

## THE GOLDEN STAIRS

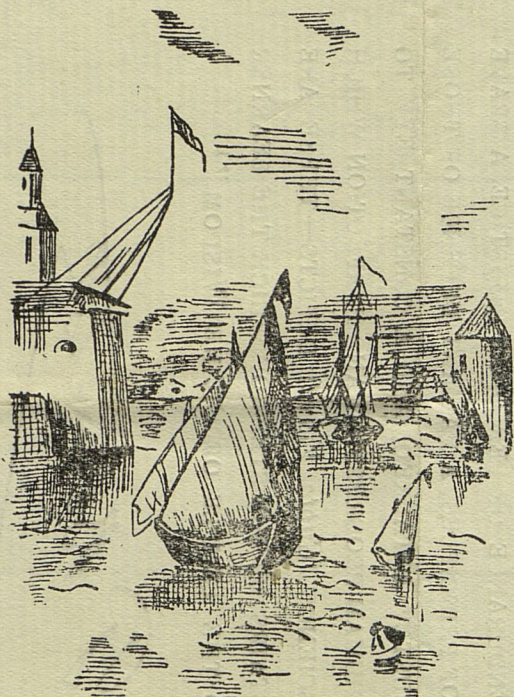
“BEHOLD THE TRUTH BEFORE YOU: A CLEAN LIFE, AN OPEN MIND, A PURE HEART, AN EAGER INTELLECT, AN UNVEILED SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION, A BROTHERLINESS FOR ONE’S CO-DISCIPLE, A READINESS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE ADVICE AND INSTRUCTION, A LOYAL SENSE OF DUTY TO THE TEACHER, A WILLING OBEDIENCE TO THE BEHESTS OF TRUTH, ONCE WE HAVE PLACED OUR CONFIDENCE IN, AND BELIEVE THAT TEACHER TO BE IN POSSESSION OF IT; A COURAGEOUS ENDURANCE OF PERSONAL INJUSTICE, A BRAVE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, A VALIANT DEFENCE OF THOSE WHO ARE UNJUSTLY ATTACKED, AND A CONSTANT EYE TO THE IDEAL OF HUMAN PROGRESSION AND PERFECTION WHICH THE SECRET SCIENCE (*Gupta Vidyā*) DEPICTS—THESE ARE THE GOLDEN STAIRS UP THE STEPS OF WHICH THE LEARNER MAY CLIMB TO THE TEMPLE OF DIVINE WISDOM.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [This is the original form of this statement of the ideal before the occultist, given by H.P.B. to her esoteric students. When later the statement was issued to Theosophists in general, the words “a loyal sense of duty . . . . in possession of it” were omitted, as seeming to impose a blind “occult” obedience on unwilling students. Also “a brotherliness for one’s co-disciple” was changed to “a brotherliness for all,” and “secret science” changed to “sacred science.”—C. J.]





Très mémorable!  
Certains nuit par un soir  
— 2<sup>e</sup> lune qui se couchait à  
— Ramayte 12 Août. 1851.\*  
Lorsque je rencontrais M<sup>lle</sup> le Maître — de mes rêves!!