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# THE TEMPLE

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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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*Behold, I give*



*unto thee a key.*

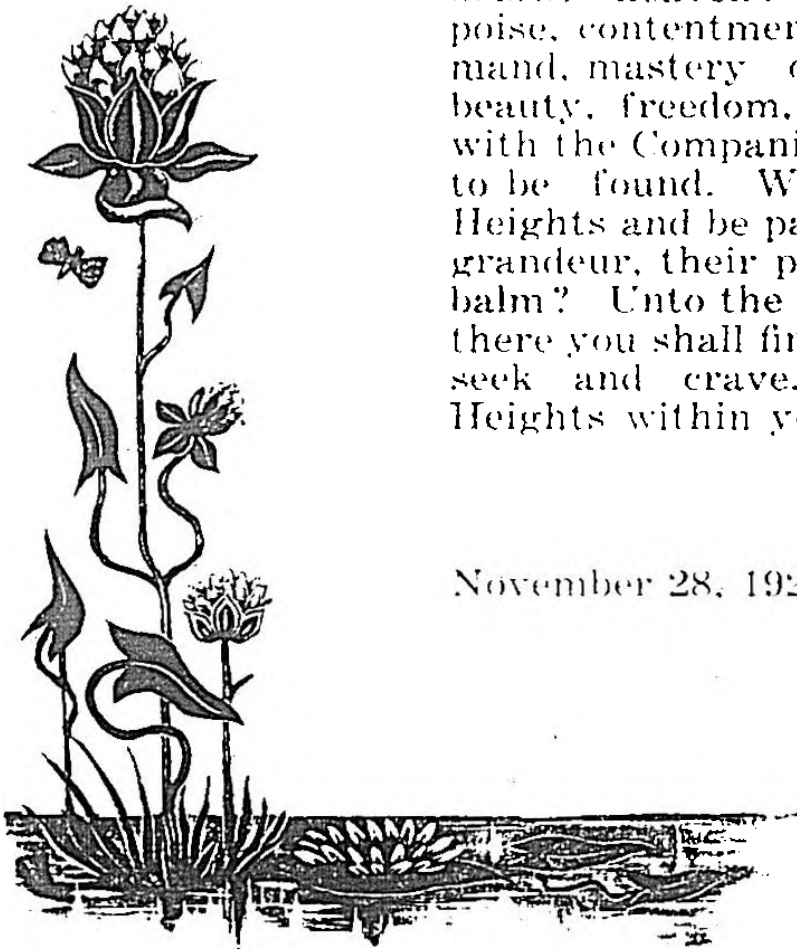
## THE HEIGHTS.

There are rounded hills, smooth, velvety, rolling one upon another. There are sharpened peaks, some lone, clear cut, high. There are some partially lost in haze or mist, snow capped, sunlit. There are open sweeps and stretches, disclosing long ranges beyond. Winding paths and open roadways, active and abandoned, come into view. There are passing clouds and skies of blue, earth creatures

below, heaven's beckoners above. Peace, poise, contentment, calm, strength and command, mastery over the turmoil of life, beauty, freedom, rest, and companionship with the Companies of Light are also there to be found. Would you not climb the Heights and be partaker of their nobility and grandeur, their power, might, and soothing balm? Unto the hills lift your eyes, and there you shall find the Help for which you seek and crave. To the Hills! To the Heights within yourselves!

--MORYA

November 28, 1928.



## A PRAYER.

Almighty Life! Thou Force that bides with all,  
 Awake my soul to see and use Thy might;  
 And give me strength to heed Thy daily call,  
 To walk with Thee in paths of truth and right.

Absolve me from all vain and useless thought  
 That clouds the vision of my daily task,  
 And help me labor in the field I ought  
 Till I can do for self the things I ask.

Thou art my harbor and my fortress too,  
 In Thy strong arms support me on my way.  
 If Thou and I shall guard the things I do  
 I know I shall be safe by night and day.

—C. S. Tirpening.

## THE RIDDLE OF THE CROSS.

The Arm of Nergas has been lifted. The Children of the Seven Kings are once more being destroyed. Those which do not exist are coming into being that Balance may be restored again. The Dance of Death is in operation. The Almeh are performing their magic as you pass through the initiation of Spiritual Discrimination, Knowledge of Law, Realization of Truth. It is the effort of the Forces of Evil to cast their influence upon the Dance that the Disciples of Light may be deceived by the appearances and activities of the Dance, that Fear, Pity and Panic be caused to reign, and that surrender of Higher Discrimination be made, which surrender to ignorance is the only true death. By so doing the Powers of Evil accomplish their ends for the time being, and the Purpose and Plans of the White Brotherhood are temporarily defeated or frustrated: but they cannot hold such position long.

It is required that you see through the mask to the Truth beyond, that you solve the Riddle of the Cross, the Geometry of Deity, the basis of occultism, whose point at the intersection of the horizontal-vertical is the Master Key to Knowledge and mysticism.

The Tear Drops of the Soul are hanging heavy on the Arms of Justice through perpetration of man's inhumanities to man. They cannot be removed until karma be expiated, wrongs transmuted, pain requited with deeds of mercy. They will but hang the heavier by attempted interference with the Law. The soul exacts last jot

and tittle of itself if it is to rise, be freed and live anew.

The Tree of Knowledge of Life, Death and Ignorance has been planted in your midst for you to partake of the fruits of your choice. Phoenix also is making effort to manifest. Fiery combustion beyond your control may be yours for the choosing, or Union with the Flame of Purified Life. The separation of the true from the false, the sowing of the subtle germs of testing, is in process. Once so often do they ascend to heaven and descend to earth again.

The Ineffable Light, the Incommunicable Word, the Magic Arcanum are yours for the seeking, yours for the listening, yours for the living.

—HILARION.

November 11, 1927.

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## BE THY BETTER SELF

(A Letter)

There are retreats of outer stillness, quiet spots of beauty and rest, places where mind and body sense an inner calm that may not be disturbed. To those places the over-tired and wearied journey for surcease from turmoil, care and stress, seek near and far hiding place where even for brief moment they may lose themselves from bustle, strife and noise, loose themselves from great illusion's mesh. And Kind Nature, feeling their aching, longing, knowing their need by the throbbing within her own breast, reaches out and enfolds them within her fond embrace, soothes them into peace and strength. For whether it be by conscious step or wandering they have sought her out, in each she knows full well it has been Her Soul calling Her Children Home which they have heard and followed; and Great Mother Nature's Heart, watching over, listening, answers the faintest murmur from her weakest ones as she rejoices in the glad response of her strongest and mightiest. And she gives each according to the need, and makes clear and plain for them the next step to be taken.

Seek out these spots, these sacred places, these Nature Retreats for the Soul of Man; find them and abide therein as occasions demand, as conditions present and require. Beside cooling waters, under noble trees, neath sunlit or starry skies take your steps at intervals. Let them speak their Silent Forces to your hearts. Become one with their tranquil selves as you are one with the Light that indraws and outbreathes within you, and thereby renew yourselves for the battle of life and make yourselves better fit for service to others also.

As you quietly, gently listen, harken if you do not softly hear in each and every instance One Tone falling upon your ear: Be Thy Better Self, hither, wheresoever thou shalt be or go, and thou shalt find thyself One with the Eternal Stillness, whatsoever the conditions be that round thee smart. Be Thy Better Self, and let none stir thee save as thou thyself wouldst be so stirred. Be Thy Better Self, and in so being thou shalt have power and mastery over All That Is. That is the Secret, the Sweet Secret of Life's Outer Fastnesses.

That is the secret of Thine Inner Sanctuary, and when in thee the two are blended, thou shalt not even need to make retreat, save in thyself, which unites with all things and the unexpressed, and gives peace, poise, rest, strength and balance, and which thou must find and know for thyself. None can find it for thee. Until then, until thou hast found and held the Shrine Within and heard the Whispered Music, seek Nature's Fastnesses and Great Nature's Heart will treat thee, serve thee well. She is ever open to those who seek and love her. Those who seek shall surely find.

From one of Life's Inner Sanctuaries I speak to you in love and gentleness.

Your Father:

—HILARION.

December 1, 1927.

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### HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN.

"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Let this put an end to the disputed question which has arisen once more among you, with the one purpose and intent to disrupt and nullify your unified action and service with which you have been charged and appealed to to render to the Most High Light within yourselves,—which trust you have solemnly accepted to hold and perform in the Name of the Lodge of Life and Love.

"Let him that is without sin first cast a stone." Is there any who, considering the pointedness of the Master's rebuke, can stoop to lift and hurl a stone upon an accused, offending brother, be there evidence or otherwise? If such there be among you let him come forth and stand before the Judgment Throne of the Gods, be released from the Wheel of Karma and Manifest-Life, that he no more return to earth a slave to rebirth.

If such there be among you who has freed himself from sin,

who has won the power to stand erect before the Search Light of the Law and hear pronounced in clear ringing tones of crystal light, "SPOTLESS, the Open Door of Hard Won Bliss is before thee, enter thou into the joy of the Lord,"—if such there be among you, I say, then list unto the word He would speak to you.

But if there be such you will need no special call from me to harken, for the Word He shall speak shall be so mellow, gentle, true, your very souls will be held to feel and hear, and you will be lifted up by the Power of its Glory. All that is gross within you will be stilled by its utterance. Your spirits will be thrilled by the music of its beauty.

But if there be still among you any who **hesitates** to stoop for the stone with which to fell a brother, lest there be yet some faint strain of sin in himself which might cause the stone to strike where he did not aim and so rebound and throw himself instead, to such I say, God grant you may so continue, for to you alone must the Son of Man look for place where He may enter, whereby He may receive and succor those accused and fallen ones who need Him most.

Full well will it pay you to lift up your hearts at morn and noon and night and ask for the Sunlight of the Spirit to shine upon yourselves and determine for you if you are yet without sin.

Jesus, when they tempted Him that He should pronounce the Mosaic Law to be fulfilled upon her who had been caught in sin, stooping down as if He heard them not, with His finger wrote upon the ground, and when they continued asking Him, He lifted up Himself and said unto them, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.' And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest even unto the last, and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst."

If there be any among you who can discover better means and truer for dealing with the situation before you, again I say, let him come hence.

With love and pity,

Your Father,

—HILARION.

November 10, 1927.

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### THAT ARROW OF GOLDEN LIGHT.

Keep out of firing line of that bugaboo cannon that is set up for attack on you. It is a big one, hidden around a curve, close to the

top of the grade. It shoots both ways. Don't forget. You will come upon it unawares, suddenly. Step aside and pass by under cover of its smoke. Keep your eye on the vertical pointing Arrow of Golden Light on its left as you climb. It is reliable, strong, steady. Keep your feet close to the point where it stands on the roadside as you pass through the smoke, and you will come through all right. It is put there to guide your way.

There is a wonderful view from the top of the grade. It will break upon you with as great a suddenness as the cannon, not because it is concealed for any reason or purpose, as is the cannon, but because of the wealth and grandeur which will strike your gaze in a blast of magnificence you have never even conceived of. You will wonder why you never climbed to the top before, or at least you will ask yourselves what kept you from succeeding in the efforts you have undertaken previously. If you think back carefully and honestly enough, may be you will be able to recognize the fact, it was because you preferred smoke and fog to clear air and sunshine. The moss-banks of your own mental-emotional natures were too dense to permit the light of the higher atmospheres to penetrate deep enough to allure you to the top.

You have no one to blame but yourselves for anything that may happen to you if you deliberately stand or walk before either end of the double-mouthed cannon, when clear warning has been given you beforehand. This is clear warning. Make use of it for yourselves as you like and pass it along to others as you feel inclined. Be careful not to attempt to loosen the Arrow, or to lay hold of it in any way. You will get a shock if you do that may knock you down, throw you backward, insensible, if you dare to lay hands on it. It may look insignificant in comparison to the cannon, but best not try it out. If you want to know particularly concerning it or who is responsible for implanting it by the roadside as signal against confusion and panic from promiscuous or stealthy bombarding, inquire of the same one who informed you beforehand of the approach of the Circus, and then doubt and slam again, as you like. But be careful to keep your hands off the Arrow while you are doing it, if you want to escape safely.

There is plenty of noise and smoke in sham battle, but it can deaden and blind anyone who chooses to get in its way. It sometimes baffles and destroys those making the noise when the cannon shoots backward. They run from an imaginary counter attack, when it is only the back kick of their own bewilderment.

The Arrow runs deep under ground, imbedded far within. The Light on its Tip carries strong voltage.

There is more boom-bang ready to be set off than you think. There is no need for alarm, but Watch Out Well and don't be caught napping. Remember, the cannon shoots both ways. Keep your



eyes on the Arrow, and Hands Off altogether.

If you accept this warning you will know who gives it to you. There is no need to placard it. Some would only scoff at it at any rate. **There are a few who know.** Let them have advantage of my love and interest in them.

October 14, 1927.



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### SEQUEL TO THAT ARROW OF GOLDEN LIGHT.

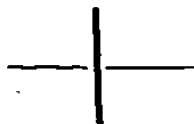
For those who would Make the Grade, climb the Heights, arrive at the top, it is advisable to hold strong reserve for the later stretches, the final pull that shall bring them to the summit. Mountain climbing is not made by swift runs and bounds, but by steady, even pace, if safety and success be desired. It must be taken by circuitous route and careful. Breath must be measured, poise held throughout, ammunitions wisely proportioned, never over-weighted. There may come places, if the highest peaks are to be reached, where leaps must be taken, dangers risked. Even rope and pulley are sometimes necessary to overcome the perpendiculars, but these are for the few and should be taken by the aid and under direction of the experienced. A sure guide and a strong hold are required—a guide that will not fail, a hold that will not loosen, or death and destruction follow.

Neither may the eye be distracted by the grandeur of the outlook or the abysses beneath. The dizzy heights can only be reached and held by keeping fast gaze upon the Peak, with a courage, faith, and persistence that know no defeat because the consciousness has become one with the Vanishing Point toward which and by whose power the ascent is accomplished. It cannot be made by sheer physical strength and endurance. They will prove unreliable, insufficient. The victory is made through and by means of the Invisible Connecting Line of Life between the Climber and the Point toward which he climbs. Therefore must the eye be kept upon that Point of Light, that the pulse beat in Unison, the steps follow in like rhythm.

Be warned that when fogs or smoke have been dissipated, high altitudes and rare atmosphere may unsettle and endanger. Each step should be thoroughly considered, presence of mind firmly held. Where knowledge fails place full confidence and faith in the guide

and obey directions without hesitation, if it be a guide of your own choosing, or sever your connection completely immediately, lest you endanger others in your failure to obey. But in so severing your connection, remember you release the guide of all responsibility if you should slip and fall. If you remain with him and he should mislead you, remember too he was your choice, and it is your privilege to go down as well as to climb with him. If you jeopardize your guide through lack of trust or failure to listen to and obey his commands, either of silent gesture or otherwise, what can you expect other than catastrophe? If you place trust in him you give him reinforcement which strengthens the Invisible Line between yourselves and the coveted Point of Attainment. Wherefore, then, would you doubt or disobey? It is in your own hands, your own feet, your own hearts, your own minds, your own wills to do or not to do to arrive at that for which you set out upon the Trail.

Thus speak the Gods to man. Which would you be, an aspirant to the Stars or an earth-worm of the soil? One is by Light and the sunshine of faith: the other is by darkness and the chill of doubt. One brings attainment, the other defeat. Decide which you would be and then follow the course. The mountain reaches to the Stars. If it be that you would surmount it, you must leave the earth-worm behind. When you reach the Stars you will not remember either: but the Power of your Triumph will be felt by both and lift them up to you.



November 28, 1927.

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## THE FLASHING ROD OF LIFE AND LIGHT.

Temple Teachings

Open Series No. 221.

Throughout all the world of invention there is nothing so marvelous in simplicity, power, character, and purpose as the Flashing Line or Rod of Life, the counterpart of which is the spinal column of man, brain and multifarious antennae extending and reaching out from the same. It is the Feeling-Thought Apparatus of Life, of God, of the Lodge—God in manifestation, expression, or rather the means of expression of the Life of God.

It is the Feeling-Thinking Power in man, animals, creatures, and also so-called inanimate life as well, that which in miraculous

moments may be suddenly activated by high charge from without or awakened from within by mysterious unlooked for, unexplainable forces, in so far as man calculates, and an impulse be given to rise higher in evolution and in realization of Oneness with All That Is.

The Flashing Rod is the Line of Intelligence within the visible, audible universe. It is the instrument by which ignorance becomes enlightenment, darkness receives illumination, chaos assumes direction, confusion transforms into clarity, inefficiency becomes power. It is Mind Stuff raised to the highest degree, the infinitesimally Fine Line, the Vanishing Principle which unites the finite with the Infinite, over which life forces ever flow. It operates in all degrees of life, and according to the degree manifests temporarily, intermittently, irregularly, or in prolonged steadiness and regularity, without break, unceasingly between the inner and outer Consciousness.

It may be held dormant for long periods of time, close within the shell or body of physical substance, but even so it is to be revered, for such phases are as necessary for the balanced completion of the Divine Plan as are the most vitalized lines and vanishing points on higher, spiritual planes.

As in the beginning so now it is demonstrated in the magentic-electro instrument of the spinal cord, brain, and nervous system of humanity, and which, if used aright by man, would enable him to stand spiritually upright, attuned to the true and rightful key of his own higher nature and the Flashing Rod of the Lodge established for his use, and be able not only to know himself but the self of all others as well through realization of his unity with them all.

"My Line has gone forth. My Thought has been set in action. Feeling has awakened within you. Intelligence is yours. You are ensouled of me. My heart beats with yours to receive, feel, hear, answer, and serve you throughout all the problems and ways of life. My Light flashes to protect, guide, enlighten, instruct you in all things you would know and must face. One requirement only is placed upon you, that you accept the Fact that I AM YOU, that We Are One and Indivisible, Eternal, Omniscient, Omnipotent. One and the Same, from the Beginning, Now, and Evermore, Life Without End." Thus saith the Creator-Thinker.

Such is the character of the Flashing Rod or Line of Life, the potential-actual secret of creation. More definitely speaking, adhering more closely to terms of outer parlance, in order to bring it within range and understanding of the present development of the mentality of man, there is established within the finer spheres of space an actual Rod or Line of Life, through which Omnipotent Forces scintillate in communication with the outer manifested universe. The term "space" is not used in technical, scientific sense, although the earnest and honest scientific mind can find satisfac-

tion in the Fact of the subject, if willing to apply himself to genuine research with pure desire, and if he be able to withstand the scoffs and ridicule he must undergo from his associates in the field of material science alone.

The Flashing Rod of Life is a vertical Line of Power, invisible to the physical eye, the Primal Ray over which passes upward, downward, in spiral sweeps and flashes the pure Life Essence of the Universe. Outward, inward it flows; floating, drawing, pulling, giving in-light, life, sound waves; motion-in rest, rest in motion.

At the apex, the topmost point of the Rod, where wave mists nestle and blend, there rests the Grail, the thousand-petaled Lotus Cup, the Brain celled flower of power, the receptacle through which all waves must pass in their upward, downward motion on the Rod and their outward, inward flowing. Through the pointed petals contact and direction are made for the outgoing waves and identification with the areas from which the inflowing currents spring. It is the transformer, recorder, while the Rod is the Vital Essence itself.

It must not be understood that there is a material rod from a physical standpoint other than the spinal-nervous system and its counterparts in lower forms of life; but there is, as said before, a definite line of pure, concentrated Life Essence or force, too powerful for outer sense to see, but the awareness of which is keen to the consciousness of the sensitive, interiorly alive in various ways to many, while its existence is ridiculed, doubted, scorned by those who may be under its direct positive influence and action at the moment of scoffing and denial.

It is for the latter reason particularly that the waves must not pass directly in and out, up or down the Rod. They would damage or destroy some inner or outer vehicle, and the Line would be dissipated through resistance against shocks from without and would shatter denser matter by the very power of the out-going waves. Therefore the petaled Flower of Light distributes the forces in graceful showers from its points and receives them, gradually concentrating them before allowing them to flow downward on the Rod, so holding a strong equilibrium throughout. Let man study the spinal cord, the nervous-mental system, the Ida and Pingali, their rites and functions, the whole astral mechanism, for such they are.

As he studies it from within as well as without with sincere, pure, and earnest desire to use it for holy purposes only, the purposes for which it was given him to serve his Creator in all its forms, he will gradually not only become aware of the existence of the Flashing Rod of Life, but he will find evidence of it on every hand, be awakened to his own connection and relationship with it, and will finally stand before and become identified with it in the most wondrous sight the eye of the soul and spirit can conceive.

He will be spectator to the Law Cosmic incorporated in the words, the dictum, "Let there be Light, and there was Light." And he himself, as part of that Light and according unto his illumination, Shall Be That Light. To the intuitional man, to the true mystic the above will be easily discerned and right applications made.

The Lodge of Masters are in themselves transformers of the Life Essences, the Thousand Petaled Lotus, distributing, proportioning, administering strength, wisdom, compassion, justice. The Hierarchal Ray of a cycle or race is the Rod of Power, the Line over which forces must pass which belong to a definite radius, circumstances, and effort or movement, and must be kept intact, if destructive elementals are to be kept a bay.

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### THE FLASHING ROD OF LIFE AND LIGHT.

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The Flashing Rod of the Lodge must be and is highly sensitized, beyond the power of human mechanism to reckon, to the manifold currents, emotions, thought-actions, intents, desires, and motives of the multitudinous lesser Rays or Lines which reach out to it and which contact it through its Petal Flower Points. From each point of contact a lesser Rod is builded, none the less important in the Grand Life Scheme or Plan and as powerful as the original through which it receives contact and character, if it holds itself in exact attunement to the Parent Rod, Branches from One Tree, the Thousand Petaled Flower of Life.

It is plain to be seen from a contemplation, study, and understanding of the knowledge and action of Life's Flashing Line how various emotions, awareness of events at the moment of taking place, at the same instant of time, knowledge of the condition and states of mind of those near or at a distance, may be and are constantly felt and registered consciously or unconsciously upon the aura and intelligently or unintelligently used. Time and space play no part in the action of the Flashing Rod of Life, save to accentuate the currents or shock as need be. The Flashing Line may even receive currents of life from far distant planets and peoples. It will not receive those which are outside its sphere or radius of rightful service, unless there is the deliberate intent on the part of sender or

receiver to violate Law. It can be done, but it carries its own destruction within itself, even as the Line accurately keyed to Higher Living is protected by itself against destruction.

The Law of the Flashing Rod may be called "thought transference" by many, and generally or crudely speaking the term carries truth; but the phenomenon involves so much more than the term "thought transference" has been understood to imply that Life Transference would be a far better one to convey true meaning.

The above is but a faint suggestion or description of the law, fact, and principle of and within the Flashing Rod of Life. It can be used as a basis for investigation, meditation, and application. According to the use and results made and obtained from the knowledge disclosed herein will more be given or taken away. To him who makes good use of his one talent shall others be added. Those who come into the current of protection, illumination, and poise of the Flashing Line of the Lodge shall learn and know for themselves.

Let them be careful of their motives and aspirations in so doing, for there is no mercy shown to any by it. If they grip the Wire with ungloved hands, they shall be burned and stricken by the electricity which runs through it. Law is Law, and nothing can save but knowledge of the law. Ignorance is no protection. You have been enlightened of the workings of the particular subject under consideration beyond all others, and you are in most direct line with the Flashing Rod of the Lodge for this cycle. That which you wish to know and to do is yours for the living.

Let your own Life Blood flow with regulated freeness and purity of habits and thought, and you will attune naturally with the Flashing Rod of your own particular Ray. The Blood Stream is but another correspondence to the Life Currents transmitted over the Flashing Line of the Lodge, and which must be pure and uncongested if you would contact the Rod safely.

It is through or by means of the Flashing Rod that the "Four Sons saw their Father's Songs and heard his solar-selenic Radiance." Fohat strikes his tones at North and South; his fires burn with light and heat; flames shoot forth in radiance and color through northern lights or southern (Australis), vitalizing, magnetizing, liberating, equilibrating, holding life in form. Tremendous is the power controlled by this Flashing Rod of Nature Purity. Stupendous is the electric energy generated in this phenomenon, not to be counteracted in the smallest potentiality, but to be used constructively through the billions upon billions of lesser Rods directing it intelligently and rightfully.

This Flashing Line or Force may be used to perform the most remarkable physical feats, may recall the dead to life, ensoul new energy, vigor and purpose as well; or it may destroy in a flash of a second, if wrongly contacted. The ozone generated by the electri-

city commonly known to science comes nearer being a true correspondence than any other physical substance, but it is only an illustration. The real energy is as yet beyond the fabrication of the laboratory, though the chemist is in keen search of it and has dealt with it in rapid action times without number, but has been unable to seize upon it, much as he has desired. He has been mercifully protected from its fiery power so far by those who watch over and guard, for he has not yet made the attunement within himself which would prevent self-destruction and wide-spread havoc were he to contact the Rod Suddenly. The secret will never be disclosed to him for practical outer application until he will permit himself to acknowledge the present lurking conviction that the Inner Eye must be given recognition, be opened, and become the Real Seer before the Veil of Matter may be pierced.

When he finally looks into the inner worlds and beholds the true Flashing Rod of Life, attunes himself to it, he will be awed by the dazzling motion, the white snow-like specks in radiant sunlight, the velocity swifter than thought, beyond physical vision, and the poetry of the swift spiral waves. The atmosphere seemingly ablaze, the air penetrated with the dazzling flakes, gaze fixed upon the marvelous inner sight, the scintillating points shooting past and through him, he will be overcome with reverence of the mystery and still greater mysteries which he will know lie beyond; and within his own radiant self he will some day be caught up and stand securely while attunement is made with the Line of Life within himself. He will then be ready to step forth and serve his Master and mankind in one.

In consideration of this all-important, sacred subject, let the final injunction be, "With unsandalled feet, with uncovered head, and with well-gloved hands approach this divine mystery."

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### THE ANNIVERSARY OF B. S.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the first Guardian in Chief, Francis A. Ladue, known as B. S., the services in Memorial Temple on Sunday preceding January 19th were devoted in great part to a review in the form of a tribute to her great work and sacrifices in connection with the founding of the Temple under the direction of the Masters. Dr. Dower gave a brief history of the

Temple work in this connection and referred to the fact that the beautiful Temple at Halcyon is a Memorial to the Light of Blue Star. He also read extracts from an old note-book of B. S.'s, given below:

### From an Old Note-Book.

(Bits from the Master H. written down upon hearing them read by B. S., the morning she received them in 1903.)

Concealed fire chars and blackens all about it.

Lust is nought but lust, however finely the phrase be formed wherewith it be clad and whereby it is used to excite manifestation.

Inner eyes see many false visions; outer eyes see little else.

If you cannot be content without tickling the lion's ear you must expect its springs and its deep fangs.

If you will not profit by the experience of others you have no just cause for complaint when like experience brings loss and suffering upon you.

Over-confidence in your own judgment brings a train of evil consequences as broad and as large as the train which follows lack of confidence. One is positive, the other negative, but both are equal in intensity.

It seems fitting also that an extract copied from words given B. S. by Master H. should be quoted here. On the slip of paper which preserved these words she added a comment in her own handwriting. The whole is given below:

### Copied from Words Given by Master H—.

The life that is truly blessed, the daily fruits of which feed the soul with celestial food, is the life of that one who never misses an opportunity for a kind thought or action whenever or by whomsoever required.

A soldier is never defeated until he turns back on the foe. Pain and sacrifice may bring him to his knees, may even make him grovel in the dust and beg that he may be removed, but so long as he does not turn and run away, the Path of Glory is open to him.

Comments by B. S. :—

Destiny as discernible from the stormy centers of the Ocean of Life presents a forbidding aspect, but smiles with the grace of a sleeping maiden from its rippling waves and quiet depths.



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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

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We call attention to the quotation enclosed on "The Temple of Divine Intuition", as it is one of the basic truths held up before us as the highest goal of attainment on the Path of Mastery. The inspiring ideal contained in the short article mentioned was given to the Temple members some years ago by the Master, but must always remain the highest spiritual ideal for all of us until we are again identified consciously with our Divine Source.

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### The Temple of Divine Intuition.

"As one stone must be laid upon another to complete any great structure, so one attribute and characteristic of similar nature must be attained by the human being in order to awaken true intuition and so make a safe repository for the great secret of Nature. Self-sacrifice, Faithfulness, Self-restraint, Altruism, Humanitarianism, Obedience are some of the stones that must be carved out and laid before it is possible for the roof of the great Temple of Divine Intuition to be evolved and emplaced. When a full realization of this dawns upon you, you will be better able to perceive the reason for my insistence upon the cultivation of such attributes, for man must learn to use the creative fire **in himself** before he can attain to any great degree of knowledge and comprehension."

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Members will note the signature of the Master Hilarion to this important teaching and realize the qualities that must be cultivated

in order to become an integral part of the Universal Temple of Divine Intuition. When this is attained there is a full realization of identity with the whole cosmos and with all that lives and breathes therein—and there is nothing that does not live and breathe, for even the rocks are alive and a part of the One Life.

The Master says that the qualities of self-restraint, altruism, humanitarianism, and obedience are some of the stones that must be carved out and laid before it is possible for the roof of this great Temple to be evolved and made manifest. And we must remember that in every building or Temple the roof is only a part. There are the foundations and the walls also to be constructed, made up also of their particular qualities.

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Through all the teachings of this Great Soul, known to the world as Hilarion in this cycle, runs a similar line of the highest ideals, calling attention to the spiritual and universal qualities that must be developed and made a part of the nature of humanity, before it can be truly emancipated and know the Divine within itself.

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It is not out of place at this particular time to call attention to the fact that The Temple of the People was brought into existence by Hilarion, assisted by His Brother Masters, in the year 1898. Hilarion, however, was the directing force, and is still directing as actively as ever. As a result of this Lodge effort, the Temple has put forth a wealth of spiritual teachings that are not only helpful and inspiring but incomparable from the standpoint of the heights and depths they touch in explaining the origin and destiny of all things and the mysteries on the Path of Life.

Many books and booklets have been published containing these priceless teachings, and they have also gone to all parts of the world through our magazine, The Temple Artisan, in addition to countless leaflets, booklets, and folders that have been distributed during the past thirty years.

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It is not so strange, then, that we find so many who lack a real connection with the Great Lodge trading on the name of Hilarion, borrowing, so to speak, the Temple light and calling it their own, even filching from its teachings and arranging them to appear as original instructions of their own, with the personal claim of higher

sources. There are at least, at the present time, a dozen organizations, cults, and people who are making these claims in connection with the name of Hilarion; and these claims are all utterly false so far as they pertain to teachings under any organized group or society, for this great Master assured us during the past thirty years that this would be contrary to the ethics of the Great Lodge and could not and would not be done.

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This does not mean that this great Master and his Brother Masters of the Lodge are not working with other people or humanity as a whole. They are doing this incessantly; and so far as the Master Hilarion is concerned, the Temple is an organic body through which he works directly, although he may influence thousands or millions of souls indirectly, either through the forces transmitted through Temple channels or otherwise. This should dispose of any question as to where Hilarion is working and through what channels. The wonderful teachings and literature put out by the Temple would be bound to have their imitators and every kind of claim made to be the channels through which this great force is working. But such false claims can in no wise affect the Temple or its work, as it stands on the Rock of the Lodge, under the intimate and direct protection and guidance of this great Master Soul.

—W. H. D.

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### BLAVATSKY DEPARTMENT

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This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, 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 subjects.

Conducted by Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe. Address, Blavatsky Department, Temple Artisan, Halyon, California.

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**Question:**—There are many cults and many organizations teaching various phases of occult thought. In what does the Temple differ from others?

**Answer:**—While this question does not at first glance seem to be one which may be appropriately answered in the Blavatsky Department, yet it is so pertinent at the present time and is such a vital matter, dealing as it does with the fundamental principles upon which our Temple work is built, that we will try to show the basic differences which exist.

As the Temple is a continuation of the work inaugurated by H. P. B., and as the principles are the principles first introduced to the western world by H. P. B., perhaps, after all, the most convincing argument may be found in the writings of H. P. B.

Many of the so-called occult schools are, at best, merely dollar traps. Filching what little of the occult phraseology they may need, and in many cases not understanding the meaning of the terms, they bait a trap for the unwary, promising occult development for a price, and on receipt of the price they mail a set of directions for exercises, etc., which no one can follow. Some of them are ignorant charlatans who seek an easy living. Others know better but have prostituted their soul-knowledge for gold. Their advertisements may be easily distinguished. They always promise something—health, wealth, beauty, spiritual or psychic power—always some gain. You pay your money and you get something.

The Theosophy taught by H. P. B. promises none of these. It does not ask for pay. It teaches you certain laws of nature and explains the workings of these laws. It lays its wisdom before you and let her be nothing. All through the writings of H. P. B. we find her warning us to be on guard against the teacher of spiritual truths who ask for gain.

Another variety of school teaches us to “demonstrate” the good things of life. We are to think ourselves rich, hold a wealthy thought, demonstrate power, imagine ourselves as directing and controlling others, imagine that we see ourselves selling our house or our land for a big price. We will not question the possibility of doing this. Perhaps in some instances it may be done. No doubt some individuals possess a certain hypnotic or suggestive power over others. They perhaps can surround themselves with an auric emanation which will precipitate these things. But if this is not Black Magic what is it?

All through the teachings of the Temple and the writings of H. P. B. runs this key-note—use whatever powers you have, not to gain material wealth or any kind of personal aggrandizement, but to develop unity, impersonality, and brotherhood. How would the race be benefited if you did sell your house for a big price? Would not some poor victim have to pay this price? What if you did gain power? Would not someone become correspondingly negative as you became positive?

No, the Wisdom Religion teaches that soul evolverment consists

not in the gaining of psychic powers but in the unfoldment of consciousness, in a gradual enlargement of our sphere of interests in the affairs of humanity, a growth of our compassionate nature, the gaining of a wider and larger understanding of our fellowmen, and with this understanding comes an ability to help them and a closer feeling of brotherhood and unification.

Back of the Temple work stand the Masters who have evolved to Mastery by travelling along this Path. They did not become Masters by learning cheap psychic and hypnotic tricks and gulling their neighbors with them. They are Masters by virtue of the fact that through sorrow and trials unspeakable and by the crucifixion or sacrifice of their lower natures they have slowly and gradually evolved the divinity within them up out of the deeps of the material world, the world of the senses, the psychic world, the world of the lower mind and its intellectual traps, into the world of Compassion. Their consciousness is no longer centered in the world of personal acquisition. They are no longer interested in whether they will be wealthy or will sell or acquire this or that. Their life work is to send out rays of inspiring forces into the hearts of the human race, forces which will penetrate into the hearts of all who make themselves receptive thereto.

This is the Path to Power. The power to be desired above all others is power over our lower selves. The path is one of self-effacement, not of self-aggrandizement.

**Question:**—If there really are "Masters" why do they not show themselves to the people?

**Answer:**—This is a question which quite naturally occurs to anyone who becomes interested in occult thought, and there are several answers which are, in varying degrees, satisfactory.

First, there have been many occasions on which the Masters have appeared, either in vision or in the flesh, and communicated with individuals. The Bible contains several such records. The teachings of H. P. B. and the history of her life and the writings of her contemporary students are filled with such instances. In the early days of the Temple a Master appeared and talked to a group of the Temple members, and on many occasions a Master has communicated to individual members of the Temple.

These things occur only when there is good reason for them. What good result would be obtained if a Master were to show himself in the sky? Would the vibrations of the race be raised a single note? Would men be made more brotherly toward one another? Would sickness or vice or misery disappear? No. One section of the race would claim him as **their** God and insist on his being accepted only when accompanied by a set of creeds and dogmas which

they had built around him; and another group would say that he was the Devil because he had not appeared in their church and under their auspices.

The Masters are not interested in phenomenal apparitions. They are the Guardians of the Spiritual Force, and they distribute this Force wherever it may be of the greatest service in the development of the race.

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## HERMETICISM

By Genevieve Kemble.

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Under this caption will be published an exposition of the Master Messages and Teachings of The Temple in terms of the Science of Philosophy known as Hermetic.

Hermeticism is based on the fundamental doctrine of Analogy and Correspondence. It comprehends exoteric and esoteric values of Occultism, with its corollaries in realms of Matter, Force and Consciousness.

It postulates that "whatever is, is double", that "whatever exists in the natural world exists in the spiritual world in a spiritual form, and whatever exists in the spiritual world exists in the natural world in a natural form." As above, so below.

It synthesizes all arcane science and philosophy—Astrology, Alchemy, Gemmetry (symbology and numerology), Occult Physiology and Biology, Metaphysics, Theosophy and Mysticism, comprising the seven wards of the Cosmic Key unlocking the doors to the Mysteries.

Its purpose is to stimulate the union of mind and heart, knowledge and intuition, in accomplishment of the Divine Marriage of Love and Wisdom, spoused in the Celestial Chamber of Divine Consciousness. Its vision is the refining and subliming of physical being, the unfolding of interior functions and faculties, the exaltation of spiritual perceptions and aspirations, the ultimate merger of The One with The Whole.

The implements of the Hermetic System are the symbols and images of the Ages, the tincture of which so richly colors the Temple Message. Its language, that of the Sages of all races and times, will be translated for the modern "children of Hermes" as simply as the profundity of the eternal verities may permit when rendered into workable terminology.

Questions are invited and may be addressed to Hermeticism, Temple Artisan, Haleyon, California.

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## The Day Come to Us.

### II.

What are the processes of The Great Sifter? How may the Templar best synchronize his aspirations and activities with the

segregating but salutary program of the mighty cosmic powers?

At the instigation of the before-mentioned Saturn Entity impinging upon the Earth aura divers separative and probationary forces have been liberated. Under the immediate supervision and direction of elected Evolutionary Agents, or Masters, individuals, races, nations, the planet itself, have bent beneath the brunt of this invincible Karmic intervention.

Our Message intimates that a definite measure of this initial sifting has been accomplished. And now the Heart-shaped Paddles (symbol of locomotion, progress) on "the Golden Standard of the Scales of Kronos are turning upon themselves in effort to secure equilibrium, maintain supremacy of the Powers of Light and Truth over the Forces of Contention, Tantalization, Evil." Humanity seems to be agitated on the Cusp of the overlapping cycles. Seething beneath the pressure of the upper and nether millstones, we are bidden to make choice of Paths, the one "which leads upward to Life or that which leads downward to Extinction". It is the call of SELF to self, on the stroke of the Hour of the Christ. It is the Moment of Choice. It is the Time of the First Work of the Philosophers, that "summon the Living Spirit from among the Dead" (as Socrates hath it), the royal magicum that dissolves Body and Spirit. Alchemically, astrologically, it is the Work of Saturn. Let us endeavor to appreciate the ultimate benevolence of Saturn's methods, through his much misunderstood dualism.

The name Saturn is derived from Sator, the sower, Latin Sator the planter. Sator Nus is said to be a Messianic name connoting one who sprang from the Earth but was at the same time the offspring of Heaven. As the Son of Ouranos he is Keeper of the Bridge which leads to Infinity. He is the Doorkeeper of the Temple of The King. At once Son of the Sky and of the Earth, he is the Evangel of the New Day personified, for he is ordained to bring Light out of Darkness, Chaos and Confusion being routed by order, system, harmony. He is a rigid disciplinarian and taskmaster. Working with body, mind and heart, through toils of renunciation, repentance and purification, he brings Self-realization, probation, equilibration and final individualization. Thus is he the Great Emancipator, the Liberator from the martyrdom of matter, the thrall-dom of Self. He stands for Spirit made pure, in man redeemed, humanity regenerated through elements of Truth, Justice, Time.

In the Latin Saturnian rites it was the custom to remove the white veil, to bare the head of the initiate, tokening the final unveiling, the revealing of Holy Truth rescued from the mists of Illusion, Maya. In symbolic snow-white wool the Ancient of Days, moving with slow and measured tread (analogue of the deliberate, methodical procrastinating tempers of Saturn), is eventually restored to second childhood, reappearing in the youthful guise of a

Boy. Keneally says he may be expected to return every six hundred years, as a Naronic messenger. In other mythological ceremonials he was known as the Olive of Heaven, earnest of the peace which ultimately comes to the disciplined son of Saturn.

Having assembled his philosophical vessels and secured his material, Saturn begins his First Work, that of Separation. He extracts the essential from non-essential, the necessary from the unnecessary, the extrinsic, the accidental and superfluous from the true, the real, the vital, the valuable, the worthwhile and needful.

The finding of this First Matter, this One Thing of the Sages (or Masters), and properly and suitably placing, environing and conditioning it so that it may, in the ordained time, germinate, incubate, fructify and blossom unto the "glory of the world", as saith Hermes, constitutes the whole of the Hermetic Art. This is the duty of the Masters, as Artificers of Desiny, and of the individual on The Path of Self Mastery. The position of Saturn in the chart of Nativity will give the key of the particular approach of the Chela to the prescribed pathway of initiation—the *via crucis*, usually, imposed by the Law of Justice or Karma.

Let us parallel the First Work of the Sages, and of the Ages and Cycles (time being a factor of prime importance) with the manner of personal unfoldment in the crucible of Life. Saturn is the conservator of matter, of form, the body or physical structure. It is of the earth earthy. Place it in the alembic of mortal life, the vessel of human experience, suffering, sorrow, trial, tribulation, failure, poverty, greed, avarice, calumny, envy, malice, craft, morbidity and melancholy, for these are the children begot of Saturn—unevolved, and not only must he swallow his own baleful brood but he must devour, consume, assimilate and transmute the baser flock of the other gods (planets), gathering them in the testing tubes of life, experience, duty, service, to be macerated, scarified, bruised and broken, till they come forth self-trying, self-proved, self-cleansed and self-deemed, for there is no vicarious atonement for the neophyte seeking Self Realization, Illumination, Mastery, Nirvana.

And while these incubating processes of purgation and separation are long drawn and soul harrowing, it must be borne in mind that Saturn holds in his hands the Scales as well as the Scythe. Our Message tells us that the rod upholding these Scales is of Gold, crowned by Heart-Shaped Paddles or wheels (instruments of progress) which means Justice balanced with the Spiritual values of Mercy, the Heart, or Love principle, infusing the leaven of kindness and generosity into the sordid mass of rigid mind-formed judgments. "None shall pass him (Saturn) who hath not been weighed in the balance of the Seventh Sign"—Libra, the sheath of Compassion.



The Hermetists tell us that "there is no progress unless this work of Separation is perfect." So the great Regenerator begins his work of purification by sifting and cleansing his elements--by repeated fermentation, putrefaction, distillation, cohobation, et cetera, seven steps which "by degrees ripeneth things unripe, sweeteneth the bitter", until, "out of corruption comes incorruption". It generates, perfects, raiseth, heightens and sublimates by repeated digestions. Then "the Milk White Lily (the Golden-Paddled Lotus ripens into the Winged Virgin or Pedma, the Celestial daughter of Saturn) "The White Flower being plucked, the Golden One will not be wanting"—quaint augury of Spiritual Attainment.

"Let the purple flower, the Lily, succeed with still greater care and longer labor" advise the Sages. But this is the work of Jupiter, the Wise One, the Co-counselor, the Producer, in the Mundane Egg, the Crystal of Life, who is to reign in the new era close upon us. "Separate the leaden color of Saturn which cometh out of the waters (Scorpio) until Jupiter's purple star smile upon thee".

The crystallizing, consolidating, congealing, binding influence of Saturn shall give way to the fructifying, vivifying, mellowing, ennobling, enriching, expanding regime of Jupiter, the bloodstream, the very life currents charged for quickening and galvanizing the New Race into being, for Jupiter is the very essence of existence, the moving principle, the Soul of the World. He is "the Good Stone"—Eu(good) Petros(stone)—the lively stone in the Temple of Creation.

Under his dynamic impulse The Great Work must be reversed. Under the incubating rays of Saturn, whose symbol shows matter dominant over spirit, the soul principle has been suspended from the Cross of Matter, has been crucified. It is the office of Jupiter to metamorphose these critical conditions of mind and matter into spiritual polarities, as indicated by the reverse glyphs of Jupiter's symbol, where is seen Spirit transcending Matter. The philosophic function of Saturn is gestation, of Jupiter it is generation. Thus is he the Auric Egg, the Cosmic or Mundane Egg, as variously referred to.

"Saturn being expelled, Jupiter may receive the Sceptre and government of the Kingdom". The round of separation, probation, novitiate, now approaching its climax, as intimated in The New Day and other revelations, it may be expected that the "Second Work" will impose other forms of development, new methods of trial, testing, weighing and transforming of this "sifted" matter, "yet so as by fire", tempered by the Promethean Fires "drawn down from Heaven to be crucified upon a rock."

(To be continued.)

## TEMPLE BUILDERS' LESSON 201.

### Fiamore's Echo Story.

"Ooo! ooo!" "Ooo! ooo!" "Come On!" "Come On!" "Come Here!" "Come here!"

"What's that, Mama? What's that?"

"That is Echo. Call again. May be she will come out and play with you."

"Ooo!" "ooo!" "Come Here!" "Come here!"

"Where is it, Mama? In the school-room?"

"It is over at the school building. It is hiding from you. Ride over and see if you can find it."

Fiamore was riding her tricycle on the school grounds. She was very happy and was calling "Ooo! ooo!" when someone surprised her and answered "Ooo! ooo!" from over toward the school-room. So now she decided to ride that way and see if she could discover who it was.

"Not There, Mama, Not There!" "Not there!"

"Who is That, Mama? Where is he?"

"That is Echo, dear. It is the voice of a beautiful lady, or may be a little girl. She never allows herself to be seen. She only calls in answer."

"Where did she come from? Does she live in the school-room?"

"She comes from very quite, secret places. She is hard to find. She lives among the hills and mountains. Sometimes she comes to play with little girls when they are riding on their tricycles. I think she is looking for someone."

"Who is she looking for?"

"She is looking for Narcissus. Narcissus was a beautiful boy whom Echo loved. He went away. He loved to look at himself so much he forgot Echo. He kept looking into a stream all the time. He would bend over and admire and admire his face and think, 'How beautiful I am!'"

The Love Fairies did not like to see him do this. They do not like to see people admire themselves. They want us to look for the beauty in others' faces and forget about ourselves. So they changed Narcissus from a boy to a beautiful flower. Have you ever seen a Narcissus flower? They are scattered all around. You will some day and you will see how beautiful it is.

The fairies made things so Narcissus' beauty still remained, but Narcissus himself could no longer stand and gaze upon it. He used simply to please himself. Now it gives happiness to everyone who looks upon the beautiful Narcissus flowers, which have been scattered and grown where many people can enjoy them.

Poor Echo is sad because her beautiful Narcissus was taken away. She has looked and looked for him so long without finding him that there is nothing left of her any more but her voice. She is still calling, calling for Narcissus. When she hears you calling "Ooo, ooo! Come on, Come on!" she thinks may be it might be Narcissus, and she answers you.

May be you can help Echo find her beautiful Narcissus again."

"I find, I find, Mama. Come on, let's go. I find, I find!"

(To be continued.)

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## TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES

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The attention of our readers is called to the revised book-list in the back part of the **Temple Artisan**. There is a better and more convenient arrangement and classification. Members will note that all books published by the Temple, as well as pamphlets and booklets, have a classified heading. Attention is called to the republishing of "Beacon Fires", which can be had either in cloth or paper. See book-list on the inside of the back cover.

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"Beacon Fires" is a good book to carry around. Every page is filled with inspiring and helpful forces. This second edition will undoubtedly have as good, if not better, circulation than the first.

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The Temple book entitled "The Coming Avatar" is evidently filling a great need, as it gives a common-sense basis concerning a subject which is much misunderstood; and members should endeavor to promote the circulation of this important book as widely as possible.

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The three books published by the Temple most in demand by the public inclined to philosophy and mysticism are "Teachings of the Temple", "From the Mountain Top," and "Occultism for Beginners". "From the Mountain Top" and "Occultism for Beginners" have been translated and published in Germany. Recently a group of Temple members in Germany translated fifty-eight of the lessons contained in "Teachings of the Temple" and have published the same in attractive book form. The appearance of the book conforms very much to the English edition—dark blue cloth cover and gold stamped. When this first installment is in circulation it is

proposed to publish another installment, until all the lessons have been translated in book form for the German speaking people. The price of this German edition containing fifty-eight lessons of Temple Teachings is \$1.55. Orders for this may be sent to the Halcyon Book Concern.

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The German edition of the Teachings referred to above is well printed and attractively bound and has an interesting foreword written by the translators. In the next issue of the **Temple Artisan**, if space permits, we will quote a translation of this foreword for the benefit of our readers. This German edition was published by Frederick Greiner, Sonneberg, Thuringen, Germany, assisted by the group referred to.

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Letters from two of our Temple members in Italy give us the interesting and important news that some of the articles in "From the Mountain Top", as well as some of the Teachings and other Temple matter, have been translated into the Italian language, also in Russian. The two members referred to are much interested in doing this work, and letters indicate that there is a possibility of an Italian edition of some of our books, or portions of them, as circumstances may permit.

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Scores of letters of appreciation of Temple literature, teachings, and the **Temple Artisan** continue to come in steadily from all parts of this country as well as from foreign countries. We would like to publish a great many of these expressions of appreciation, but lack of space prevents this for the time being. Perhaps in our next number we may be able to give condensed expression to many of the splendid tributes that the Temple literature is constantly receiving.

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The present issue of the **Artisan** is the December-January issue. By the first of April we hope to get all issues up to date. A shortage of help in the Temple office, due to sickness and absence, has been the cause of this delay, as the work piles up rapidly in just a few weeks. We thank our readers, however, for their patience. We feel assured that the excellence of the subject matter in the **Artisan** atones for any unavoidable tardiness of the issue. In future numbers we are planning to include some interesting half-tone cuts of Temple buildings and interesting bits of scenery at or in the vicinity of Halcyon. The next number will contain pictures of Hiawa-

tha Lodge and the unique rustic fire-place, which must be seen to be fully appreciated.

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**Errata:**—Readers of the *Artisan* please note the following typographical errors made in the October-November number of the magazine, and correct:

On page 85, 3rd line, change the word "Mills" to "Hills".

In the 10th line of the same page change "when" to "whom".

On page 85, in the 13th line of the article entitled "The New Day", the word "Christos" should be spelled "Chrestos".

On page 94, 9th line, and wherever else the word is found on that page the word "Sandelwood" should be corrected and spelled "Sandalwood".

On page 83, line 24, substitute the word "than" for "that".

On page 97, in the 25th line, read "Son" instead of "Pon".

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## BOOK REVIEWS

**The Student's Chart Reader of Horoscope Indications** (sixth edition), by Llewellyn George, Principal of the College of Astrology, Los Angeles, Calif., is one of the most acceptable return appearances in Astrological literature. It is particularly timely in this hour when so many are seeking knowledge of the Science unprofessionally. The volume was practically prepared for the student sufficiently equipped to erect and explore his own Figure and those of his friends.

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Between the dainty covers of the blue and gold book is found a wealth of Astrological lore, indeed all that is actually required by "the laymind" or investigator for an intelligent and dependable judgment of his chart. It is replete with workable and accredited information, succinctly, comprehensively, and generously elaborated. Although the small volume might be captioned Astrology in a Nutshell, it covers every item of elementary knowledge necessary for a thorough and helpful analysis and interpretation of the Nativity. The Sun in the Signs as well as the other Planets, together with sufficient handling of the Signs and Houses, are amply delineated, although devoid of the technicalities and symbols which dis-

turb the casual seeker of Astrological wisdom and guidance. These should find in this splendid volume all the comfort of a vest-pocket manual. The reprint has been re-edited and is recommended especially for the beginner in Horoscope making. There are two editions, one selling at \$1.00, and a beautifully bound copy at \$1.50.

Companion volumes, also by Llewellyn George, are **Practical Astrology for Everybody** and **Astro-Analysis**, the latter for those not disposed to dig into the mathematical phases of Astrology. Each is priced at \$1.00, attractively and durably bound and of convenient size. The books of this entire series by Llewellyn George are compact, with Astrological knowledge "pressed down and running over", making them indispensable for the student and valuable to the advanced investigator for the condensed manner of compiling the broad field of planetary influence.

—G. K.

**Science and Astrology**, for the new year, dons a fresh and distinguished robe. Its folio size also is enlarged, thereby adding to its attractive appearance. Between the covers and on them each word and line holds lure for the eager student of the Stars. The articles, mainly, are addressed to the advanced mind that loves to tread the maze of speculative thought or grasp at esoteric correspondences, although Miss Jennings's **Helps for Beginners** is really what the caption indicates. Their tone of ease and intimacy assists in the delivery of the message. Contributors are of the best equipped, who treat their profound findings with such subtle fascination as to make two months a long time to wait for the "conclusion". Let us hope that the plan of the publishers for a monthly issue next year has the sanction of benignant stars.

—G. K.

**Wo Sind Die Toten und Sehen Wir Sie Wieder?** (Where are the Dead and Shall We See Them Again?) In the German language, by Erhard Baezner. Theosophischer Kultur Verlag, Leipzig, Germany, 1927. Price, cloth \$1.55; paper \$1.25.

We recommend this book to our German reading members and friends as a message of love and comfort and peace to all who, in their ignorance, fear death. It was first published during the World War to give comfort to the multitudes who lost their dearest ones. The author shows, in his fine way and through beautiful pictures, the process of dying, how the inner bodies of man, leaving the physical vehicle, enter the inner realms, all visible to those whose inner eyes are opened. He shows the different planes or states of consciousness through which man has to pass after this

great transition and the laws controlling these inner planes, which one might say seem to be even more wonderful than those ruling the physical plane. It is a book of sincere occult knowledge and well fitted to bring a truer understanding of Death, the unavoidable and unduly much feared Great Change in human Life, the Great Initiator.

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