

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Especially to the Members of the British Section.

THE LEADBEATER CASE

Enclosed will be found a Reply to the President's recent Letter of November, 1908, to the Members of the Theosophical Society, in which she refuses to act in accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Convention of this Section—calling upon her to take such action as would make the repudiation by the Society of the pernicious teachings given by Mr. Leadbeater to young boys, unequivocal and final.

At a largely attended and representative Meeting of Members, held in London on November 13th, it was decided, among other things, to ask for the coöperation of all those Members who are opposed to the reinstatement of Mr. Leadbeater in the Society, without public repudiation of the teaching which determined his resignation, and for that purpose the accompanying RESOLUTIONS have been drawn up. If, after reading our Reply to Mrs. Besant, you are in favour of these Resolutions, please sign the perforated slip and return it at once to Mr. Mead. A petition for the reinstatement of Mr. Leadbeater is being circulated by some of his supporters. If you should have already signed that Petition, but now see reason to alter your opinion, will you kindly write to its promoters and withdraw your name?—and inform Mr. Mead of your having done so.

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LONDON, S.W.
November, 1908.

RESOLUTIONS

THAT WHEREAS, at the last Convention of the British Section of the Theosophical Society, a Resolution was passed calling upon the President and General Council of the Society to take such action as would ensure "that the repudiation by the Society of this pernicious teaching [the teaching which determined the resignation of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater] may be unequivocal and final":

AND WHEREAS the President has replied to this resolution in a printed Letter to the members of the Theosophical Society, dated November, 1908:

AND WHEREAS, in that Letter, the President explicitly declines to take such action, stating that she herself only disagrees with the teaching, but that her "condemnation no longer applies to Mr. Leadbeater's advice":

AND WHEREAS, in that Letter, the President fully admits that Mr. Leadbeater did give the said teaching (a) previous to his connection with the Theosophical Society, "when a priest of the English Church," (b) to boys not yet addicted to the practice, but in whom "certain symptoms had already shown themselves either on the physical plane or in the aura," and (c) that "even though in one or two instances this may have taken place before what is commonly called puberty":

AND WHEREAS the President declines to put an end to the scandalous state of affairs involved in the identification of this teaching with the Theosophical Society—through the acclaiming of the man who stands self-convicted of it, as one worthy to be placed in the highest rank as a Theosophical teacher and guide, and also through an explicit statement by a member of the General Council that "no mistake was made by Mr. Leadbeater in the nature of the advice he gave to his boys":

AND WHEREAS, further, the President declares that she will rejoice to welcome Mr. Leadbeater back to actual membership, and ignores the condition of public repudiation by him of his teaching:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED—

- 1 That we, the undersigned members of the Theosophical Society, reaffirm the opinion expressed by the British Section at its last Convention, and embodied in the following resolution, which was carried *nem. con.*, that "This Convention looks on the teaching given by C. W. Leadbeater to certain boys as wholly evil, and hereby expresses its judgment on this matter."

- 2 That we, the undersigned, record our opinion that no person who has given such teaching should be a member of the Theosophical Society, so long as that person has not absolutely, unequivocally, and publicly repudiated the said teaching and practice.
- 3 That we, the undersigned, call upon the President to adhere to the pledge given at the time of her election to the Presidency, that she would not readmit Mr. Leadbeater to membership till two years after his public repudiation of the said teaching, and then only on a large majority request of the whole Society.

**I AGREE WITH THE FOREGOING
RESOLUTIONS.**

Name in full.....
(If a lady, Mrs. or Miss)

Address in full.....
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Name of Lodge.....

(If unattached, please state so).....

Date.....

This Slip should be returned immediately to
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