

## W. Q. JUDGE ON ANNIE BESANT'S CHARGES

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### American Section of Theosophists May Separate from Main Body.

BOSTON, April 27.—The ninth annual convention of the American Section of the Theosophical Society opened this evening with a grand reception to the delegates at the New-England headquarters. Among them was W. Q. Judge, General Secretary of the American Section and Vice President of the society itself.

In reply to questions as to the charges of forgery of master signatures, brought against him by Mrs. Annie Besant and others, Mr. Judge said:

I do not want to say much about her, as it is not according to the tenets of theosophy to say anything against the character of a member, if it can be avoided. The attacks on me are based on allegations that I have forged letters from the masters. She has stated in public that they were genuine, and has said that part were genuine and part false, and again that all were false, and has contradicted herself in so many different ways that there is no possibility of following her. This theosophical society was formed to advocate a nucleus of universal brotherhood. What sense is there, then, in my saying anything more about a fellow-member.

As regards the members of the Theosophical Society in America, they all know the circumstances, and as a consequence there is no disaffection in the American Section. There will be no split in the theosophical movement. All that the American Section desires is complete autonomy and living up to the general principles of theosophy. The unity of theosophical movement does not depend on singleness of organization, but upon similarity of work and aspiration.

The convention proper to-morrow will take action on the question of separating from the main society as an organization.

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