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BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO THEE A KEY

RISE!

Rise up! Be strong! It is another day—another glad, new day.

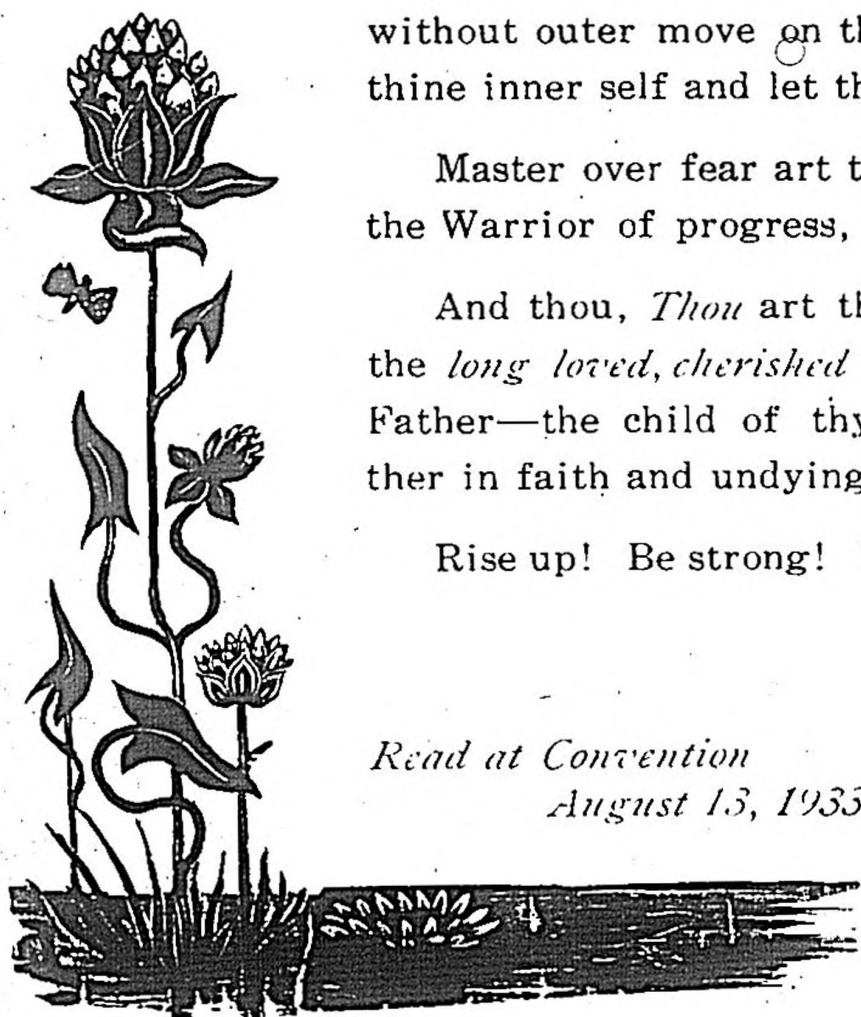
Let not fear stalk thy path, a mill stone round thy neck to drag thee to the bottom. Aye, rise up, before it seizes thee. Turn, *turn* thou upon it and *grip* it within tight-clutched hands—hands of thy Soul, Intelligence; hands of Spiritual Power from which it cannot escape, try as it may or will. And thy greatest strength shall come without outer move on thy part. But act! *act* from thine inner self and let the flooding currents sweep.

Master over fear art thou—fear, dread enemy of the Warrior of progress, light and accomplishment.

And thou, *Thou* art the Prince, the favored one, the *long loved, cherished* favorite of the King, thy Father—the child of thy sweet Mother true—Mother in faith and undying love.

Rise up! Be strong! It is another glad, *new* day.

*Read at Convention
August 13, 1933*



The 34th Annual Convention of The Temple of the People

Saturday evening, August 5th, the usual preliminary social meeting was held in Hiawatha Lodge. All had a happy time in meeting old friends and welcoming new ones. A nice program of vocal and instrumental music was given. Miss Louise Stenquist played beautifully the First Prelude by Rachmaninoff, and Dr. Little and Mr. Konstantine Harcoff sang some fine selections. Light refreshments were served.

Sunday Morning Session

At 11 o'clock in the Temple a devotional and choral meeting was held, presided over by the Guardian in Chief and the Inner Guard, and conducted by Mr. W. H. Thompson. This was followed by the healing service with Mr. Ernest Harrison as officiating priest. At 12:30 luncheon was served for all in Hiawatha Lodge.

Sunday Afternoon Session

At 3 p. m. all gathered in the Temple for the first official meeting of the convention. It was opened by the allegretto of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony rendered by a trio: violin, Chas. Galbraith; piano, Cethi Mallory; organ, Mr. Cheetham. "The Words of Force" were recited and "The Great Unifier" sung. The Inner Guard, Mrs. Wilkins, read from From The Mountain Top the selection "The Temple Plan." Mr. Otto Westfelt, as always in this meeting, sang the charge of the Great White Lodge given at the inception of the work: "Warriors of Light! Warriors of Truth! I salute you in the name of the Great White Brotherhood." The Guardian in Chief then formally opened the convention by invoking the blessings of the Great Ones on all proceedings. He called attention to the great forces of love, light and sacrifice of the Masters put into the Temple work ever since its foundation; to the devotion of the members who have sustained and supported it, and the faithful holding of the Feast of Expectation—now the Feast of Fulfillment—through nearly 35 years. All this has created a strong, radiant center of spiritual light in the aura of the Temple, not only at the center but wherever Temple squares, groups or individuals are devotedly active and attuned. And now, under the present chaotic conditions of the world these forces can be used constructively by the Great Ones who guide the destinies of worlds and races—in fact, all who are consecrated to service are used, however little they may be conscious of it.

As ever, the singing in unison of the invocation hymn "Gitchie Manitou the Mighty," inspired us with joyous enthusiasm. Then we listened in deep gratitude to the Guardian in Chief's reading of the Master's Message to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION
AUGUST, 1933

TO MY CHILDREN: I greet you! From the troublous, torn and fevered world, its conflicts and upheavals; from the wreckage of varying elements and currents; from sin, suffering, strifes and inhumanities; along with the multiplicity of efforts for adjustment and reconstruction, as difficult in many ways to unify with the opposing, differing opinions and projects advanced, as to eliminate the original, disruptive causes; from there--and more than you could imagine or endure to hear

I come to give you greeting, to seek respite and release for a short spell, refuge such as no other spot or people can supply, and appeal to you for your co-operation and help.

In this time of colossal need, in this period, figuratively speaking, of near eclipse of the Prevalence of Righteousness from the Heavens, when shadows cast by broken law, pallid light of negative phenomena, are lifting, passing into greater and greater distances--in this time there is no place for personal matters. Individual problems must be laid aside as secondary, at least in importance. As nearly as possible, in these closing years of cyclic retribution, this epoch of evil and greed with interspersed revelations of a brighter future, the lesser should be submerged altogether in the greater, all important, universal questions of the day.

Disciples of the Armies of Light must take it for granted, take it to heart, that all must work for One Cause--the progress, transformation and transmutation of the new from the old states and conditions of governmental society, and if for nothing but selfish reasons alone they must lose their lives in the interests of the whole that the safety of humanity be preserved, the integrity and progress of civilization be furthered to furthest degree possible. God grant enough may recognize their privilege to make it possible to establish and commandeer the New Order of Things securely enough for strong future furtherance, wise and practical application

Gratitude is ours that the Temple group, small as it may be, has withstood the onslaughts of time and the attempted inroads of the dark forces which are so actively organized at present to undo and undermine all constructive labor and efforts. Never must you allow yourselves to be deceived into believing that they are stronger and more powerful than the Lodge and Brotherhood of Light. There are times when they would seemingly overwhelm all things, but remember it is but seeming, and they collapse in an instant when the right moment arrives. There is but One Great Source of Light and it endures forever. It contains all resource for your every need, on every plane of being, and you are never without access to that Light if you turn your consciousness to it. It is all powerful, all sufficient, and overcomes all things negative.

Much of value, more than you know, has been accomplished by you during the past year. The self-discipline, helpful, courageous and brotherly attitude one to another, the general sharing of responsibilities and efforts has gone far toward keeping cheer, warmth and vigor of life in the work. It is not the spectacular pageant that counts in time of crisis, either nationally, universally or individually. It is duty well cared for, distress eased in seclusion, love administered in faith and silence, that conquers. These are the elements that enlarge the consciousness, that make it possible for us to use you, to draw upon you for reinforcement, day or night, sleeping or waking, when the bell-call of need rings out, summoning for relief and succor.

This is what you feel oft-times, far more than you realize, when your natural forces are low. This was brought before your attention last year, but being unusual or unfamiliar to you, you have not fully understood what was taking place. You will learn to brace and reinforce yourselves. You have no idea of what we go through, scarcely an imaginative approach to the situations in and with which we are working these days. We are indeed drawn upon and spent repeatedly. At the sun's setting there is little surcease. In the night hours cries for endurance and relief constantly rise. In gray of mornings the note of courage must be sounded again and again. In heat and light of noon, shade and food and drink must be supplied, accompanied ever by determination, will and clear purpose of action.

Your own struggle of the past year has been in some ways a life and death struggle, more perhaps than you realized at the outset, though we gave you strong clue. A physician does not generally over-emphasize danger lest he neutralize the power of resistance and take away power and hope of recovery. So with disciple and teacher. You must learn to catch the cue, respond promptly and move correctly. In the main, you have done well and victory rests largely on your doorstep. If looking back over the cycle you declare yourselves hard-burdened, wearied beyond point of justice, ask yourselves if compared with our responsibilities or even with those of neighbors or more distant peoples if you have any greater burden or cross to carry, any reason for complaint, discouragement or depression.

Rejoice, Children of Light! Stand securely and salute the Godly Powers that have protected, defended and sustained you according to your heritage. Render thanks for all that is yours, that has been granted you, bestowed upon you. Take cognizance deep and broad and high and ask yourselves full seriously if you are willing, glad, proud, to be allowed to continue to carry the Banner of Spiritual Effort forward—forward—or if you desire to sit by the wayside calmly, take ease, satisfaction and rest from anxiety and further responsibility. One reminder we give you to help you in deciding. He who shares in the rewards, comes in at the *close*, not the beginning or part way on the road, but at the goal, the full finish when the treasures are laid on the altar and the gems given estimate and bestowal, distribution of honors.

Before closing let it be seriously suggested that my communication of last year be re-read and studied. The advice given therein is as applicable today as when given. It was presented at considerable length and can be considered today to as great if not greater advantage than a year ago. There is no need to repeat it. The educational aspects are important. In addition to what was offered in regard to historical and literary subjects, both pleasure and knowledge can be gained from the pursuance of nature topics such as birds, flowers, also elementary harmony and astronomy. Both the latter involve the subject of mathematics which is of course fundamental.

I do not make this mention of study carelessly, but from steady, practical observation and suggestion. They bring balance and foundation especially needed from various angles and in view of development of the educational plan and idea. This plan has not died, but will flower forth in right season.

In all efforts put forth, though they be slow in coming to fruition, let not discouragement or unfaith enter in. In your individual progress, in your inner development, let nothing shake or weaken your faith in yourselves. Patience is as desirable and necessary for success as the initial desire and determination to set forth for arrival at the goal. It is also most important, most compassionate to bear in mind today, for those others who come before us, those seemingly *decadent* brothers or sisters immersed in sin that they can, through the contact of a spark of true spiritual fire, be transformed into a *Rising Soul* from a type gone to its *lowest* point and turned toward its new climb to the heights and joys of light.

From both general and spiritual instruction, as intimate request or favor, it may be said there is *one charge* of deep importance placed upon you—a sacred trust, a reliable assurance resting within you—that you do not speculate nor confer in any way, with yourselves or others, in any form or manner, in regard to Future Line, worthiness or safe keeping of the same between The Lodge and yourselves. All such speculation is harmful, belittling, weakening, to all concerned. It is well cared for and demands but one requirement from yourselves—complete fidelity and devotion to the Present Centralized Point and Agent, to obedience of simple direction and understanding given you regarding the same and faithful continuance of your own duty day by day.

It is necessary to call your attention to the fact that back of mass action there is a basis of intangible, imponderable, invisible forces. The mass is made up of what we call matter and is designated the phenomenal aspect of things. The finer spiritual forces, which are intangible, imponderable, invisible and inaudible constitute the *world of reality*, which is the essence or soul of matter. Matter so called is an illusion, but these imponderable qualities referred to are a reality, the spirit or soul of matter. The world of matter is the great illusion because it is based on relativity. The essential qualities referred to are the great

reality. They are the divine forces and qualities. Matter so called has its source in nothingness; therefore, what we call nothingness is the source of the universe. We call it nothingness because we cannot see it, feel it or hear it. Every cubic inch of so-called empty space is filled with life, entities and energy. An illustration of this truth was formulated by a Chinese philosopher who said the most important part of the wagon was the hole in the hub of the wheel. The wheel revolves around the axle because of the function of this *empty space*. The same philosopher said a house was useful because it was not solid inside. Scientists find the X-ray tube is useful and produces a marvelous ray of energy because the air is withdrawn from the tube. It is a vacuum, in other words. Millions and billions of miles of space between this earth and planets and suns is also a vacuum but filled with the cosmic rays, electrons and other forms of intangible and invisible energies, and the universe and planets and suns are built as a result of the action and interaction between these rays on one another existing in nothingness, namely, the universal ether. God fills all space because He is nothing. Things are but shadows of the Real: the physical but the shadow of the astral; the astral the shadow of the higher astral, and this the shadow of the Trinity.

Applying this to human condition we must empty our hearts and minds of outer things and allow the essence back of matter to flow in, then we will be as Gods. Applied to economic condition, humanity must get rid of worldly things and then the *one great reality* will shine through the hearts, minds and bodies of men and they will have all that is needful. In other words, the more things you have, the less you possess from the standpoint of the noumenal, the real. This is the lesson that humanity collectively and individually must learn from the standpoint of spiritual knowledge and wisdom. Again the cause of all the trouble in the world is because humanity has been running after material things—the things of matter which have prevented the spirit from functioning through their hearts, minds and bodies. The less you have of material things the closer you are to the Christos and the Godhead.

And now, in leaving, what more can be said, what more important, sacred or precious be offered than the words of the Master Jesus uttered years ago to his disciples when about to leave them:

“Little Children: a new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

In deep affection and trust,

Your Father-Brother,

Halcyon, California
July 25, 1933

HILARION

Dr. Little then sang an aria from "Elijah" by Mendelssohn. Dr. Dower spoke in loving words of all who had been with us at former conventions, but could not be with us this time, especially of Mrs. Dower, who was with us whole heartedly in spirit, and would so have liked to hear the choir sing "The Harp of Life," as she had an important part in the composing of its music. Then followed the singing of "The Harp of Life" with organ and piano accompaniment. The meeting was closed by the andante from Schubert's Symphony in C by the trio, and the words of blessing by the Guardian in Chief.

During both Sunday meetings we united in our thoughts with our members everywhere and especially with the German Section just holding their fifth annual Temple convention in Berlin.

Sunday Evening Session

The Order of The 36 met in the Temple at 8 p. m. and celebrated the Feast of Fulfillment. All attending were invited to partake.

Monday Morning Session

This is always the meeting for the reports and addresses of the Temple officers. It opened at 10:30 a. m. with a fine piano selection by Cethyl Mallory. After some introductory words by the Guardian in Chief, Mr. Harrison gave his address as follows:

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

After existing as an organized body for a third of a century, the Temple stands today exactly where it is, not as the result of the efforts, successes and failures of any individual or group of individuals, but as a result of the ability of all those who have been drawn into the sphere of its influence to put into human expression those qualities which are basic in all soul building, and these are twelve in number—Love, Faith, Hope, Justice, Charity, Devotion, Courage, Humility, Endurance, Compassion, Unselfishness, Perseverance. These qualities are fundamental and either singly or in groups are at the root of all spiritual growth. One may follow any of these twelve lines which radiate out from a common center, like the spokes of a wheel; and as he travels inwards he will, if his motive be pure, gradually acquire the other qualities also.

If his dominant virtue be Faith it will carry him towards the center, but before the center is reached he must develop Endurance and Compassion and Perseverance, and all the others of the twelve basic spiritual powers.

If Humility or Courage dominate he cannot reach the central spiritual point without developing on his way the other qualities also, but one of these twelve will be the line through which the impulse flows. These are the twelve channels which connect the higher and the lower mind, the spiritual and the animal man. Just as there are twelve basic forces in the physical world, so there are these twelve corresponding basic forces in human character building. The Temple, interiorly, is a structure which is being gradually builded up out of these twelve qual-

ities, which constitute the framework and beams and rafters of the building.

It is not a question of how many members the Temple has, how much literature is sent out, what meetings one attends—so much as how much we as individuals have built into this structure, which can contain nothing shoddy or base or counterfeit. Each element which enters into the *real* Temple has been purified in the fires of sacrifice and renunciation; every one of these twelve basic qualities has been transmuted out of a baser quality; tried out in the crucible of experience, and *always* at the sacrifice of the gross to the finer. This process is symbolized by our Fire Sacrifice and has been symbolized for ages in the offering up of a burnt offering on the altar.

Life itself is the crucible, and life will slowly develop these qualities, but the occultist tries to hasten the process. He definitely aims to be just and devoted and courageous, and to persevere; he must keep hopeful and above all he must be charitable. He is not so much concerned over whether this one or that one did this or that, or what they said and what they meant, and what someone else had said which apparently contradicted what they said, as he is occupied in trying to become, in his own little self, day by day a bit more of a dynamic center through which these twelve spiritual qualities will flow. This is the process known in occult literature as the building of the fire body.

Theosophy is not a religion of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not." It is not a mass of creed and dogma to be obeyed and be saved, or to be transgressed and be damned. The occultist throws all such paraphernalia into the garbage pail. He is a builder, not a sheep. He has taken the reins in his own hands and his sense of justice tells him he must rise or fall by his own efforts. Guided by the one of the twelve spiritual forces which is dominant in him he steers his course towards the center of the wheel which is the synthesis of all twelve of them.

In the thirty-odd years of the Temple work hundreds have been drawn into the vortex of the Temple activity. Many have come and many have gone; many *will* come and go, but the Temple structure has kept on building and *will* keep on building, for it is built out of something far more durable than memberships or opinions or personalities.

During the sixty years which have elapsed since H. P. B. introduced theosophy to the western world the growth of the outer organization has been insignificant, but what a change the teachings have made! They have appreciably influenced the hearts and minds of the whole civilized world. Just as in sociology and economics we today find measures advocated and adopted which a hundred years ago would have landed their sponsors in the penitentiary, so we find the pages of present-day literature teeming with occult teachings which many years ago would have led to burning at the stake.

Today the president of these United States is beginning to put into operation plans and methods which a few years ago the wildest fanatic would hardly have dared to breathe aloud. Times change, human atti-

ides and customs evolve, and as they change the leaven of the advanced thought of each generation is gradually and unnoticeably absorbed by it.

In human life a man passes through the successive stages of education, expression, and the waning of his powers, and then his life snuffs out like the light of a candle and he is gone. But no matter how humble he was—whatever, during his lifetime, he has added to the potencies of the twelve basic spiritual qualities will remain. The physical man was an animal and is dead. The spiritual part is immortal. The forces of matter flowed through him and he impressed their atoms with his imprint, and the world is a little better or a little worse because he lived. The twelve qualities are immortal.

And so it must be in the life of a society or organization. Its outer form may be great or it may be small. It may have many members or a few. But measured in terms of spiritual values its relationship to the twelve basic spiritual qualities alone is worth while.—*Ernest Harrison*

REPORT OF THE INNER GUARD

Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins read the following address:

Greeting to you, comrades of the Red and Blue Ray, on this the 34th convention of the Temple of the People.

Many changes have taken place in the central group during the past year, and some of our comrades have passed on to other realms to work in other fields. These changes have brought grief and sadness to those who were left.

Those who remained had another difficulty to cope with—the depression. Fine, talented men and women in our ranks could not find employment, and there was suffering in consequence; but all were brave and the optimists felt that there was work “just around the corner,” but when it came there was not quite enough money to keep the “pot boiling.” I expressed my sympathy to one dear soul and she said: “Think how much worse it is where there are little children.”

Those who had garden land raised vegetables and gave to those who were unable to make a garden, and so helped to relieve the pressure; also the price of food was low, which helped to make a dollar go much farther than usual. All helped in a quiet way to bring some material benefit to their comrades, but the end is not yet in sight. One very practical thing some of our people did was to buy mills for grinding wheat and allowing their neighbors to use them. This was a great help. The spirit of co-operation already here came to the front more than ever. The lady gardeners helped to make things bright with beautiful flowers at all our meetings and lodge suppers. One cannot help feeling a thrill of happiness when one looks at beautiful flowers.

INFLUENCING OTHERS

I have been troubled by the manner in which a few older students have tried to influence those less advanced on certain of our teachings not realizing if we use undue influence over other souls we retard their

development. This is done unconsciously of course. The faculty of good judgment can only grow by use; any unused faculty deteriorates. Leave your friends and your family free to do their own thinking, and in taking the consequences of their acts they learn wisdom by experience. You will remember Master H. said he "would not make puppets" of us.

To those comrades who have seen fit to leave our Father's House, I quote from the last year's convention message from Master Hilarion, paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, as space does not permit to reprint in full. We ask Templars to reread this, and quote here only the following part:

"Now is the time when we expect YOU to stand without support, when we plan to turn to YOU for help in distressing circumstances. It has been indeed for a period SUCH AS THIS that we have been building, endeavoring to lay a foundation that would stand the stress, let come what would, without our constant overseeing. You have had opportunity to see yourselves revealed unto yourselves, through standing alone. It was but meet that you should try your strength, otherwise our efforts of the years would have been useless and but a means for weakening you."

VISITING GROUP AT HALCYON

Recently our friend Marc Edmund Jones held a convention of his students at Halcyon. They were here two weeks and we enjoyed the contact very much, also the classes in astrology, which were most instructive. He is the best teacher who ever visited us, and we look with pleasure to his coming again.

Such gatherings are necessary for those who believe in the brotherhood of man, and break down the sense of separateness so common in organizations that pose as lovers of humanity. The getting together for mutual help to all is White Lodge work, and we should do that work whenever possible. These souls may have other work in the world than we, but the inner touch is of God and should never be ignored.

MEETINGS

We have had the usual number of meetings in spite of the illness of our Guardian in Chief and Mrs. Dower which was indeed severe. We have much to be thankful for in their improvement.

Another little Builder has come to the home of Cethil and Patricia Mallory. May he prove to be a true Builder and bring spiritual benefits to his home and the Temple.

The work of the children is important and we hope many more children may be drawn to this center. Many children have grown up here and gone out into the world worthy of the name of Halcyon. To the young people who enter the Temple gate I ask for tolerance in place of criticism. Be patient with their mistakes; do not give "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Remember, we also have faults, and by our lack of control we may turn from our door those who might become valuable helpers in the future. "Do not throw dross in the melting pot of discipleship."

If we found the forces we had to meet difficult, what must be the difficulties of those coming from orthodox homes, or those thrust out into the world with no religion, yet longing for truth and a better life,

something to pin their faith to. We must teach them that every step of the way must be taken for love of truth, God and Master; all obstacles overcome and the Higher Self allowed to rule, and the lower self kept clean for the Master's use.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

In the Master's convention message last year he advised creating a Department of History in our educational work that might become a credit to us for its high standard of study and application. "There are those in your midst highly qualified to organize such a department. It could be incorporated in your correspondence courses. Other departments of education should be established also, as conditions present, and those already established should not be allowed to weaken." There has been delay in this department on account of illness, but now it would seem we might go on with this work. Outer members could send in papers which would help to build up the department. It is to be hoped the Master's call will find an echo in our hearts this year. There are plenty of books of reference in Halcyon, and if not enough, the county library will furnish them.

In closing I will say we have heeded the call of our president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and responded as we were requested to do. May he live long to do the great work he has in hand.

We have been called to a great and holy work. May we come together next year stronger and better for the struggle. Amen.—*Ida J. Wilkins*

The "Words of Force" were recited and "The Great Unifier" sung.

ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Mrs. Dower could not be with us. Dr. Little, whom she asked to read her address, spoke in loving words of her, and then read as follows:

Hold on, hold *fast*, hold *out*. Patience is genius.—Buffon.

So did we read a couple of weeks ago from the daily city newspaper.

"Hold on; hold fast; hold out." And, transposing, translating the last phrase to conform to our own revelation, we have: Genius is patience, faith, courage; genius is love, compassion, endurance, the Higher Self, *victory*. "Hold on; hold *fast*; hold *out*." The Higher Self says victory.

The origin of this mantram, this text, this thought, this whatever you may wish to call it, was accredited to a Frenchman, evidently by the name of Buffon. Do you know him? I do not. I mean to know more about him or his works, if opportunity comes my way. But how glorious to realize that *truth* lives and works without knowledge of name and author. In other words, *truth* is its own authority, any time, any where, as we read and re-read in our Temple literature and as is so proven to us daily, constantly, steadily and eternally.

Truth wins; *truth* is the *Higher Self*; *truth* is the victor. Though we may see it not by spells; "never think (as says Buffon in our newspaper) that God's *delays* are God's denials." They are, on the reverse, those moments when we know not where to turn, when we have not even

a postage stamp at our command, and those days have been with us more than once. Do not be amazed, bewildered. There are times and times repeated when on going to bed at night we know not how to bring the next day through, but these delays are *not* denials. They are the *scal* of God disclosing the necessity to keep us *fast* within the ranks, that *nothing* draw us off, and bidding us pause and renew allegiance.

Ah, dear friends, beloved friends, brothers, sisters, comrades—is it not glorious to *know how true is truth*? Is it not splendid to find *truth*, alike in Temple message of early date and in secular paper of the day, assurances in themselves of the same great power?

Listen from the teachings: “Think ye the Law hath lost its power because its judgments tarry long? Become one with the Law.”

“The spiritual essence, the return wave of Love, Law and Life shall flow unobstructed through the stone of sacrifice” to those who stand thereon, and shall set them free.

“Patience, genius,” says our paper—God’s *denials*, not God’s punishments to weaken or discourage, but to impress us to recognize them as His *immediate* contacts, His *direct* Word and Speech with us, holding us to Him, that we may be one with Him. And He *will not* have it any other way, will not be satisfied with anything less, will not allow us to fall short. To the Warrior, the Warrior of Light alone, the “Unconquerable for whom the hour never strikes,” to our own true selves alone does He bid us look and *find* that for which we seek—find the power, the renewal of beauty and holiness as our shadow selves disappear and we behold the King before us, standing before us, face to face. Thus has it most particularly been declared the past two years to be the way for us. An easy way, has it been? No, a desperate way most of the time, but the one for us to take.

The line of angels, the recognition and acknowledgment of Temple resource, has not been brought forward in sentimental folly, but in spiritual realization and power, with corresponding material, physical strength and force as well. Genius, courage, endurance, victory; the unconquerable Warrior Self of Light “for whom the hour never strikes,” whose triumph is ever at hand, according as we step out of the way and permit ourselves, our truer, Higher Selves to shine.

Hold out! Hearken! Do you hear?

It is anything but a jolly-up in which we are engaged. It is a full-sized battle to the finish, life or death if need be. Hold fast, hold on; above all else, hold out! Hold out with power. Hold, hold—not with a whine and a whimper—but hold with pluck for the battle, a worthwhile hold, invaluable in force and courage to the finish. Not so easily done at times, you say. True enough, it is not; in our own strength alone, an impossibility at all times; in the power and might of the Unconquerable, the ever-present Warrior, a joy and delight at any time.

True sportsmanship it is to enter with hearty enjoyment into the game we have been placed here to play, with vigor into the work we

have been assigned to do, to answer the call with promise of fidelity unquestionable in tone, allegiance and support, a genuineness that rings afar and keeps ever near. And while we declare it is not a jolly-up in which we are engaged, we proclaim just as strongly, as definitely and surely, that to conquer as conquer we must in the establishment of sound conditions, in the great procedure and process toward the same by means of activity of true principles throughout and among us, one of the most important things for us to remember is that *we ourselves* must be jolly in order to put things through.

We must not expect real success any other way. Success means happiness. To be jolly, to be filled with light, to know a way out and to live it is our part. The gladness of living, of understanding of things as they are; faith and gratitude to find them no worse, *not impossible of correction*; of substitution of things better, more reliable, just and honorable—if not immediately perfect—are the blessings within reach and upon us. To be jolly throughout the day and make ourselves good company to work with. It is important beyond words that we face our difficulties, grip them squarely and never let go until we vanquish them completely. And just as important, if not more so, is it that we do not overestimate obstacles, that we do not rejoice over troubles we do not have. We maintain strength, we save reserve power, are better able to meet emergencies by withholding anxiety over things in which we are not involved. There is acquisition of force gained through glad interest in *success* of others, through showering happiness and healthful encouragement on all worthy projects though we may not be personally connected in any way. From larger living all effort for good is one. Strength is reinforced for ourselves, courage renewed, problems fade away. The Law requites itself and makes way for grander, nobler expression. And another glad remembrance, simple and true, helping us to understand, to hold, to wait, is that if solution does not come to us in one way, it may be coming fast in another—be right at hand, in fact, if we are holding out, standing steady and secure, prepared to receive.

“One ship drives east, another drives west,
While the self-same breezes blow;
'Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
That bids them where to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate
As we journey along through life;
'Tis the set of the soul that decides the goal
And not the calm or the strife.”

In this little poem found and offered by Dr. Little, our faithful Temple brother, who is presenting the Treasurer's report for her today in her forced absence, we recognize the quality put forth by the Master to make *Hold* our slogan—hold “through the set of the soul.” It is something more than faith in the ordinary sense of the word, because it holds when things are so black we not only can not see, but can only hold or be lost. In the end it holds us, and our holding largely centers

in quietly resting within That which is holding us. The need is great and there is but the one only way: "Hold on, hold fast, hold out."

"These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, Who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks:

"I know thy works and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou can'st not bear them which are evil and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored and hast not fainted.

"I know thy works, and tribulation and poverty, but fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison that ye may be tried, and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Jane W. Dower

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

Dr. Dower gave his annual address as follows:

Beloved comrades of the Temple: This thirty-fourth annual convention of Temple members is an epoch in the history of our work. During these years there has been an accumulation of Temple forces ensouled by the Masters of light and wisdom, having a definite matrix on inner planes. This can be drawn upon by the members and the world for constructive upbuilding, and also the Masters can use this accumulated force for helping humanity generally. Therefore, the Temple is a point for the dissemination for uplifting the races of the earth generally, both interiorly and exteriorly as conditions justify.

In the Master message of last year we were told that we had done well under all the conditions, and this 1932 message should be read in connection with the one given us this year. In this one of 1933 gratitude is expressed by the Master that we have "withstood the onslaughts of time and all the forces attempting to undermine our constructive labor and effort." He also says: "Much of value, more than you know, has been accomplished by you in the past year." This latest message may be found on another page of this issue.

FINANCES—Naturally, the Temple has suffered from the world depression, but by being careful and through the devotion of members we have been able to hold together; however, we have indebtedness to meet, but by wise management are carrying on for the good of all.

MEETINGS, LECTURES, CLASSES have been steadily kept up. The Temple platform and Hiawatha Lodge are always open for all lecturers regardless of creeds, who work for true progress and the brotherhood of humanity.

FOREIGN WORK—The work in Europe has been going on satisfactorily. The German group has active centers in Berlin and Zoppot-Danzig, and smaller groups and members in many other German cities. We have also members in Switzerland, Italy, Holland, Skandinavia, Finland, Jugoslavia, etc. Temple books and literature are printed in the German

language, and the German group issues a monthly, *The Temple*, containing translations of articles from the *Temple Artisan* and teachings. We have small but devoted groups in Winnipeg, Canada, and Wellington, New Zealand, and members in other parts of Canada, Central and South America, Africa, etc., and the interest in Temple literature and work is slowly but steadily growing.

BEQUESTS—Members will kindly bear in mind that the Temple of the People is an incorporated body under the laws of the State of California and the legal title is: Guardian in Chief of The Temple of the People, and the headquarters, Halcyon, California.

THE AVATAR—As has been said for years past in these pages and in accord with the prophecies of the Masters, the old order of things is passing away and the New Dispensation is coming in. This is the cause of the world-wide depression, for the old order makes for a new civilization, and all the methods that pertained to the old order of things must be transmuted or destroyed, otherwise it would be impossible for the divine incarnation—the Avatar—to apply the fundamental spiritual truths that the great teachers have given to the world for thousands of years past. This new order of things will give us a new civilization based on the brotherhood of man and on the fundamental qualities of equality and fraternity. Those living qualities of the spirit will come into manifestation and the new humanity will be born with a new consciousness—the consciousness of the Golden Age or the New Jerusalem descending to earth. In other words, the order that obtains in heaven will externalize in earthly conditions. The twelve great basic qualities will manifest in the world of humanity. Every one can help on this process by trying to give expression to those divine inner qualities working through the heart rather than through the head.

In conclusion, because the time and conditions are so appropriate, I will quote from my address of last year:

“If we pause and think for a moment of all the changes that have taken place in and with the world since 1898, our intuition should tell us that it is because of the impingement on the aura of the earth of that great spiritual light. That means the day mentioned has been coming closer to the consciousness of humanity. These great changes have operated so as to expand the religious consciousness of the race, to give it broader and deeper concepts of life, and to demonstrate, even by scientific investigation and discovery, that brotherhood and unity are a law of life both natural and divine; that even materialistic science has been so modified by these great truths and discoveries that it is on the borderland of spirit. Our entire concept of matter has been revised and it is now easily realized that matter and spirit are one—that is, it is simply a question of different modes of vibration of the one eternal substance.

“And this is only the beginning. ‘God is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.’ His powerful vibrations are entering into the lives and hearts of every creature, and greater changes

must come than have come before. The world is still bound to the corpses of the past, is still crystallized and in bondage to the traditions and customs that belong to the old order of things. The new order of the ages is upon us. The New Dispensation is here. Let all awake to that glorious fact and open their hearts to the influx of divine light and wisdom and act according to the responsibility that the Great Ones are putting into their hands, that is in minds and hearts.

"Many things in the Temple work that have been esoteric will become exoteric; and as this takes place there will be an indrawing of forces, and more profound esoteric sections and orders formed, in accordance with the immutable law that as an unfolding takes place with creatures and things, there is always an indrawing of consciousness to sacred inner realms. In other words, when the Temple is fully built and established on earth it will be in exact correspondence, center for center, line for line, with the spiritual organizational structure of the Great White Lodge itself." *William H. Dower*, Guardian in Chief.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the mantrams. The 12 o'clock healing meeting followed immediately. Dr. Little officiated. The service was especially devoted to uniting in spirit with the German Temple group in their convention and to send love force to all our members everywhere. At 12:30 luncheon was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

Monday Evening Session

Open meeting of all the inner orders at 8 p. m. in the Temple. After a beautiful organ recital by Mr. Edgar Cheetham, Mr. Harrison read a paper concerning the inner orders of the Temple. Dr. Dower then read some of the prophecies given by the Master Hilarion during the early years of the Temple work, referring to cosmical and astrological conditions and their influence on humanity in political, racial and national lines and which in reality means the preparing of the way for the Avataric manifestation in humanity:

These prophecies were mostly known to inner order members only, but as many of them have been fulfilled, it was deemed worth while to give them out now.

Excerpts from Communications from the Master H. Concerning Prophecies—The Key

Let him who holdeth the key of understanding now unlock the treasure chest of prophecy if he would find that for which man blindly seeks, the day and hour. The finger of Destiny now is graving upon a page of the Golden Precepts. Let him read who can. On the first day came an angel of revelation and the cord was loosed; on the third day came the call to action; on the sixth day shall fall the sword of retribution; on the morn of the ninth day cometh the hour of illumination, and at the eventide of the tenth day falleth the hour of regeneration. Thus again the perfect number will be justified and man shall know that God still reigns in the heavens and upon the earth.—H.

May 22, 1918.



Taken From Interview, January 23, 1910

Question: About the first year of the Temple work a prophecy was given us—"The bear will growl at the lion. The eagle will alight on the bear's head and pluck out its left eye. The ox and the lion will engage in a struggle to the death. The eagle, the ox, the bear and the lion will form a square, from the center of which will arise the Temple, the Architect of which will rule the earth." It is now ten years since it was given and can you point out wherein any part of the prophecy has been fulfilled?

Answer: You will have to take into consideration the fact that every prophecy of such a character has more than one interpretation. Every animal mentioned therein symbolises a cosmic division of manifested matter, as well as one or more nations. Part of the prophecy has been fulfilled and another part of it bids fair to be fulfilled during this present year, or soon after it. For instance, England and Germany are in a very peculiar condition astrologically. There has not been a time in many years when so many squares and oppositions were to be met with as at the present time. There is at present a conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the ruling sign of both countries which bids fair to work great trouble for both. England typifies the lion to some extent. Germany typifies the ox to some extent. Russia typifies the bear in so much as she opposes by her methods true civilization. The United States, France, Japan and the one other nation typify the eagle for they are all on the ascending arc of this cycle. All of the forces of those countries which come under eagle direction were more or less concerned in the war between Russia and Japan, either financially or otherwise. The "left eye," a point of advantage of great moment to Russia, was plucked away from her. The materializing of the interior forces of opposition mentioned by me in regard to England and Germany bid fair to show you ere long the meaning of that part of the prophecy.

Question: Does the architect referred to there mean the Avatar, or a general constructive force?

Answer: It means the constructive forces of a new evolutionary impulse set in action by the coming Avatar.—H.

Prophecy—Printed in November Artisan, 1914

The growl of the lion has turned to the purr of a cat. The purr of the cat has awakened a sleeping snake which will strike its fangs into the heel of the lion when the lion turns to gather the spoils. The ox has regained the seminals of a bull. The bull is pawing the earth to open the way for the fiery hosts. The eagle has closed the wound in the bear's left eye and loaned the bear its wings for swift flight. The lion, the bear, the ox, the eagle, the bull and the snake will form the hexagon, the sixth—from which the square, the fourth—will arise to build the corner stone for the feet of the Architect to rest upon.—H.

Comments by W. H. D.

This latest prophecy seems to be a more exterior aspect of the first one, or the first one assuming a more outer aspect. Here we have two additional symbols—

the cat and the snake—to consider. The cat is an evident aspect of the lion, though it may also refer to another nation or tributary nation of the lion. In other words, the lion has ceased its roaring and to gain its ends, purrs. This purring with the nations awakens a sleeping snake, another nation or race, which might likely be the oriental people like Japan and China as well as India.

In the previous prophecy the ox was said to symbolize Germany or the Teutonic peoples. With the passage of time—say during the last forty years or since all of the German states were federated by Bismarck—the ox has been co-ordinating itself, regaining its lost virility, lost during the centuries past by internal dissensions and feuds, until the German federation has become a real entity of power with full virility. Since a year ago, when the great war broke out, it is very evident that the struggle to the death referred to in the first prophecy, is on between the lion and the ox. So terrific is the struggle that it has involved practically the whole world. The pawing of the earth by the bull—the Teutonic peoples—opens the way for the fiery hosts. This has literally occurred and the fiery hosts are pouring in. This is karma and fate combined. The fiery hosts will pour in from all sides and as a result the planet and humanity be chastened and purified, all of which is a process of preparation for the advent of the Great Avatar, the Architect who will bind the nations of the earth into a great international brotherhood. This must be so: it must come for it is so written, not only in the inner light, but on the scrolls of evolutionary law, and it is illustrated in all the evolving processes of nature in and around us.

Nature ever synthesizes, forms great and greater combinations of forces and things and entities. In human sociology we can trace the evolution of the state from the family in prehistoric ages to the clan; then the clans combined and formed the tribe and the tribes combined and formed the nation, and now we are on the threshold where the nations will all combine and form the Great World Federation, when our patriotism will be not for any single nation, but for the whole federation. Then wars will cease, and not before, and peace will reign as a dove on the bosom of the deep of human life. Then the true and real constructive energies of humanity will prevail and the forces of true brotherhood become externalized in human life in all relations. Much more could be said relative to these prophecies, but members should keep them in mind and use their best intuitions in interpreting these prophecies and watch as events unfold the trend, inner and outer, for the Master has said that these prophecies will work out literally, as it is so written on the inner light.

Taken Again From Interview, January 23, 1910

Question: Some of us would be thankful to know why it is that prophecies made by the Masters sometimes seem to fail as such?

Answer: No human being, whether angel, master or man, can go beyond a certain point in prophecy safely, for the reason that each one is dependent on the other fallible forms of life for guidance to some extent; for instance, I, or others of my degree, in prophesying events to take place upon the earth are never at a loss so far as the event is concerned, because they are pictured plainly in the astral light, but when it comes to periods of time and some other things, we are dependent upon higher astrology, astronomy and higher mathematics for calculations. There is always a possibility of error in computation. It does not occur very often in the higher degrees of the Lodge, but it is possible, and when such errors occur, if those who are to profit or lose by such prophecy could hold themselves steady and wait, they would find that the event predicted would surely come to pass.—H.

Taken From Interview, July 2, 1912

Question: Has the Temple any special part in the political future of the country?

Answer: Symbolically the waters of this nation are fast rising and cutting new channels in every direction. The chronicler of present and future events may have a strange story to tell. A small stream arising in the desert, sweeping through it to the hills and valleys on the edge, and flowing into the deepest one of the many channels may be just strong enough if added to in the least to cause the waters of that channel to rise to the top of its banks, overflow those banks, and cutting the way into the other channels, finally in a great torrent overflowing the land and rushing into the ocean on the further shore.

The Temple may play just such a part in the future of this country as the little stream of my simile might play. It depends entirely on the members of this body as to whether they will rise to such a height. Each one may play a tremendous part in the future of this country by doing as I advised in a recent message; by forming and keeping alive a center through which the currents of the great waters of the Lodge may pour into it and through which they can give back of their best, thus working in unison with the Lodge for the great purpose.—H.

From Master M.—September, 1901

America will ultimately be the controlling world power. It will be a beacon light towards which all other nations will look for precept and example.

After this, Mrs. Wilkins read the following prophecy given by Master Hilarion on October 7, 1902, when the group still was in Syracuse:

Concerning the Influence of Neptune on Humanity

To Members of the Temple: Those members of the Temple who have intuitively caught, at least to some degree, an interior view of the underlying spirit of our instructions relating to the tempest gathering on the horizon of this particular cycle of the world's progress, will not be surprised when the call comes, as it soon will, to begin to lay the foundation for the work on the western coast.

The principles of centralization, upon which any lasting work must be built, demand exterior conditions in form and function corresponding to the mechanical principles of a fulcrum and lever, by and through which interior generating force may operate. We can supply the power of the fulcrum; you must furnish the lever if we are all to work together in harmony and to the best advantage of those concerned. It is impossible to create such a center of leverage from a distance. The wielders of the lever must be on the spot selected for operations. In the case under consideration the selected spot is a certain tract of land in the State of California, and necessarily we must designate the individuals who must place the lever and give the first impetus.

As no suitable shelter or accommodations are available for those

who must give this impetus, such should be provided by those who will ultimately reap the greater benefit. For most urgent reasons the work on the foundation of this center should be commenced as soon as possible. It is not necessary to construct an imposing edifice at this time. A medium sized cottage would furnish the necessary space for accommodations and also room for convocations and Temple services. This should be built on, or very near, the site set apart for the People's Temple which is to be built later. The reasons *in toto* for hastening this preliminary work have been given you in other directions and instructions relative to the rapidly approaching crises in the lives of men and nations.

Truly, a man must be blind who is not able to see the signs of the approaching storms, interior and exterior, which will harass and destroy peoples and nations at no far distant time.

In the year 1901, Neptune, the god of destruction—objectified in the planet known by that name—entered the sign of Cancer. The appearance of that great Master in that particular position or house always indicates the destruction of existing conditions upon this planet, and while to the unenlightened, such wholesale destruction—the result of nature's leveling processes—would appear to be malignant and evil, it is rather the reverse. You cannot build a new and more perfect house on the site of an old one without first tearing down the latter.

Jupiter, the great Blue Star, will be the architect for the new building or nation which is to be the home of the new race; and the secret planet, symbolized by the Sun, will be the progenitor of that new race.

The height of Saturn's power, both good and evil, for a short cycle, has now passed and is fast waning. By next January the reconstructive influence of Jupiter and the Sun will be evident, and before that time a Temple center of some kind should be under way of establishment on the western coast, for the purpose of conserving and concentrating necessary energy, for each year the power of Neptune will grow stronger, and the beginning of the year 1910 will witness a general upheaval, a tremendous crisis in history of the whole world, and as each year passes between this time and the above date, the disintegrating power of Neptune increased by Saturn will become more evident to the occultist. The masses of the people cannot fail to see and suffer from the effects of this power, and will account for it to their own satisfaction in various ways.

The entity, the malignant power of which I have so often warned you to beware—the great disintegrator—is this ruling spirit of Neptune; but it must be remembered that this as well as every other planetary spirit has two aspects, and when the positive aspect is dominant that which might appear as evil to those who must suffer from the effects of such action of forces is not evil in reality, but simply the manifestation of surplus energy striving for equilibrium.

To those who do not yet comprehend the value of correct astrological predictions, nor our reasons for emphasizing the present positions of

certain heavenly bodies, I would say: every great center of life has its ruling spirit and attendants. These ruling spirits constitute one particular degree of that which we term the Great Lodge. They are in conscious communication with each other and with the attendants, another or lower degree. The laws of cyclic development demand the performance of certain duties, constructive or destructive in character, by such rulers, for the benefit of the universe and its constituent parts. The times and seasons for such performance of duty are known to all of them, and this knowledge is transmitted to the lower degrees of the Lodge, certain hierophants of which detect in every movement of the habitations of such planetary rulers an indication of necessary work to be done in some particular direction. In certain positions requisite force and power can be more effectually exerted on distant planets than on others. Naturally, as all force follows the line of least resistance, the above mentioned hierophants know at a glance to what planet any other planet is directing any special force, for they have been taught by the laws of correspondence that each position governs some particular form of energy.

I have heretofore refrained from emphasizing the truths of astrology because of the tendency of occult students to go to extremes, and for the still greater reason that the initiates alone are able to perceive an exact science in astrology by means of their knowledge of the secret planets. As they may not reveal the names and locations of these planets it is impossible for the ordinary astrologer to make exact calculations.

If the Temple children will heed the directions given them and prove their loyalty and devotion to the Lodge and its agents by their lives and by their strict adherence to the spirit as well as to the letter of the pledges they have given us, we can protect and guide them through the coming great crises—if not, we are helpless as far as they are concerned, for they of their own free will, by disobedience will have placed themselves outside of the circle of protection, to the gate of which evolutionary law has brought them in this cycle.

It is very easy to "pooh pooh" our statements; very easy to convince yourselves that you are in some way being imposed upon, or that the cry of "wolf! wolf!" has been heard so often that its power is gone; and in the meantime all we can do is to lift up our voices in warning and work for the gathering of the sheep into the fold, there to remain till the storm has spent its fury and the Sun once more shines forth, bringing into manifestation those waiting souls who will herald the coming of the new Avatar.

If an appeal is made for your help and co-operation in *The Temple Artisan* or otherwise in the near future, we trust that it will not fall on deaf ears, for every member of the Temple is bound to listen and obey as far as lies in his or her power.

With the center established and a band of earnest workers about that center, preparations can be pushed as rapidly as possible under existing circumstances for furthering given plans for industries which

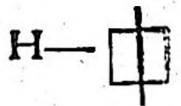
will afford employment, and therefore homes, for those who are at present unable to make any decided changes.

Remember, it is the initial impulse, the first concentrated, all-powerful *push*; the *start* in the right direction, which must furnish the dynamic energy for any movement or work. You have, so to speak, to fasten each individual piece of gearing to the great engine of the White Lodge; oil up the minor cogs and wheels of your personalities; get your fuel together; build your fire and the engine will do the rest.

The cries of the Temple children have not fallen on deaf ears. You have been repeatedly told that a pledge given to and accepted by the Lodge invariably brought trial and testing upon the disciple; for such is the law, but the trials of the present epoch are in excess because of present cosmic conditions.

Much physical suffering from various disorders of the blood, such as rheumatism, heart and kidney disturbances, will be peculiarly noticeable, and in nearly all cases among the Temple members these disturbances of the blood stream are, and will be, due to the action of the forces generated in and emanating from the planet Saturn within the last seven years for the contact of those malignant forces with the blood corpuscles in the bodies of those who have had a higher vibration imparted to their blood by coming into closer relations with a higher order of life, creates an acidity in the blood to which are due the above mentioned disturbances.

Many bad conditions at present existing will be changed with the advent of new planetary influences, especially in the cases of those who do not come directly under the adverse influences of Saturn and Herschel. But, my children, never lose sight of the fact that however severe or of whatsoever character are the trials and tests of daily life, they are karmic in action and in the end beneficent. Our sympathy may not seem to afford much help when you are in the trough of the sea of suffering or desolation, but those who have reached to any degree beyond you have trod the same paths you are now treading, and they do not look down on you from a superior height, careless of your interests, but are one with you in an ever increasing sense—complete in Compassion's heart.



The meeting closed with beautiful Bach music played by Cethyl Malory on the piano, and mantrams and consecration hymn.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

12 m. Healing meeting in the Temple, officiated by Dr. Little.

At 2 p. m. meeting of the Temple Home Association in library. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer of the T. H. A. were read. Dr. Dower, Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Elliot, whose terms as members of the board of the association were expired, were re-elected. The affairs of the association were reported in good condition in general and with no debts.

Tuesday Evening Session

At 8 p. m. in the Temple, Mr. Marc Edmund Jones spoke on the "Indications of the Coming Avatar," in which he mainly considered the great personalities of the present time through which the Avataric forces manifest and are working. Mr. Jones' lecture was brilliant and fine and he gave splendid and interesting examples from history. Then Mr. Dower made a brief summary to the effect that the great cosmic force of the Avatar was seeking expression through every unit of humanity—in fact through all nature—using all forms of life, and especially all human beings to the degree that they are able to free themselves from selfish personality and can be used as natural channels for the influx and radiating out of the Christly forces into the races.

The meeting closed in the usual way with mantrams and consecration hymn.

Wednesday Afternoon

Wednesday is always Temple Builders Day. After the noon-day healing meeting the Builders served luncheon in Hiawatha Lodge. Mrs. Lottie Ferguson directed the proceedings. She gave loving tribute to the leader of the Builders, Mrs. Dower, who could not be with us. The children took part in a Tena Indian healing ceremonial for Mrs. Dower, facing in her direction, raising the right hand and saying in unison: "Mrs. Dower we think good for you!" Then Temple Builders songs were sung in unison. There was a duet, a piano solo, lovely poems and other short features. A little playlet, "The King, the Queen and the Bee," written by Louise Stenquist, was given by the Builders on the stage, in beauty and gracefulness. The children are always allowed to express themselves naturally, and they gave their best and had a great time, and so had all attending.

Wednesday Evening

A vaudeville was given in Hiawatha Lodge, directed by Duncan Ferguson. There were little sketches and songs, mostly of humorous character, rendered by Temple members and friends from nearby places. The main feature was a fine sketch written by Duncan Ferguson, in which theosophical principles were discussed. This was very well played by Mr. Ferguson, Mary Dutton, Louise Stenquist and Herman Volz. Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Cheetham gave of their fine music, and a beautiful violin and piano solo played by Mr. Charles Galbraith and Mr. Cheetham closed the evening.

Thursday—All-day picnic at the beach.

Friday Morning Session

The meeting in the Temple at 10:30 a. m. was opened by a song by Dr. Little and a reading from *From the Mountain Top* by Mrs. Varian. Mr. Ernest Harrison presented a lecture on "The Principles of the Temple," which will follow in the next number of *The Artisan*. The meeting closed in the usual Temple form and was followed by the noon-day healing meeting.

Friday Evening

We had the usual Open Square study class of Temple teachings, conducted by Mr. Whitney as Outer Guard. The lesson for the evening was "The Wise Man" from the book of Teachings of the Temple.

Saturday Afternoon

At 3 p. m. the Social Science meeting was held in the Temple. It was opened with the regular form for Temple meetings, Mr. Cethyl Mallory supplying the music. The address for the day was delivered by Mr. Fred Whitney on "The Temple and the World Condition." This will appear in the next *Artisan* in the concluding report on convention proceedings.

It was the consensus of opinion of all who attended that we had a dignified, interior and spiritual convention, with a loving spirit of brotherhood prevailing.

Thanks and appreciation are returned to all the dear comrades and friends who have sent messages of greetings and kind wishes to the convention, and to those who have been with us in spirit, contributing to its success.

The convention of Temple members held simultaneously in Berlin has also been very harmonious and beautiful. The next issue of *The Artisan* will contain a brief report of the German Temple convention.

The trustees of the Roerich Museum in New York announce that a Roerich Peace Banner convention will be held in Washington, D. C., on November 17th and 18th, 1933, for the purpose of promoting the worldwide adoption of the Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace. For further information address the Roerich Museum, Louis L. Horch, president, 310 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.

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