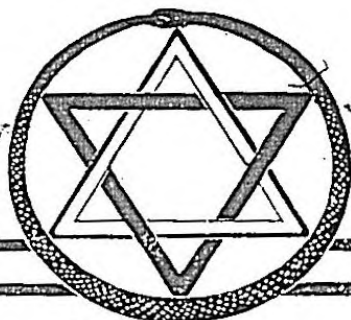


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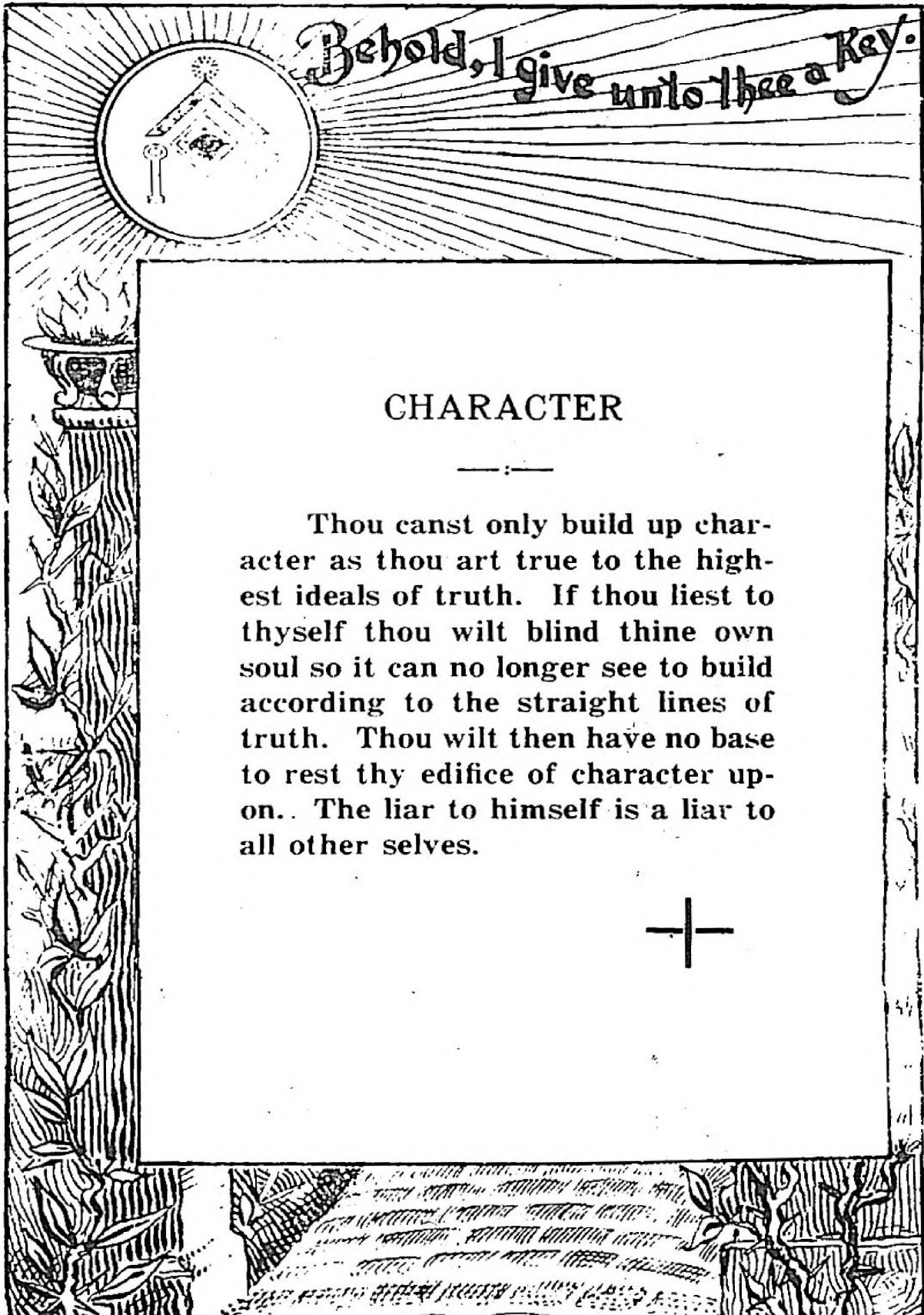
It is a common belief that the fires of the altars of the Ancient Temples have been permitted to die out; but “those who know” say this is not true; that they are but hidden from the view of the masses, awaiting the time when the veil of ignorance and corruption hanging before the hearts of the humanity of this transitory period, shall be rent asunder, and the light of the ages becomes manifest to all. The time is comparatively close at hand when the doors of “The Temple of the Mysteries” shall once more swing outward. The Site of that once wonderful structure has been rediscovered, and when the Lord, the Saviour, the Elder Brother of the human race once more appears to claim his own, He will find a place prepared for him by those who, having heard his call, “Come over and help us,” have faithfully responded, and have taken up their share of the burden of responsibility. Are you of that number?

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Behold, I give unto thee a Key.

CHARACTER

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Thou canst only build up character as thou art true to the highest ideals of truth. If thou liest to thyself thou wilt blind thine own soul so it can no longer see to build according to the straight lines of truth. Thou wilt then have no base to rest thy edifice of character upon. The liar to himself is a liar to all other selves.



THE HEART OF THE WORLD

I built me a Temple and the Temple was mine own Heart; and I placed it at a place on the Earth.

The Temple is The Heart of The World. And The Heart of The World is the Heart of God that throbs through the heart of every man. Through spaces, worlds and every living creature beats the rhythmic beat of the Heart, measuring the marches of Life.

It is the home of the Soul, the body of the Spirit, the red, red Robe of the Blood made divine.

It is a figure whose image consists of three sides. One of these sides is Love; one is Compassion, and the other is Redemption.

The Number of the doors of the Heart is Six. Through space opens the door of Love! through Matter opens the door of Compassion and through Time opens the door of Redemption.

Up from the deeps of the darkness climbs the Soul of Man; and in through these doors it must pass; for everyone who enters the paths of the world finds thus the Heart of God.

The walls that hold the doors are encircling walls like clasped hands at the ends of extended arms. They hold all men as the Mother holds the Child. Through Compassion they enfold; through Love they illumine and through Redemption they bear the Soul home again to That whence it came.

At the center of the Heart of the World stands the altar. Upon the Altar burns the fire that is symbol of that Eternal Fire, burning away all dross of the lower nature and ever making pure and pure until through the tears and the pain the Soul may look unafraid into the Heart that is God.

F. E. W.

"MY FATHER'S HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER" (From an Interview)

TEMPLE TEACHINGS

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It is not wise to look upon the depressing side of natural forces but it would be unwise not to recognize their power when danger is near. Man has created and sent into space through many long, long ages the forces that are now gathering for his overthrow. It matters not how loudly he calls upon the Gods, the Gods combined cannot avert the action of the Universal Law. As he has sown, so must he reap; and in the reaping (and here is where the joy in the sorrow of the universe manifests) he can redeem the past, and that is what so many forget entirely who have thrown aside the truths of the Christian religion.

For the last thirty-five years there has been but little said of the New Testament among occult students of H. P. Blavatsky and others who came after her. It was in a manner put in the background for a good reason. As I have told you before, the New Testament holds in its pages all the knowledge of the universe. All the diffuse philosophical literature of the ages that preceded the Christian era was preparatory. The New Testament synthesizes all, but it has been so misunderstood and misinterpreted that we deemed it best to go back to the older philosophies that they might explain the New Testament. It is only through the old philosophies that it can be understood, for it contains copies of the most occult manuscripts in the world; and the treasures of the hidden chambers of the East, of which I have spoken to you before, are, as I have said of the western philosophies, but explanations of all that you find between the pages of Matthew and Revelations. You cannot study that book too much. It will open to you understanding, with the explanations you have already had, as nothing else can.

On one page in that book is the sentence, "My Father's house is a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." My children, do you suppose for a moment that the Master Jesus meant the temple in which He was standing at that time? By no means. He meant the human heart, the human mind, and it has been a den of thieves. It should be a place of aspiration and inspiration. Instead of these the golden calf has been set up, and the lower man has fallen down in worship before that; and it is filled with the sacrifices he has made of his brother's blood. It is the curse of all curses, and today the astral atmosphere about you is loaded with the effects of that curse.

Is it any wonder that you have all felt at times a sense of depression that almost bowed you to the ground? The weight of that house within you that should be a house of prayer, that has been made a den of thieves through all the ages that have gone since your innocence passed away, is enough to cause it.

I would not have you think, my children, that life is all a curse, that there is nothing but blackness and darkness and destitution for the children of men. But I do desire to awaken those who are sleeping. I do desire to bring them to the point where they can recognize the fact that their destiny is in their own hands—not in the hands of a God, not in the hands of a Master. When you can make yourself that house of prayer which is meant in the passage above referred to, you can turn everything around and about you into joyfulness and peace. You can attract to yourself from the ends of the universe all that it holds of truth, of righteousness. You can make it a place of peace where the Angels of Light will be glad to dwell. You have but one alternative; there is death and worse than death, and there is joy and peace, and you are the master. You are to say which it shall be.

There are many who have paid but little attention to the warnings I have given or the directions I have given, but I have never spoken a word to you that was not pregnant with truth. My heart goes out to you all with a love passing the love of a mother for her

child. I draw you to me with all the power that I can command, but against your will I can do nothing. I am well aware of the efforts that some of you are putting out for a new life, a true life. There is not an act of yours that concerns the work that is not known to me, for you are a part of myself, and whether I will or not I must know.

HILARION.

ANSWERS BY MASTER HILARION

Question: Referring to the fall of the Angels, was that a necessary step in order to bring out a higher manifestation?

Answer: It was inevitable. The fall of the Angels into generation has been but little understood, notwithstanding all the teachings that have been given. You are perhaps aware that there were a limited number of beings sent forth into manifestation. Those beings were composed of atoms, and in order to bring all substance of creation up to the point of consciousness which the Creators themselves enjoyed, it was necessary that it should pass in turn through what the Creators had before passed through in other worlds, in other lives.

Question: This process of falling into creation was, so to speak, to separate the Angels in a way, that is to say, the substance which belonged to them, to differentiate it?

Answer: It was spiritual substance. It was what you would term differentiated, but the term would hardly apply to spiritual substance.

You must not forget, my children, in discussing the humanity of any age or any world that it is but one small wheel within another, that there is no beginning to creation, neither will there be an end. It is simply impossible for the brain mind, as it is ordinarily constituted, to understand what I might be willing to convey, if possible, of the earlier ages of creation, of which you have not yet the slightest conception, notwithstanding all that you have been able to gather from books on occultism. The Secret Doctrine goes into that subject deeper than any thing else that has ever been published, yet there is but little that you can comprehend of the Stanzas of the Secret Doctrine.

Take, for instance, one ray of light. Think of that light as a spiritual entity, clothed with an inner body which makes it possible to give light on the spiritual plane. The physical body of that light, which is in manifestation of the physical plane, must be raised by the power of evolution to the rank of the spiritual entity which inhabits that body.

Question: Light as we perceive it is but the physical body of that entity?

Answer: Yes, of the spiritual light of entity, the spiritual light which is consciousness, which is love, which is the essence of unity.

Question: Yet that entity is an ever receding ideal. Is there ever any end to it?

Answer: Why, most certainly there is an end to it, as you would count an end—not an end in reality on the spiritual plane of being. Through an era of manifestation, consciousness is a unity in diversity, as is matter or body. But a body that has been spiritualized, (you will perhaps be better able to understand if I say a Master who has gained a Nirmanakaya Robe, who is one of the Angels of God, as it would be termed in an orthodox church) is one with the All in thought, in feeling, in desire, in will, in motion, but he has a separate conscious existence.

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THE CREATIVE FIRE

I.

In writing on such a subject as the Creative Fire in Nature it will be necessary, in order to present even a very partial view of it, to refer to subjects which are not as a rule openly discussed.

To the occultist all things are pure if rightly used, and nothing is too secret to be discussed and analyzed, with a view always of gaining knowledge on the subject. The Lord has created nothing in the universe which has not its definite function to perform and its place in the great scheme of things; and to say this thing should be considered and not that it is a presumption on the part of man that he is a better judge of what should be and what should not be than is the Almighty Creator who made them.

It has been the custom of the western world for many generations to evade questions of sex, etc., and incalculable harm has resulted to the race in consequence. Duality runs all through nature. We cannot look around us without seeing it everywhere. From the lowest molecule to the highest Archangel there is this polarity, and in our consideration of it let us set aside all thought of sex as such and think of it as being the duality in nature of a Great Universal Creative Force, running through everything, binding it together, and urging it upward and onward toward its ultimate goal of perfection in union with the Supreme.

In our preceding papers we have tried to show the basic plan on which, according to the Wisdom Religion, the universe is built, how the material world is the ultimate expression on the lowest plane of manifestation of the Most High Spiritual Entity, how this Divine Being—God, Brahma, Allah, Gitchie Manitou the Mighty, call Him what you will—sends forth periodically from His mighty seat on

high an impulse, and the universe unfolds. From the state of pralaya or rest—nothingness as far as this plane of matter is concerned—comes forth a force, and as this force pierces downward into the void, around it gradually coalesce the hierarchies which are later to rule and be the frame-work on which the universe is to be builded.

The One Inconceivable, Immutable, Omnipotent becomes Two, and we have as a basis for our evolutionary scheme the Great Father-Mother—Purusha, Spirit, and Mulaprakriti, or Matter. The latter word is derived from the words *mula*, meaning root, and *prakriti*, meaning matter—hence Root-Matter, or Primordian Substance. From the play of forces between these two all the worlds are built, and the polarity of their dual nature extends right through all the kingdoms down to the densest rock in the world of matter.

The first Son to be born of the union of this pair of opposites is Consciousness. Out of the union of Spirit and Matter comes to birth another, that which is in its essence the Divine Mentality and which forms, later on, as the stream flows downward into the void, the basis of the mind force in nature, the Manasic element, that which knows or comprehends.

Here we have the basis of the church tenet of the Holy Family, Father, Mother, and Son. The fact that this doctrine of the Holy Trinity exists in practically all religions would go onward proving that there is a fundamental reason for it at the root of things, no matter how it may have been distorted in its translation and degradation from a mystic conception of a basic law into a humanized trio with divine attributes.

Now, this Holy Trinity has many names, according to the angle from which we consider it. As stated so many times in occult teachings, we must try to **feel** the meaning rather than **think** it. To realize anything mystic we must take our consciousness, for the time, into the mystic state. The lower brain mind is trained only to handle concrete things, and its invariable tendency to pull apart and analyze anything presented to it draws the consciousness down out of the state in which, by contemplation, it instinctively **knows** on to the plane where it has to learn by a tedious and unnecessary process of balancing, analyzing, and deducing from cause to effect.

So the Holy Trinity is, according to the angle from which we look at it, many things; the Father, the Mother, the Son; Matter, Force, and Consciousness; Spirit, Soul, and Body; Love, Will, and Wisdom; Atma, Buddhi, Manas. They are all different aspects of the one great three-fold Force which is at the base of all things, both manifest and unmanifest.

From these three emanate the seven. This is an invariable rule. First we have the one point containing the potencies of the whole, then the two, the three, and the seven; and the seven-fold classification is the frame or skeleton into which the whole universe is builded.

From the Father, Mother, Son, emanate the Logoi, the Holy Sephiroth or Planetary Spirits, which are seven great Creative Forces, or perhaps it is better to say seven aspects of the One Creative Force. In the esoteric philosophy the word **Logos** is an abstract

term like the word **army**. As the word **army** means an aggregation of soldiers, so the word **Logos** means an aggregation of active forces, Creators or Builders. These forces are entities. In their highest principle they are the Archangels, the Creative Dhyan-Chohans, the rulers of the universe. As they descend into matter they become the Sons of Fohat—Electricity, Magnetism, Light, Sound, Heat, Cohesion, and Gravitation and their subdivisions, providing all the Force in nature.

As an illustration, the Force which we call **Love**, which binds us together, is an emanation from the Heart of the Deity. It has passed down the line of the Planetary Spirit whose function is Love through the hearts of the Archangels and Dhyan Chohans and Dhyani Buddhas, the Saintly and Angelic Hosts of the inner Spheres, inspired the Masters, and ensouled in the heart of the Group Soul of which we are a part, until it reaches the human heart and strikes a chord therein which attunes it, for the time, at least, with the Father in Heaven.

It passes down through the animal kingdom also, where it manifests as the sex force, into the vegetable, where we still see the duality: the male and female, into the plane of matter where among the chemicals we find one which will combine with another to produce a third, but always there is a selective choice. Hydrogen and oxygen meet. There is an affinity between them. Love comes, and the marriage ceremony is duly and properly performed in presence of the electric spark (Love), and the result of their union is water. To quote from a scientific article in a recent magazine: "The divorce of hydrogen from oxygen is an exceedingly difficult matter. Other substances, as salts, may be divorced every time they get into a little hot water. This dissociation into ions is, in fact, a rather close approximation to sexuality. There are positive and negative ions. Two positives can never combine, neither can two negatives. A positive ion combines only with a negative one. Ions show a strong preference for mates. While the hydrogen ion (- -) and the sulphate ion (—) unite with each other readily if in a solution by themselves; yet if copper (- -) and hydroxyl (—) ions are also present, the hydrogen ion always selects the hydroxyl as its mate and leaves the sulphate to the copper." So we see that as in a ballroom the blonde young lady is naturally attracted to the handsome dark gentleman with the flashing eyes, so Miss Sulphate Ion finds her affinity in Mr. Hydrogen Ion and in him alone.

In the units of energy also the scientist finds the semblance of sex. Electrons have either a positive or a negative charge. To quote again from my scientific friend: "When the positive and negative charge from opposite poles of a static machine meet in mid-air, is that not as true a case of 'sparking' as when the policeman meets Bridget at the kitchen door?"

So we see that just as Miss Debuntante has a will of her own, so has Miss Oxygen, and she properly exercises her divine right to select her true mate. But there are no "**mariages de convenance**" in the realm of nature. Man is the only animal who has evolved this atrocity.

Now let us return to our Creative Fires in the higher realms with a view to tracing their passage downward into humanity, always bearing in mind that there is a duality everywhere.

(Concluded next number)

ERNEST HARRISON.

MEDITATIONS

Of Francia A. La Due (B. S.)

IV.

(Being hitherto unpublished extracts from her diary, written down many years ago.)

Nearly opposite where I am now living is a tree that is a complete epitome of universal evolution. A large trunk rises about six or seven feet in the air and then branches out in two immense sections, gradually widening about three feet, then taking quite an abrupt turn and sweeping out and up into a very palpable sphere, the limbs crossing each other at the top and pointing directly east and west and extending some distance into space. Just below the cross at the top of the circle are five other branches, three on one side and two on the other, making seven with the crossed branches. These branches are filled with innumerable smaller branches and twigs.

A Theosophist can readily make all the correspondences. It seemed to me a wonderful representation—the trunk appearing as Para Brahm; the two large limbs as Brahm manifested in dual relationship; the circles inside and out as the manifest and unmanifested universe; the crossed branches at the top as the first commingling of the two male and female principles; the seven branches springing from these the seven creative powers; and the numberless smaller branches as all the races and peoples of the universe.

This, of course, is an exoteric view, but the correspondences can be carried up to higher planes, growing wider and wider, stronger and deeper as they rise. We may, perhaps, obtain a faint intuitive gleam of their significance on the astral plane, but their spiritual significance is as yet a sealed mystery to our spiritually blinded eyes. But we do know as we humbly and thoughtfully approach the entrance to the Royal Arcanum, as veil after veil is lifted before our eyes, glory upon glory made manifest to our interior senses, we begin to know the reality of our divine nature and dimly realize that we are indeed children of the Highest, atoms of the one Great Self; and when we reach this point we see more clearly the illusion in which we are now wrapped, changing moment by moment like the figures in a kaleidoscope, which, like everything else, is a clear matter of vibration. Eternal Law shakes us up, so to speak, as we may the instrument containing the bits of colored glass, and lo! a picture appears upon the horizon of time, literally a reflection of some divine truth and one that has no more reality than the canvas

painted by the artist or the one made by the use of the kaleidoscope. It is the reality back of the illusion that contains the real kernel of the microcosmic nut.

(To be continued)

THE GOOD FRUITS

Who is without blemish, who is without fault? Who shall say his deeds never snare him, his tongue never trips the Higher Self? But, having erred, let us put away the error and seek the great Love that heals all. He who having committed an error or received a false or angry word holds them harbored in his mind to tell them over and over is like one who adds a column of figures wrongly and fights to keep the error. Of what good is an error? One does not keep rotten fruit or bad bread but puts them in the garbage and forgets they ever were. After that he goes and seeks fresh fruits and bread that is sweet to the taste. They only are good. Let us keep in our minds only those things that are good lest our minds become pools of evil and our tongues channels for bad words. By such will we pollute our own souls and stain the souls of others.

Be intolerant of wrongdoing but tolerant of the wrongdoer for the mills of God grind finely and they grind all. Let our zeal be for honest service, our building be in truth and our manner loving kindness. Be satisfied with nothing less than the best, for he is unwise and of a substance that will fail who builds his house out of cast-off timbers. It will not shelter him and will be a slums in the City of the Soul. All who dwell therein will perish. Seek ever the divinity in all things, crave perfection, give love and demand justice for of them is the higher man.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

The Specific Speed Vibration increases rapidly as the apex of a cycle is attained.

This accounts for the startling change taking place in the world during the past thirty years on practically all planes of thought and action. Spiritually and materially the life of humanity is profoundly and quickly modified by the more rapid end vibrations of a closing cycle.

An analysis of apex vibrations would undoubtedly reveal a higher and finer type of vibration also, as the increased rapidity would tend to merge into a higher or more interior plane. Thus in the cycle now closing, the beginning of progress was purely mechanical: the building of wonderful bridges, the steamboat, engines, the erection of huge buildings a sixth of a mile high with forty or fifty stories, a vertical city more populous than many country towns. Then there comes the typewriter, the phonograph, moving picture machines, air ship, etc., all mechanical and serving as the foundation for the apex vibrations of the cycle which we now call the radiant forces, or some form of transformed electrical energy.

The marvels of Radium, X-Ray phenomena, Radio, scattering music and human speech over the earth and uniting millions and millions to one vast congregation. And the discovery of other rays still more wonderful will come, in fact, is near at hand. A deeper knowledge of radiant energy will enable man to control gravitation, and then the distant planets will be as accessible as New York or San Francisco.

The only obstacle in the way of man's unlocking Nature's finest forces will be man's inhumanity to man, for this places an iron barrier in the way. To have a balanced, sane world, there must be a practical application of the ideals of Universal Brotherhood coincident with the use in daily life of Nature's finer forces becoming now known as Radiant Energy as that energy in reality has its source on a spiritual plane of being and misuse of such high force would be fraught with terrible and far reaching consequences.

Just now conservatism and radicalism have locked horns in a struggle for supremacy. This applies to the politics, religion and scientific discovery. Every innovation is fought if it goes out of beaten lines. It is the old story of Galileo, Harvey, Morse and untold others. Anything new is wrong! The innovation of the bath tub in the United States very nearly caused a social and political upheaval in the country. We quote the following from the Evening Star of Feb. 4th, Washington, D. C., taken from the "Answers to Questions" column:

Q. Who was the first man in this country to install a bathtub in his home?—W. T. G.

A. The first bathtub in the United States was installed by Adam Thompson, a wealthy grain and cotton dealer of Cincinnati, in 1842. He had lately returned from London where he had heard that the prime minister had such a device. On December 20, 1842, he had a party of gentlemen to dinner, all of whom tried out the new invention. The following day, the story was in the papers and Thompson was attacked both by doctors and politicians. We do not find that Thompson was required to pay a fine, but the discussion in connection with the bathtub resulted in various measures for the restriction of their use. The common council of Philadelphia considered an ordinance to prevent any such bathing between the months of November and March. Virginia laid a tax of \$30 per year on all bathtubs and extra heavy water rates. In Boston there was an ordinance forbidding their use except on medical advice.

Is it any wonder that Science, Religion and ideals of Brotherhood are halted and the world progress stayed by that inertia of ignorance, prejudice and narrow mindedness? But see how many bathtubs are now in use since 1842. So "the world do move."

As with the bathtub ideal, so with politics and progress generally. Even the old religious creeds are being probed into severely. And now that Wilson has passed from the screen of time as a living factor, even his splendid ideal of a Brotherhood of Nations may become popular. And we also feel safe in predicting that now that the great genius Dr. Albert Abrams has also passed into the great beyond, the basic principles of his great discovery in diagnosing and healing disease will in time become as popular with physicians generally as with the laity that take up with the system so enthusiastically because of the results obtained.

W. H. D.

THE TEMPLE BUILDERS' LESSON NO. 189

HALCYON

Oh Halcyon, dear Halcyon,
 What ages vast have come and gone
 Since man first set his feet upon
 The path to thee, fair Halcyon.

New days have followed long dead days,
 New ways been born of older ways;
 Yet Halcyon, with her living rays,
 Calls man, as in the first of days.

What cities rose above the plain,
 Only to sink to earth again!
 What wondrous works of heart and brain,
 Gone like the cities of the plain!

From many a sunken Poseidon,
 From many a buried Babylon,
 From many a Rome her hills upon,
 Man dreamed of thee, fair Halcyon.

Oh, holy city of Man's dreams,
 How wondrous fair they beauty beams!
 Forever in Man's heart it gleams,
 The Halcyon of his tears and dreams!

Thy loyal children, Halcyon,
 Face steadfast toward the coming dawn,
 When Man shall lay his heart upon
 Thine altar fires, dear Halcyon.

With lifted hearts, oh Halcyon,
 Despite grim ages come and gone,
 Man treads with holier faith upon
 The path to thee, great Halcyon.

GEORGE B. LITTLE

The song "Halcyon" is the expression of regard our dear Doctor Little holds for Halcyon. It is sung to the tune "Sweet Genevieve," with adaptations. It bears a force of tenderness, underlying strength and aspiration that calls forth the thought of home and love and responsibility to keep and make it all a true home should be, a home for all humanity, where all who wish may enter and find refuge, light and joy.

We hope to send you the words and music before long, but until then you can be growing acquainted with it in spirit thought and ideal.

Let us all be loyal children, steadfastly facing the coming dawn and with lifted hearts, despite whatsoever may have come and gone, we tread with even holier faith upon the path to thee, great Halcyon.

BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

This is a special department devoted to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In order that each student may feel a personal interest herein, they are invited to ask questions pertinent to the teachings of H. P. B. and the writer will, through these pages, reply to such inquiries by quoting from the works of H. P. B. These replies will be in no sense commentaries of the writer, for the purpose of this department is not concerned with personal opinions. Many true students of Theosophy do not have access to the Secret Doctrine, etc., hence research will be made for them on subjects they themselves designate. Obviously, neither argument or discussions will be considered, for space is limited. You are, therefore, requested to make your questions brief, so that the space may be devoted to answers as found in the S. D. Conducted by Miriam Milner French, former editor FOHAT. Address Blavatsky Dept., Temple Artisan., Halcyon, California.

"I do not teach the law to my pupils, telling them 'go, ye saints, and before the eyes of the Brahmins and householders perform, by means of your supernatural powers, miracles greater than any man can perform.' I tell them, when I teach them, the law, 'Live ye saints, hiding your good works, and showing your sins.'"—Buddha.

HEALING

"You must understand," says Paracelsus, "that the magnet is that spirit of life in man which the infected man seeks, as both unite themselves with chaos from without. And thus the healthy are infected by the unhealthy through magnetic attraction."

H. P. B. tells us in *Isis Unveiled*: The primal causes of the diseases afflicting mankind; the secret relations between physiology and psychology, vainly tortured by men of modern science for some clue to base their speculations upon; the specifics and remedies for every ailment of the human body—all are described and accounted for in the voluminous works of Paracelsus. Electro-magnetism, the so-called **discovery** of Prof. Oersted, had been used by Paracelsus three centuries before. This may be demonstrated by examining critically his mode of curing disease. "Seeking for truth", says Paracelsus, "I considered with myself that if there were no teacher of medicine in the world, how would I set about to learn the art? No otherwise than in the great open book of nature, written with the finger of God. Through the door I entered, and the light of nature and no apothecary's lamp, directed me on my way."

He demonstrates further that in man lies hidden a 'sidereal force', which is that emanation from the stars and celestial bodies of which the spiritual form of man—the astral spirit—is composed. This identity of essence, which we may term the spirit of cometary matter, always stands in direct relation with the stars from which it is drawn, and thus there exists a mutual attraction between the two, both being magnetic the identical composition of the earth and

all other planetary bodies and man's terrestrial body was a fundamental idea in his philosophy. "The body comes from the elements, the (astral) spirit from the stars. Man eats and drinks of the elements, for the sustenance of his blood and flesh; from the stars are the intellect and thoughts sustained in his spirit." **The spectroscope has made good his theory as to the identical composition of man and stars; the physicists now lecture to their classes upon the magnetic attraction of the sun and planets.**

Of the substance known to compose the body of man, there have already been discovered in the stars hydrogen, sodium, calcium, magnesium and iron. In the stars which have been examined, numbering many hundred, hydrogen has been found in all but two.

The next point of the physiologists to verify is his proposition that the nourishment of the body comes not merely through the stomach, "but also, imperceptibly through the magnetic force which resides in all nature and by which every individual member draws its specific nourishment to itself." Man, he further says, draws not only health from the elements when in equilibrium, but also disease when they are disturbed.

Healing to deserve the name, requires either faith in the patient or robust health, united with a strong will, in the operator. **With expectancy supplemented by faith, one can cure oneself of almost any morbid condition.** It is a question of temperament, imagination, self-cure. In thousands of instances the doctor, priest, or a relic has had the credit for healings that were Paracelsus made and gave to the world the discovery of hydrogen solely and simply due to the patient's unconscious will.

The influence of mind over body is so powerful that it has effected miracles in all ages.

"How many unhoped-for, sudden, and prodigious cures have been effected by imagination," says Salverte. "Our medical books are filled with facts of this nature which could easily pass for miracles."

But if the patient has no faith, what then? If he is physically negative and receptive, and the healer strong, healthy, positive, determined, the disease may be extirpated by the imperative will of the operator, which consciously or unconsciously, draws to and reinforces itself with the universal spirit of nature, and restores the disturbed equilibrium of the patient's aura. He may employ, as an auxiliary, a crucifix, or impose the hands and will—or like Jesus, and some apostles, he may cure by the word of command. The process in each case is the same.

In all these instances the cure is radical and real, and without secondary ill-effects. But when one who is himself physically diseased attempts healing, he not only fails of that, but often imparts his illness to his patient, and robs him of what strength he may have. If a diseased person—medium or not—attempts to heal, his force may be sufficiently robust to displace the disease, to disturb it from its original place, and cause it to shift to another, where shortly it will appear; the patient meanwhile thinking himself cured.

But what if the healer be morally diseased? The consequences may be infinitely more mischievous; for it is easier to cure a bodily

disease than cleanse a constitution infected with moral turpitude. The mystery of Morzine, Cevennes, and that of the Jansenists is still as great a mystery for physiologists as for psychologists. If the gift of prophecy, as well as hysteria and convulsions, can be imparted by 'infection,' why not every vice? The healer, in such a case, conveys to his patient—who is now his victim—the moral poison that infects his own mind and heart. The evil that one such 'healing medium' can effect is incalculably great; and such healers there are by the hundreds.

But as we have said before there are real and God-like healers, who, notwithstanding all the malice and skepticism of their begoted opponents, have become famous in the world's history. It will suffice to say that, from first to last, from Pythagoras down to Eliphas Levi, from highest to humblest, every one teaches that the magical power is never possessed by those addicted to vicious indulgences.

Only the pure in heart "see God", or exercise divine gifts—only such can heal the ills of the body, and allow themselves with relative security to be guided by the invisible powers. Such only can give peace to the disturbed spirits of their brothers and sisters, for the healing waters come from no poisonous source; grapes do not grow on thorns, and thistles bear no figs.

NOTE: In the Theosophical Glossary by H. P. B. she has given the meanings of each letter of the alphabet respectively, and for those who do not possess this invaluable book, it is purposed to give in each issue a single letter, until the whole alphabet is completed as many will no doubt find them of interest.

A.—The first letter in all the world-alphabets save a few, such for instance as the Mongolian, the Japanese, the Tibetan, the Ethiopian, etc. It is a letter of great mystic power and "magic virtue" with those who have adopted it, and with whom its numerical value is one Alpha of the Greeks, the one and the first: the Az of the Salvonians, signifying the pronoun "I" (referring to the "I am that I am"). Even in astrology, Taurus (the Ox or Bull or the Aleph) is the sacred Aleph acquires a still more marked sanctity with the Christian Kabbalists when they learn that this letter typifies the Trinity in Unity, as it is composed of two Yods, one upright and the other reversed with a slanting bar or nexus.

Question: There often appears to be misunderstanding regarding the difference between **Personality** and **Individuality**. What does H. P. B. say about this difference? Inquirer - El Paso, Texas.

Answer: In the Glossary by H. P. B. we find, **Personality**. In Occultism—which divides man into seven principles, considering him under the three aspects of the divine, the thinking or the rational, and the animal, man—the lower quaternary or the purely astrophysical being; while the **Individuality** is meant the Higher Triad, considered as Unity. Thus the **Personality** embraces all the characteristics and memories of one physical life, while the **Individuality** is the imperishable Ego which re-incarnates and clothes itself in one personality after another.

Question: I should like to have something authentic with reference to three great men of the past regarded as charlatans by the world but otherwise by

occultists, i. e. St. Germain, Mesmer and Cagliostro.—P. Z., Porto Rico.

Answer: The following all comes from the Glossary above mentioned as it is the most condensed for our limited space. It may be of interest to all to devote an issue in the near future to some accounts regarding the Count Saint Germain about whom so little is actually known.

St. Germain, the Count of. Referred to as an enigmatical passage by modern writers, Frederic II., King of Prussia, used to say of him that he was a man whom no one had ever been able to make out. Many are his "biographies", and all are as wilder than the other. By some he was regarded as an incarnate devil, by others as a clever Alsatian Jew--his enormous erudition and linguistic capacities are undeniable, for he spoke English, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Swedish, Danish, and many Slavonian and Oriental languages, with equal facility with a native--Never received a soufere, in fact never accepted a glass of water or broke bread with anyone. His proficiency in music was marvelous: he played every instrument, the violin being his favorite. He never laid claim to spiritual powers, but proved to have a right to such claim. He used to pass into a dead trance from 37 to 49 years without awakening, and then knew all he had to know, and demonstrated the truth by prophesying futurity and never making a mistake. He could read a book without opening it, though hardly glancing at it, could repeat its contents without missing one word days afterwards; he could write with both hands, the right hand writing a piece of poetry, the left hand a diplomatic document of the most importance. He could read sealed letters without touching them, and tell the contents of those who brought them to him. He was able to extract the precious metals, making gold and the most marvelous things. A number of copies he had numerous enemies. Count St. Germain is generally the occult Oriental Adept Europe has seen during the last century. But Europe knew him not. By chance some may recognize him as the great Terreur, which will affect all Europe when it comes, and not one of them.

Mesmer Friedrich Anton. The famous physician who rediscovered and applied to occult that magnetic fluid in man which was called animal magnetism, or rather Mesmerism. He was an initiated member of the Brotherhoods of the Freres Lucis and of Luxshoor (or Luxor), or the Egyptian branch of the latter. It was the Council of "Luxor" which selected him--according to the laws of the "Great Brotherhood"--to act in the 18th century as their usual messenger to the last quarter of every century to enlighten a small portion of the Western nations in occult lore. It was St. Germain who supervised the development of events in this case; and later Cagliostro was commissioned to help, but having made a series of mistakes, more or less fatal, he was recalled of them. Three men who were at first regarded as quacks, Mesmer is already forgotten.

Cagliostro. A famous Adept, whose real name is claimed (by his enemies) to have been Joseph Balsomo. His accepted history is too well known to need repetition, and his real history has never yet been told. His fate was that of every human being who proves that he knows more than do his fellow-creatures: he was "stoned to death," by persecutions, lies, and infamous accusations, and yet he was friend and adviser of the highest and mightiest of every age and nation. He was finally tried and sentenced in Rome as a heretic, and was said to have died during his confinement in a State prison (see "Mesmer".) but his end was not utterly undeserved, as he had been untrue to his vows in some respects, and fallen from his state of chastity and yielded to ambition and selfishness.

KARMA

Loud we call to the pale Star of Evening
 For light—light to show us our way;
 Forgotten the glow of the wasted light
 In the far-away Morning of Day.

We would come in the afternoon sunshine
 To harvest the fruit of sweet taste—
 But he who has sown a barren seed
 Must reap of the desert waste.

So, forever, the Law must walk with us
 And always the same is the Way—
 The seed that we sow in the Dawning
 We reap in the Late of the Day.

December 23, 1923.

CHARLES O. ROOS.

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 CRUCAWN—THE CAVE

The cave Crucawn is one of the most important symbols, ideas, or forces in Irish mythology. There are five or six places where the cave is supposed to be located in Ireland and Scotland (which is part of Ireland mythologically), but its most usual location is in the west of Ireland upon a mountain near Siligo.

This cave in the connection with the inner, under, and over, or rather if we should say the within world it would be truer, for Irish mythology places Heaven just inside the physical of all things.

The cave is symbolically the racial antaskarana; yet some are saying it is the skull of a man or heart of a woman.

Now, however, if a single sighted person will be climbing to that cave on the mountain, he will be seeing only a small, shallow, ordinary cave. Yet there are others of the second sight who are saying that it was the Gods who blocked it with heavy rocks of illusion after the happenings I will now be telling you about.

It was in this cave that Lugh the Eldana went when he was searching for the foundation of existence, and there he found the strength of the ages upon which Banba the Land of Hope rests.

It was out through Crucawn, Queen Mave drew the evils of Fate to attack Cuhulain within the last great battle of his death, that heavy sin, and he after coming out of the House of Lugh for the helping of Erin.

And it is in Crucawn that the Fiana, the demi-Gods, those heroes, are sleeping and waiting for the man who can be blowing the Dord of Power, the Dord Fiana, the trumpet of the Fiana. It is Finn, the age-long commander, should be blowing this great sounding power.

But in a great soul failure he has been diffused through Cosmos, and some are thinking the Dord must be waiting until he is

pulling himself together and has his entity again within. Others are saying that if a man is pure enough to lie with a woman in full purity, and if he is also a hero of heroes and he could be blowing the Dord three times, that the Fiana, those heroes of demi-Godship, would wake again to Banba, and Freedom would flame into a wonder over the earth.

And it is said that one time on a day that was good, a man who was pure went to the cave mouth of Crucawn. And it appeared itself an awesomeness and a gloom and a deep uncertainty before him. He penetrated the awe and encountered the gloom and entered the Magic of Mystery. He was seeing the Fiana sleeping, a gigantic army of giants. Ranks and ranks they were, like great rocks haunting the imagination. Tremendous ponderosities they were, the hair on them like to red, brown, and golden seaweed hanging long over their great shoulders. Their shaggy beards were covering their chests, their heavy eyebrows making a black shadow where their eyes were. Fearsome the unfathomable depths of sleep that enveloped them, each one prone upon his side, an eternity of stillness. Massive the hands and arms, as of great Gods. Those mighty thighs and knees and feet—when they march in their day it will be dangerous to the very tangibility of the earth.

The man went forward through the middle path to where the Dord was. Praying he raised that Dord of Power and blew a blast of strength to wake its might. The wonder tones went rolling through the cave, enfolded space, and echoed back again to him. Sleeping, the heroes moved and raised them on their hands, waiting the second call. Dreadful the shadow of their sleeping eyes. Before those mighty sleeping majesties the blower bowed him praying.

At last he lifted up the Dord; again he blew a thunder blast to wake the dead. Those mammoth rock-hewn Gods turned each his stateliness, and opening wide his eyes, gazed on the human man. Star eyes of pitying power, wise eyes of flowing love, dynamic fearlessness penetrating vastnesses. Withering before those mighty magic wonders, the man soul floundered.

In awe before that pouring fiery love, its vision tottered.

In fear before that wisdom and that pity his consciousness was shaken.

His soul was blown a wind whirling through the trees.

His body dead upon a hillside bare.

His spirit singing in the Halls of Lir.

And some say he is the "Wind Before the Dawn", and some he is the Guarding Wind of Power. But it was after this happening the wise Gods covered the depths of Crucawn with rocks of illusion. And it is also said that whosoever can penetrate those stones will be of power enough to blow the Dord.

And we who tell this history: we wait that Day to be.

## CONCERNING THE NEW BIRTH (Quoted from a Letter)

Buddhism, Confucianism, and Bible prophesy (or the Bible) are the body, soul, and spirit of humanity and embrace all mankind. Buddhism teaches and represents the mind or spirit; Confucianism teaches and represents the soul or vitality—morality and virtue are the life of mankind; and prophesy, or the Bible, gives a complete outline of the human race, and represents the body of humanity. The body is the flesh; the soul is the vitality; and the spirit is the mind.

If you will look back over history you will find that Buddha, Confucius, and Daniel were contemporaneous—Buddha, the great mystic or mind; Confucius, conceded by all to be the greatest teacher of morality and virtue that ever lived (the vitality of man as compared with animals); and Daniel, the greatest prophet of all time, as can be proven, giving an outline of humanity up to the present time.

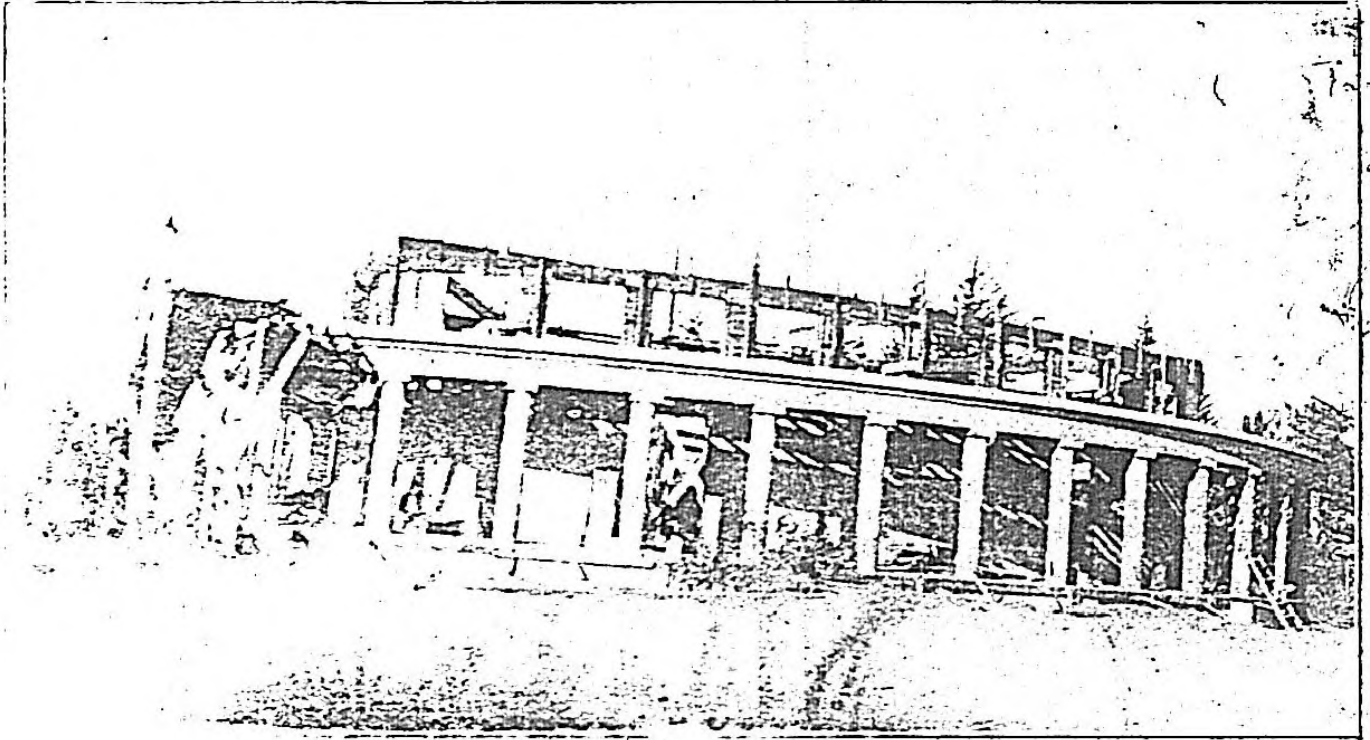
Although the things these three represented were with man since Adam, they did not take a living form until the exact middle of the 6,000 years given to this phase of humanity, or 3,000 years from Adam. Humanity has been going through a 6,000-year gestation; and as in the natural, when four and a half months have gone by the first signs of life appear, so when 3,000 years had gone by the first signs of life permeated—prophesy, the body, Confucianism, the soul, and Buddhism, the spirit or mind—and have continued ever since.

In the 75 years between 1840 and 1915 great events occurred connected with the birth of the hidden child, a male child, humanity being female, and also the marriage of a male and female seed (the only thing that marriage means), taking humanity one step higher. The following events occurred: Theosophy; Spiritualism; Christian Science; New Thought; Socialism, with its offshoots; Anarchy, the highest philosophy ever promulgated but impossible of performance now; Adventism, which has worked out to a definite and proven conclusion; and the understanding that cause and effect, or karma, are only an effect and the cause is still unknown, except to a very few, and the understanding changes the whole law of karma and its conclusions.

It can be proven that 6,000 years from Adam ended in 1873. Adam and Eve were in the garden 56 years, and the 6,000 years given to man began when Adam came into this condition of life, and they end in 1929. The travail and the birth have occurred, and the placenta, or that through which the blood of the mother entered the child, is about to be cast out. Also the marriage of the two seeds has occurred, and the new child has begun to develop.

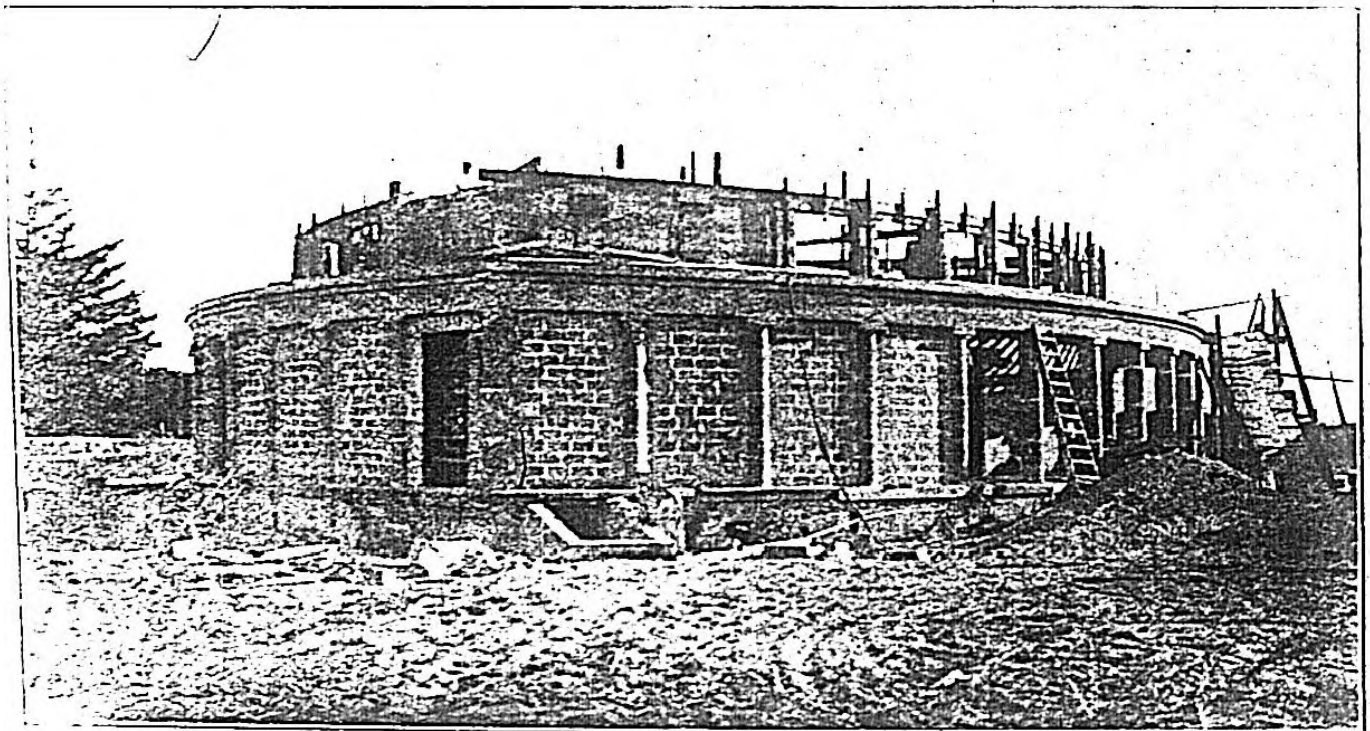
The wonderful developments of science in the past 100 years show, with the others I have mentioned, a refined condition in the minds of men on religion, government, and science; and the child that is now born is the male, or positive to the great mother humanity, the female or negative.

W. H. GAY.



### BLUE STAR MEMORIAL TEMPLE

Front view from snapshot taken about December 1st, 1923.



### BLUE STAR MEMORIAL TEMPLE

Rear view from snapshot taken about December 1st, 1923. While these pictures are faulty they will serve to show the progress of construction and the lines of the building up to the date taken.

## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

The Memorial Temple.—In this issue will be found two plates of the Memorial Temple taken about December first, 1923, showing front and back view and progress up to that time. At this writing, February, the roof is on and much more progress toward completion in evidence. The important things remaining to be accomplished will be the plastering inside and out, putting in the doors and windows, the concrete steps all around and the furnishings, heating and lighting appliances, etc.

A poem, Karma, by Chas. O. Roos the noted song writer, will be found in this volume. Mr. Roos writes:

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### THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

#### Temple Builders—Lesson 5.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Too late for Merry Christmas wishes, some one says, but hear the answer: "No, not too late," for the Christmas message is "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," and we want to learn at once that the Christmas message is for every day of the year. The child who holds peace in its heart and feels kindly toward all others, has one long Christmas, all the year round.

It is not the giving and receiving of presents that makes Christmas. It is not the feasting and merrymaking that makes it. All these may be right in their places, but unless there is peace in the heart, and good-will toward men, we might give or receive a countless number of presents, and we might dance until we were weary, but we would have no knowledge of what Christmas really is.

The message of Peace and Good Will was brought by Jesus centuries ago. We have all heard the story of the shepherds and the wise men, the star and the infant Christ. To many of us it never grows old, but in listening to it we must not forget that before Jesus came there were many people who knew the Christmas of peace and good will, and that it may also come to every heart.

Some of you may have heard of Krishna and Buddha. They lived long before Jesus was upon the earth, but they brought the same message of peace. Quetzalcoatl told to the Aztecs, and Hiawatha brought it to the Indians. History tells us not only of the peaceful life of the Aztecs, but shows that they knew much of the sciences and arts.

It would be difficult to mention all those who have brought the message of Christmas to the world. Each race has had its own Saviour, and all have been much alike in many ways.

They have all promised to return. Quetzalcoatl sailed away in a boat, promising his people to come back to them. Hiawatha departed in about the same way:

"On the shore stood Hiawatha  
Turned and waved his hand at parting;  
On the clear and luminous water  
Launched his birch canoe for sailing."

The story of Manco Capac and his sister Mama Oello is an interesting one. We find their story in the history of Peru.\* They were said to have descended from the sun, having been sent by Higher Ones living there. Manco Capac carried with him a golden wedge. He was to carry this until he came to the place where it would sink into the ground and disappear. There the kingdom on

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\*Vide "Prescott's Conquest of Peru."

earth was to be founded. The wedge disappeared in Peru, and at that place a city named Cuzco was founded. The ruler of the kingdom was called the Inca, and he must always be a descendent of Manco Capac. The history of the Incas shows that peace and harmony was among them. There was no poverty, for all owned the land in common. Lands and houses were divided. During the sickness of any one, the state appointed some one to care for the sick man's property, without any charge. Storehouses were built and filled with food and grain. If the crops failed in any section, the Inca directed that grain be distributed among the people. In the city were two temples, one to the Sun and one to the Moon. In the Temple of the Sun was a golden wheel, which caught the sun's rays by day. In the Temple of the Moon was a silver wheel which caught the rays of the moon by night.

We have seen how all races were given the Christmas message and how it brought joy and plenty. It was only when strangers, seeking wealth and fame for themselves, entered the kingdom with war and cruelty, that unhappiness and poverty came.

On the other side of the Christmas season should be remembered also. The merry-making has a meaning for us too. In England, Christmas is celebrated in every place by burning the yule-log. The Yule was celebrated by the Druids, and is also associated with the New Year festivities.

There was at one time a severe plague among the white races of the north. A noble young priest of the Druids, Ram by name, was much grieved, even though he knew the plague to be caused by the wickedness of the people. He went one evening to the woods, and, lying down to rest under an oak tree, fell asleep. While he slept, a powerful voice called him by name. He awoke, and saw before him a man, clothed like the Druids and carrying in his hand a wand about which a serpent was twined. The Druid raised Ram, and showing him, upon the tree under which he had slept, a very pretty branch of mistletoe, said to him: "O, Ram! The remedy which thou seekest, there it is." He immediately took from his breast a small gold pruning knife, cut the branch, and gave it to Ram.

From this branch a remedy was made which cured the people of the plague. The mistletoe became a sacred plant, and a day was appointed for remembering the blessing it had brought. This day was called the Feast of Noel, or New Yule, which means New Salvation or New Health. This feast was placed at the beginning of the year, or the winter solstice, when the sun is farthest south.

The use of holly, ivy, rosemary, bay and laurel, also comes from the Druids. It was their belief that Sylvan spirits flocked to the evergreens, and there remained unripped from frost.

All the old customs and beliefs, such as the ringing of bells at midnight, the singing of carols, the coming of Santa Claus, the oxen falling on their knees in the stable at midnight, have come from something deeper than most of us understand.

It is well for us to study the truths in these things, and so fill our hearts with the true Christmas and New Year spirit, and so be worthy to receive the message that may come to each one.

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NOTE: The song belonging with this lesson is "Christmas Star" from "Song Stories for the Kindergarten."

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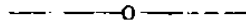
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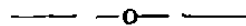
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