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My dear Dr. Buck.

I received your delightful letter and thank you very much for the kind sentiments expressed therein. I should also be very glad to send you a barrel of Lignosulfot (?) free of any charge; but unfortunately I am bound by contract with Mr. Parmele and Dr. Buckman, not to send any either directly or indirectly to America until they have decided what to do about it, by Jan. 1, 1897. I hope however that you will obtain some by writing to Dr. Buckman, Fort Wayne, Ind. or by addressing Chas. Boone Parmele, 36 Platt Street, New York.

Here we have wonderful and often entirely unexpected success with it. The worst cases of eczema are cured by washing with L.s. and a patient at the inhalatorium who was blind on one eye, while inhaling for his bronchial catarrh, unexpectedly recovered his sight. Professor Leyden of Berlin highly recommended it at the medical congress at Moskau, and now everything promises to go well. I received a letter from a friend of yours from Denver, and advised him to write to Parmele. I am now getting ready to lecture on Theosophy in Austria and Germany and next week I will lecture at Vienna. If the L.s. Comp. gets started in America, I hope to see you next year. I shall then, I hope, not be "managed" by Mr. Willard but manage myself.

I am having a great deal of trouble with this T.S. business in this country, owing to the continued fussing and fighting about the superiority of Mrs. Tingley or Mrs. Besant, and am sick of this presidency and sick of all partisanship. I wish we could have in Germany a real Theosophical Society based upon the recognition of truth, and not founded merely upon a belief in the superiority of this or that person. For this reason I have started an International Theosophical Brotherhood (without knowing anything about Mrs. Tingley's similar scheme). This I.T.B. to be the large circle to which everybody may belong, whether he believes in Tingley or Besant, the inner circle to be the active members of the T. S. in G. This I.T.B. to be free in the administration of its own affairs from any foreign Society.

This seems to have been misunderstood by Mrs. Tingley and Neresheimer, as if I wanted a separation from the T.S. in A., although I expressly declared my adherence to the T.S. in A. at our convention. So Mrs. T. & N. sent a "protest", which shows a quite sectarian spirit, and by which they have made a bad impression in Germany. I prefer to say nothing about it, and to let matters take their own course; but I thought it well, to inform you about the state of the matter.

I wish to the T. S. in A. the greatest possible financial success, and I gave to Mr. Pierce and Mrs. Tingley a large share in the Lignosulfot Co. for that purpose; but I should be sorry if the people in that country should get the impression that the T. S. in A. was a mere money-making scheme.

Please give my love and regards to your family,

Yours very sincerely,

If you have time to write, I should be very glad to hear from you. My permanent address is for the present

F. Hartmann

Hallein in Salzburg, Austria.

Later on I return to Florence.

Yours Faithfully

Dr. F. Hartmann