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THERE IS NO RELIGION HIGHER THAN TRUTH.

[Family motto of the Maharajahs of Benares.]

A CHAT ON THE ROOF.

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Scene: the immense flat roof of the Head-quarters building.

Time: after tea.

EASTUN.—Wait till you have been in India as long as I have, Westun, and you will not be so distressingly active as you are now. This is the third time in six days that you have proposed to "write to all the Branches tomorrow," and each time about some new trifle.

Westun.—Things don't do themselves, you white Hindu! I certainly don't approve of waiting until inanimate objects develop legs and heads and do business on their own account.

EASTUN.—What did you do with that bit of camphor I brought

you from town?

Westun.—I put it in my drawer to keep away the puchies. How

you jump from one thing to another!

EASTUN.—Not at all;—what if that camphor, deeply imbued with a sense of its responsibilities and opportunities, became seized with an intense desire to be useful, and a profound conviction of the necessity of doing something altruistic, and thereupon energetically insisted upon melting, or catching fire;—what would you say then, dear Sir and Brother?

Westun.—I see what you mean. Action in inaction, as the Bhagavad Gita says. Yes, of course, that is true in some instances, but in most cases people quote it as an excuse for laziness. We are not lumps of camphor, anyway.

A. K.—I am not so sure, however, that the Theosophical Society may not be regarded somewhat in that light. What do you say Pandit A.?



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