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Charles J. Ryan

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In addition to her books, H. P. Blavatsky kept up a voluminous correspondence and a steady stream of articles to periodicals in English, French, and Russian. Fourteen volumes of her Collected Writings are now in print plus a Cumulative Index (see p. 29).
THE MAHATMA LETTERS
TO A. P. SINNETT

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William Quan Judge was born in Dublin, Ireland, on April 13, 1851. His family emigrated in 1864 to New York where he specialized in corporate law (New York State Bar, 1872). A co-founder with H. P. Blavatsky and Henry S. Olcott of the Theosophical Society in 1875, he later became General Secretary of its American Section and Vice President of the international Society. In this capacity he organized and presided over the Theosophical Congress at the World’s Parliament of Religions held in Chicago during the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Writing and lecturing from coast to coast, he made theosophy known and respected throughout America. He died in New York City on March 21, 1896.
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THE PATH
Reginald W. Machell

This symbolic painting hangs in the administration building at the international headquarters of The Theosophical Society, Pasadena, California. It is in oil and gesso, measuring 6′ 2″ x 7′ 5″. In the artist’s words, “THE PATH is the way by which the human soul must pass in its evolution to full spiritual self-consciousness.” The full-color reproduction, suitable for framing, is printed on acid-free heavy paper. Enclosed with it is the artist’s interpretation of its symbolism.

Reginald W. Machell (1854–1927), a member of the Royal Society of British Artists, exhibited at the Royal Academy in the late 19th century. After having met H. P. Blavatsky in London in 1888, he joined The Theosophical Society. In 1900 he was invited by Katherine Tingley to the Society’s international headquarters, then at Point Loma, California, where he gave fully of his considerable talents in art, drama, and literature until his death.

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