosophy and clashes with none.