

On May 17th, after the Committee had accepted Leadbeater's resignation, he sent the following cablegram to Mrs. Besant :—

Brief report of Committee meeting Col. advised resignation. Best course. Copies of your letter to Mrs. Dennis and of mine to Mr. Fullerton put before the Committee. Mead exceedingly hostile. Bertram implicated you, stormy debate. Col. accepted resignation. What work should I do now? Cannot do public lecturing? Burma good. I should prefer to spend time in the tropic rather than in England. If there is any work that I can do, please let me know. I might be useful in Australia or in New Zealand. Technically my resignation from the T. S. remove me from the E. S. But I can answer question in unofficial capacity as friend.

On receipt of the above cablegram Mrs. Besant wrote to Mr. Leadbeater the following letter :—

SHANTI KUNJA,

Benares City, May 17th, 1906.

MY VERY DEAR FRIEND,

I have just received your telegram. I hope you will have had mine before this reaches you. I wrote to you to Genoa advising resignation as the charge was officially made. It is right to save the Society at our own sacrifice. I wish I might resign also as a protest but have no right to leave it. I fear to write to England lest I should neutralise any action you have taken, but have written strongly to E. Ward. I propose to exclude from E. S all who have taken active part in this insane action and cancel my American visit. How Fullerton could act