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### THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

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The declared objects of the Society of THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE are:

**First:**—To establish a nucleus and a vehicle for the essential UNITY of all life.

**Second:**—To bring about a greater understanding of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD and the enlightenment of all people.

**Third:**—To promote a universal understanding and toleration of TRUTH by a diligent study of comparative religion, making science religious and religion scientific. Since TRUTH is an integral part of the nature and being of all WORLD RELIGIONS, there never can be, except by faulty understanding a conflict between the religions of the world.

The Society owes no allegiance or subordination to the authority of any power, body or office outside its own sphere of administration, vested in the Guardian-In-Chief, except that due respect is declared for every requirement of civil law.

**The Temple Of The People:** situate in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, U. S. A., shall be known as International Headquarters of the Society of THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE. Here shall be established the permanent residence of the Guardian-In-Chief and members of the Temple Synod.

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**Members-At-Large:**—Shall consist of all who have signed an application blank for admittance into the Temple Of The People, and pay the annual dues of six dollars. These members are considered in the light of probationers for the Order of the 36.

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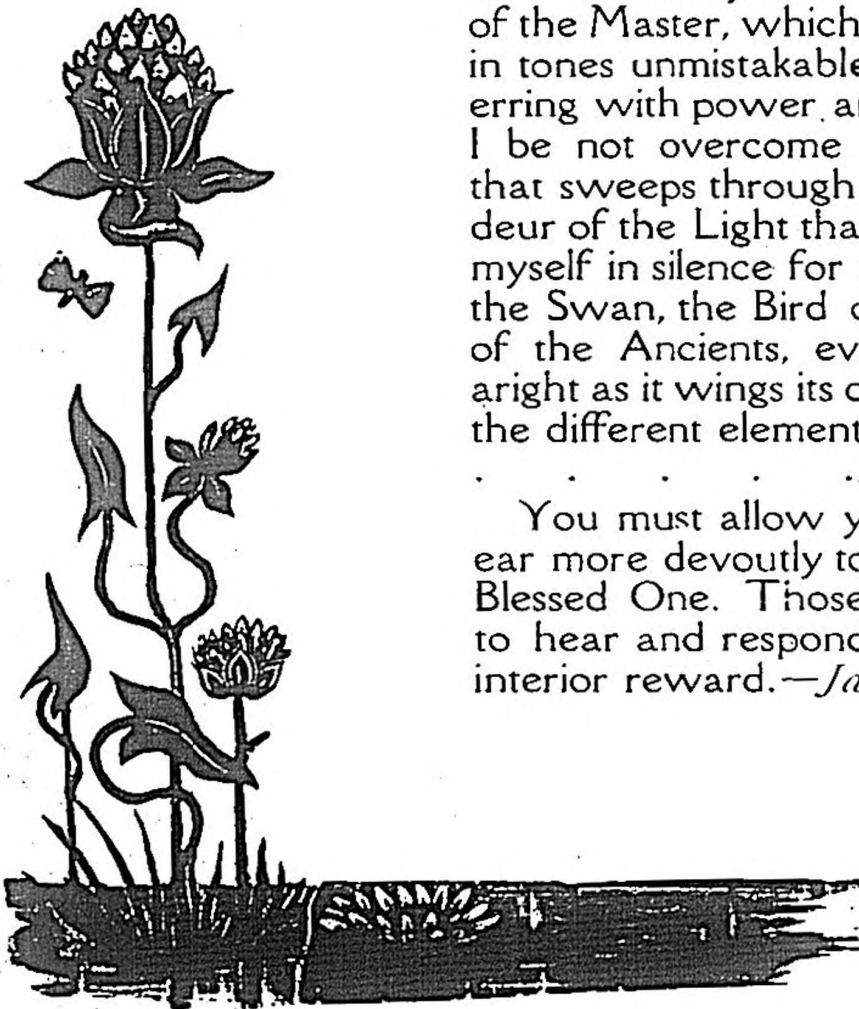
UNTO THEE A KEY

## THE HEIGHTS SUPERNAL

I stand on the Mount supernal of my Spiritual, Divine Self, my heart free from hatred for any creature or being, free from fear of any state or condition, my soul given in service, consecrated to God and mankind. Faith, love, compassion, beauty, wisdom, truth, the Light of Life Eternal surround and pervade me. Mingled with these as One in Rhythmic Essence, I await the Voice of the Master, which shall thrill through my being in tones unmistakable and point me to duty unerring with power and joy in abundance. That I be not overcome by the immensity of sound that sweeps through me, or blinded by the grandeur of the Light that breaks upon me, I will seat myself in silence for a spell and fix my gaze upon the Swan, the Bird of Life, the symbol of poise of the Ancients, ever balanced, ever directed aright as it wings its course of adjustment through the different elements.

You must allow yourselves to open the inner ear more devoutly to the Silent Language of the Blessed One. Those who listen and who learn to hear and respond in gladness have their own interior reward.—*January 1, 1931.*

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## THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

The thirty-fifth annual Temple convention proved to be a great, radiant time of loving comradeship and spiritual attunement for all who attended it. Letters from members and friends tell us that they have felt the uplifting forces of the convention days. We are extending thanks to all who could not be with us, but who sent letters of greetings and their loving thoughts to make the convention a greater success for the future of the Temple work. So, our kindest greetings and comradeship go out with this report to all. May we ever more perfectly do the work we are called to do in service of the Avatar, thereby cultivating brotherly love and a high religious consciousness of our duty to one another and to the whole world, for ushering in right conditions for the New Humanity and a True Brotherhood of Man on earth.

Saturday evening, August 4, the usual preliminary meeting was held in Hiawatha Lodge, giving opportunity for greetings and renewal of friendly ties. Mrs. Monica Weaver of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Wenonah Tallman rendered some fine songs. Light refreshments were served, and all had a good time.

A choral prayer and meditation service, held in the Temple at 11 a. m. Sunday, opened the week's activities. The Guardian in Chief and Inner Guard presided. Mr. W. H. Thompson conducted the service. The choir opened with the anthem, "Here in Thy Temple, Lord, we pray." The Guardian in Chief, Dr. Dower, called attention to the different Temple groups and Squares convening at the same time with us, namely, the comrades of the Squares on the Atlantic Coast in New York; the German Section of The Temple of the People in Berlin; Canadian comrades in Winnipeg, Canada. Mrs. Monica Weaver and Dr. George Little of Palo Alto sang some fine solos. The choir sang the recessional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," and the noonday healing meeting followed immediately, conducted by Mr. Duncan Ferguson.

Luncheon was served for all in Hiawatha Lodge.

### **Sunday Afternoon Session**

The convention met in first official session at 3 p. m. The Andante of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was rendered on piano and organ by Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Cheetham, after which the Inner Guard, Mrs. Wilkins, read from From the Mountain Top. The Words of Force were recited and unifying chant sung. The blessings of the Masters of The Great White Lodge upon all convention proceedings and humanity at large were then invoked by the Guardian in Chief, Dr. Dower. The convocation hymn, the beloved "Gitchie Manitou," was sung, after which the Message of the Master to the convention was read by the Guardian in Chief as follows:

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE  
CONVENTION

TO THE CHILDREN OF MAN: I greet you on this thirty-fifth anniversary of a great work—a work that has prepared a Living Square of the peoples of the earth, in the center of which is now in process of birth the Architect, that invisible constructive force, the Divine Force, the Avatar who will rule the earth and the people thereof, with the Golden Rod of Wisdom, Love and Brotherhood.

To the people of the Temple and its invincible Guardian Wall, to all who love their fellow men, to all rulers high and low who aspire and work for a brotherhood of souls, to all religious minded men and women who prayerfully make sacrifices, keep alive and active the instinct and knowledge of the Divinity within, I greet you in all humility because of the Holy Covenant existing between us, so that working as One—you in me and I in you—we may leaven the iron selfishness in all human hearts and lives and clear the path between the Higher and Lower Self, so permitting the sparkling incandescence of spirit to utter itself in all fields of human endeavor. Again, to all unselfish workers in the realm of science and invention, to all teachers of the Divine Message in terms of art, poetry, music, beauty and literature, and to all true, earnest, sincere teachers who educe, lead out from the innocent ignorance of the inner nature and transmute these negative qualities into the selflessness of Spiritual Gold—all these I salute in the name of True Brotherhood.

To all working in every field whatsoever, who serve constructively in all and every trade, without whose fidelity the work of the world would falter—all such I greet and bless, for they are the salt of the earth, whether their achievements may be unknown and unsung to those in so-called higher places, as all life depends on the little and invisible things. All of these and more are members of the great Temple of Humanity, and are the hands and feet of the Great White Lodge with its twelve grand divisions for carrying on the *Great Work*. I have said: work *in* me, not *for* me in this war of the ages upon your planet. It is the strife between the Sons of Universal Light and the Brothers of the Shadow. The clutch of personality, self-interest and selfishness must be broken to regain your spiritual birthright—a conscious unity with the God within. Try to realize you live in a world of shifting shadows. You yourselves are but shadows of the Real. Therefore, kill out, transmute the bud of personality, your shadow self, and you will stand face to face with the Augoeides, your Luminous Self, the Adonai, the King, in His beauty and holiness, thine own True Self. That Spiritual Self is unconquerable. Be not afraid. Thou art one with the Christos—the Great White Lodge. Trials and sufferings you will have; you will fall by the wayside, but the true warrior of light is never defeated but arises from the dust of his fall and presses on against the Hosts of Hell to the goal

of Light, to his Divine Source, to his blissful home in inner realms of light, clothed in the seamless robe, the Nirmanakaya body of spiritual fire.

Be of good cheer. Are we not with you? The arms of my soul are about you now and forever. I shall never forsake my children. Do terrible world-wide conditions obtain on earth, yet know that Hosts upon Hosts of members of the White Lodge are helping. We can retard karma but not stop its action, as that will interfere with Divine justice. Bear in mind you are limited by your ignorance of the Great Law, and we are limited by knowledge of the Great Law that moves to righteousness. These "terrible conditions" are signs of growth and progress, even if they hurt. They are the birth pangs of a new humanity, a new order of the ages, a new and holier civilization. The battle is already won on inner planes by Divine Forces. You are but feeling the precipitation of effects on the outer phenomenal planes. When all these shadows flee away then can the Divine Incarnation, the Avatar, manifest in power and glory indescribable and incommunicable. The inner silences are more eloquent than speech. Speech is but a string of symbols, as in the realities of the spiritual you *know* without words or reason, speech or thought, for you are unified with the One True Light of Infinite Spirit transcending all the limitations of matter, form, space and time, as well as the third, fourth, fifth and sixth dimensions of substance, force and consciousness.

Some have said that because of earthquakes, catastrophes, a world-wide unrest, unemployment, great dust storms, terrific heat with many deaths, pests, droughts, lack of rainfall and too much, wars, etc.,—the world was dying, that it had run its course. This is not so. The earth is not half through its evolutionary course. These things have come because of karma, the law of action and reaction. You have had warning of these fiery times for thirty-five years—if humanity did not respond and assimilate the great cosmical forces poured out, there would be congestions and explosions in the astral world, with inevitable repercussion on the physical and its humanity. Every thing not attuned to the new evolutionary order will be overthrown, go down and out, for it is the law that you *must progress*, go on, not stand still. When a great cycle comes in and you hug the old conditions, with their rotting robes of flesh, and refuse to accept the Inner Robes of Light of the New Dispensation, then fiery destruction sweeps the earth.

What is the remedy for all this woe? The cultivation and practice of brotherly love and a deep religious consciousness of the eternal bond between you—the creatures, and the Creator. Let go of the glitter and glamour of outer things and attune with the Kingdom of God within. This is for the whole world and no other remedy can cure. Get back to the spiritual principle of things from which humanity in its selfishness and egotism has departed.

There is nothing new under the sun. History repeats itself. Clear the path for the Avatar, the Regenerator.

In 1922 I gave you the Key. Now use it. I refer to the essential part:

Graven on the walls of an Initiation Chamber at a certain Sacred Place, is found the following inscription which is given you now for a threefold reason:

"We offer up our Heart of Hearts, O World, and place it upon the Stone of Sacrifice that we as One may enter into true and perfect being."

*"Thou canst not make the sacrifice. It hath been made for Thee."*

"I offer Thee the blood that floweth through my veins that the Stain of the World-soul may be washed away."

*"Thine offering comes too late—the Stain was washed away by the Blood of the Lamb, slain before the foundations of the world."*

"I offer Thee the Soul of a little child that Thou mayest place it in Thy bosom as a Light to lighten the world."

*"The Blood from thine heart hath washed thy feet, and they are clean. Thou mayest enter."*

And I heard a sound as of the rushing of many waters, and the heavens were rolled away as a scroll. And I saw a White Stone, and bound thereon was a little child. At its head an Angel stood. It opened the side of the child and took therefrom a little heart, which offering was for a burnt offering. And from the Inner Fires crept forth large tongues of flame and wrapped the Angel and the Sacrifice in a close embrace, and the child cried forth with a loud voice: "Open! Open! Open the Path! that I the Thrice Born may return to my people, for they are calling to me from the depths!" And the tongues of flame sprang to His bidding and consumed root, branch and stubble—all that obstructed the Path to the outermost verge.

The Child, the Path and the Flame are the Key to the deepest mysteries. Search for that Key within yourself, and use it righteously when found.

The child is the innocence of Wisdom which the race has lost. The Path is the way to the Higher Self, the Christ within. The flame is the purifying, transmuting element that burns up the rubbish in the lower nature. Then can the Thrice Born, the Christos, enter into His people and all trouble and sorrow will pass away even as the shadow loseth itself at sunset.

In tender love,

Your Father-Brother, HILARION

July 21, 1934

Mr. Otto Westfelt sang the charge given to Templars at the inception of the Temple in 1898, "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth, I salute you in the name of The Great White Brotherhood."

The chorus, accompanied by piano and organ, sang "The Harp of Life," a section of The Cauldron music, written by Dr. and Mrs. Dower and Mr. Cheetham. Dr. Dower explained that "The Building of the Cauldron" was written by J. O. Varian, and in former conventions was acted out of doors at night, when a large chorus, soloists and percussion instruments provided the music. The score is dynamic, fresh, and even in its lyric passages characterized by an eager, resistless pulsation. It is creative, powerful. Dr. Little sang the soloist parts.

A piano selection by Mr. Cethyl Mallory followed, then the hymn, "We Praise Thee, We Praise Thee" (words and music by B. S., first Guardian in Chief of the Temple) by the choir. After recitation of the Temple mantrams and singing of the Consecration Hymn, the meeting closed with the blessings of the Guardian in Chief.

At 6 p. m. supper was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

#### **Sunday Evening Session**

At 8 o'clock The Order of the Thirty-six convened. Four candidates were initiated into this first esoteric section of the Temple, and the Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated. There was splendid music—violin, organ and piano, and Mr. Westfelt sang very beautifully, "Come Unto Me, All Ye Who Are Heavy Laden."

#### **Monday Sessions**

At 10:30 a. m., in the Temple, the annual reports of the Temple officers were read. The meeting was opened with a duetto, "Love Divine," from the cantata Daughter of Jairus by John Stainer, sung by Mrs. Weaver and Dr. Little. After reading by the Inner Guard from From the Mountain Top, reciting of the Words of Force and singing of the unifying chant, the following reports were read:

#### **REPORT OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE**

*By Ernest Harrison*

Each year at this time it is customary for the scribe to present a brief summary of Temple work as it appears to him. Each of us occupies a different point from every other person and consequently sees things from a slightly different angle, so our attitudes and conclusions will differ a little, and our reactions will vary. The past year has emphasized to me two foundation stones of Temple work. I remember when in conversation with the present Guardian in Chief some thirty-five years ago, his telling me that the motto of the Temple would be "*Creeds disappear, hearts remain.*" The motto of the old Theosophical Society was "There is no religion higher than truth," but a new cycle was to begin, he said, and the keynote of the new cycle and of the specific function of the Temple was to be this: "*Creeds disappear, hearts remain.*"



I liked the old motto--- "There is no religion higher than truth." The new one did not seem to mean nearly so much. But looking back through the years, how many creeds we have seen thrown overboard, and how wonderfully we have seen the heart develop as the husks of creed and dogma were cast aside. How many splendid persons we have seen caught in the mesh of creed and whirled away out of the aura of the Temple, and how often we have seen others lay aside their creeds and be drawn into the heart side of the Temple forces! How many times we hear the expression, "I don't know what it is, but there is *something* about Halcyon, I don't get anywhere else. Perhaps this "something" is the "heart" that "remains." In the early days we had a password without which no one could gain admittance to our meetings. It was:

"The light of the Triple Star falleth upon the sea;  
The sea gives up to the Rising Star its wealth of humanity."

I always liked this password. There is a ring and rhythm to it which mean something. It carries power. It is a mantram. Even if we do not realize the meaning of the sentences, it accomplishes something. It is a building force. It is the triple key to the inner Temple. Just as there are many doors to this Temple building, and keys for each of them, so there is a triple key to the Temple of the heart, and each ray of the light of the Triple Star is one of these keys. Love, Will and Wisdom are the three rays of the Triple Star and the three keys to the real Temple. No one can enter the real Temple without them, for it is built of their substance. The building in which we are seated is symbolic of this inner Temple. Each angle, curve and line represents something. The light comes from above, just as our inspiration and spiritual uplift come from above. The general form is triangular, representing the Trinity. The pillars around the outer walls symbolize the inner degrees which hold up the roof over our heads. Every line is a representation of an inner force. And the *inner* Temple is built on geometrical lines also. Each separate factor in the Temple building has a duplicate on the inner planes, just as tangible and definite there as the wood and concrete of this building are. The mortar that holds the real Temple together is the "heart" that remains when the creeds disappear. The rafters and pillars and walls and roof are the basic spiritual qualities of hope, faith, justice, courage, compassion and so on. They are cemented together by that "intangible something" which we sense but cannot describe, but which is the essential oil distilled from our humiliations and sacrifices and our unselfish efforts for good. Out of the still of human experiences a subtle essence is evolved, and this essence is the mortar without which the Inner Temple could not be built. Just as experience of pain and sorrow will develop fortitude and resignation and many other estimable qualities, so devotion and sacrifice for an altruistic cause—any altruistic

cause—will develop this essence out of which the Spiritual Temple is being builded.

So the light of the Triple Star (Love, Will, Wisdom) falleth upon the sea (the hearts of mankind) and "the sea gives up to the Rising Star its wealth of humanity." The altruistic spirit is developing. Every year we see more and more interest in humanitarian works. The attitude is changing. The rights of the poor and needy are coming into recognition. Out of the pain and travail of human experience the world over, a redeeming essence is being distilled, and this is the quality symbolized by Christ crucified. This is the redeemer, the unifier, the impelling force which drives humanity forward in its evolutionary career. Without it there could be no progress, no vision, no impulse forward. The creeds and formulas and plans and doctrines serve their purpose and are cast away, but this, the heart, remains.

### REPORT OF THE INNER GUARD

*By Ida J. Wilkins*

Greetings, comrades, on our thirty-fifth anniversary of the Temple work, and let us offer a little prayer of thanksgiving that we have been spared another year to greet you. The Great Father-Mother has been kind to us, and we have sensed the Master's protection every day of the year.

The Temple work is a beautiful and rare one. We see comrades come in, full of love and high aspirations, and work to overcome their defects, fall down, get up and try again, and finally the light shines through and the glory of it shines through their eyes. There is no mistaking that light: it is the light which lighteth all men when they strive for it. We are here to help our comrades to reach the place on the Path where the light may shine for them, and they be able to pass it on to others. The Path was never more difficult to keep than now, when the world is in such a chaotic state, and never was our responsibility greater.

We were given the work through Master H. of forming a nucleus of seven disciples who were bound together so firmly that nothing could separate them. I believe we have that nucleus. As I have watched the testing year after year, I feel we have the gift of seven disciples which Master H. asked of this organization and for which it was formed.

Some choice souls have entered the Temple gate the past year, and may God grant they will find peace and comfort within this Fold, not only peace and comfort, but courage and endurance to meet the difficulties which are before them, and, my comrades, this can only be accomplished through love. As we love our comrades, so will we call out the best in them.

With all the upset conditions in the world, there never was so much solidarity in the Temple as now, and also in Germany the Temple has the same stability.

When we look back thirty-five years we wonder how we lived through the trials the Temple organization has passed through and held together, and yet we regret it could not have been done better; yet, we might have been too proud of ourselves, while now, as it is, we are only thankful we *pulled through* and have a strong nucleus to offer the Lodge.

I quote from Master H. in 1908: "Unless there can be drawn from this center the nucleus of which I have so often spoken to you, our work for this cycle will fail. Grave conditions are so rapidly precipitating all over the world that it is all but impossible to gain a sufficient number of faithful and devoted chelas to hold any one point of the Temple Star."

Let us not forget that Master H. has told us that "America will ultimately be the controlling world power. It will be a beacon light toward which all other nations will look for precept and example, and as your chief interests are now centered here, it is most necessary that your attention be called to those evils which must be remedied, and the methods by which the remedies are to be applied.

"The ancient civilizations of America were far in advance of any now in operation, and their fall, dismemberment and final annihilation were due to the same canker at the root which now threatens the present civilization, that is, the confiscation or combination of all power and wealth into the hands of a limited number belonging to state or church, and the consequent degradation of all the rest.

"With the advantages of education and opportunity now afforded to all alike, there is apt to arise a fancied security, which, like the poison of the upas tree, will lull its partakers into a stupor from which they cannot be aroused until it is too late to make effectual resistance."

Let us not forget this warning when we are inclined to criticize our President Roosevelt for not doing *all* we are expecting him to do in a short time. Let us help to hold up his hands and help him to bring about changes to better conditions.

The great disintegrator Neptune has attended strictly to his duties the past year, as we have learned from the newspapers, in the breaking up of old conditions. Also some good work has been done by those who were able to contact him on a higher plane.

Some of our dear ones have passed on to their reward. The Temple Treasurer has gone on with the rest, and we will miss her report this year, which always had a ring of hope and encouragement. No one could have wished her to stay and endure such physical suffering as she had to bear.

Some of our dear ones have married, and seem to be happy, and we wish them all the joys of married life.

While Master Hilarion has thought best for us not to champion any political party, leaving all free to choose which party they will vote for, some of our younger brothers have felt the call to go out and work for a candidate for governor who believes he can end poverty in Cali-

fornia. I am sure all this good work will meet with the approval of the Lodge.

This, friends, is what we are working for—to advance all good work, to spread our teachings, to reach those who are able to understand our teachings, not large numbers of lukewarm people. We need them also if they wish to join us, as they may get a real touch which they will never forget. Numbers amount to little. When we realize how few of the many who have pledged themselves to the Masters' work have been able to meet the tests of the Path, we realize how difficult the Path is.

We hope that another year may bring us closer to our Master's heart, and nearer to each other in love and loyalty, and find us more worthy to be called the children of our Great Father-Mother.

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

*By Wm. H. Dower*

Dr. Dower, the Guardian in Chief, announced that he had assumed the functions of the Treasurer since the passing from this plane of outer activity of the former Treasurer, Jane W. Dower, his most intimate co-worker and helper, as he knew it was her desire that he should function in her place for a time. He said though the outer voice was stilled, he knew that her inner light, help and presence were with us and would work as tirelessly as ever in helping on the Temple plan. Dr. Dower then read quotations from her last forceful and inspiring address as Treasurer, from the convention of 1933:

“ . . . 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!’

“Truth wins; truth is the Higher Self; truth is the victor. Though we may see it not by spells, never think 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, be wildered. 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 seal 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.

"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.

"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*"

The Guardian in Chief then said that in accordance with the Temple plan it is necessary to definitely appoint a Treasurer to succeed the former Treasurer, in order that the chairs of the four Temple officers may be filled. Therefore, he then appointed Pearl Wilshire as Treasurer of The Temple of the People, and also confirmed the position of Otto Westfelt as Financial Secretary, bookkeeper and keeper of Temple records. These two have held responsible positions in banks and other business offices, and were very efficient and accurate in attending to all accounts. In addition to the training these two have had, the Guardian in Chief said that he now had a good financial board, not only well qualified to attend to the many duties, but also both were near him in points of distance so that he could confer with one or both very quickly. Dr. Little asked for an expression of gratitude for these appointments. All assembled stood up in approval.

#### REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF, *By Wm. H. Dower*

Dear Comrades and Friends: It is gratifying that we are able to say in this thirty-fifth annual convention that the Temple has gone steadily

on, from a very small beginning in 1898, to an ever increasing growth in numbers, organization and spiritual influence now radiating not only in this country, but in many foreign countries with corresponding groups of devoted and loyal members carrying on the work and helping others to understand the mysteries of life and death, and all working together to bring about the Universal Brotherhood of humanity on earth without distinctions. As this spirit of unity and harmony continues in the Temple, it will grow and prosper and re-temple the earth here and elsewhere with its splendid fundamental teachings of science, philosophy and religion and helping to make science religious, and religion scientific; for there is no religion higher than truth, and creeds will disappear and hearts remain in the New Age now dawning.

Many have wondered when they have seen other movements go down and out, and many occult magazines suspended in these days, how it is that the Temple has been able to carry on. The answer is very simple: it has been by trimming our sails to meet the winds that blow; by thrift and economy, and by the devotion, loyalty and sacrifices of members here at Halcyon as well as members everywhere. With the inner feeling and determination that "come what may," with the help of the Masters, we will keep Their nucleus together and intact, so that through it They can work for uplifting the world to the higher levels of spiritual consciousness.

*Finances.* In order to keep within our means, we have been compelled to cut all expenses to the bone, so to speak, and just to illustrate, let me say what we have done since 1931. At that time, owing to changes we made in the work and new buildings put up, the Temple owed more than \$6,000. Since that time, up to date, \$5,000 of that has been paid, but we are still in debt. In addition, members should realize that we have paid all overhead expenses and published *The Temple Artisan* regularly, paid for paper and printing, ink, and all kinds of office expenses. As said, we have cut expenses to the bone. This included cutting *The Temple Artisan* down to sixteen pages instead of twenty-eight. We also temporarily suspended publication of the Family Letter. We hope to resume that in the near future. Therefore, all thanks are due to our members at Halcyon, in this country and in other countries for the great help rendered in these days of depression.

*Temple Meetings.* Meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple and in Hiawatha Lodge, in addition to lectures by outside people who have come here. Halcyon has become known far and wide, and we have visitors quite constantly, so the work is going on actively.

*Foreign Work.* We have many splendid members in foreign countries, the largest group being in Germany; groups in Canada, and many isolated members in various parts of Europe and the world at large, in-

cluding groups of earnest students in Wellington, New Zealand. Many of the Temple teachings have been translated and published in the German language, and we are now beginning to make connection with those interested in the Temple in Spanish-speaking countries, especially in Mexico and South America. We have already an extensive series of papers translated from important Temple messages and instructions, and the correspondence courses for members are also being translated in the Spanish language.

*Temple Literature.* We are finding there is a great demand for Temple literature from all parts of this country and foreign countries, and the Halcyon Temple print shop is doing splendid work. The print shop is Temple property, and the Artisan is published there every other month. In addition, other Temple printing is done, and recently the third edition of "Occultism for Beginners" has been printed there. Other books and booklets are printed from time to time, and we are ambitious to make eventually of the Halcyon Temple print shop a publishing house.

*Temple Propaganda.* There is a constant demand for Temple leaflets, and this department, as well as the Temple offices, is under the able and efficient direction of Miss Ella Vogtherr, Secretary to the Guardian in Chief with able assistance of others as circumstances require. Hundreds of letters and papers have gone out during the past year to all parts of the world.

*The Temple Center.* The Guest House and Hiawatha Lodge are decided acquisitions of the center and play a vital role in the life of the center. The William Quan Judge library in the Administration Building, under the care of Miss Mary S. Dutton, is much appreciated by members and visitors. It consists of between 2,000 and 3,000 valuable and rare books. Halcyon is now a place on the map, and thanks are due to many members living at Halcyon for the work they have done keeping up its good appearance, as a labor of love. It must be borne in mind we are in a country and secluded region, but there are many conveniences nevertheless. And most important of all is the inner spiritual atmosphere, not to speak of the beautiful Blue Star Memorial Temple building and other official buildings referred to.

*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.

### REPORT ON THE GERMAN TEMPLE SECTION

*By MISS ELLA VOGTHERR, Secretary to the Guardian in Chief*

Comrades and friends: The German Temple section celebrates simultaneously with us now its sixth annual Temple convention in Berlin. At this very same hour they are convening in important session.

The section is now in its eighth year of group activity. It was fully organized in 1931, with three officers—Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer, with headquarters in Berlin-Steglitz. The German section is autonomous, yet fully responsible as to the spiritual principles to the central cell of the nucleus of the Temple, owing to the law of centralization on which the whole Temple structure, as any true organization, is built.

During the last years, members individually, as well as the section as a whole, have been tested to the core through the most opposing forces. In spite of all, they do not only continue to exist, but are slowly, steadily increasing in numbers and constructive inner and outer work. This proves their inherent strength and unselfish devotion to the Great Cause which they are serving, their intelligence, fearlessness, wisdom and truthfulness in all confronting situations; in other words, their right of existence and fitness for Lodge work at the present time, when the most fiery forces all over the world are let loose on humanity. Many of the German members have been students of long standing in other theosophical movements before they found the Temple as their spiritual home.

The German Section has two organized Squares, each with about thirty members, in Berlin and in Zoppot-Danzig, with own quarters and fine libraries. Programs and reports of their activities are regularly sent to headquarters. Both Squares are holding regular public lectures, study classes for members only, and some open to the public, on Temple teachings, theosophical principles, Temple correspondence courses, The Coming Avatar, and The Secret Doctrine. They have splen-

did teachers and speakers among their members. Devotional and healing meetings, Feast of Fulfillment are regularly celebrated, and in Zoppot two Builders meetings monthly. Three new Temple groups have been formed during the past year in Darmstadt, Hamburg and Goerlitz. A great number of members are scattered in other cities all over Germany. Now and then some of the officers have gone on lecture trips. The Zoppot Square "Einheit" arranged a special Easter convention, which, owing to conditions, was omitted this year.

The monthly magazine of the German section, *Der Templer*, containing most of the contents of the current and former *Artisans* and teachings, is now in its seventh year of existence. Two-thirds of the book *Teachings of The Temple* have been printed in two volumes in German; also *Occultism for Beginners*, *From the Mountain Top*, the *Yellow Folio of Master Messages*, the two *Series of Temple Teachings* for members and correspondence courses; also the 36 papers and instructions, and quite a few fine propaganda leaflets and literature for distribution, mainly to convey a right concept of the nature of Temple work and true Theosophy. One of the younger members has his own printing press and donates splendid work in his spare time as contribution to the cause. They have planned a new edition of "Aus Lichter Hoehe" (*From the Mountain Top*), also a German edition of Mrs. Ada Muir's books on *Food in Relation to Health*.

All in the group are working together like the fingers of one hand, everyone according to his or her ability, contributing their great or small part to the work, in true humility and love, to a remarkable degree of detachment from personality and conditions, knowing that theirs is no other reward than in doing the work itself. Truly, the existence of a Temple group is a blessing to any country. Our friends are aware of their privilege and they are ever trying to hold their points where the Good Law has placed, and the Great Cause needs them. They know that the true Templar cannot neglect the duty closest at hand to family and home country. The relationship with the center is most wonderful. They are turning with the enthusiasm of their hearts and in all extremities and difficulties of their lives to the Center, though they do not know the comrades here personally, but in a still greater and deeper relationship in the Glorious Master-Father Who guides the destiny of races and nations, and in Whom we are all One, fulfilling our duties in true service for humanity, wherever we are placed. We all need one another's loving support.

May this brief report help to draw closer the ties of the heart strings between the comrades at the Temple center, the German comrades, and Temple comrades everywhere else, that we may grow in conscious Unity and encircle the globe with the light of love, as true workers of the Avatar, for the good of all races and final peace on earth.

## A LETTER OF GREETING

The following letter was received from the comrades attending the Temple convention in New York City:

"We the undersigned have met in our exalting meeting, uniting our thoughts and hearts and intentions in gratitude and devotion to the Master, the Lodge and the Center. We extend our heartiest greetings to the Guardian in Chief, the Priests and the members of The Temple of the People now in convention."

This was signed by seventeen members.

It was moved that the address of Martin G. Bilger, read at this New York meeting, be sent to the Temple convention at Halcyon. This was done. The Guardian in Chief read the address at one of the convention sessions, and we give it space below:

## ADDRESS OF MR. MARTIN G. BILGER, OF MERIDEN, CONN.

To members of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts Squares  
Assembled in Hotel Belleclaire, New York City,  
Convention Sunday, August 5, 1934

Brother Outer Guard, Comrades of the Temple and Friends: I assure you that I am more than glad as well as very grateful that the good law of karma has permitted me to attend this convention meeting, held simultaneously with the Temple convention at headquarters, Halcyon, California, and the German headquarters at Berlin; to meet and reunite with you all in closer, stronger bonds of harmony, unity and brotherhood.

The teachers of the White Lodge in the hoary past, as well as of today, constantly impressed upon their disciples the sincere study of the law of unity, and its strict observance in their daily lives and dealings with their fellow men. Within the pages of the Bible we read: "Brethren! O how pleasant it is to dwell in unity." Jesus expressed the same truth in a few different words or commandments. He said: "Love God before all else, and thy neighbor as thyself. On this hangs all the law and the prophets." The law of unity in all the higher fraternal organizations is also strongly impressed upon the candidate who is seeking the light. The Rosicrucian fraternity has for its motto: "*Omnia ab Uno*," meaning, all proceeds from the One—God, Unity, Love.

I think it is safe to state that all of us—Temple members here assembled (as elsewhere)—consider ourselves as spiritual children of the great Group Soul, Father Hilarion, Master and elder brother, Who directed a group to organize The Temple of the People, sometimes also called the John the Baptist movement, to announce and proclaim as of old the coming and reappearance of the Avatar or Christ, who last appeared as Jesus of Nazareth, to come again in all the power, love and justice to re-establish Truth, Justice and the Brotherhood of Man.

We Temple members, under the guidance and instruction of Master H. particularly, (Masters Morya and Koot Hoomi as well) and through their faithful and loyal agents and transmitters, Mrs. F. A. LaDue and Dr. Wm. H. Dower, were told and directed to prepare a place where it might become possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth a message which the world has waited for so long. "Such a place requires quiet, concentration, aspiration, unified endeavor, faith in each other and in the common purpose. These are essentials, all else is non-essential."

This center was established in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1898. In 1903 it was moved to Halcyon, Calif., where the right atmospheric and psychic conditions prevail for the development of the inner spiritual faculties, making them more sensitive, receptive and able to contact the Masters as well as the Avatar, whose reappearance at this time will not be in a physical body but in his permanent spiritual body—in the East called Nirmanakaya Rōbe—as He appeared to his chosen disciples after the crucifixion and transfiguration. Those who have the inner vision developed will see Him in all His glory; others will feel His tremendous purifying and uplifting power for good. Others, in opposition to His mission, will have to painfully experience the slaying of their dragon Selfishness, the fall of their god Mammon, or the golden calf, from its high pedestal.

Whenever a great Messianic cycle is due, the Spiritual Hierarchy of the White Lodge always sends a messenger to announce and proclaim the great world event. These Masters know exactly when such an event is due, as they are real Adepts and Masters in the knowledge and science of cyclic law. They know what ancient races are again reincarnating at this particular time, a Messianic cycle, to bring back again into manifestation their former capacities for greater achievements, and their virtues and vices as well which accounts in our present generation for the tremendous amount of knowledge, progress and inventions brought out within the last fifty or more years in all fields of endeavor; on the other hand also materialism, selfish intellectualism, pessimism, unbelief and decay. For, whenever the higher constructive spiritual forces are at work, the opposite or so-called dark, destructive forces also become more evident. This accounts for the warning that the great Purifier will not at first come with an olive branch in His hand, but with a sword. All obstacles in the way of divine law must first be removed before reconstruction can do its work.

Divine, evolutionary law is ceaselessly unfolding more and more the inherent latent powers in man for the uplift and welfare of the human race. If used rightly and for the good of all, well and good; if selfishly, for their undoing and ruin of their so-called civilization. We have our

own free will to choose, for better or worse, according as we regard or disregard the fundamental law of love, unity and brotherhood.

Can any one of us doubt the truth of the law of cause and effect taking place around us and all over the world? We see the actions and the working out of this law demonstrated daily before our eyes. The old saying is, "Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." The world is mad, viewing it from the standpoint or criterion of unity and brotherhood. Witness today the almost universal corruption, the misuse of wealth and power for selfish purposes, our own nation included. Can we doubt for a moment, in consequence of the impotence of most of the leaders of nations to bring back their people from chaos to harmony, peace and normalcy, instead of to rebellion, war, which is wholesale murder—that the necessity for a world leader is apparent—an Avatar with all His superhuman power, superhuman love and justice for all mankind, to bring back balance, unity, harmony and peace?

Regarding the coming of an Avatar, I will quote a few lines from The Bhagavad Gita, book of Devotion, where Krishna (representing the Christ) says to Arjuna (representing humanity collectively or any of its units individually) "I produce myself among creatures, O Son of Barata, whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice and injustice in the world, and thus I reincarnate from age to age for the preservation of the just, the destruction of the wicked and the re-establishment of righteousness." History repeats itself. Like causes bring like effects.

The ancient prophets, as well as the prophets of today, always warn their disciples and the people of the consequences of disregarding the great fundamental laws of love and brotherhood, even to such an extent that the reaction of divine law may bring about the partial or whole destruction of a continent and all its humanity, as happened to Atlantis through the misuse of nature's finer forces and the misuse of spiritual powers.

Witness today the misuse of all great progress and inventions. Not one single invention is brought out which is not first considered, and if found useful, appropriated for wholesale murder and destruction. No wonder the people exclaim everywhere: "There is no justice." And there is but little issuing from our human law courts, where the purse determines sentence or judgment. But please observe what Master H. says in one of His first messages to the Temple organization, given out in 1900:

"Think ye that no protest rises to the seventh heaven, of the murdered Abels of the long past ages? Think ye, the divine, changeless, omnipotent, immutable law of justice hath lost its power, because its judgments tarry long?" "God is not mocked, for whatsoever we sow, that must we also reap." "Though the mills of the gods (the Lords of Karma) grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine," absolutely just. -And the

Master Jesus stated, as the Masters of the White Lodge at all times warned, that not one tittle, not one infinitesimal particle of justice can ever be taken away until all is fulfilled, squared and balanced up—justice restored and the divine law appeased.

Brothers and sisters, I have in a meagre way restated what others have done many times before, about conditions of the present time, the dangers confronting us, as well as the consequences humanity must face in the near future. The Master has given us the key and the remedy. Shall we apply it, use it, live it—perhaps in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, or become unworthy as warriors defending the Guardian Wall of the Temple? To whom much is given, of him much will be demanded. Shall we falter, lose courage, become luke-warm, so that nature will spew us out? We must give the answer.

Speaking of warriors—spiritual warriors—Shakespeare says, “What nobler breastplate than a heart untainted? Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just, and he but naked, though locked in steel, whose conscience with injustice is corrupted.”

Brothers and sisters, kindly permit me to quote a few more lines from the Master's partially quoted message which says further, “Enter thou the Holy of Holies with unsandaled feet and uncovered head, that the forces of love, law and life may flow unobstructed through the stone of sacrifice upon which thou standest, and the return wave bear to thee the spiritual essence that shall make thee free. In freedom lies thy strength. The sword of the spirit shall be thy reward, and He whom thou lovest shall lead thee to living waters, for He is the Warrior of Light, the Unconquerable for Whom the hour shall never strike. He is thine own true Self, and when thy shadows flee away, thou shalt behold the King, the Christ-Avatar, in His beauty and holiness.”

May the peace of the Avatar imbue and permeate all humanity. May the Light of the Christ illuminate this dark world, and may divine justice remove the chain and shackles of enslaved humanity, that the Golden Age may again be ushered in and realized by all humanity and all living creatures!

The following letter was received from Rev. Chas. H. Emmons of Boston, Massachusetts:

Dear Brothers and Comrades: The heart of the Temple will beat with stronger rhythm as the Brethren on the inner and outer planes express their oneness through aspiration, reflection, and the ritual and fellowship of the Holy Feast next Sunday. The Great Unifier, who now is sounding the tocsin of the new day of Co-operation and Brotherhood, will win a completer response from listening millions throughout the earth this year than He won last year; and He will draw, through invisib'e channels, the interest, appreciation and devotion of hosts of these, for the

leavening of the mass, and the Glory of the Law. Let us all yield to His sway.

Concerning current national and world conditions, we need to remind ourselves of the words of Jesus: "When ye begin to see these things coming to pass, lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

My hope is, that during convention week in particular, the tide of consciously directed interest and fraternal love will sweep high up on the shore of the Blessed Center, and in the consciousness of all Templars, simultaneously; and depositing its gifts of love, loyalty and devotion high up on the shores of Being, for the blessing of the race.

As one who is far away physically, but close at hand in the spirit, I send sincerest greetings in keeping with the tie that binds us together.

May the Holy Unction of Infinite Love enfold, sustain and restore you for the work of life and the joys of mutually welcomed high calls to service. Peace be with you and with the Brethren.

Sincerely yours, *Charles H. Emmons*

### **Monday Evening Session**

The meeting of all Inner and Outer orders of the Temple was opened with music from Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice, on organ and piano, and reading from From The Mountain Top. The Inner Guard then read a paper on the orders and degrees of the Temple, and their purposes and functions. This was followed by the Guardian in Chief's reading of two messages given by the Master H. in 1932 and 1933. In the first message, known to members as "The Pompeii Message," correlation was made between conditions in Pompeii before its destruction and prevailing present conditions, and warning and advice given, and the second message formed a sequel to the first one. (It will be interesting to note that these messages were given prior to the great earthquake in Long Beach and the disturbances along the Pacific Coast.) Strong and powerful spiritual forces were prevailing during the whole meeting, which was interspersed and closed with fine instrumental and vocal selections.

### **Tuesday - "Indian Day"**

The main features of the art exhibition in Hiawatha Lodge were symbolic pictures by two Temple comrades, Mr. Maximilian Fyscher and Mr. Harold Forgostein, of New York.

Mr. Maximilian Fyscher sent two pictures, the Universal Christhead, "the Light of the world inherent in all manifestation," inspired by the Stanzas of Dzyan, and explained by seven geometrical diagrams and quotations from the stanzas. To this exquisite symbolic work we have referred in a previous number of the Artisan. Further, a beautiful allegorical painting, "The Seven Royal Roads of the Tarot," inspired by "The Song of Sano Taro," by Nancy Fullwood.

Mr. Harold Forgostein's two series of water colors, "The Seven

Initiations of Hiawatha" and "The Formation of the Six Nations—the Iroquois League—by Hiawatha," are beautiful and remarkable in concept as well as radiance and symphony of color effects. Mr. Forgostein, in a letter accompanying the pictures, wrote to the Guardian in Chief as follows, in part:

"For more than a year I have been reading from many sources of information about the American Indian. I have become more and more deeply impressed by the nobility of Hiawatha and the grandeur of his League of the Six Nations and have attempted to visualize his story. I feel that it is a treasure, especially in the hearts of Temple members, because of the work of the Master Hilarion as Hiawatha. And I am sure that many will be interested to realize that, for instance, the government given to the League by Hiawatha offered a basis for the Constitution of the United States.

"The first series presents allegorically the formation of the League of the Six Nations and is based directly on information in Temple Teachings, page 65, and the Artisans of October-November and December, 1929-January, 1930. The second series is entitled "Initiations," and is drawn from the stories in Longfellow's "Hiawatha" and also the source of that poem, which is a collection of Indian myths and legends by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft. Although what I have done with them may not be correct either in part or entirety, still the similarity of these stories to exoteric description of initiations as given in the Bible and much so-called legend makes them undoubtedly of that same order. Two recent volumes, "The Land of the Spotted Eagle," by Chief Standing Bear, and "Black Elk Speaks," are beautiful and informative testimonies of the true Indian wisdom.

"As I have said, the sketches are not finished. I hope one day to have them on canvas in oils, worthy to be decorations for a permanent place in Hiawatha Lodge at Halcyon."

Other objects of the exhibition were a bronze medallion of the Seal of the Temple, by Ernst Lohrman, and cast in bronze by Martin Bilger, both of Meriden, Conn., and presented to the Temple. Valuable Indian art work and souvenirs, given by Mrs. Anna H. Griffith, of El Paso, Texas; Indian symbols referring to the Zodiac; prints of Navajo Indians and other southwestern tribes; symbolic pictures by English and German artists—Bruce Adams, Paul Wenzel and the strong, powerful wood-cuts by Max Thalman, of Weimar, Germany. The exhibition was fine, interesting and a great success.

At 2 p. m. the annual meeting of the Temple Home Association, for T. H. A. members only, was held in the library. Two directors, Mrs. Varian and Mr. Harrison, whose terms had expired, were re-elected. The affairs of the association were reported in good condition in general.



**Wednesday Afternoon**

This is always Temple Builders day. After the noon-day healing meditation, the Builders served a substantial and delicious luncheon in Hiawatha Lodge. Mrs. Wilkins pronounced the words of Grace. Dr. Dower spoke feelingly in remembrance of Jane W. Dower, the founder and leader of the Builders department, who is now functioning on inner planes of life. Dr. Dower also paid tribute to William H. Townsend, who for many years was one of the seven Guardians of the Temple Builders and who also has gone on to inner planes. He was noted for his great love and understanding of the child heart, and he worked here and elsewhere enthusiastically for the upbuilding of the Builders work. As their places among the seven Guardians of the Builders of this department are now vacant, Dr. Dower appointed Ella Vogtherr and Herman Volz as Guardians to take their place. [Applause]. Miss Pearl Wilshire read a letter written by Jane W. Dower to the Builders last year as follows:

"Dear Comrades: Though I am not with you visibly, you must indeed feel me present. We are thankful, are we not, to be able to gather again and be so closely drawn together in the Great Work of the Master—for that is indeed what every thought and act and aspiration of ours must surely be—thankful to be allowed the privilege to help carry the hard load, to take our place *whatsoever* it may be without whining and distress for what we would like to have it be; thankful and glad indeed are we for our dear Temple and for all the dear members. May we not be afraid to show our loving feeling to one another, to take the comrade nearest by the arm and help him up the steep stairway of life, giving him a renewed strength and gladness that will cause gratitude to overflow from his heart to others, thus welding us together as one. And as we do it let us not forget to sing:

"Awake, awake, awake and break into a song of gladness:  
Awake, awake, awake and greet the glad, new day.

Devotedly, your comrade and sister, *Jane W. Dower.*"

After the luncheon, a musical selection was presented by four of the children—Robert Ross, violin; Patricia Altamirano, violin; Flamore Dower, triangle, and Olive Ross, triangle, with Helen Crane accompanying on the piano. This selection was well done and appreciated by all. A delightful little play, "The Royal Fugitive," was then presented by the Builders and friends, all worked out and staged by the children themselves, with Louise Stenquist as director, and in the leading roles, Mrs. Flora Wheeler, Robert Ross, Olive Ross, Patricia Altamirano, Robert Altamirano, assisted by all the children in the various parts, namely, Flamore Dower, Joy Thompson, John Mallory, Mickey Schussman and even David Mallory, aged one, had his role during the entire play of five scenes. Imagine our joy and fun, and how charming it was, and the

members and friends assembled highly appreciated the play because of the naturalness of the actors. The players were afterward rewarded with an extra dish of ice cream.

#### **Wednesday Evening—Lecture**

At 8 p. m. in the Temple, an interesting lecture on astrology was given by Mrs. Lottie W. Ferguson and illustrated by a progressed chart of the United States, showing from that standpoint that from 1941 to 1944 portentous events would come to pass in this country. Mrs. Martha Schussman opened this meeting with a piano selection, "Dreams," by Richard Wagner, and the meeting was closed with the lovely song, "The Spirit Flower," sung by Mrs. Monica Weaver.

#### **Thursday**

All-day picnic at the beach—a day of relaxation on the lovely sand dunes, with the great Pacific Ocean on the west; hills, mountains and valleys on the north and east. A collective luncheon was provided at noon. A restful and happy day was enjoyed by all.

#### **Friday Afternoon**

At 3 p. m. in the Temple, the Guardian in Chief read letters and telegrams with convention greetings received from comrades and friends. Then a fine paper on esoteric astrology, entitled, "The Twelve Sons of Jacob," was read by Mr. Whitney. It was sent as a contribution to the convention by Mrs. Ada Muir, of Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. Muir could not be with us this time. She is the president of the Canadian Astrological Association, which had its convention at the same time as we had ours, but she hopes to be with us again next year. Her splendid lecture will be given in the next issue of the Artisan.

"In the Valley," a poem by W. H. Dower and set to music by Monica Weaver, was sung by Mrs. Weaver in conclusion.

#### **Friday Evening**

At 8 p. m. in the Temple, Mr. Duncan Ferguson delivered a very fine lecture on "The Sin of Separateness," which will appear in the next Artisan. Dr. Dower read some more convention greetings, and Mrs. Monica Weaver sang "Elsa's Dream," from Wagner's opera, Lohengrin. Her song, she lovingly said, was in recognition of the Temple comrades in Germany.

Convention report and lectures will be concluded in next Artisan.

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