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BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO THEE A KEY

WATERFALLS AND MUDDY TORRENTS

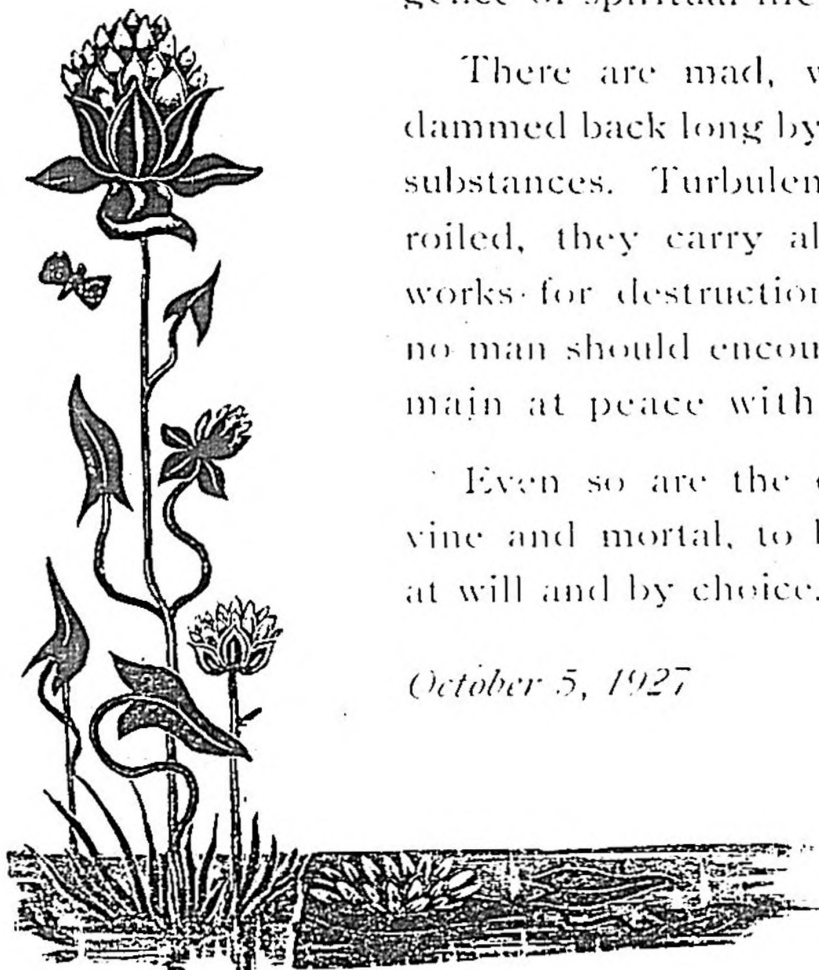
THERE are waterfalls, wide, gentle, glistening with delicate spray, giving joy, gladness, beauty to the lands through which they flow in effulgence of spiritual life and force.

There are mad, wild outbreaks of waters, dammed back long by earthy weight of material substances. Turbulent, muddy, vicious, rock-roiled, they carry all that is deadly, all that works for destruction in their nature, such as no man should encounter, would he live or remain at peace with himself or his neighbor.

Even so are the opposites in character, divine and mortal, to be discerned and applied at will and by choice.

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

As we enter a New Cycle of 1934, we are involved in tremendous issues of a world-wide character. It behooves us all who love our fellow-men to radiate the purest forces from the heart for the healing of the nations, and for our own individual good and welfare, from a spiritual standpoint. No merely outer gestures will do. We must be willing to sacrifice and co-operate with the Great White Lodge, which is working to bring about a true Brotherhood of Man on Earth, based on the eternal verities. Therefore, let us all strive to help the Great Ones accomplish successfully Their splendid purpose for all the races of the earth.

In this December-January *Artisan* we have reason to think that members and friends will find interesting articles from the first page to the last. The one entitled "The New Impulse," after thirty-five years, is at present certainly manifesting on the outer plane.

We also call attention to the review of the latest book of Nicholas Roerich, entitled "Fiery Stronghold." This article was written especially for *The Temple Artisan* by M. M. Meru. As Prof. Roerich is an internationally known character, we believe that members and friends will be glad to have this account of his work, from the cultural standpoint mainly, although he also goes into philosophy and occultism in his writings. But the main object of his work is to bring the spiritual message to humanity in terms of art and beauty.

We also call attention to the page entitled "The Path to Discipleship," by H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaehr. The author is a well-known Persian mystic and writer and professor at the Oriental Seminary in Berlin. He is in friendly connection with the German Temple group and has given to the Temple for publication in *The Artisan* the translation of his book, consisting of inspiring and soulful messages.

The Blavatsky article is up to its usual standard, and the Temple Teachings in this number will also, we are sure, appeal to all readers.

On January 19th we had in the Temple a memorial service in honor of the birth anniversary of Blue Star, first Guardian in Chief and co-

founder with the present Guardian in Chief of the Temple movement, with direct injunction to continue the work of H. P. Blavatsky as laid down by the Masters of the Great White Brotherhood.

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Our kindly readers will be gratified to know that the Temple work is going steadily along; new members are coming in from this and other countries, and some very fine younger members are coming to Halcyon to live.

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Remember, dear readers, the whole world is going through an initiation preparing for a New Civilization and a New Dispensation, and that we can realize the Presence of the Avatar as a Living Power in our lives.

Peace and Highest Love to all beings, that the creature may become one with the Creator!

W. H. D.

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THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE

(TO JANE W. DOWER)

Through all the angel-realms a whisper swells
 Like the first rustle of awakening flowers;
 In all the fields of light new rapture dwells
 Where heaven-warblers trill in secret bowers.
 For, ever when a soul comes home again
 Swift mounting through the vibrant planes of light,
 [Those souls who were a fragrance poured on men]
 The stars themselves illuminate their flight.
 And heaven itself bends down, so near, so near,
 Its deep heart throbs in unison with ours,
 While seraph-song sweeps earthward high and clear
 Full grateful for our white, immortal flowers.
 Bloom then, in heaven's garden for a while,
 But leave us still the shadow of your smile.

Lilith Lorraine

From the Mountain Top

THE LESSON

How dar'st thou lift thy voice in condemnation 'gainst thy brother man, who now is weltering in the blood of kith and kin, and proudly say unto thyself: "Not mine the hand that aimed the gun; not mine the hand which hurled the shell that spattered blood and brawn of fellow men far over God's green sod! Not mine the hand that slew the unborn babe and tore it from its mother's womb in charge of bayonet or sword. My hands are clean; no stain of blood rests on my soul."

Ah, blind as thou hast ever been, thou servitor of self. The blow in anger struck, the blast of hate, the satiate lust in woman's shame, the lie which scorched a soul, the greed for gold—all, all are weapons forged by thee; all, all were declarations of a war twixt thee and other men; all held the power to burst a shell, to nerve an arm and fire a soul with Will to kill.

O, little man, O, foolish man, when wilt thou learn the lesson of thy life—the lesson thou must learn or die the death of those who wake no more to sentient life; the lesson that in love alone doth lie eternal life and hatred holds but death and hell and all destruction; the lesson that in every bat-winged thought of hate, in every careless word and act of willful wrong lies coiled a power unknown by thee which may be used to strike a spark to fire a nation's wrath or lay thee low; a power which lies securely hid within the atom's depths till God or man doth Will it hence by thought or act.



As the white ray of light is decomposed by the prism into the various colors of the solar spectrum, so the beam of divine truth, in passing through the three-sided prism of man's nature, has been broken up into vari-colored fragments called religions. Combined, their aggregate represents one eternal truth; separate, they are but shades of human error and the signs of imperfection.—*Isis Unveiled*.

If a Temple member has a qualm of conscience against doing a single thing directed by us, he would be justified in voting against it. We suggest and furnish force, help in all ways, but never will make automata or rogues of any pledged Temple members. There is too much red tape in government as well as in societies.—*From "Suggestions to Simplify Matters."*—*W. Q. Judge per B. S.*

The New Impulse

Temple Teachings. Open Series No. 266.

When I sent a representative group to Buffalo, N. Y., in the year 1899, at the call of the first progressive convention, I told the collective members of that group that an absolute necessity existed for a conscious vehicle for the transmission of currents of psychic energy on the part of the Masters if other delegates there to be in session were to receive the requisite impulse from the Great White Lodge.

As a result of this direction that conscious vehicle was present. The men and women assembled at that convention who were in a receptive state received the impulse at that time which led to higher lines of endeavor, more intense aspiration, and application to the purposes which were then outlined. That impulse has held the faithful to high ideals through the years that have since passed. Few among the number have known to whom or to what they were indebted. Some of the people then present with others who have more recently come under that impulse are among the most prominent and active workers in the progressive factions of the political parties of today.

The time is close at hand for the formation of the party indicated by us at that time. The formation of such a party may eventually do one of two things. It may either precipitate a civil struggle with consequent privation and suffering as a result of the withholding of capital by those most largely controlling it today, resulting in the closing of industrial centers, which has already been threatened; or on the other hand, the forcible taking possession of the means of production and supply by the government as the only alternative to national disruption may result.

The purchase of these great industries at this time would be impossible. Fear, selfish interests and wrong judgment would instigate the owners to hold them at such exorbitant prices that they would be unobtainable, and any wide-spread attempt to gain them by wrong means would call out such armed resistance by the government as would cause great loss of life and property.

Metaphorically, the waters have risen so rapidly in the great river of life during the last decade that an overflow is imminent in all fields of life, and it depends upon the wise action of a few public men at this time as to how far that overflow will reach.

It would make but little difference which one of the old parties succeeded in electing a president, so far as any important changes in the

policies and conduct of affairs are concerned. Even if the progressive element of either should succeed in seating a candidate, there would be but little immediate benefit, for the controlling forces behind finance and industry hold sufficient power to compel "the bowing of the knee to Baal" in the case of the supporters of the one so raised to power.

It has ever been at the opening of a new cycle that some heroic character, imbued with the selfless spirit of the Christ and with unbreakable courage has stepped out from the masses with a new watchword on his lips, a new banner and shield. His devotion, self-sacrifice and repudiation of former ties has won him the power to awaken the sleeping consciousness of the people and draw many of them to his side to fight for the ideal which dominates him.

In all too many instances people of a different calibre have been drawn to such a leader from mere self-interest, those who were willing to do anything, however despicable, to gain power and position. Under such circumstances this class of sycophants have finally gained control of the machinery of state and have gradually led the forgetful, indolent or ignorant masses back into the same gulf from which they were on the point of escaping.

This is exactly what will take place again unless the Christ influence can be so strongly aroused in the hearts of the people as to open their intuition to the threatening dangers, thereby providing a way of escape by righteous means. It is those same possibilities—nay, probabilities—those same dangers which furnish the gravest menace for the immediate future of this and other nations.

Whatever have been the results of the abuse of the religious instinct to the human races of past ages, they are trivial in comparison to the results of the evils which have fallen upon the people by the killing out of that instinct and the replacing it by some form of materialism or irreligion, which gave free rein to human passions, thus destroying both soul and body.

A little handful of people gathered in a hotel room in Buffalo during some of the hours of the convention referred to furnished the media for the distribution of some of the most tremendous currents of force ever set free on this planet. The after effects of those forces are seething at white heat through this nation at the present time.

A corresponding body to that which furnished that conscious vehicle in Buffalo could furnish the media for the distribution of still more vigorous and constructive forces at the present time, if it could hold itself to such a degree of loyalty, poise and harmony that it could re-

ceive and transmit the necessary currents of force from the Regent of this planet and the Masters of the Great White Lodge. The fact that their great service was temporarily unrecognized by the world would have no weight with such a body of truly unselfish souls. The knowledge that they had been of so much service at a critical period of the world's history would be sufficient.

If this all be true, what of the individual member or members of a group formed for such a high spiritual purpose who, notwithstanding the possession of the knowledge of their great opportunity for working with and for such a body, should devote their time to petty recrimination and selfish pursuits? What of those who, for the purpose of piling dollar on dollar, land on land, goods on goods, would refuse to give the necessary aid and means for accomplishing the purpose required? What of those who would choose the satisfaction of revenge and hatred and would strike with poison-tipped tongues at the hearts of the comrades who were striving under specific direction to build up such a center of operations?


Is it possible for Templars to realize the unparalleled opportunity before them and at the same time not to realize what would be the inevitable result of failure to take advantage of such opportunity? Every individual that has ever been gathered into the Temple ranks is facing the gravest crisis he has ever met. It will be of no use for him to cry out, "deceiver, traitor, robber!" in connection with the act of some co-disciple as an excuse for his own apostasy when he faces the tribunal of the White Lodge to answer for his cast-off opportunity, if he fail to see and seize the opportunity now given.

Templars, individually as well as collectively, will answer for their failure to help provide for the Center of the Temple, which is an instrument for the transmission of the energy upon which the welfare of the people is hanging, and to do this as a sacred duty which they have solemnly sworn to perform.

I make no further appeals. The cause, the opportunity, the results have been clearly set before you. The time for decision is close at hand for one and all. The hour of choice is fast waning. Will you all stand together and prove your ability for concerted action when the opportunity is given for spiritual, moral and physical regeneration?

It is not great numbers that are needed for the transmission of requisite energy so much as it is unselfish devotion, unified action and obedience to direction. One ideal, one purpose and unswerving loyalty to that purpose should dominate the members of such a central group

as I refer to. We can do little with "a house divided against itself." The words, "He that is not with me is against me," are peculiarly germane to this purpose and this time. A single discordant note in the symphony of a divine purpose will send a vibration of inharmony out into the world's aura, and if sounded at this time would be caught by all sensitive souls that are awaiting the sounding of the right chords to join in the symphony of human progress, and would turn many from that purpose.—*July, 1901.*

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NOTE—In July, 1899, a conference was held in Buffalo, N. Y., and members of various political parties and all cults interested in economics and constructive philosophy were invited to attend. A group of Temple members were there, and it was a very vital and interesting conference. Great impulses were given, making for reconstruction of national and world conditions, and those impulses have been working ever since. Among those present were professors of colleges, well-known writers on economic subjects, leaders of all of the political parties as well as of religious bodies. The above paper is an index of the forces at work at that time which are coming to full fruition now. The writer of this comment was present with other Temple members.—W. H. D.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Brother and Comrade: The opening of man's consciousness to the Spirit of Christ, at this holy season, in this peculiarly crucial time, may well prove to be of greater significance than ever before, in view of the increasingly powerful action of His oncoming radiance and glory, in answer to man's need and right.

My wish for you and for the brethren at Halcyon, and for Templars scattered over the planet and within, is that this Holy Spirit of love and grace, of unction and power, of sacrifice and service, may lighten and lift, refresh and renew, encourage and inspire, during this gracious season, and serve to unify the Brotherhood in the Cause of the Master.

In the bonds of fraternity and truth,
sincerely your comrade,

Charles H. Emmons

The above letter was received from Rev. Charles H. Emmons of Boston, Mass., and read by Dr. Dower during a dinner in Hiawatha Lodge, Halcyon, on Christmas evening.

It may surprise you to learn that the very sands you tread on that shore were one time a part of the sands you trod in another age and another period of evolution. They have been washed through the bed of the ocean and back again. The very earth you tread on has its cycles also, and one of those past cycles is now returning.—*From interview with Master H., 1902 [referring to Halcyon.]*

Occultism of Disease


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Question--"Am I right in thinking epilepsy may be one of the reasons for sudden death?"

The Death Angel uses many methods but only one force, the force of gravity, for accomplishing the divine purpose of dividing spirit and matter. The separation of the oily sheaths from the fiery atoms may be slowly or rapidly accomplished. The first separation in the form of the sheath may be made by a sudden shock or by the more natural process of a gradual drawing asunder of the atoms. In the first instance recovery from the shock very frequently occurs. Such a shock as might produce entire suspension of all function in one body, i. e., death, if the vitality of the body was very low, in the case of a well nourished, strong body, might be overcome by the vital force resident in that body, and while all the symptoms of violent death might be noticeable in the case of the one receiving such a shock, the resistance offered by the vital force would prevent the finality. The action of this force of dissolution referred to as shock is repeated again and again like clock work in every life. It is the same force that sends man to sleep, causes fainting spells, convulsion, fits, etc., the separative force as opposed to the force of combination. Its action is more or less pronounced according to the tension exerted by the fiery lives. If the oily sheaths are loosely held by the fiery lives, it only requires a slight shock to separate them, and in such instances the tension of the soul, formed of the fiery lives, is quickly released and then, as said before, it depends upon the amount and strength of the vital force resident in the body as to whether or not the soul can resist the pull to such an extent as to free itself entirely from the body, or whether it will be drawn back into its physical envelope, and the amount of tension determines whether one of these repeated shocks will result in sleep or the intermediate states between sleep and death, before mentioned.

All forms of disease are determining factors in the matter of the release of tension. Some diseases use up the substance of the oily sheaths and so leave no necessity for the exertion of tension; others increase the normal amount or harden the same and so necessitate more tension, and consequently a more difficult release of the soul.

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Blavatsky Department

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, Halcyon, California.

Question—What, if any, is the difference between Mysticism and Occultism?

Answer—These two words are quite often used as synonyms, but perhaps it would be more correct to regard them as the positive and the negative phases of one thing, occultism being the positive application of mysticism. This interpretation is not, however, entirely satisfactory and is a very good illustration of the statement that an idea cannot be put into words without at least a slight degree of distortion. This is axiomatic and probably applies even more in occult matters than in any other field.

In the dictionary we find the following definitions:

MYSTICISM: The doctrine that truth is attainable without the aid of the senses and the processes of thought or reason.

OCCULTISM: The science that investigates the occult qualities of nature—a supernatural power.

OCCULT: To cover from view, or conceal as by intervention: as one heavenly body occults another: . . . concealed from observation or knowledge, mysterious, mystical.

In essence these definitions fit in very well with the essence of the teachings of H. P. B., though they are used interchangeably in many instances by her.

A number of the poets were mystics in that they had the faculty of obtaining glimpses of hidden truths not available to the masses of mankind and also had the ability of translating these flashes of inner perception into verses to a greater or lesser degree understandable to the average man. They were receptive to the imprint of the Higher Mind and able to translate their impressions into the symbols of word and rhythm. But they were not necessarily occultists.

To be an occultist is to sense forces not appreciable to the majority of men, and to control and direct these forces to definite ends.

A true mystic is always a vehicle or channel for the conveyance of light or wisdom from the Higher Mind to the lower or intellectual

mind, but an occultist may be wielding either beneficent or malefic forces, this depending upon his motive.

A glance at the index of Teachings of the Temple will show that there are many references in this book to occultism, and while the word *mystic* does not appear in the index, the words *mystery* and *mysteries* do, and a study of the lessons indicated in this index will throw much light upon the subject. The last paragraph on page 330 contains the essence of the requirements necessary for an occultist of the right-hand path. Page 193 offers a key to the mysteries, which if applied, will open the door to a course of study and resultant illumination which may continue for a whole life time, and probably for many life times, without beginning to exhaust its possibilities. Lesson 190 which commences on page 473 of Teachings of the Temple gives a very clear exposition of the path to true occult power and a warning as to the dangers which will be encountered by any one who essays to follow it. Page 1 of Teachings of the Temple sounds the call to arms for those who would tread the Occult Path, and page 3 enumerates the seven requisites for the disciple who would unlock the door of the Temple of Mysteries.

"Light on the Path," "The Voice of the Silence," "Through the Gates of Gold," "In the Hours of Meditation," are all little books which were written by those whose inner senses had been opened, and a reading and study of any of them will help to make clear the meaning of mysticism and occultism, and cannot fail to be of immense service in the development of spiritual insight and illumination.

Question: Frequent mention is made in Theosophical literature of Psychic Power, Clairvoyance, etc. How may one develop these?

Answer: This question is closely allied to the preceding one, and a study of the references given above will throw much light upon the matter. Much confusion exists between spirituality and the possession of psychic qualities such as indicate mediumship. Lesson 42 on page 95 of Teachings of the Temple goes into this in detail.

It is the opinion of the writer, based upon many years of observation of and association with psychics, clairvoyants and various kinds of mediums, that these conditions are a distinct liability rather than an asset, and usually a decided impediment in the path of Spiritual development. I know of no single instance in which so-called psychic powers such as clairvoyance and clairaudience added one whit to the spirituality of the possessor.



"The field of service is entered only through the gate of sacrifice."

From "The Path to Discipleship"

By H. KAZEMZADEH-IRANSCHAER

FORBEARANCE

Whoever has gained Wisdom will first show Forbearance.

Forbearance signifies victory over self-conceit.

Forbearance is the mark of a noble and highly evolved soul.

Forbearance is the daily nourishment of the purified heart.

How canst thou prove that the weak points which thou despisest in others were not thine own in earlier years or past lives? Canst thou be sure that thou thyself in future days or lives wilt not display the same faults?

Consider seriously this thought and thou wilt indeed learn to practice forbearance towards the faults of thy fellow-men.

Therefore always practice forbearance, tolerance and forgiveness.

These are the absolutely necessary means of purification for the heart longing for enlightenment.



SERVICE

To serve is bliss for those who have reached the God-like stage.

To serve is the seal of all human dignity.

To serve is the mark of the New Age and the sign of the coming race.

Is it worth while living unless you can serve your brother?

Of what use is power, wealth, science, religion and art, unless you can lay them upon the altar of mankind as a modest gift of sacrifice?

Service alone is worth living for.

Serving means helping without desiring any return.

Serving means sacrifice of self to the welfare of others without any wish for recognition.

Serving means dedicating one's life to the relief of the world's sorrow without expecting reward.

Truly to serve means complete forgetfulness of self in service of mankind.



LOVE AND ACTION

In the beginning there were Love and Action. Love energized action and action was instinct with love. Both were one with God and God was and ever is Love and Action.

Let action reveal thy love, and let love sanctify thy action, thou who art created in the image of God.

Hail to love in action! Hail to energy imbued with love.

Fiery Stronghold

By NICHOLAS ROERICH. REVIEW by M. M. MERU

"Fiery Stronghold" is the eighth volume of the works of Nicholas Roerich. This unusual book is dedicated to Peace and Culture, to the high ideals for which Nicholas Roerich gave forty years of his creative life. Literature about Roerich is extremely abundant in many countries, and his unusual personality brings forth constant attention, not only in all classes of people, but in the most unexpected places and publications of the entire world. It is unquestionable that such a universal attention, focused upon a single personality, in our days of distress, is due chiefly to Roerich's unswerving devotion to the great cause of Peace and Culture, which is the paramount issue, at present, throughout the world.

Already, legends have been woven around the name of Nicholas Roerich in many lands, and especially in Asia, where his name is pronounced with greatest reverence. China expresses its admiration for Roerich as follows: "We have always looked up to you, Sir, because of your Occidental and Oriental learning, your reputation being exalted with the Ta 'shaon and the constellation of the Great Bear." "In speaking of antiquities, you have much knowledge, and your eyes can cover a period of five thousand years. You have visited the most remote places; your travels cover ninety thousand li. Among connoisseurs you are a most renowned artist, having the ability to depict sounds and shadows, and are reputed to possess much ability and skill. Although the objects of antiquity in quantity are comparable to the sea, you, Sir, are among the Initiate, and know and appreciate them all." Thus, the voice of China speaks of Roerich.

Mongolia greets this remarkable leader of culture in the following exalted words: "Such great universal personalities as Roerich are walking the path of the Bodhisatvas of the highest order as absolute lights of the century. In this age--the age of egotism--their great deeds will bring limitless results to those countries through which their lofty personages have passed. Therefore, we consider the visit of Professor Roerich to our country, a great honor and a joy."

Japan speaks of Roerich thus: "Reaching such heights, the creations of Roerich's genius are incessantly growing. Inspired by an inner striving which impels him onward, he searches new heights and conquers seemingly unconquerable barriers. Nothing impedes his striving to carry the message of the broadest pan-human communion. His latest message, coming from the heart of Asia, synthesizes the spirit of his

works and confirms the New Reality. Roerich, the creator, writer, philosopher and leader, foresees the approach of his New World, when the highest ideals will enter into life. Love, beauty and action are the shields of Roerich, and in their names he won all of his great victories."

It would be impossible in a review to enumerate all the exalted opinions of Roerich. These voices, however, clearly express the unusual regard the world has for its present leader in Peace and Culture.

"Fiery Stronghold" represents a true code of ethics for the entire world of Culture. It not only guides individuals and groups upon this only road of Peace, but entire nations as well. Being free, himself, of sectarianism, the author first of all unites all classes of people into one Brotherhood of Man, and with the entire strength of his fiery spirit, Roerich binds the family of men into the one Fatherhood of God. In this unusual book, Roerich summons mankind to unite under the Banner of Peace and Culture, and his call to all classes of men resounds especially powerful because it is permeated with the synthesis of uplifting and sensitive attainments. Nicholas Roerich says: "Culture is salvation—culture is the heart." Verily, so it is! The world is at present depressed because of lack of culture and only through this medium can the world be saved from utter destruction.

Mr. Lichtmann, in his address to the Third International Roerich Peace Banner Convention in Washington, on November 18th, 1933, said: "It is most significant that in a time like this, a great cultural leader should be destined to head a movement which will strengthen mankind in its fight for its cultural and spiritual treasures. And this man is Nicholas Roerich, the forerunner of Culture and Peace to come, the great prophet of our age. For the last forty years, Roerich, in flaming proclamations, prepared our generation for the great changes which have already come, and are yet to come. And for the last thirty years, Roerich worked unceasingly for the great cause of Peace through Culture. His Banner of Peace is a fiery call to all mankind to preserve in these turbulent times, above all, the results of human genius. Verily, the time has come for the world to accept the Banner of Roerich as a living symbol of Culture and Peace. And the time is not far off when this banner will be unfurled over all the houses of God and over the buildings which house the results of achievements of human genius and thought . . . Like his ancestors, the Vikings, Roerich sets up the Banner of Peace on the soil of America for a peaceful conquest in the great cause of Culture, and for the general good of all mankind—the fiery chalice of Roerich's creativeness summons mankind to be 'afame in

heart and create in love.' And Roerich's Banner of Peace will before long become a meeting place for all those who are striving to build out of present chaos a new and better humanity. The reconstruction of the world is about to begin. And it is due time to begin to build, as Roerich says, 'from the ancient wondrous stones, the steps of the future.' "

Mr. Lichtmann brought his address to the delegates of the convention to an end as follows: "And free men and women, risen from the ashes of yesterday, shall unfurl Roerich's Banner of Peace as a true symbol of Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God."

The call and message to mankind of Nicholas Roerich, namely the call to Great Unity in the name of Culture and Peace, is especially pronounced in this, his latest book— "Fiery Stronghold." This book should be the guide and companion of every statesman, student of human welfare, every group, and leader of social work, in short, of everyone who strives to help humanity in its present problems. Roerich's "Fiery Stronghold" shall richly reward all those who will follow the noble precepts of the author of this book. The fiery language of Nicholas Roerich kindles in one's innermost soul the finest and noblest desires to serve mankind; to serve in the best and most cultural way in this present hour of distress. It is, therefore, that one feels so strongly the imperative need, that "Fiery Stronghold" reach as many enlightened souls as possible, because this book is dedicated to the welfare of mankind, and as such, should be cherished by all those who have consecrated their life to the very same cause.

Verily, Roerich's truth is all-embracing and infinite, and he expresses it in every thought and idea he propounds, for Roerich teaches first of all, to face the problems of life with the love of man for his fellow-man. The "all-containing, all-imparting," as Browning said, spirit of Roerich helps others to be imbued with the same lofty aspirations, and the "Fiery Stronghold" becomes, thus, the very beacon for all who sincerely desire to contain and impart the eternal fire of truth and love.

Roerich's voice sounds in accord with the united aspirations of all nations, that at large strive towards Peace and Culture. His universal understanding of these problems, which mankind faces at present, brings out especially to the foreground, his voice as a leader of world culture. Nicholas Roerich has thousands of followers in all parts of the world, who are so eager to hearken and follow every advice and indication of their leader, and his "Fiery Stronghold" shall serve as a faithful guide in their noble endeavors to serve their fellow-men in the present mo-

mentous distress. Thus we greet this new volume of Nicholas Roerich as a true friend and companion of our hearts.

May its light beacon the way of mankind to a new and resplendent future and carry the gratitude of all those who shall benefit from the wise advice of its author.

"The Stronghold." Published by the Stratford Company, Boston, Mass. Price \$3.00.
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BOOK REVIEW

"Light on the Path" and "Voice of the Silence," David McKay Co., Philadelphia, 75c each. Two of the classics of occultism in a uniform binding, pocket size, well and clearly printed. Both volumes include the notes and commentaries which have been a feature of former editions. The publishers deserve thanks for having made available an edition of these great little books, at once attractive and inexpensive. These books may be ordered from Halcyon Book Concern, Halcyon, California. E.H.

THE LAST HOURS OF A TEMPLE MEMBER

William H. Townsend of Halcyon, who was a devoted, loyal Temple member for over thirty years, passed from this plane of outer activity in a hospital in San Francisco, after several severe operations, on November 29, 1933.

Brother Townsend was one of the old guard, and always in the front line of defense for his beloved Temple work. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss who will continue to live at Halcyon in a little bungalow that he built after their marriage. Mr. Townsend was very devoted to the children's work and he was one of the seven guardians of this department, known as the Temple Builders. He went away from Halcyon for spells in mining work.

Our brother's last words are worth while quoting indeed. He was speaking of the necessity for continually identifying one's self with "It," the Christos, and said to his wife and a Temple brother who were with him these last hours: "You are Christ, Brother and Sister (his wife) is Christ, and I am Christ. He is you, and He is Ida, and He is me. Try to live in that. Don't let go of it. Don't do it just for your your sake, or for the Master's sake, or the Avatar's sake, or for the whole world; but do it for all the worlds and all the universes. All is one. You are all, and all is in you. I have always known this; but in my condition I realize it and I *Know* it. *Realize! Realize!* That's all that's necessary. But don't talk to every one about it; be careful."

The brother who was present said: "I'll see you in my dreams, old boy." Bill answered: "I'll be there—somewhere." Then he added, emphatically but quietly: "I'll be everywhere. The universe isn't big enough to hold me when I know I'm Him." Then the end came, and the warrior spirit went home. The remains were brought to Halcyon, and after Temple services in his beloved Temple, were interred in the tranquil Halcyon cemetery.

The New Era

Address by DAVID SILVERSTEIN of Fall River, Massachusetts
Before Providence Philosophical Club

I was rather glad to have Miss Gay read to you a Message from the Masters of Wisdom at the opening, as a sort of privilege to us to feel the strength and see the inner beauty of those great souls. I wonder how many of us really, even in a small measure, realize just how determining a factor for good and truth have been and are the Masters of Wisdom. The true philosopher knows that everything material is relative and an illusion, but shadows of the real.

A Great Master recently said: "A massive block of wood as large as a house is useless, and in order to make it useful we must empty the inside; the most useful part of the wagon is the empty space in the hub of the wheel; the X-ray is only created because you empty the glass tube of the air and create a vacuum." So we must empty our minds and hearts of this material rigidity and then let our hearts be opened and empty to allow the great truths and the universal wisdom to flow in unobstructed into our consciousness.

"History repeats itself." History does repeat itself, but always on a higher spiral each succeeding time.

Humanity has reached the point near the end of an old cycle and is about to enter into the beginning of a new one which embraces humanity as a whole.

There is the daily twenty-four hour cycle; there is the yearly cycle; there is the seven-year cycle. Then there are the race cycles, cycles of nations; and so there is the great cycle that comes every long period of time which affects humanity as a whole and which ushers in a new era for all the races of the world.

The divine law of cause and effect and its corollary, evolution, are the motive power behind this great law of cycles.

The degree in the scale of the evolution of each cycle is determined by the impulse and force generated by humanity as it is about to enter into the new cycle. It is the desire and strong will generated in the consciousness of mankind as it sweeps from the lowest point of the downward arc into the upward arc of the new cycle which characterizes the new.

When the end of the great world cycle is about to come, the testing point of all organizations, nations, races and institutions—political, economic, social and religious—is being reached.

The testing is similar to the refining process of gold; the dross must be burnt and brushed aside; so it is with humanity. The testing takes the form of stress, strain and suffering which purifies the consciousness of humanity and brings about the strong will and desire for a truer and more righteous life in all directions.

Let us look to the present day testing. Every nation of the world is in attitude of attention and the mighty nations are trembling. The yellow-race is challenging the white. Russia, with an area almost as large as North America, has a form of government different from that of other nations of the world. The whole of China is in ferment. The Hindus and Moslems of India are subtly waiting for the first opportunity to strike for their freedom.

Economically, the nations of the world have found themselves in the stagnant waters of the filth of their own unrighteousness. The justice of the present economic system is being challenged.

Politically, the tyrannical sovereigns are being wiped out. Imperial Russia, Germany, Austria and Spain have toppled. There are the lesser ones which will soon make up the complete overthrow of old dynasties.

Democratic form of government itself is being tested. Somehow or other, the people have lost the power of rightfully choosing their leaders. The average citizen is intuitively impotent and bewildered when an important moment comes to select leaders for the state and nation. Our social order has become a tragedy. Poverty, want and misery moves like a scourge over all nations.

The churches are being tested to their very foundations.

Industrially the chasm between labor and capital is growing wider and wider. The wealth of industries is lost, and workers are idle and looking on.

All the accumulated evil forces of the ages seem to have focussed themselves in our time and generation as if to destroy civilization itself.

Humanity is in travail and undoubtedly when the suffering shall reach the intensive point and the last expulsive cry be heard, then and not until then shall the new era be born, and a new order unfold itself, based upon true brotherhood and righteousness.

The canker in the old order must be destroyed. Separateness is the curse; selfishness is the canker.

(Reference was made to the New Order about to be ushered in, and in conclusion the Master Message, "Rise," from the convention number of The Temple Artisan was read.)

Temple Activities and Notices

In the Editorial Mirror attention was called to the article entitled "Fiery Stronghold." The vice-president of the Roerich Museum in sending this on, said in his accompanying letter addressed to the Temple Leader, the following: "This review was written especially for *The Temple Artisan*, and I hope you will be able to use it in your wonderful magazine. . . . You must be strong and well, our dear and beloved Brother, because the Great Cause of Light needs you and your close co-workers are ever attracted to you, the real focus magnet of The Temple of the People. May the blessed rays of the Hierarchy of Light be ever with you and your dear co-workers."

Members and friends should remember that the healing services are held every day at noon in the Temple at Halcyon, and they can either tune in or send names of those who want help. Names will be placed in the healing bowl on the altar.

We received some very nice letters from members stating that they miss the Family Letter and the warm touch it brings from the Center. We regret that circumstances have prevented us from getting it out because of the unusual conditions obtaining. When these pass, we will get the Family Letter out again and we trust it will be in the near future.

Attention is called to the article entitled "The New Era," an address given by our Temple Brother, Mr. David Silverstein, before Providence Philosophical Club. Mr. Silverstein has been a devoted Temple member for many years. Our Sister, Miss Winona Gay, also of Fall River, Mass., who has always been very helpful for the Temple, participated in the meeting.

Errata: In the October-November number of *The Artisan*, on the title page, line 4, a proof-reading mistake was inadvertently made, where the words "three score years" were placed. In the original manuscript it read "more than thirty years." Templars and *Artisan* readers can make this correction in the copies sent to them. The article, "The Call of Race," in the same *Artisan* number, was a Temple Teaching, but the number was omitted. Members can write it under the title, "Temple Teachings. Open Series No. 265."

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