

MRS. KATHERINE ALICE TINGLEY.

The following letter appeared in the New York *Sun* of the 24th May in answer to questions asked concerning Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley :

Dear Sir: You asked me for reasons why I regard Mrs. Tingley as an adept or initiate and reliable as such. This is like asking a doctor how he knows a case of pneumonia from a case of measles, and I answer, "By all the signs taken in detail and taken as a whole!" and it is far easier to make the diagnosis than to teach it to another. I have known of Mrs. Tingley's connection with and work in the movement for a number of years, although I never saw her or heard her name until recently. Her previous analysis of current events, predictions of what would follow, shown me by Mr. Judge, showed clear vision and a very wise judgment, and I knew Mr. Judge laid great store by them and we often talked them over together. When I met Mrs. Tingley in New York very few words passed between us, except in the course of passing events; but I had opportunity to watch her methods of work before, during and after the Convention, and became abundantly satisfied that she is a practical occultist. She is not a medium, because she was perfectly conscious throughout on the outer plane. I was not only studying these psychic phenomena all the time as they transpired, but was studying her as well. I cared nothing for these things, even while I observed them, as work of great and far-reaching importance was being done, and at every step I found in Mrs. Tingley unfailing resources, wise counsel, prompt action, and no nonsense whatever. She was conscious of her power as one is conscious of the power of speech, and used it in the same way, not as a novelty just discovered or a trick to be proud of and paraded, but a gift to be used for the great work in which we were engaged, and she inspired confidence, courage, and enthusiasm of the deeper sort. She did not court observation, but avoided it. I wrote at her request the announcement of the school for the revival of the Lost

Mysteries of Antiquity, and told her there should be another paragraph, but I had come to a standstill and could not write it. She quietly replied: "That is right; I am to complete it when the time comes." The time came when at the Convention, Mr. Claude Faus Wright read the paper and Mrs. Tingley followed with a sentence or two and a hailing sign that startled me, coming from a woman, and which no Mason present could fail to understand. The result was, first, a \$1,000 subscription from a Mason not then belonging to the Esoteric School, and nearly \$5,000 subscribed for the school during the confusion of adjourning. Having been a student of occultism for more than twenty years, an observer of phenomena and a student of the philosophy, perhaps I may be allowed to say that I recognize an occultist, or an adept in occultism, as a lover of music recognizes a musician, by the absence of all egotistical claims or pretence, by just going ahead and making the music. I am perfectly satisfied that Mrs. Tingley is under instructions, and acting for "those who know" far more than she or any of us, and I am glad to assist and co-operate with her in every way I can.

Of course she will have to face sneers, ridicule, and detraction in every form, for that is the current coin of the ignorant masses and the dishonest or idiotic pretenders who imagine they form public opinion, when they simply parade their own shallowness. But every lover of his race who can distinguish the real workers for human advancement will recognize Mrs. Tingley as one of these.

Yours, etc.,

J. D. BUCK.

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