

February 28th, 1913.

My dear Fritz,

As far as I have dug into my pile, I have found only three letters from you, one dated the 20th and two bearing the date of the 22nd, though you enclose a fourth letter from Alma, dated the 21st. She rates me far too highly. What she says about me is what I should like to be, but I am by no means under the delusion that I have attained all that ! Still, it is no doubt nice of her to say all these things, even though between ourselves we know that they are a trifle extravagant !

I shall be much interested to see your account of the beginnings of Krotona. That will be your first book, will it not ? As such we shall hail it with joy and put it in the Adyar Library---the first of a long line of valuable productions, I have no doubt. I recognise some of the photographs which you publish in your "Travel Talk s"-the Samoan hut, the young ladies of that ilk, and the Sierra passing us at sea.

I suppose that you are quite right in saying that a longish answer to a question might be modified into, or given the appearance of, a very tiny article. When it seems as though one was justified in such action, I will do that if you prefer it; but you see I have rather planned to put something more or less new in each definite article; whereas, very often the answers to questions are only a repetition of what is already in books, but perhaps put into a slightly different form for those who have forgotten it. I can of course send you, as I used to send to Dr. Van Hook, copies of such small articles as I write for the Adyar Bulletin. I do not send out copies of what is going into The Theosophist, because I think that that matter ought to be reserved;

but when I write a little thing for the Adyar Bulletin, I have usually shared it with the Messenger, Theosophy in Australia, and the Italian Bollettino. I shall send galley-proofs of those articles, and generally contrive to get them off about a fortnight ahead of the issue of the Bulletin in which they are to appear. Whether that would enable you to print them in advance of the arrival of the Bulletin would, I suppose, depend upon the day of the month on which you go to Press.

I think, by the way, that I ought to draw your attention to a report of the President's speech at a meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children. She took occasion to remark very strongly on some of the iniquitous customs connected with Hindu temples; and as it is one of the stock falsehoods of the missionary that she supports nautch-girls and similar abominations, I think it is just as well that we should put this speech on record, and know where to find it and to refer to it when wanted.

Thank you for the copies of your February magazine. I do not think that I much like that article on Sorcery; but I very much approve of your "library catalogue" work, for the cataloguing of all Theosophical literature is an enormous piece of work which very badly needs doing. I do not know whether you are aware that there is a man here in India who is undertaking that work (and apparently doing it very thoroughly) with reference to The Theosophist only---but The Theosophist clear away from the beginning, and not only including the titles of articles but also taking note of the subjects touched upon in the course of the various articles. I believe that he has done about half of the file of the magazine so far.

There is nothing much along legal lines this week--- only a certain amount of further cross-examination, which seems to lead nowhere, but is gradually disgusting the magistrate with the dishonourable tactics adopted by the other side. The plaintiff in the big suit has issued subpoenas to a number of us here to appear as witnesses, which our lawyers say is a tactical error on his part, as if he had not done it, the President would have had to do it, and that would have given him a better opportunity; whereas, this amounts to a confession of the weakness of his case. The Hindu has published an article which contains a direct incitement to take the life of the President, but it is put in such a ridiculous way that I cannot believe that it will be taken seriously. However, a copy has been sent to the police.

With very much love,

I am ever,

Yours most affectionately,

G.N. Leadbeater.

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