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NOTES AND NEWS

Government "Fraternizes"



Hears About . . .

The Canadian government or, at least, that branch known as the department of immigration and colonization, is taking a helpful interest in the Fraternization convention at Buffalo, on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. Unsolicited by us, we have received from Captain T. Magladery, deputy minister, a cordial letter, saying he is instructing inspectors at the border points concerned to facilitate the admittance to Canada of delegates and friends. Full particulars will be given in the program which goes out to all readers and others requesting it early this month. We thank Captain Magladery and the government for this "fraternization" gesture.

Convention Program

In addition to the information mentioned, the program will contain full particulars of subjects and speakers, and details of hotel accommodation will be enclosed. As the Hotel Lafayette is giving us the use of meeting rooms free we trust students will reciprocate, as far as possible, by staying at the hotel. Application forms for places at the Civic Reception Dinner on Sunday will be sent out with the programs. The forms should be returned in time to reach the committee the day before, at latest.

Anticipatory Thanks

We must not count our chickens before they are hatched, but judging by what we hear from all quarters the convention will be a success. Many are planning to attend and much enthusiasm is in evidence. May we, on behalf of the committee, express hearty thanks, in anticipation, to all speakers, workers and students, who will contribute to that success. It is by pulling together that success is achieved, and your "pull" is essential.

Acknowledgments

We bow our sincere acknowledgments to *Toronto Theosophical News* and *Hamilton Theosophical Quarterly* for notices of the convention contained in their interesting columns, and to Dr. G. de Purucker, initiator of fraternization, and Miss M. Sterling-Ellis, of Oakland (Point Loma) Lodge, Oakland, California, for donations of \$1 each for our *News*. The Adyar and Point Loma lodges in Oakland have the true fraternization spirit, joining annually to celebrate White Lotus Day. This year they met in the Point Loma lodge rooms. In 1937, they will meet in Adyar's.



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Message from H.P. B.'s Grand Nephew

Success and achievement come from one-pointed concentration of efforts towards the goal contemplated. One-pointed concentration of outward efforts is the result of inner harmony and the equilibrated balance of opposite yet correlated and mutually complementary energies. If the Theosophical Movement is to retain its rightful place in the world of thought and culture, as the leading spiritual-intellectual Movement of the age, it requires unity of effort.

If its representatives and its members wish to keep in mind the *real* purpose for which the modern Theosophical Society was started in 1875, namely, to become in future the nucleus and seed of a new religio-philosophical system of thought, the fountain-head of genuine esoteric knowledge—then our combined efforts should be bent towards achieving *here and now* a unified and unshakable front of sympathetic, real, creative Brotherhood within our own ranks.

Signs of Growth or of Decay?

Decay and internal disintegration of component elements of structure are the signs of decrepitude brought about by old age; creative upbuilding, growth and dynamic effort, courage and leaping aspirations towards one's Vision and Ideal, are the signs of the Spirit of Youth, undaunted yet self-controlled.

This inner Flame of Spiritual Youth, beyond and outside of any physical distinctions of age or position in life, for it is a power manifesting itself through the secret movements of consciousness and the daring flights of one's spiritual imagination, rather than through the illusory appearances of outward form and shape—it is this inner Flame which must remain the very heart-life of the Theosophical Movement, if the latter is to be the surging power of spiritual illumination in the world of men. This is possible only if its leaders and members live above the level of puny differences and petty contentions, and embody the spirit of Universal Brotherhood and compassion.

What Counts in the Great Cause

What counts in the Great Cause of the Masters of Life is WORK done for mankind; not work for this, that, or another idea; not work for this, that, or another individual; not even work for the Theosophical Society; but work *through* the Theosophical Movement and *for* the human race; and it is by and through this WORK, as distinguished from talk, argumentation, hopes, desires, intentions, plans, and competition, that the Masters who are the symbols of the Great Divine Law, will judge our worth or our worthlessness in the Cause of Light and Peace.

As H. P. B. has written—and let us remember her words—"there is a power behind the Society which will give the strength we need, which will enable us to move the world, if we will but UNITE and WORK as one mind, one heart." And if H. P. B. were to come in our midst again, as indeed she may, what a splendid thing it would be to show ourselves worthy of her trust, and to give her at the very start that unshakable foundation of a united body of workers, which she labored to build up in the world when she was with us!

BORIS DE ZIRKOFF.

The Moment of Dedication

Is it nothing to you all ye who pass by?

Is it nothing to you that at this most critical moment in the world's history, Theosophy remains apathetic?

This very moment, this precious fleeting moment, the Brotherhood of Mankind stands with bated breath listening again to the rumble of the Distant Drum, the steady tramp of the marshalled forces of Evil and the metallic rattle of Gold as it passes over the counters of the Money Changers to buy the Bodies and Souls of your Brothers, Sons, Husbands.

War and Its Horrors

Students of Theosophy! now is your Moment of Dedication. As you read these lines War and all its horrors intensified by the discoveries of Science is almost an accomplished fact, and you are shut away amid your speculations, concerned only with probing into the hidden laws of Nature, arguing and rehashing the pharasaical points of comparative religions, with heads in the clouds and eyes that do not see, with little interest in the living present but toying with the dead past or the concealed future. The doors and windows of your Ivory Tower are fastened securely and you, O Student of the Wisdom Religion, you who are bound by Oath as the foundation upon which the Universal Brotherhood of Mankind shall be securely built, remain in splendid isolation. Now is the Moment of Dedication. Come out of your isolation strong in the knowledge that when the pure flame of Right Action burns fiercely in your hearts, the Masters, who have withdrawn themselves from human contact, simply and solely because of the apathy of their Chelas, will be within you and about you.

Olcott's Example

There are those who believe that as Theosophists we have nothing to do with mundane affairs. To those I say if you need a modern example read of the first President of the T.S. and his passion and concern for the outcast and the sorrowful, and then tell your Self that you are making excuses because you are fearful and afraid to face your fellow men in the Cause of Peace. Stop! Gaze over the world to-day, the world in which we are men and women, living and having our being. What see you? What see you? The Power of Greed denying your Brothers even a share in Nature's bounty. Brothers? Yes, for you are one with all sentient beings and you know it. The Power of Lies seeping through your daily reading to set you against your Brother; so rousing your passionate hatred that the Power of Greed may flourish. My Brother? Who is my Brother against whom the Power of Lies flings me headlong? Mankind is your Brother, O Student of Theosophy, against whom that Deadly Co-operation inflames you.

Now is your Moment of Dedication.

Challenge the Oppressor

Unite with your fellow Theosophists. Link hands with all men of good will and challenge the Oppressor. Fearless, because of the knowledge gained in those periods of Right Meditation. Selfless in the assurance that yours is the Power and the Glory, and in the Spirit of Co-Operation call forth the Forces of Light.

That is all very well, I hear it said, but Lo! I have married a wife and must tarry awhile, and I have bought a car and e'en must try it, while I am busy with my Yoga and I dare not break the rhythm. Governments and City Coun-

cils must do all this, they are our elected servants who are paid to do our bidding. O foolish Students! did anyone by paying a few pice remove one grain of Karma's load? You are responsible and you will answer for the indifference, the arrogance, the dishonesty, the cruelty of the spiritually Deaf and Dumb Mutes who call themselves your elected servants. Traitorous Stewards are they in the Lord's Vineyard, who have sold out to the Forces of Evil; to the War-maker, to the Money changer, to the Profiteer.

The Unholy Pair

Take these few thoughts into the Silence with you, Student, meditate upon them. Dedicate yourselves immediately to stem the War-like preparations of that Unholy Pair—Lies and Greed. This cannot be done by sitting around, apathetically. Swift action is needed. Just how? you must answer individually, but you have the Fraternization Convention close at hand during which you can come out into the open for Right's sake. Let the World know that the Students of the Ancient Wisdom Religion are veritably the nucleus of Universal Brotherhood and not just its pale shadow. Stronger than ever by reason of their Re-Dedication before all Mankind for Open Alliance with others throughout the World who tread, even unwittingly, the Noble Eight-fold Path, and for Open Defiance of Exploitation of weaker Brethren—of War-makers—and of the Power of the Printed Inexactitude calculated to rouse hatred in men's hearts.

The Moment of Dedication is at Hand.

R. C. B.

Students' Convention

The Theosophical Students' convention is now almost upon us, and it would, in my opinion, be a wonderful opportunity, for the students assembled, to give expression to their views on the question of Peace and War. An article in this issue deals with this question, and it is hoped that it will receive the earnest thought to which it is entitled. An opportunity will be given, during the convention, for the students assembled to express their views, and, possibly, it may have far-reaching results.

Program is Complete

The program is now complete, and will be in the hands of the printers by the first of June, and a copy will be forwarded to all those to whom we have been sending the News. Those who are listed to address the students I hope will keep as much as possible to the time schedule; by doing this they will facilitate the working of the program. I thank the many kind friends who assisted in this difficult task and trust that we all may have a real students' reunion and that this may be only the first of a long series of student conventions.

R. M.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Fourth Theosophical Fraternization Convention will be held in Buffalo, June 27th and 28th. The Convention organizer is Mr. Robert Marks, 875 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ont. Other members of the Fraternization committee are: Mr. J. Emory Clapp, 30 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., and Mr. E. L. T. Schaub, 220 Gardner Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. Please address all communications to Cecil Williams, 49 East 7th Street, Hamilton, Ont., Canada, Editor of *Fraternization News* and committee convenor.