

# The Letters of H. P. Blavatsky

to

## A. P. Sinnett

### THEIR CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

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## INTRODUCTION

Soon after the book, *The Mahatma Letters*, was first published, I was at Adyar classifying and filing the archives of the Theosophical Society. The book was an invaluable aid to this work, but there was a certain difficulty in using it: the letters were sometimes insufficiently dated or not dated at all, H.P.B. having the casual habit of writing, "Thursday" or "The 3rd," with no month and year attached.

I decided to try to place the letters in their chronological order, and devoted my leisure hours for many months to this task. When *The Letters of H. P. Blavatsky to A. P. Sinnett* came from the press a year or two later, the same was true of them, and the work of correctly dating had to be continued. Some clue, such as the title of an article about to appear in the current *Theosophist* or a reference to a subject mentioned in the immediately previous letter, often led (though through mazes of search) to the fitting of that particular letter into its proper niche.

After much cross reference and intensive study of letters, magazines and books, I sent the result of my labors to Mr. Trevor Barker, editor of the two volumes. He replied that the books had been block-printed, consequently it would be impossible to change the order of the letters in any future edition.

He sent my lists to Miss Beatrice Hastings, as a possible aid to her studies of the career of Madame Blavatsky, in her noble effort to have the Hodgson Report to the Society for Psychical Research, branding H.P.B. a charlatan, expunged from the records of that Society. Miss Hastings wrote me very appreciatively, and suggested that we collaborate on a certain few letters which she had dated differently. I should gladly have done so but for the fact that I was at the time traveling about Australia lecturing, and the necessary files of letters, literary material, reference books, etc. were not available to me.

When I arrived in the United States of America in 1937, I offered the lists to Mr. Sidney A. Cook for publication; and as there seems now to be a demand for the correct chronological ordering of the contents of these two famous books, he has consented to place my lists at the disposal of admirers of H. P. Blavatsky and her work. I trust they will prove useful to many.

The dates enclosed in brackets are the dates I have supplied or corrected.

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# LETTERS OF H. P. BLAVATSKY TO A. P. SINNETT

Chrono- logical No.	Text No.	Page	Date
<i>1880</i>			
1	CCV	366	Nov.
2	V	6	Nov. 22
3	376	Appen. II	[probably]
<i>1881</i>			
4	CXCVII	363	[Feb.]
5	CLVIII	312	Aug. 1
6	III	4	Aug. 9
7	CCIV	365	[Summer]
8	CCIII	365	[Autumn]
9	Appen. I	369	Oct.
10	VII	9	[Oct. 23-4]
11	I	1	[Oct.]
12	VIII	10	[Nov. 4]
13	IV	5	[Before Nov. 6]
14	CXCVIII	364	[Nov.]
15	IX	12	Nov. 14
16	XX	39	Dec. 7
<i>1882</i>			
17	CLVI	305	Jan. 4
18	CLXI	316	Feb. 3
19	II	1	March 25
20	X-B	14	March 30
21	CXCIII	361	April 28
22	X-C	15	May 8
23	X	13	May-June
24	X-D	17	June 4
25	X-A	13	June 5
26	X-E	17	June [6]
27	XI	18	June 20
28	XV	28	[Late June]
29	XIII	22	July 21
30	CXCIX	364	July 24
31	CLXXXVII	352	Aug. 1

32	CLXXXVII-A	353	[Sept.]
33	XIV	26	Aug. 4
34	CLXII	318	Aug. 10
35	VI	8	Aug. 12
36	CLXIV	323	Aug. 16
37	CXCV	363	Aug. 19
38	CCI	365	Aug. 22
39	XVI	29	Aug. 26
40	CLXXXIX	354	Aug. 26
41	XVII	34	[Sept.]
42	CXC	356	Sept. 4
43	CLVII	311	Sept. 5
44	XVIII	37	Sept. 19
45	CLV	304	[Before 28]
46	CCII	365	[Oct.]
47	CXCIV	362	Oct. 3
48	CCV	366	[After 8]
49	XIX	38	Oct. 9

1883

50	Appen. III	387	March 1
51	XXII	43	July
52	XXIII	44	Aug. 15
53	XXV	48	Aug. 23
54	CVI	230	
55	XXVI	53	Sept. 14
56	XXVII	55	Sept. 27
57	XXIV	47	Sept. 30
58	XXIX	65	Nov. 17
59	CXCII	359	
60	XCII	211	
61	XXX	69	Nov. 26
62	XII	21	[After Dec. 15]
63	CCVI	366	

1884

64	XXVIII	63	[Jan.]
65	XXXI	73	Jan. 25
66	XXXIII	77	March 17
67	XXXIV	70	March 22
68	XXXVII	89	[March-April]

69	<b>CC</b>	364	[March-April]
70	<b>XXXVI</b>	87	April 25
71	<b>XXXV</b>	84	April 27
72	<b>CLXIII</b>	322	[June]
73	<b>XXXVIII</b>	91	[July]
74	<b>XXI-A</b>	41	[Sept.]
75	<b>XXXIX</b>	91	[Oct.]
76	<b>XL</b>	93	[Nov.]

1885

77	<b>XXXII</b>	75	March 27
78	<b>LXI</b>	94	
79	<b>XLIII</b>	96	May 17
80	<b>XLII</b>	95	June 16
81	<b>XLIV</b>	98	June 21
82	<b>CLXXIX</b>	343	July 16
83	<b>XLV</b>	101	July 23
84	<b>LXV-A</b>	165	July 31
85	<b>XLVI</b>	106	Aug. 19
86	<b>LV</b>	132	[Aug.]
87	<b>XLVII</b>	116	Aug. 28
88	<b>XLVIII</b>	118	Sept. 2
89	<b>CLXV-A</b>	324	Sept. 7
90	<b>CLXV-B</b>	325	Sept. 16
91	<b>CLXV</b>	324	[Sept. 16]
92	<b>XLIX</b>	119	
93	<b>LXXXI</b>	195	Oct. 8
94	<b>L</b>	121	Oct. 9
95	<b>LVI</b>	133	Oct. 10
96	<b>CX</b>	237	[Oct.]
97	<b>CXVIII</b>	244	[Oct.]
98	<b>CXX</b>	254	[Oct.]
99	<b>CXIX</b>	248	[Oct.]
100	<b>CXVI</b>	243	[Nov.]
101	<b>CXVII</b>	244	[Nov.]
102	<b>LI</b>	125	Nov. 28
103	<b>LII</b>	127	[Nov.]
104	<b>CXXI</b>	265	Dec. 13
105	<b>CXXII</b>	266	Dec. 16
106	<b>CXXIII</b>	267	Dec. 28

107	LXIII-A	160	Dec. 29
108	CXXIV	268	Dec. 29
1886			
109	LVII	134	Jan. 1
110	CXXV	270	Jan. 1
111	CXXVI	270	Jan. 1
112	CLVI	325	Jan. 1
113	CXXVII	271	Jan. 4
114	LIII	128	[First Week]
115	LIV	129	[Early]
116	CLXXV	338	[Early]
117	LVIII	136	[First Week]
118	LXI	148	[Jan. 8]
119	LXII	156	
120	LIX	139	Jan. 9
121	LXXXIII	175	
122	LXXXIV	177	
123	CXXVIII	272	Jan. 11
124	CLXIX	330	[Jan. 12]
125	CXXIX	273	Jan. 15
126	LXXXVII	202	Sunday
127	LXIII	158	[Jan. 18]
128	CXIII	240	
129	LXV	163	[Jan. 18]
130	CXXXI	275	Jan. 18
131	CXXXII	276	Jan. 18
132	CLXVII	326	Jan. 19
133	CXXXIV	277	Jan. 22
134	CXXXV	277	Jan. 26
135	LXVII	167	[Jan. 26]
136	LXIV	161	[Jan.]
137	CLXXII	335	Jan. 26
138	CLXXIII	336	Jan. 27
139	CLXXX	345	Jan. 27
140	CXXX	274	Jan. 27
141	CXXXVI	280	Jan. 28
142	LXVIII	168	[Jan. 28]
143	LXIX	170	Jan. 29
144	LXVI	166	[Jan. 29]
145	LXXV	178	Jan. 29

146	CLXXIV	337	Jan. 31
147	CXXXVIII	283	Feb. 1
148	CLXXVI	338	Feb. 1
149	CLXXVII	339	Feb. 2
150	CXXXIX	284	Feb. 2
151	CLXXXI	347	Feb. 2
152	CXXXIII	276	[Feb.]
153	LXXXIII	197	Monday
154	CLXXXVIII	353	[About 2nd]
155	LXX	170	[2nd or 3rd]
156	CLIX	312	Feb. 5
157	LXXI	173	[5th or 6th]
158	CXL	285	Feb. 7
159	LXXVI	179	[7th]
160	CLXXXIII	348	Feb. 7
161	LXXII	174	[9th or 10th]
162	CXLI	287	Feb. 11
163	CLXVIII	328	Feb. 15
164	CXXXVII	282	
165	LXXVII	182	Feb. 16
166	CXLII	288	Feb. 17
167	CXLIII	289	Feb. 18
168	CXLIV	290	Feb. 23
169	LXXIX	191	
170	CLXX	331	March 2
171	LXXX	192	March 3
172	LXXXII	197	[8th]
173	CXLV	291	March 8
174	CXLVI	292	March 9
175	LXXXV	200	
176	CXLVII	293	March 12
177	LXXVII-A	188	[13th]
178	LXXVII-B	188	March 13
179	CXLVIII	294	March 13
180	XC	209	Tuesday
181	CLXXI	332	March 17
182	CXLIX	295	March 19
183	CXCI	357	March 20
184	CLX	314	March 22
185	CL	298	March 28

186	CLXXXII	347	April 5
187	LXXXIV	198	[After 5th]
188	CLI	299	April 13
189	CLII	300	[13th]
190	LX	142	[After 13]
191	CLIII	301	April 20
192	CLIV	302	April 26
193	XCIII	212	
194	CIX	236	
195	CLXXXVIII	342	April 28
196	LXXXIX	207	May 1
197	CXI	210	[May] 20
198	CLXXXVI	351	May 20
199	CXIV	213	[July]
200	CXI	237	July 31
201	CLXXXIV	350	July 31
202	CLXXXV	350	Aug. 1
203	XCV	215	Aug. 5
204	LXXXVI	201	Aug. 12
205	XCVI	216	Aug. 18
206	XCVII	217	Aug. 23
207	XCVIII	218	Aug. 26
208	C	220	Sept. 21
209	CI	223	Oct. 6
210	XCIX	219	[Oct.]
211	CII	224	[Oct.]
212	CIII	225	Sunday
213	CVII	234	[Nov.]
214	CVIII	235	Wednesday

1887

215	CIV	226	Jan. 10
216	CV	229	[Jan.]
217	CXIV	241	[Jan. or Feb.]
218	CXV	242	[Jan. or Feb.]
219	LXXXVIII	204	Mon. [March]
220	CXII	238	Sunday

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221	CXCVI	363	
222	CCVII	366	