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Col. Olcott's Revocation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 1892.

To the Members and Branches of T.S. in U. S.:

On the 30th of August, 1892, I received the following telegram from Col. H. S. Olcott:

MADRAS, August 30. 1892.

TO JUDGE, NEW YORK:

Col. H. S. Olcott remains president [of the Theosophical Society].

Notice of this revocation of his resignation of the office of President was immediately given by me through the newspaper press of the country. His official letter arrived Sep. 24th and is given hereunder with the accompanying circular.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, ADYAR, 21st Aug., 1892.

W. Q. JUDGE, *Vice-Pres. T.S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The restoration of my health and other important considerations induce me to revoke my letter of resignation of office, and I beg herewith to hand you an advance copy of the Executive Circular notifying the fact, which will appear in the September number of the *Theosophist*. You will kindly make the facts known to the American Section.

Fraternally Yours,

H. S. OLCOTT, P. T. S.

EXECUTIVE CIRCULAR.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, 21st Aug., 1892.

In January last, confined to my room by sickness, lame in both feet, unable to move about save on crutches, and yearning for rest after many years of incessant work, I carried out a purpose long entertained and sent the Vice-President my resignation of the Presidentship. I should have exercised my constitutional right and named him as my successor if I had not been told that the American and European Sections would not consent to having the office filled during my life-time, this being, they thought, the truest compliment that could be paid me. Immediately, I began building the cottage at Ootacamund on land bought, in 1888, as a retreat for H. P. B. and myself in our old age.

On the 11th February, however, the familiar voice of my Guru chided me for attempting to retire before my time, asserted the unbroken relation between Himself, H. P. B. and myself, and bade me prepare to receive further and more specific orders by messenger, but without naming time or place.

The Indian Section had, as early as February last, unanimously agreed to recommend that if I were really compelled to retire the Presidential office should not be filled during

my life-time, but my duties performed by the Vice-President, acting as P. T. S. Nearly all the Indian Branches and most influential members, as well as the Branches and chief members in Australasia and Ceylon, and many in Europe and America, wrote to express their hope that I might see yet my way to retaining office, in which I had given satisfaction.

Under date of April 20th, Mr. Judge cabled from New York that he was not then able to relinquish the Secretaryship of the American Section and wrote me, enclosing a transcript of a message he had also received for me from a Master that "it is not time, nor right, nor just, nor wise, nor the real wish of the *** that you should go out, either corporeally or officially".

The Chicago Convention of the American Section, held in the same month, unanimously adopted Resolutions declaring Mr. Judge my constitutional successor and their choice, but asking me not to retire.

The London Convention of the European Section, held in July, also unanimously declared its choice of Mr. Judge as my successor and adopted complimentary Resolutions about myself, but abstained from passing upon the question of my retaining office under the misapprehension—how caused I know not—that I had definitively and finally refused to revoke my January letter of resignation. The fact being that the terms of my May note upon the subject (printed with the June *Theosophist*) left the question open and dependent upon the contingencies of my health and the proof that my return to office would be for the best interest of the Society.

A long rest in the mountains has restored my health and renewed my mental and physical vigor, and therefore, since further suspense would injure the Society, I hereby give notice that I revoke my letter of resignation and resume the active duties and responsibilities of office; and I declare William Q. Judge, Vice-President, my constitutional successor and eligible for duty as such upon his relinquishment of any other office in the Society which he may hold at the time of my death.

H. S. OLCOTT, P.T. S.

The election of successor to the presidency having been held in all the Sections, and the choice having been unanimous, there will be no new election for the office, but the General Council, consisting of the President and General Secretaries, will make the needed Constitutional alterations. The well-working machinery of the Sections will go on with no change of officials, and the President-Founder will remain at the head of the organization till the very last, thus fulfilling the promise given in his resignation of never ceasing to devote himself to the Cause of the Society which he has so long worked for in season and out of season, in every land and in many climates.

WILLIAM Q. JUDGE,

Gen. Sec'y Am. Sec.