

Adyar, Madras, S., India,
November 28, 1912.

My dear Fritz,

I wrote to you at some length last week, and there is nothing fresh with which I need trouble you, except that I have received a letter from Mrs. Russak in which she mentions an opinion of yours that old Fullerton wrote the celebrated cipher letter. I find it exceedingly difficult to believe that the old man could possibly have done such a thing; in fact, I really do not believe it; but I should like to know on what evidence you formed that belief---if it really is yours. I have long given up thinking about that cipher letter or any of that stuff; but it was at the time a good deal of a mystery. I believe that I recognise some of the earlier part of it, referring to psychic visions; and even some of the second part embodies advice such as I might have given. But the expression of which old Fullerton made so much is one which I am quite certain I never used in the sense attributed to it, though it is not impossible that it might have occurred in the earlier part of the letter in reference to sensations when leaving the body. Also the closing phrase of the letter is not the kind of thing which I should write, though I know that old Fullerton once used it to Douglas. On the other hand, I am not aware that Fullerton knew the boy to whom it is supposed to have been written; nor am I certain that he was acquainted with the cipher, though that proves nothing, inasmuch as it had been published in The Theosophist and in Lucifer. The whole thing is a mystery, and I do not care to inquire into it; but this suggestion of yours may mean that you are in possession of some information of which I have not yet heard. Only for that reason do I refer to that unsavoury chapter of the past at all.

Last Sunday's lecture was just as successful as those which preceded it. It seems that so many people have been unable to obtain admission to this series, that the principal inhabitants of Madras have asked the President to deliver another lecture in the tent of the Parsi Theatrical Company, which holds two thousand people. That lecture will be given tomorrow, and I understand that the subject is to be Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

I forget whether you saw Basil's sister, Leslie; if you did, you will be interested to hear that she is engaged to be married to a Theosophist named Reed, who was stationed at Aden. I hope to be able to enclose one or two letters, if I have time to get them done.

With much love, I am ever,

Yours most affectionately,

C. W. Leadbeater.