

## THE THEOSOPHICAL DISPUTE.

### RESOLUTIONS DENOUNCING THE ACTION OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

At the Theosophical meeting at No. 64 Madison-ave. yesterday resolutions were read repudiating the action of the Convention of Theosophists held in Chicago on February 28, in which the Theosophical Society of America was blotted out and the Universal Brotherhood formed in its place. Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley was appointed as its leader and official head with plenipotent power to appoint a cabinet and all officers from president down.

The resolutions came from branch societies of the Theosophical Society in America in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Indianapolis, Yonkers, Cincinnati and other places. They denounced the action of the delegates to the Chicago convention as revolutionary, depriving the society of its autonomy, establishing an autocratic form of government contrary to the spirit of American institutions, and declaring the action of the delegates at Chicago unconstitutional and void. In all of the resolutions the various branches refused to surrender their charters and diplomas, and declared that the branches would continue under the name of the Theosophical Society in America.

At yesterday's meeting Alexander H. Spencer, the vice-president of the Theosophical Society in America, presided, and James H. Connelly was secretary. After the meeting had been called to order the secretary read the resolutions mentioned, and they were received with applause.

Looking over the audience, Mr. Spencer said: "I see present the private secretary and stenographer of Mrs. Tingley. She is here to record our actions and utterances. I would like to have her come to the platform and accept the courtesy of this meeting."

All eyes turned to a pretty young woman wearing a chinchilla cape, a blue dress and a blue alpine hat with a feather in it. She laughed in a confused way, but declined to accept the offer of a seat on the platform. This young woman was Miss Annie Churchill.

E. T. Hargrove, the president, who accompanied Mrs. Tingley on her visit to the East several months ago and is now the head of the society opposing the Universal Brotherhood, made a short address in which he said there were already too many issues in Theosophy and that it should return to the old principles of philosophy.

Miss Maude Ralston, a young woman of Brooklyn, spoke on the ideals of liberty as exemplified in the American Revolution, and, by indirection, referred to individual liberty and autonomy as being crushed by the Chicago convention. She was applauded.

A motion was made that the meeting of the Theosophical Society in America be continued every Sunday under the name of the Theosophical Society. The motion was unanimously adopted.

### THE UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

The Tingley faction of the Theosophists, or the Universal Brotherhood branch, held its meeting at No. 144 Madison-ave. last night. Mrs. Tingley was present, but did not speak. E. A. Neresheimer, the president, presided. H. G. Patterson, in answering questions, as to the formation of the Universal Brotherhood, stated that the object was to reach the masses. The idea was spontaneous, and the delegates at Chicago seized on the idea with avidity. The vote was 290 to 24. He stated that the Universal Brotherhood idea for all creatures of the earth had been adopted in Europe and Asia.

Mr. Neresheimer stated that two-thirds of the charters of the Theosophical Society in America were already surrendered, which showed the popularity of the movement.

Dr. E. B. Gould explained that the first charters granted by the Theosophical Society had the words "and Universal Brotherhood." It has come to be recognized that the Universal Brotherhood, though the last was the greatest in importance.

D. N. Durlap, the editor of a Theosophical journal in Dublin, Ireland, said that heretofore Theosophy reached only the "intellectually elect," but the Universal Brotherhood was designed to popularize Theosophy, simplify it, and introduce it among the masses.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer, who has charge of the Lotus Branch, or the education of children, spoke in a similar strain.