

September 16th., 1903.

Dear Mrs. Dennis,

I was very glad to have yours of the 6th. from the Bungalow; I wish I could have been there also, but my fate is not so happy as that yet. It is pleasant to hear that Brewster and Hotchner have entered the First Degree; I wish I could have admitted them with the regular form. I should much like also to have been authorised to admit the Wardall brothers, Dr. Scott and Mrs. Kyle; but apparently they have been told to wait awhile. Two people here have applied for admission as Shrâvanas, Mrs. King and Miss Rochler; but they have not yet received formal notice of acceptance, so I could do nothing in the matter. I am very glad to hear so good an account of Mr. Fullerton; assuredly we could ill spare him for a long time yet. I hope Raja's coming may be arranged, for I think he would do very good work here, being an Oriental, and an eminently common-sense one. I feel sure it is much better, if money is needed for such a purpose as this, to ask the few who can easily help, rather than to issue circulars to the whole Section, in which there are so many who will not understand. I am very glad also that Mrs. Davis is even already better, and I hope that the rest in Europe will finally set her up in really good health, to work happily for many a year yet in the Master's service.

It is curious to be going once more to San Francisco, where last time Robert was with us. And, stranger still, for part of the same journey I shall have with me another Theosophical boy, a member of our Lotus Lodge, Douglas William Lawrence Pettit, of whom I think I showed you a photograph. His parents also are anxious that he should have the opportunity of hearing many Theosophical lectures, and learning to be useful along our lines. At the present moment he is type-writing vigorously opposite to me, helping to get off a number of cards before our steamer starts. So far he seems very gentle and really wishful to do everything he can; but of course one only gradually comes to know how far they will persevere in well-doing! He is a very nice fellow, yet it somehow makes me rather sad to be taking in charge some one else than our first American boy. This, however, was in no way of my seeking, but was all arranged for me, so I suppose it is all for the best. I have just received the forty-eight missing pages of the proof from Regan, and shall look them over on the steamer. With all kindest regards to you and Mr. Dennis, and much love to Robert and Don,

I am ever

Yours most cordially

G.W. Leadbeater.