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# THE TEMPLE



**PRIMARILY**, The Temple is a cosmic organic centre, the constituent parts of which are the units of collective humanity.

Coincident with the original impulse, the first emanation from the Central Spiritual Sun—the Universal Heart—came into manifestation, the Father-Mother-Son, the triangular corner stone of The Temple, upon which is rising age by age, a geometrically perfect edifice. The cap stones to the pillars of the porch, and outer walls are now being laid preliminary to the work of the roof-builders—the humanity of the sixth great root race.

The place of each stone is determined by the law of selection, and the same law determines the different Degrees and Orders which lead to and from the great Stone of Sacrifice which rests upon the pavement of the Central Square.

The development of outer conditions, planes and personalities must keep pace with and correspond to the development of the interior man, or evolutionary force would be diverted from its proper channels.

When the Craftsman or Apprentice to any Degree has finished his term of service, and has mastered all the details of the work, he is “recognized” by the Master Builder, and raised to a higher Degree, although he may never be conscious of the presence of that Master, until his apprenticeship is completed, and he in turn becomes a Master of a lower Degree.

The organization of The Temple, the members of which belong by evolutionary right to a certain Degree of Cosmic Life, which Degree is subdivided into seven Orders, is the continuation and expansion of the work of the Masters revived in this country a quarter of a century ago by certain chelas or disciples.

To the efforts of the Masters is due the impulse which has caused the great advance in scientific, philosophical and social endeavor; for they are the guardians of Ancient Wisdom and Knowledge, in which lies the root of all progress; and the work of The Temple is to cultivate and embody the highest principles of all such endeavor in one stupendous living organic whole.

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?

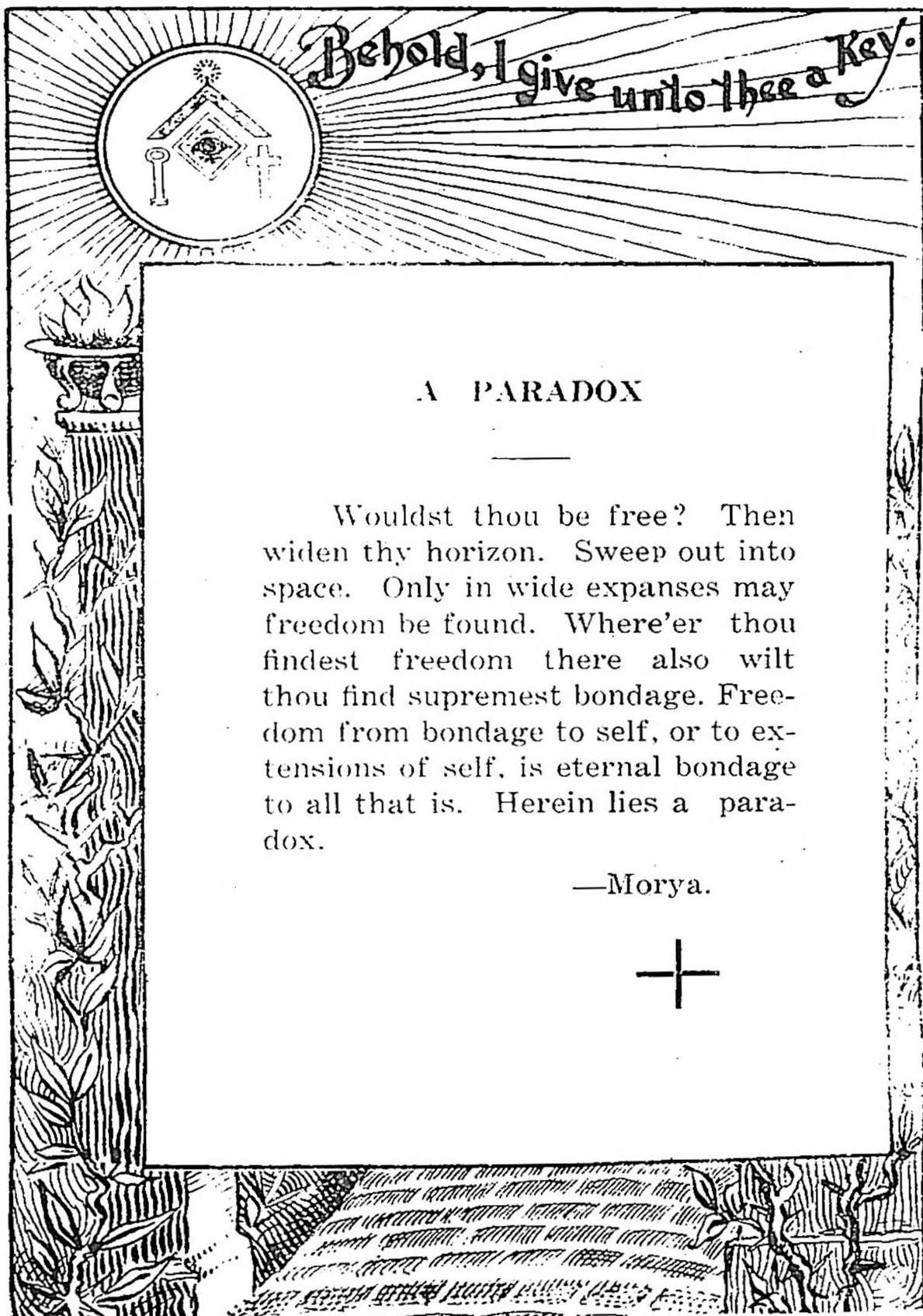
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## INCA HYMN

Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me, O Lord of All,  
Master of all things of Earth and Sky,  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me, O Lord of All,  
Ruler of all things that walk and fly,  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Thou art the white of dawn, and the setting sun—  
The rage and storm of the ocean's wave.  
Thou art the truth and trust of a maiden's vow—  
The warrior's heart when he is brave.  
Thou art the rise and fall of the eagle's wing—  
The red and gold of the falling leaf.  
Thou art the breath of hope at the rainbow's end—  
The tears and ache in a mother's grief.  
Thou art the sun and sky and the rising moon—  
The gleam and glare of the desert's sand.  
Thou art the dew of night, and the Morning Star—  
The dark of Death and the Healing Hand.  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me, O Lord of All,  
Master of all things of Earth and Sky,  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me, O Lord of All,  
Ruler of all things that walk and fly,  
Behold me, O Thou!  
Behold me seeking Thee!  
Behold me seeking Thee!

—Charles O. Roos.



## TIME

Time, the great Illusion; Time, the great Revealer—two contradictory aspects of the Real, the Eternal, the Motionless. Time, the source of measurements, no-thing in itself, yet the background of all things mutable. Measured by seconds, minutes, hours, and days, yet measureless in itself, who can solve its mystery?

The average human mind seeking background for divisions of time to fix the data of life experience upon finds that the only sure units of measure are events, events of tragedy or comedy as the case may be, events which have fastened themselves upon the memory tablets of the soul, there to remain while individual need for their records remains.

As the hand of a business man writes memoranda of his appointments and files his data away for possible use at a later period after the appointments have been kept, so the hand of the soul, the human mind, imprints a record of events of a life as they occur upon the substance of the Auric Sphere, there to remain forever. These records are the memory tablets that the passing soul may read in the intervals between life and death. Beside your own eye no other eye save that of Deity could read and interpret those records.

The events which have occurred during all your former lives, as well as those which will occur in all future lives, are the words and letters of a language which is peculiarly your own. The last sentence to be recorded upon those memory tablets can only be inscribed as you stand on the border of Nirvana. What will be the last words or sentences you individually will inscribe thereon?

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By the time man has reached the middle milestone of life the fiery forces of Prana have reduced the various qualities of exterior youth to ashes, as the waters of the great Ocean of Life pour in and commence to leach those ashes, figuratively speaking. As a result of the alchemical changes produced by the evolutionary forces of life, there is formed a super-physical element which naturally separates the lower from the higher qualities.

The man in whom this process is completed and who has caught the vision of the Higher Self has become possessed of some measure of wisdom. He perceives that the young are making the same mistakes and indulging in similar follies to those which hindered his own progress, and he would fain save them from the inevitable consequences. But the man who has sunk his consciousness into that of the lower passional self, when the process of change is completed, is a menace to youth. However, divine law has set up a barrier between that man and his would-be victim.

Youth instinctively recognizes that barrier and shrinks from too close contact with such a man, unless previously contaminated by vicious influences in complementary forms.

Time and the events of daily life will record the lessons of experience for each human soul. If those lessons have been learned, the soul is ready for a higher expression of life.

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### DEVOTION AND RHYTHM

The agonized shriek of the mortally wounded devotee strikes the key to the Song of the Soul Released and establishes the rhythm of that song. Life sacrificed is love revealed.

God rolls up the songs of the nightingale and linnet, mocking bird and thrush and then sets them free within etheric waves to carry back to earth the first beginnings of the rose and violet, the heliotrope and jasmine and other flowers of odors sweet.

The Message of the Christ, the Christian Message to mankind, conveys the idea of Devotion above and beyond all else, Devotion to God, to principle, to our fellowmen, even unto death, does indeed establish the rhythm of the Song Celestial.

The identification of the quality of Devotion with the Law of Rhythm would not occur to the average man, probably because he has never quite comprehended the quality indicated by the word Devotion. Prayer or consecration is naturally connected with this word. Consequently, if you note the interpretation of the Hindu equivalent for Devotion, Sattwa, one of the qualities whereby the soul may obtain liberation, you will naturally accept the English interpretation of the word—Prayer. But used in relation to liberation the word Prayer would mean something infinitely greater than it means to the average person, for it would mean all that is comprised in the positive pole of life as opposed to the negative pole. Attainment by devotion requires the devotee to use **all** the qualities and attributes of the Higher Self, **all** spiritual powers as opposed to the qualities of the negative side of life—in other words, attainment through the power of Will.

This brings us back to the consideration of the Law of Rhythm, or rather to the Sons of Motion, the Cyclic Laws. The Divine Will and Motion, or Vibration, are identical. Therefore, in its last ana-

lysis Devotion and Motion, or Vibration, are one and the same Divine Will. This is the secret of rhythmic breathing as it is used by the devotee.

—B. S.

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### THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TEMPLE MEMBERS

As is the established custom, a social gathering of Temple members and friends was held on Saturday evening, August first, in the parlors of Halcyon Sanitorium as a preliminary to the convention. This is always a get-together happy time for getting acquainted, forming new ties and renewing old ones. The visiting was so much enjoyed that very little formal program was attempted, although a few good musical numbers were given by George E. Bailey, Dr. George B. Little, Miss Olson and Mrs. Ontiveros. Refreshments were served, "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by the company, and all adjourned to meet in the Blue Star Memorial Temple next morning.

#### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Beginning at 10:30 on Sunday morning an informal short "meditation meeting" was held. There was a goodly gathering seated around the Central Altar. The music was furnished by a trio composed of Otto Westfelt, Sydney Hillyard, and Duncan Ferguson, who sang soft chants at intervals, adding much to the half hour meeting. Dr. Dower read a short selection from "The Voice of the Silence" and very briefly gave the subjects for the three meditations, the last of which was a sending out of spiritual healing forces for the help of all suffering and needy souls everywhere. The Lodge Force was felt most definitely by all present; the meeting was impressive and uplifting; and we are sure the redeeming touch must have gone far and wide.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The first formal meeting of the convention began at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday. It was opened by an organ voluntary by Edgar Cheet-



ham, followed by the impressive singing of "Warriors of Light" by Borghild Janson, Otto Westfelt, and Dr. Little.

Dr. Dower then gave the Temple service of the Fire Sacrifice, which was followed by the reciting of the "Words of Force" and the singing of "The Great Unifier".

Mrs. Wilkins read the devotional prayer of the Temple.

This was followed by a cello solo by Mr. Painton, of Paso Robles, accompanied by Mrs. Painton.

A special message to the convention from Master Hilarion was then read by Dr. Dower, Guardian in Chief, as follows:

### THE MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION

Children of the Temple:—

Half a century ago we sent our first Messenger into the world, unscaling inner truths to the end that the heart and mind of this humanity might be prepared for a Great Event soon to occur. That event has already occurred on inner planes, and the outer correspondence will in a few years take place on this physical plane. This event signifies the **advent** and **resurrection** in the Temple of Humanity of the Avatar and the Divine in the nature of man. Then will the Temple of Man be truly lighted by the Holy Presences shining from within.

For good inner reasons the **process** of manifestation must be withheld, but it is written that He will come "as a thief in the night"—not in the way expected, in other words. The commonplace will become the uncommon, and you cannot see physical light or colors, nor the ear hear sounds, unless the eye is attuned to light and color and the ear to sounds, so you will not see the signs nor hear the sounds of that Coming, unless the spiritual fires are alight and burning with love for your fellowmen on the Altars of the Heart. For the Mount of Attainment and Spiritual Understanding and Fellowship is through the Path of the Heart, and always must be so. And yet all will see the effects on humanity and on the World of the Avatar, whose sun is even now shining so brightly in the inner heavens and coming closer to the earth plane day by day.

Mere words of mine are of little value if you cannot feel and realize that my message is myself, and that I come in your hearts in a very real and personal way if you are attuned. Doubt and unfaith create the veil or web of darkness between you and myself and shut out much of myself that might otherwise come to you through my appointed line of transmission and transformation, for much must be transformed lest injury come to you in the reception.

Never forget that you are a part of me—in me, as I and my Brothers in the Lodge are a part of a higher Master, and all one in the Great Master. The veils of doubt are the shadowy substance of the lower nature and are destroyed by fire—the fire of experience, of

pain and of struggles with the elementals of the lower nature. It is only by this dross being so consumed that the Divine in you now imprisoned can be liberated and the lines of separation between the lower and the higher be removed or bridged. This process of initiation goes on within you constantly, for it is the only Path of Eternal Light and Life. Physical fire or pain is only one of the lower fires of this process of purification. When that is conquered there must come the conquest of mental pain, and then comes the greatest and most difficult of all conquests, that of spiritual pain, the pain of suffering for the whole world, the pain of the Saviors of the race, the pain of the Crucifixion.

As with the individual, so with the race. The law of progress is the same. The physical outer battle is transferred to the inner mental planes where a glimmering of Unity prevails, and when universality of the spiritual is touched comes the final realization and knowledge of our Divine Bondage to the Higher Self in and for all, and that each one must some time lay himself on the Cross of Sacrifice to help that all—to bear the world burden into the Heart of the Great World Mother and wait with infinite patience the day when the fruit of that sacrifice will appear as the Child, the New Humanity, born and endowed with full consciousness of its divinity and birthright as a Son of God—of Light.

As a mother watches over her child so do we watch humanity as it rises to fall, and rises to fall again and yet again—helping as the Great Law permits—often prevented by our knowledge of that Law from shielding humanity from calamities, from its own karmic reactions, lest it lose the precious quality of experience and suffering that alone can make it free, drive it back to the Path of Light and Wisdom to final conscious unity with the Creator. Of divine origin, man has incarnated in forms of matter, losing thereby for the time the pure incandescence of the Spirit, and thereby forgetting his spiritual Source of Being. Spiritual intuition has become materialized into mere inttellection, and although guarded on inner planes by Angels of Light, on outer planes he has sunk into the darkness of selfishness and separateness. At present where does he stand as regards inner status? He has evolved out of the superstition of ignorance into egotism of inttellection—a mere illusion of wisdom. From this threshold of the intellect he must lose himself into the great silence of Heart Compassion. Then he will know himself, his origin and destiny, and Satan the Intellect, the great separator, will be lost or submerged into the Holy Light of the Great Unifier.

This is an age of extremes. Nothing is fixed, due to the influence and nearness of the Avatar impinging on human consciousness and the world aura. The fundamental inner truths that we unsealed fifty years ago through our Messenger stayed the tides of materialism that were sweeping the earth at that time. The fall-

cies of religious concepts to which the spiritual key had been lost were also exposed. Today, however, we find the trend again toward narrow creeds, which can only bind and fetter the minds of the race and impede progress. To offset this, the leaven of the Lodge should be spread far and wide for the sake of the New Humanity, for that new humanity cannot be born and live in an atmosphere of creeds, which he is always of the head, but must live and be nourished and function in and by the fulness of the Heart Understanding.

The Temple has builded well and strongly. Do not regret that you have not grown more rapidly, for rapid growth would not have permitted Lodge control, and the Temple has been founded for an inner and outer purpose greater than many of you may think. To understand this you would have to realize its **inner correspondence**.

The wings of the Great Bird are hovering over you and under them you are building your nest.

In greeting and love,

Your Brother-Father: —Hilarion.

Mr. Perry Forbes, of Santa Maria, accompanied by Mrs. Forbes, sang a baritone solo, "The Prodigal Son".

Dr. Dower, the Guardian in Chief, then presented the basic purposes of the Temple with comments on same. He spoke, in part as follows:

Comrades and Friends:—The Temple of the People is a movement under the direction of the Great White Lodge. On the physical plane it is made up of various degrees and orders corresponding to the cosmical degrees and orders of the Great White Lodge itself. Through these various degrees and orders the Masters of the Great Lodge are able to pour Their forces as the orders on this plane keep attuned to the real inner orders of which they are an outer correspondence.

The Masters of the Great White Lodge are, in reality, one in the Christos, and it is the Christ Spirit working incessantly through these Masters that keeps the wheels of life revolving on this and other planes.

The true Redeeming Force exists in full power on other planes, but matter and humanity cannot be redeemed except by a slow and gradual and more or less painful process, a process which requires sacrifice and surrender of the lower self to the Higher self. Thus the Great Ones who have attained to the heights of life help on our evolution by the influences and light and forces that They are ever transmitting to us and the world.

Deific energies flow through these material lines and hold the world in balance, spiritualizing material force and consciousness in this world and humanity and thus inspiring and strengthening us to continue the climb upward to those higher levels of consciousness.



Were these Great Ones, these Elder Brothers, emissaries of God, to cease their work for even a short time, confusion, calamities, disease, and an unbalanced condition would strike the Cosmos at once, and this world and everything else would go back to their primal elements.

The Master has told us that the Temple is humanity, the Temple is the world; and this Temple organization known as the Temple of the People, which has been organized by His direction, is a nucleus in the greater World Temple through which He and His Brother Masters are sending forces and teachings and light to help the world generally and all individually who are ready to receive that help. In view of this, how important is our function as an organization and nucleus of people vibrating with that supreme ideal of helping the Masters to raise humanity to higher levels of consciousness!

Each one of us can become a radiating center for the Lodge Light. We can catch that light and we can send it out to those around us. This we can do as individuals in our particular environment. Collectively we constitute an auric sphere through which cosmical forces may pass into the aura of humanity generally, and as long as we hold together with that great purpose and from the standpoint of the heart and with the unselfish ideal of helping others, of helping the whole world, of preparing a center through which the Christly light and force of love and compassion may pass,—as long as we do this as a collective entity we make a channel, a vehicle through which the Great Lodge may work. For the Great Lodge of Masters need just such centers through which They can pour Their forces in order to counteract negative forces and selfish forces that tend to drag humanity downward into the shadow where it forgets its divine heritage, forgets that it is one with the Divine in all creatures, with the stars, the Angels, and the Godhead Itself.

Thus we can consider the Temple Center, the nucleus, as a station, so to speak, through which the Masters can send great uplifting forces. In addition to the forces, we send out definite teachings on the mysteries of life and being based on the fundamentals of occult philosophy and the Wisdom Religion and Science, showing the origin and destiny of man and all things. These teachings, given to us by the Masters and sent out, revive in the minds of those who read them reminiscences of old and long forgotten truths that such individuals knew in ages past in ancient civilizations; and by presenting these fundamental truths again, correlations are made possible between the personal consciousness and the Higher Ego, and thus a great white light is brought to bear on the personal consciousness and an upward trend given to that particular life.

And thus, as we have said, by our messages and our teachings and our lectures in terms of art and music and beauty we get the message over and register on a greater and ever greater number of units of our race; and we are helping the Masters, that is, the Chris-

tos in His great work of redeeming this plane and bringing its humanity back again to a consciousness of its divine origin."

Mr. Skvalon, of the Sherwood Conservatory of Music at Atascadero, rendered a piano solo, finishing with "Holy Night" most impressively played.

Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins, Inner Guard, then read a selection from the book "From the Mountain Top", "The Heart of God".

The Halcyon choir gave part of a Norwegian cantata, "Jarius Daughter", by Borghild's father Kristofer Janson, music by S. Irgens, and translated by Borghild. It was beautifully rendered and much enjoyed by the audience, who were furnished with printed copies of the words.

The meeting closed with the recitation of the Temple Mantrams by the congregation and the singing of the "Consecration Hymn".

### MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The regular annual meeting for the reports of the officers of the Temple opened at 10:30 a. m. with the singing by the congregation of the Convocation Hymn, "Gitche Manitou".

Dr. Dower formally opened the meeting by invoking the blessings of the Masters of Light and Wisdom on the convention.

The "Words of Force" were recited in unison and the chant of "The Great Unifier" sung by the company.

Mr. Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe, then read his report:

### REPORT OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

During the year the Propaganda Department and Outer Court have sent out about 1,500 propaganda leaflets, in addition to many sample copies of the *Artisan*. Several hundred letters have been written to individuals and every effort made to keep in close personal touch with members and those interested.

Many new members have entered the Temple, and there has been a marked increase in the interest shown in the correspondence courses. We find that personal correspondence with members at the Center and those who reside away from Halcyon helps greatly to build up and sustain both the outer members and the Temple Center, the forces from the Lodge being drawn into the aura of all by this interchange.

In looking back over the past year, I think the one fact which stands out more prominently than any other is the very rapid increase in the interest of the public in all occult and Theosophical matters. Where one person would formerly evince an interest, we

now find twenty; and this fact is reflected quite markedly in the Temple work. The leaven which was introduced into the world by the Masters through the Theosophical Society in the early days is rapidly spreading through the mass of human consciousness, and is undoubtedly doing its work in the preparation of a condition for the Coming Avatar.

The past year has seen many changes here at the Center, all of which are necessary incidents in the gradual assembling and putting into place of the various parts of the Temple machine. The tendency is always toward centralization and unification, and each move in this direction places us on more direct line with the inner side of the Temple and the Lodge forces which are flowing into and through it.

Each trial which we, as individuals, encounter throws us definitely either closer into the Center or farther out toward the circumference, the Templar taking each experience as it presents itself and extracting from it the essence of wisdom it contains and building this into himself, that he may become a more fitting channel for the spiritual forces, which are his to use as soon as he develops the ability to wield them.

Meanwhile, as we struggle and stumble along the Path the veil between us and the inner side of things is growing perceptibly thinner and our contacts with the Masters more frequent and deeper. The fact that they are very close to us has been borne in very strongly during the past year, and what was faith has become, to many, actual knowledge. The Masters are very close at hand and are as desirous as we are that we shall make conscious contact with them.

Shall we not take as our keynote for the coming year the thought that Unity is of all things the most desirable. That Unity does not mean the subservience of our highest will to that of the majority or of any other, nor the domination by us of any other, but the expression in perfect harmony with all the others of the best in us and in them. To do this we must realize that each of the others is, in his divergent expression of himself, striking his keynote, manifesting his color ray, and that his note not only is not identical with ours but could not be identical with it in all phases until we become one with him in the White Light at the end of the Path.

Mr. John Varian then read one of his own poems, as follows:

### GOD OF THE FUTURE

On high, in mystic wonder shrined,  
God of the Future Ways of Mind,  
Teach us the road to Thy high hill,  
Give us the strength to do Thy will.



Man's bypaths fail to find Thy road of roads,  
 Man's footsteps stray, finding not Thy way.  
 Reveal Thy mighty way that we may go,  
 And move within Thy word, God of the Coming Day.

High over all Thy mystic wonder shines,  
 Above the sheen of all the shining hills.  
 Deeper than Hell the wonder of Thy law,  
 And broader than the gates of Heaven ajar.

Reveal Thy mighty way that we may go,  
 Man's bypaths fail to find Thy road of roads.  
 God of the Future Ways of Mind,  
 Teach us the road to Thy high hill.

### Gratitude

I thank Thee, God, for the power of high growth,  
 For the vitality of life.  
 For the vision beyond.

### Invocation

Reveal Thyself now, Vision Ideal,  
 Reveal Thyself now, Strength of the Love Gods,  
 Reveal Thyself now, Spirit Incarnating.

### Aspiration

May Thy sun arise, Reason of Existence,  
 May Thy day come, Consummation of Perfection,  
 May Thy hour be with us, Secret of Eternity.

### Inspiration

Thy day is here, Strength of the Love Gods,  
 Thy times are upon us, Power of High Growth,  
 Thy sun is risen, Secret of Eternity.

### Consummation

My soul is vision,  
 My spirit is perfection,  
 My heart is glory.

Mr. Varian then sang his own convention song, "Destiny", with music by Henry Cowell, "the song of Merlin to Arthur and his knights before he went inward to Vivian, his alter ego".

Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins, Inner Guard, read her report.

## REPORT OF THE INNER GUARD

Greetings to you, friends and comrades, at the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of The Temple. May the blessings of the Great White Lodge be upon you and sustain you in the coming year!

The past year at Halcyon has been a remarkable one for development, as the financial strain alone has been most trying, because the Memorial Temple has cost more than we optimistic people thought it would cost.

Then, notwithstanding the very substantial contribution made by Mrs. Veblen to the publishing of the Temple Teachings, the publishers made extra charges, which took much extra money. All this was met, however, and we have the book at last, which goes out to the world with the blessing of the Great White Lodge.

The Memorial Temple is nearing completion, through the earnest efforts of our Guardian in Chief, aided, of course, by the membership, and the advantage of holding all meetings here cannot be over-estimated. From these meetings has been created an atmosphere which is for the highest good of all.

The half-hour meditation meetings held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:30 p. m. have been conducted by the Priests of the Temple, each taking the meetings for one month. One of the features of these meetings has been the use of the healing forces generated there. Some of our members were ill and all have improved so far as I know. Then outsiders began to send in requests for help (if there are any outsiders in the brotherhood of man), and I hope they were benefited. Not all have been heard from.

Our Square meetings have been most excellent, as the officers have been very active in trying to make us **think**.

The Order of the Twenty-One, formed last convention, has done good work, under the name of The League of Art, Science, Religion and Philosophy, in providing good music and entertainment during the year. We have never had so many good voices with us as at present. But we must not forget to be grateful to our brothers and sisters who gave us the best of their musical ability in the past. All this good music has and its part in creating the higher vibrations in our Temple.

A great need at the Center is an industry, as many comrades are waiting for a chance to make a living here that they may be with us, and they are losing **so much** by being obliged to wait. All the industries thus far started have not had the vitality to live through the first stages of their growth. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, five members have made homes here within the past year and two at Oceano.

The following is from Master Hilarion, given October, 1911:

"Your position as forerunners of the sixth sub-race of the fifth root race has its own special perils, as well as its special advantages.

Psychism, with all its allurements and all its dangers is necessarily developing among you, and you must beware lest the psychic outruns the manasic and spiritual development. Psychic capacities, held perfectly under control, checked and directed by the manasic principle, are valuable aids in development. But these capacities running riot, controlling instead of being controlled, using instead of being used, lead the student into delusions and the certainty of moral destruction. Watch therefore carefully this development, inevitable in your race and evolution-period, so that it may finally work for good, nor for evil, and receive in advance the sincere and potent blessings of Those whose good-will will never fail you, if you do not fail yourselves".

As we occupy this high position it is for us earnestly to seek true humility and be ever on our guard not to let self-righteousness enter in for a moment. It is such a subtle thing it creeps on us unawares out of our very victories over more open enemies and goes far to our undoing. I quote the following from Talbot Mundy's book "OM"

### THE LAMA'S LAW.

O ye who look to enter in through Discipline to Bliss,  
Ye shall not stray from out the way, if ye remember this:  
Ye shall not waste a weary hour, nor hope for Hope in vain,  
If ye persist with will until self-righteousness is slain.  
If through the mist of mortal eyes, deluded, ye discern  
That ye are holier than these, ye have the whole to learn!

If ye are tied with tangled pride because ye learn the Law,  
Know then, your purest thoughts deny the Truth ye never saw!  
If ye resent in discontent the searchlight of reproof,  
Preferring praise, ye waste your day's at sin's not Soul's behoof!  
Each gain for self denies the Self that knows that self is vain.  
Who crowns accomplishment with pride must build the whole again!

But if, at each ascending step, more clearly ye perceive  
That he must kill the lower will, who would the world relieve  
And they are last who would be first, their effort thrown away,  
Be patient then and persevere. Ye tread the Middle Way!

"Brave conquerors that ye are who war against your own affections and the whole army of the world's desires." This quotation I found on a blotter on my desk, and I felt that it applied to the dear people who have offered themselves to the Master's work at Halcyon, to give all they were able to give of time, money and effort and obey directions from the Master given through Their appointed



Agent. It was difficult to part from the loved ones at home, but we soon found those we had known in former lives. Through our dear B. S. we were constantly fed on spiritual food, the like of which has not been given a body of people in this age. God help us if we ever cease to be grateful for this opportunity.

To live in the vibration of the Master's love and the Lodge of Life, to live day after day feeling this great Life surge through one, and to be able to meet all emergencies, trusting that, however dark the night, the dawn will soon appear, makes life worth living.

We are all striving for spiritual growth. The longing to get back to our source, God, is the cause of the effort. And so we talk about what is spiritual and what is not spiritual. To me the performance of daily duty is spiritual, if it is done with the right motive; and when we leave this plane the only satisfaction we will take with us is what we have done for humanity. Doing for those we love is doing for ourselves, but when we come to the place where we can help any soul who comes to us for help with the same joy in which we help those we love, we have gained in spirituality and have become humanitarians.

This is what we are here for, dear comrades, to slough off as much as possible of the animal, and in proportion as we do this we become humanitarians. The spiritual evolves out of this, and in time we will return to God, the Source of All Life.

Mr. George E. Bailey rendered a violin selection, "A Nocturne" by Richards.

Mrs. Jane W. Dower, Temple Treasurer, gave her report, as follows:

### REPORT OF THE TEMPLE TREASURER

There is a voice, "the voice of the silence", which speaks when all else fails. There are times, occasions, circumstances when to intrude upon that voice is spiritually unlawful. The present is largely such a moment.

The past year has been too full, too rich, too deep, too far reaching to take up minutae and come out anywhere. It can but rest in the heart of the Master. The conditions of the year were such that outer routine of details of the Treasurer's work had to be handed to others, but in this transference the fundamental line never slackened. The inner responsibilities and allegiance were but intensified many fold. To those who assumed and shared these responsibilities so magnificently, who helped hold forces within bounds, who offered themselves so wonderfully in support, the Law of Love has given its own compensation.

The reins of office again taken in hand, various situations present; various combinations arise; certain conditions resulting from

temporary absence from office activities are being met. Certain lack of first hand knowledge, recognition of hand-writing, post-marks, intimate familiarity of details, strangeness rather than estrangement regarding the status and relations of members old and new, along with, perhaps, a not quite thoroughly re-established interchange of forces, exist to some degree.

But the Treasurer wishes to assure the membership of a growing steadiness, a deeper strength, a larger sympathy, and increasing staying power impinging and impressing itself upon this point of the work, which must be felt throughout the year.

The Department expects to resume its activities in the Helping Hand, in general correspondence, and other ways. In order to make a success of these efforts the Treasurer solicits direct communication with herself regarding all activities of the point. Any work to be done at its best must be done through the channels provided for that purpose rather than any other. If it is not, something goes wrong, something is lost. The current is diverted, the power weakened, and the controller of it is helpless. The hand cannot be the head; the head cannot be the heart; neither can the heart be the feet. Each has its own particular function and must be kept active if the work is to be kept normal and balanced. This is of vital importance.

Regarding material conditions, you have been kept informed throughout the year by periodical financial reports. Anything further will be left in the hands of those who have cared for them throughout the year.

Again let it be emphasized that we strengthen the lines between us, that we give mutual hand-clasp in individual and collective experience, that we treasure together all that is most high, most helpful, true, most considerate, most kind and compassionate toward one another and toward all the great brotherhood of our common humanity.

Dr. George B. Little sang a tenor solo, "My Task".

Dr. Dower then read his official report for the year as Guardian in Chief:

### REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

Dear Comrades:—

Another year has passed and brought us that much closer to the Avataric cycle, which begins in 1928, according to revelations given to us in the year 1898. This fact is of tremendous importance, and if we find the world in turmoil and all kinds of questions and problems, political, social, economic, and religious, coming to the surface, it is because the great Unifying Force that is now so close to the aura of the earth is causing this commotion in the minds

and souls of people. It means, that the forces represented by the sheep are being separated from the forces represented by the goats, or in other words, the forces of the heart from the forces of the hand.

Centuries ago superstition governed the world; then intellection, for the past century, has been governing the world; and the time has come when the heart forces must govern the world. This can only be brought about by the recognition of our interdependence with all other creatures and lives and animation by altruistic forces of all of our ideals promoted in practical ways—in other words, that we do not live for ourselves alone but for others. This means that the heart force is dominant, but of course correlating with reason and common sense of the brain mind.

One of the great functions of the Temple is to call attention to these great fundamental truths and principles and create an organization and a movement based on them. In proportion as we are able to do this we are building on the rock of eternal truth, and our movement will go on throughout the ages to come and be a paramount factor in helping on the evolution of the races of the earth, little handful of people as we seem to be at the present time. But we must remember that Jesus at one time had only a small handful of people around Him—fishermen and others of humble calling but who were inspired with the Holy Spirit of Truth vitalized by the cosmical energies of the Christos, which means the forces of Universal Love and Compassion.

During the past year the Temple has made steady progress along the lines indicated above. The Memorial Temple has been furnished to some extent, the grounds have been laid out, and other additions and improvements planned.

The meetings in the Temple have been of a very high order, and a unifying work has been accomplished with many groups of non-members. People of orthodox denominations have occupied our building and given addresses, talks, musical recitals of the highest order. And these are an index of what we should do the next year and the years to come on an increasingly larger scale.

## BOOKS

Another noble achievement has been the publishing of the book, "Teachings of the Temple", consisting of the Master's exoteric instructions received during the past years. This is a very presentable book, and from the standpoint of mystical value it is the most important contribution to the literature of occult philosophy since the advent of "The Secret Doctrine", as it consists almost entirely of teachings received directly from the Master Hilarion and some of His brother Masters of the White Lodge. Two thousand copies of this edition have been published. And when this edition has been



disposed of the next one will consist of a book printed in larger type and on India paper, thus making a volume that will not be any larger but will be more desirable from a typographical standpoint. For this next edition we will undoubtedly have electroplates made so that fifty thousand copies can be struck off as needed at a minimum expense of press work and paper.

The moneys received from the sale of this book will be put into a savings account fund in the bank, so that the next edition can be published as soon or before the present edition is exhausted. Also other books of extreme value to the Temple can be published, perhaps from this same fund, as for instance "Beacon Fires"; can be republished. And many other writings of value in our hands can be put in book form, so that we can build up a number of books of extreme value to and for the Temple work.

### TEMPLE ARTISAN

The Temple Artisan is now published bi-monthly, and while it is not all that we would desire typographically, yet it is the best we can do. The contents of the magazine, however, are of high class, and we are receiving letters of praise constantly from members and others extolling the Artisan in highest terms. Some day we hope to be able to publish it right here at Halcyon and get out a magazine typographically that will correspond to the strength and beauty of its wonderful messages, teachings and articles.

### FINANCES

In a movement like this the financial condition is always behind the real need. Yet we can and do appreciate all that the membership has done in this respect. When we consider the sums of money that have been received from the membership during the past two or three years, we do not feel that we can complain, even though certain needs of a routine character have not been met. For instance, I refer to the building of the Memorial Temple, which cost nearly ten thousand dollars and which was paid for as the building progressed, leaving no indebtedness on it. Also the publishing of the book "Teachings of the Temple", costing fully three thousand dollars, which has been paid for in full. In addition there have been substantial contributions, and the vital needs of the work have been met, partially, at least. As we go on we feel that we will get on a more substantial basis, now that the big items have been cared for.

The Temple equity in the beach property sold by the Temple Home Association, which brought \$1,500 into the Temple treasury, which has been used to help pay for the balance due on the book, for the chair fund, and other pressing expenses, came in very opportunely.

It does look, indeed, as if the Inner Forces were looking out for our needs and that when the need was very great and pressing, in some unexpected way something happened so that the need was filled. This is because, no doubt, collectively we have had the element of firm faith in the work of the Lodge and that we are doing our best, even though we made mistakes now and then, and that the Great Ones moved the forces on inner planes that brought the outer conditions to relieve our wants at critical moments.

### TEMPLE BUILDERS

The Temple Builders' work, under the supervision of Mrs. Jane W. Dower, Mrs. L. H. Harbison, and Mrs. Isabelle Tarbox, has been holding regular and interesting meetings in the Memorial Temple under a definite and constructive program. Some of the ideas presented by the Builders at these meetings have been published in the Artisan in the Temple Builders' Department.

This work for the young people is of the utmost importance and should be encouraged by all Templars everywhere. The children of members at a distance may be enrolled in this department, if they so desire, by writing to Mrs. Jane W. Dower or the Temple Builders direct, Halcyon, California.

### PROPAGANDA AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

The propaganda work, as shown by the Scribe's report, has been going on steadily, and much good has been accomplished and many new members added to our list.

The correspondence courses are of the utmost importance and members should call the attention of those beginning the study of Temple philosophy to these courses and advise them to take them up for study. There has been considerable more interest shown in these correspondence courses of late, and we feel that the Temple influence can be disseminated very effectively through them, and non-members taking them will be sure to be interested more and more in the Temple work generally.

During the past months Mr. W. H. Thompson and Mrs. Lillian Harbison have been reprinting in the Halcyon print shop many leaflets embodying in whole or in part teachings and messages given to the Temple in the past. These are being gotten out in attractive form, and members may have them at nominal cost in quantities for distribution, if they so desire and can make use of them.

### TEMPLE HELPERS AT THE CENTER

I desire to express, on behalf of the Temple work, our sincere appreciation of the many helpers at the Temple Center in addition to

the steady work of the office staff. Were I to mention names I should not know where to stop, but suffice it to say that good work has been done by all who were able to do so, according to their circumstances and qualifications, both men and women.

The old barn has been torn down, and a garage and storehouse built of the lumber. Many of the members have given their time freely to the improvement of the Temple grounds. In fact, whenever a need came up for help to improve appearances or do some necessary thing, there have always been those who came forward to give their services, either physically, mentally, or in whatever other ways circumstances might permit to further the work at the Center.

### THE LECTURESHIP BUREAU

The Lectureship Bureau has been doing steady work during the past year under the direction of its committee, Messrs. Whitney, Harrison, and Hillyard and some others have contacted the various points in this region regularly, including Atascadero, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara. Also at intervals some have gone as far as Palo Alto and San Francisco, bringing the Temple force and influence to those points.

### THE FUTURE

According to revelations made to us in 1898, we have only three years left until the time of the advent of the Avatar in whatever form that Force may manifest. Under the direction of the Lodge we have established a nucleus of people whose hearts and minds are prepared for this important event and a place prepared, if our spiritual karma permits us the blessing of having a closer contact on this and inner planes with that great universal Force and Entity, whose work will probably be the unification of the peoples of the earth.

In proportion as we are inspired to work for the race, for our fellow-men, we can be sure that we will attract more and more to us some degree of that great Unifying Force flowing from the Heart of the Christos. Working for others, giving ourselves in the spirit of helpfulness and sacrifice for the good of the world that others may be uplifted, and attuning ourselves to the work of the Avatar on the material plane will bring compensation in fullest measure on the spiritual plane.

This law has been expressed in many ways. We must give up our personal life to find our impersonal or higher life. We must lose ourselves in the personal sense to find ourselves in the divine. Joaquin Miller, the poet, has put it in very striking terms indeed. He sums it up forcefully from every standpoint, saying, in effect: When in the grave all that you will be able to hold in your lean, dead hands is that which you have given away. How true that is!



All that we have given away of our sympathy to others, of our substance in helping others, of our unselfish desires to help others and the world, of our sacrifices for others and the world, that only we shall find a vast treasure in our spiritual hands after death. But the things that we have grasped after and wished to hold selfishly we shall have lost. Therefore, how important to follow the law of inter-dependence, to work for others, and thus help on the redemption of humanity and all creatures!

The meeting closed with the reciting of the Temple Mantrams by the audience and the singing of the "Consecration Hymn".

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The balance of the report of the convention will be given in the next number of the Artisan.

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### BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it we will publish, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject.

Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subject.

Conducted by Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe. Address, Blavatsky Department, Temple Artisan, Halcyon, Calif.

**Question:**—What is the state of consciousness during a Pralaya?

Perhaps the best answer to this question is contained in Stanza I of the Book of Dzian:

1.—The Eternal Parent wrapped in Her ever invisible robes had slumbered once again for seven eternities.

2.—Time was not, for it lay asleep in the infinite bosom of Duration.

3.—Universal Mind was not, for there were no Ah-hi to contain it.

4.—The seven ways to bliss were not. The great causes of misery were not, for there was no one to produce and get ensnared by them.

5.—Darkness alone filled the boundless All, for Father, Mother, and Son were once more One, and the Son had not awakened yet for the new wheel and His pilgrimage thereon.

6.—The Seven Sublime Lords and the Seven Truths had ceased to be, and the Universe, the Son of Necessity, was immersed in Paraniishpanna, to be outbreathed by That which is and yet is not. Naught was.

7.—The causes of existence had been done away with; the visible that was, and the invisible that is, rested in eternal non-being—the One Being.

8.—Alone the One form of existence stretched boundless, infinite, causeless, in dreamless sleep; and life pulsated unconscious in universal space, throughout that All-Presence which is sensed by the opened eye of the Dangma."

It is difficult, well nigh impossible, to grasp this thought with the intellect. If, however, we read these stately sentences and brood over them we may absorb the thought to some degree. Evidently we lose our identity as individuals, to become cosmic in the range of our consciousness. Our narrow personal lives have become gradually, by the processes of evolution, expanded until they are identified with and embrace the whole universe, as we have slowly sloughed off our personal selves or have liberated our divine Selves; and while at the outset our consciousness might be symbolized by a dot within a circle, at the end of a Manvantara it has enlarged until it takes in, understands, and is the circle itself. "The dew drop slips into the shining sea."

To quote again from "The Secret Doctrine":—"The essence of darkness being absolute light, darkness is taken as the allegorical representation of the condition of the Universe during Pralaya, or the term of absolute rest, or non-being, as it appears to our finite minds."

The Wisdom Religion teaches that in our ultimate essence each human being has three aspects, Being, Consciousness, and Bliss; and therefore it would seem that at the close of the Manvantara, when we are all indrawn again into the Unmanifest, our condition will be one of bliss, unrealizable to the mentality.

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The following copy of a clipping from a recent daily newspaper will prove of interest to our readers, as it shows that, while large numbers of civilized humanity have accepted the theory of evolution, there are still those who combat it on the ground that it is opposed to the teachings of Christianity.

"New York, June 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Two of President Wilson's secretaries of state will be matched against each other when John T. Scopes goes on trial next month on the charge that he taught his Dayton, Tenn., high school pupils evolution, in violation of the state law.

The two former cabinet officials are Bainbridge Colby, who was chosen today to assist in the defense, and William Jennings Bryan, who has already agreed to help prosecute the young teacher.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is arranging the defense of Scopes, also accepted the offer of Clarence Darrow, Chicago lawyer, who volunteered his services.

The ability of the Chicago lawyer to dramatize court action, as well as his legal accomplishments, led to his selection.

Forest Bailey, of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is organizing the defense forces, made no secret of the fact that the defense desires to make the trial so dramatic as to focus the attention of a nation upon the little Tennessee town.

Dr. John R. Neal, counsel for Scopes, will retain his position as senior counsel, Dr. Bailey said. The position of Dudley Field Malone of New York has not yet been decided. Charles Evans Hughes, who had been suggested as one of the defense counsel, will probably not be asked to assist in the trial, unless it is carried to the supreme court on the plea that the Tennessee law is unconstitutional.

Some of the country's leading scientists and clergymen will be called to testify, Mr. Bailey said, the latter to show that the theory of evolution is not fundamentally opposed to Christianity."

It would appear that, in some districts, at least, there is a reaction from the religious freedom which now so strongly characterizes American thought; and perhaps a little careful watching may be necessary lest our liberties on this line be seriously impaired.

It is almost invariably the case that those who are unfamiliar with "The Secret Doctrine" teachings on this subject object to evolution on the ground that it teaches that a man is descended from the ape; and we are therefore publishing some extracts from "The Secret Doctrine" anent this matter.

In the footnote on page 185, Vol. I., 1925 edition, we find the following distinct teaching that the ape descended from man, and not man from the ape:

"Such anthropoids form an exception because they were not intended by Nature, but are the direct product and creation of 'senseless' man. The Hindus give a divine origin to the apes and monkeys because the men of the Third Race were gods from another plane who had become 'senseless' mortals. This subject had already been touched upon in 'Isis Unveiled' twelve years ago as plainly as was then possible. On pp. 278-79, the reader is referred to the Brahmins, if he would know the reason for the regard they have for



monkeys. For then he (the reader) would perhaps learn—were the Brahman to judge him worthy of an explanation—that the Hindu sees in the ape but what Manu desired he should: the transformation of species most directly connected with that of the human family, a bastard branch engrafted on their own stock before the final perfection of the latter. He might learn, further, that in the eyes of the educated "heathen" the spiritual or inner man is one thing, and his terrestrial physical casket another. That physical nature, the great combination of physical correlation of forces, ever creeping onward toward perfection, has to avail herself of the material at hand; she models and remodels and remodels as she proceeds, and finishing her crowning work in man, presents him alone as a fit tabernacle for the overshadowing of the divine Spirit.'

Moreover, a German scientific work is mentioned in a footnote on the same page. It says that a Hanoverian scientist had recently published a book entitled 'Ueber die Auflosung der Arten durch Natürliche Zucht-wahl', in which he shows, with great ingenuity, that Darwin was wholly mistaken in tracing man back to the ape. On the contrary, he maintains that it is the ape which is evolved from man. He shows that, in the beginning, mankind were morally and physically the types and prototypes of our present Race, and of our human dignity, by their beauty of form, regularity of feature, cranial development, nobility of sentiments, heroic impulses, and grandeur of ideal conception. This is purely Brahmanic, Buddhistic, and Kabalistic philosophy. The book is copiously illustrated with diagrams, tables, etc. It asserts that the gradual debasement and degradation of man, morally and physically, can be readily traced throughout the ethnological transformation down to our time. And, as one portion has already degenerated into apes, so the civilized man of the present day will at last, under the inevitable law of necessity, be also succeeded by like descendants. If we may judge the future by the actual present, it certainly does seem possible that so unspiritual and materialistic a body should end as Simia rather than as Seraphs. But though the apes descend from man, it is certainly not the fact that the human Monad, which has once reached the level of humanity, ever incarnates again in the form of an animal."

Again on page 184, Vol. II, is the following:

"32. And those which had no spark (the 'narrow brained') took huge she-animals unto them. They begat upon them dumb races. Dumb they were (the 'narrow brained') themselves. But their tongues untied. The tongues of their progeny remained still. Monsters they bred. A race of crooked, red-hair-covered monsters, going on all fours. A dumb race, to keep the shame untold.

(a) The animals 'separated the first', says Stanza 31. Bear in mind that at that period men were different, even physiologically, from what they are now, having passed the middle point of the Fifth Race. We are not told what the 'huge she-animals' were, but

they certainly were as different from any we know now as were the men.

This was the first physical 'fall into matter' of some of the then existing and lower races. Bear in mind Stanza 24. The 'Sons of Wisdom' had spurned the early Third Race, i. e., the non-developed, and are shown incarnating in, and thereby endowing with intellect, the later Third Race. Thus the sin of the brainless or 'mindless' races, who had no 'spark' and were irresponsible, fell upon those who failed to do by them their karmic duty."

And on page 186, Vol. I, we read the still more emphatic statement that "It is really with surprise that we have ascertained the fact that 'Esoteric Buddhism' was so little understood by some Theosophists as to have led them into the belief that it thoroughly supported Darwinian evolution, and especially the theory of the descent of man from a pithecoïd ancestor. As one member writes: 'I suppose you realize that three-fourths of Theosophists and even outsiders imagine that, as far as the evolution of man is concerned, Darwinism and Theosophy kiss one another.' Nothing of the kind was ever realized, nor is there any great warrant for it, so far as we know, in 'Esoteric Buddhism'. It has been repeatedly stated that evolution as taught by Manu and Kapila was the groundwork of the modern teachings, but neither occultism or Theosophy has ever supported the wild theories of the present Darwinists—least of all the descent of man from an ape. Of this, more hereafter. But one has only to turn to p. 47 of 'Esoteric Buddhism', 5th edition, to find there the statement that 'Man belongs to a kingdom distinctly separate from that of the animals.' With such a plain and unequivocal statement before him, it is very strange that any careful student should have been so misled, unless he is prepared to charge the author with a gross contradiction."

On page 157, Vol. II, we find the following: "These are things, perhaps, that may have escaped the far-seeing—but not all-seeing—eyes of our modern naturalists; yet it is Nature herself who undertakes to furnish the missing links. Agnostic speculative thinkers have to choose between the version given by the Secret Doctrine of the East and the hopelessly materialistic Darwinian and Biblical accounts of the origin of man, between no soul and no spiritual evolution and the Occult doctrine which repudiates 'Special creation' and the 'Evolutionist' Anthropogenesis equally."

## THE BOOK

The book entitled "Teachings of the Temple", consisting of the teachings of Master Hilarion transmitted through the Artisan during many years past, is now ready for distribution. It is a volume of about 700 pages, with ten or twelve interesting illustrations and a good index. It is a very presentable book, with the title stamped in gold, and every member should have a copy, as it is a text book showing the inner and spiritual basis on which the Temple work is founded. Non-members of the Temple who are interested in the study of occult philosophy and mysticism should also have copies of this book, as it is undoubtedly the most valuable contribution to the literature of mysticism since the advent of "The Secret Doctrine". It consists of 245 lessons and other valuable messages, and definitions relating to the Great White Lodge, and a foreword that explains the origin of the lessons and gives interesting fundamentals concerning the Masters of the White Lodge who are concerned with the Temple movement. This book may be considered as the voice of the Temple speaking to the multitude, as it is for the whole world, and the force of the Lodge goes with it. Letters from all who have received their copies express the highest gratification, that the Temple has been able to put forth such an interesting, instructive, and uplifting work for the benefit of all.

As the Temple members, directly and indirectly, have contributed so largely in defraying the expense of the publication of this book, the first edition of which consists of 2,000 copies, a special price is offered to all Temple members of \$2.50 per copy. For non-members the price will be \$3.00 per copy; but non-members who may order six books at once may get the same rate as the members, namely, \$2.50 per copy, or \$15.00 for six books.

Mrs. Dell H. Munger, of San Francisco, author of "The Wind Before the Dawn" and other books that have had a wide sale, has written concerning this book "Teachings of the Temple" as follows:

"The new copy of the Teachings came this week, and I want to tell you how much I appreciate the chance to come at them. They read with all the interest and suspense of fiction, and they carry with them a sense of value that catches and holds the attention fully equal to the first chapter of Genesis. I know of nothing else so convincing, so helpful, and at the same time so uplifting. The Old Testament emphasizes God's law, but the Teachings emphasizes natural law, drawing us into closer touch with The Most High along the lines of common sense instead of command. To you, and to Mrs. Neblin, and all those connected with this latest work belongs our gratitude, our praise and our affection. —Dell H. Munger."

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