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“ Behold the truth before you ! a clean life, an open mind, a pure heart, an eager intellect, an unveiled spiritual perception, a brotherliness for one’s co-disciple, a readiness to give and receive advice and instruction, a loyal sense of duty to the Teacher, a willing obedience to the behests of TRUTH, once we have placed our confidence in, and believe that Teacher to be in possession of it ; a courageous endurance of personal injustice, a brave declaration of principles, a valiant defence of those who are unjustly attacked, and a constant eye to the ideal of human progression and perfection which the secret science (*Gupla Vidya*) depicts—these are the golden stairs up the steps of which the learner may climb to the Temple of Divine Wisdom. Say this to those who have volunteered to be taught by you.”

Letter to H. P. B. from her Master
(concerning her E. S. students.)

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“ Tell them ; As pure water poured into the scavenger’s bucket is befouled and unfit for use, so is divine truth when poured into the consciousness of a Sensualist..... Observe, that the first of the steps of gold which mount towards the Temple of Truth is—A CLEAN LIFE. This means a purity of body, and a still greater purity of mind, heart and spirit.”

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“There is a very, very ancient maxim, far older than the time of the Romans or the Greeks..... It is a maxim all of them ought to remember—and live accordingly..... a sound and pure mind requires a sound and pure body. Bodily purity every adept takes precautions to keep..... Most of them know this..... But though they have been repeatedly told of this *sine qua non* rule on the Path of Theosophy and *Chelaship*, how few of them have given attention to it..... Behold, how many of them are.... debauchees, **GUILTY OF SECRET IMMORALITY** in more than one form..... Though such a person with any of the faults as above declared [others are named] should fill the world with his charities, and make his name known throughout every nation, he would make no advancement in the practical occult sciences, but be continually slipping backward. The ‘six and ten transcendental virtues,’ the Paramitas¹, are not for full grown Yogis and priests alone, but for all those who would enter the ‘Path.’ ”

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(concerning her E. S. students.)

¹ See “*The Voice of the Silence*,” by H. P. Blavatsky.

FOREWORD.

THIS Protest has been undertaken at the earnest and repeated requests of Theosophical friends of long standing. They feel strongly that the time has come for one of H. P. Blavatsky's old pupils, who was a member of her Inner Group, to demonstrate as clearly as possible that the teachings promulgated for nearly twenty years past by the present leaders of the "Theosophical Society" have departed more and more from H. P. B.'s, and are now their direct antithesis, particularly on the fundamental question of sex morality.

Since Mr. G. R. S. Mead, one of my fellow-members of the Inner Group, spoke out at the Leadbeater Inquiry of 1906, and resigned, no other surviving member, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has attempted to stem the awful and ever increasing tide of horror and delusion, that is, engulfing—one might almost say *has* engulfed—Mrs. Besant's Society. If Mr. Mead could say in 1906 ;—" We stand on the brink of an abyss," what is to be said now ? The enquiries and researches I have undertaken to enable me to write this pamphlet have revealed the present state of things to be far worse than I could have imagined possible.

From the time I left Mrs. Besant in 1895 and Mrs. Tingley in 1899, I have been out of touch with these two movements, each calling itself "theosophical" and each leader claiming to be H. P. B.'s "successor." This is the reason why I have hitherto kept silent; in fact, it was not until I came to live in India in 1918, after spending some years on the Continent, and met some of the members—both Indian and European—who had left Mrs. Besant in more recent years, that I learnt of the appalling developments since she became President and installed the sex pervert Leadbeater as supreme esoteric teacher.

I feel that I should be failing in my duty, and false to the solemn Pledges I have taken, if I did not now do my utmost to clear H. P. B.'s name from these horrible associations, and demonstrate that they have nothing whatever to do with her Masters (the Trans-Himâlayan Brotherhood) or Their Esoteric doctrine.

I therefore PROTEST with all my strength, and *in Their sacred Names*, against what is to me a desecration and a blasphemy.

September, 1922.

A. L. C.