

UNENROLLED THEOSOPHISTS.

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MADAM BLAVATSKY once wrote: "Any person of average intellectual capacities, and a leaning towards the meta-physical, of pure, unselfish life, who finds more joy in helping his neighbour than in receiving help himself; one who is ever ready to sacrifice his own pleasures for the sake of other people; and who loves Truth, Goodness and Wisdom for their own sake and not for the benefit they may confer—is a Theosophist." It is on these grounds that I believe the practical side of Theosophy may best be illustrated in the lives of men who are in no way identified with the Theosophical Movement, but whose place therein would be unquestioned were the ideals it sets forth properly understood. Theosophy is a system which embraces every aspect of life, but unfortunately its conceptions have been limited by the purviews of those who have undertaken in recent years to expound it. I see no remedy for this but to hark back continually to Madam Blavatsky's writings, not as infallible authorities, but as clearly indicating what was intended at the inception of the Movement. All that have followed her are but Blavatsky-and-water.

The belief in the supervision of human affairs by Divine Men, Prophets, Masters, either individually, or collectively as what is known as The Lodge, is one which has attracted many students. The great unfoldments in human history which serve to mark our epochs and eras are held to be the fruit of their unseen and unacknowledged guidance. With hidden hands they have directed the course of events and aided those who have lent themselves as agents for the service of the race. Never interfering with the liberty or free will of any, their labours are as impartial as the shining of the sun or the shock of the storm. Men who have willingly and designedly co-operated or who have unconsciously acquiesced in the plans of Nature for the working out of human destiny, are frequently known as Lodge Messengers. Columbus is a notable example of such cases, and while utterly unaware of the true nature of his discoveries, there can be no doubt that his effort to find a western passage to India and his theory of the earth being much smaller than was usually supposed, were used by those behind the scenes as a means, while leaving him perfect freedom of decision, to accomplish a world-purpose.

America to most people means the United States. In Mexico it means more than that. The first book printed on the continent appeared in Mexico City in 1537. It was *The Spiritual*