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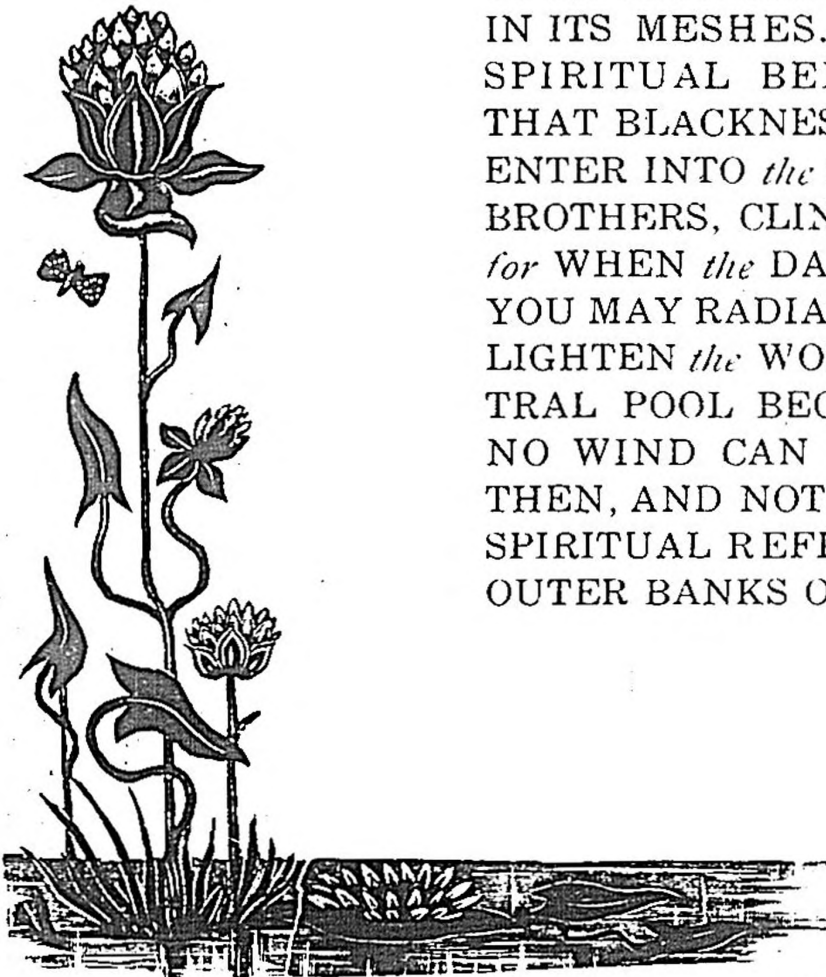
UNTO THEE A KEY

## THE CENTRAL POOL

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**D**OW DARKNESS, DEEP DARKNESS, COVERS THE EARTH AS A PALL — DARKNESS THICK AND BLACK, THAT CLINGS LIKE VISCID MUD TO *the* SOUL STRUGGLING LIKE A BIRD IN ITS MESHES. ¶ ONLY WHERE THE SPIRITUAL BELLS MAKE A RIFT IN THAT BLACKNESS CAN A RAY *of* LIGHT ENTER INTO *the* SOULS OF MEN. ¶ MY BROTHERS, CLING CLOSE TOGETHER, *for* WHEN *the* DARKNESS IS PAST FROM YOU MAY RADIATE A LIGHT THAT MAY LIGHTEN *the* WORLD. ¶ WHEN *the* CENTRAL POOL BECOMES SO DEEP THAT NO WIND CAN RUFFLE ITS WAVES, THEN, AND NOT TILL THEN, CAN TRUE SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS REACH THE OUTER BANKS OF THAT POOL.

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## EDITORIAL MIRROR

We have repeatedly called attention to this being a Messianic Cycle. A Messiah is an Avatar. An Avatar is a divine incarnation.

In 1898 the revelation was given to The Temple that an Avatar had been born from the Godhead by a process of Kryashakti and would gradually descend to the lower astral plane during a period of thirty years. The impingement of this divine force would be felt by humanity more and more as time unfolded. This Avatar would not be born of mortal woman, but if necessary could step out of the lower astral plane unto the physical in a body of condensed force. His function was primarily to apply the grand spiritual teachings of the past ages and make them living factors in the life of humanity. He or It could not do this, however, until all the karmic rubbish of humanity as a whole be cleared away.

This thirty years cycle was completed in 1928. Right after the cycle closed, the world-wide depression came in 1929. All that which the world and humanity experienced since 1929 was due to the initiation it had to go through to get rid of selfishness and all of the karmic evil accumulated during the past centuries. When this is accomplished, the Avatar, this Divine Incarnation, can manifest in fullest power and glory. While Jesus was put to death as a criminal and manifested the greatest humility, this Divine Incarnation of the Christos will manifest in Power and Glory on the opposite pole. This Divine Force is now attempting to work constructively through all humanity, and in preparation, as we allow our hearts to open, we shall feel Its presence, and as our spiritual eyes open we shall see Its radiance; and our spiritual ears will hear the divine sounds of Its coming.

Therefore every unit of humanity should endeavor to be receptive to the coming of this Great Divine Force for the help of the world, relating our consciousness to the Godhead and realize, or endeavor to realize, that We Are One with this Great Cosmical Manifestation. As we do this, we will make easy the way, and the races of the earth will be helped constructively and spiritually, because we shall then have developed true spiritual consciousness.—W. H. D.

## The Ethics of Matrimony

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Ah! you husbands and wives of this restless, psychic-mad century, this era wherein all things are rapidly disintegrating and reforming, when there can be no stability, no balance, no point of equilibrium in social, political, family, or material life unless it be created by stern endurance, divine patience, and above all by clinging as to a life-line to a sense of duty, for the sake of the undeveloped and unborn children who must suffer unspeakably if their parents yield to the action of the disruptive forces now sweeping through every phase and differentiated condition of the earth sphere—who is to speak with sufficient power? Where are words to be found so pregnant with pleading and authority as to compel your attention and sink deep enough into your souls to arouse the latent strength and purpose so necessary for your own salvation and that of the race to which you belong?

Modern methods of education have left you men with an absorbing ambition of one purpose or another, all of which will end in one of two ways—exhausted vitality, shattered nerves with all their concomitant effects in the way of impatience, selfish indulgence, indifference to anything and everything which does not tend toward relief from pain and ennui; or phlegmatic, self-satisfied, stupid facsimiles of herbaceous animals; and have left you women restless, physically unfit for the marital relations, psychically sensitive, intensely idealistic, impractical, full of longings for the realization of your ideals—leaving both you men and women ignorant or selfishly indifferent to the crying needs of each other, unable to sense and respond to the cry each soul is making to the other for help and sustenance, for understanding and sympathy, without which both must be drawn into the whirlpool of exterior conditions and go down on the rocks of materiality now reeking with the heart's blood of the dead souls that have gone down before you.

In the extreme tension, the mental tumult and physical exhaustion which come at some crisis of your lives, and when temptation to fly to some other soul for succor seizes you, you entirely lose sight of the sordidness, the uncleanness of the new relations, the effects of which will cling to your soul and body as long as you live, no matter how pure, unselfish, and beautiful may be the illusion which has engulfed you, no matter how excusable from every worldly standpoint your actions may be. You cannot realize how the contempt of your own better self will bite and sting at some future day, how the impureness

of your body will torment you. All these things could have been more easily borne some centuries ago, but the changes which have taken place in the psychic and spiritual nature have made you peculiarly sensitive to the judgments of those better selves.

No third person can help you to reach the position where you can righteously judge each other. It would be practically impossible for you both to believe in the disinterestedness of such a third person, for you know you must have reached the apotheosis of suffering and have won your reward before it would be possible for you to render such disinterested service to another, so your unbelief is justified. The third person who might possibly help you would be the one who had passed through the black gulfs that are yawning before you, and therefore who knew at first hand the filthiness, the sordidness, the self-condemnation which were awaiting you if you yielded to outer influences, and was willing to give you of his or her experience; and you would not accept the offices of such a one, for your own self-esteem, your idealistic delusions would have thrown such a glamor over your mentality it would seem to degrade you to listen to and profit from such experiences. Therefore you are thrown back upon your own soul's integrity for the power to stand still while the waves of discontent, disappointment, ungratified passion, and longing race over your personalities, unless you have been wise enough to cherish with never ceasing care and thoughtfulness the spark of true love which united you in the beginning of your married life, to look upon it as a priceless jewel which could be injured by rough handling and which required a setting of little mutual attentions, constant reminders of its existence and fragile nature, frequent cleansings with the pure water of spiritual communings.

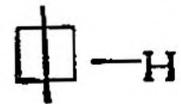
Ah! you men and women, what else in all the wide universe can give you strength to face the terrible reality that to live as a mortal is to suffer continuously, to suffer in joy as to suffer in pain, constant unremitting suffering,—not even in sleep, the twin of death, to find entire surcease save in such hours of utter negation as are those which literally blot out life; for such is the law of mortal life, and no man may successfully appeal from its judgments. Not until man has triumphed over mortal life, by means of the flames fanned into burning from that one spark transferred to the hearts of man and woman from the Heart of God in the hour of their union, can final release from suffering come to man—for love alone can fulfill the law, love founded on mutual respect and grounded in mutual forbearance.

It is passing strange that so many among your number fail to see that it is never by the exercise of force or by broken law that the new life-currents are set in motion.

As light appears silently, softly illuminating all things, dispelling the darkness by the will and power of its spiritual generator, so must corresponding spiritual light dispel the darkness, the ignorance of past ages, and bring back to man his lost inheritance of soul memory. With its coming will pass the conditions which now tend to make the marriage state a state of bondage for both men and women.

If the surplus energy now dissipated by mutual recrimination, revenge for marital wrongs, separation, and other useless ways of expenditure were all turned into placing the sexes on an equality and for preparing conditions for righteous adjustment of present differences, it would soon become apparent that the great change was coming, swiftly, silently, beautifully. Mutual recognition between long parted souls, instead of sex attraction, would be the rule instead of the exception, and a few generations ahead would witness a new creation. Unsuitable marriage would be a thing of the past. But of one thing you may be sure, such changes will never come by means of a violation of the highest code of law and ethics humanity has been able to evolve. The new code must be established by means of the same law, the evolving, or rather the re-evolving of the cyclic law which will bring back to humanity the memory of its spiritual relationships and all other blessings contingent upon such relationships.

The cyclic laws are the laws of love. Any condition or change produced by force generated by hatred and rebellion is short lived. The reverse action quickly sets in, and the last state of the humanity involved in the change is worse than the first.



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People easily repeat "untiring labor." But in spirit they fear it. One cannot name anyone who, without broadening of consciousness, can rejoice at endless labor. Only *our* people will understand how life is being fused with labor, gaining from it strength of growth. One may understand how inexhaustible is fire and also the energy which is received from labor. The fulfillment of Agni Yoga begins from the hour of realization of labor. Clouds begin to extinguish the fire when the power of energy is not sufficient. The tension of energy does not come from the mind, nor does it increase by an outer command. It grows only from within. But only a free consciousness can develop labor as a festival of spirit.—Agni Yoga.

## 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.

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### THE INFLUENCE OF THE COMING AVATAR ON HUMANITY

In the Occult literature it is taught that the Christos is actually Spiritual Light, the original source of all Light, and that it is reflected within the mentality of man, and also in that of every living creature in varying degrees. Therefore every man is a potential Christ.

The brighter the illumination of mind resulting from the reflected light of the Christos, the more rapidly does the mentality assimilate that energy and approach the stage of evolution which makes possible his admission to one of the highest orders of manifested life, The Avatara Order, in which he is prepared for open avowal of his mission to the world. A fully prepared Avatar has gained full power over physical life and death and over all matter which constitutes form in the lower orders of life. He has passed through myriads of lives in those lower orders, as well as through many of the higher orders of Adeptship ere he reaches the Buddhistic State from which he enters the state of perfection—wherein he becomes an individual Christ, a "Saviour" of the race to which he belongs by evolutionary right.

Much has been and is being written on this subject. It is uppermost in the minds of very many people today. "When is the Avatar coming?" "How will he come?" "Will he appear in the clouds", "or incarnate as a child?" One learned writer enters into a long and tedious argument, as to the kind of clothes he will wear!! Could anything be more ridiculous? A God is to incarnate among us, and we are interested, not so much in the spiritual uplift he will bring us, as in what he will wear and eat.

But there are also many who *are* "preparing the way of the Lord", who have caught a faint foretaste of His uplifting vibrations and are and have been sowing the seeds which will develop into a fitting resting place for Him. *Every* unselfish thought and deed *is* such a seed.

We are so prone to personalize things. We must have a man or a god whom we can *see* (to worship.) We are not satisfied to worship a n



abstract Force, no matter how high it may be. This may arise from the fact that every force is an entity on some plane, and we intuitively know this to be the case and clothe our abstract conception of the Saviour in personal form.

The coming of the Avatar is the descent from a high spiritual plane of a Great Cosmic Force, an ethereal form of energy which is the cream or essence of the results of vast periods of evolutionary experience.

We are told that this Force began to contact the mental plane about thirty-five years ago, and since that time it has been gradually making its influence felt more and more, until today a very large number of people are impressed by it.

The ultimate effect of the descent will be unifying and constructive in a high degree; but there is a strange law which seems inevitably to cause *disharmony* and friction so soon as the consciousness is focused on this matter. To quote from "Teachings of the Temple"—"No Avatar, no great leader of His people ever came to earth with an olive branch in His hand. Invariably He comes with a sword to divide the 'sheep and the goats', to sunder the evil of ignorance from knowledge and truth. The olive branch materializes when the sword has done its work of separation, and the soul, stripped clear of its hindrances, its vile imaginings, bows its head and says, 'Take me, use me, trample me if need be, only cleanse me, purify me, lead me to the stream of living water that I too in turn may give life to those who follow me.'"

Inevitably there *must be* the conflict. The personal self fights to the death when confronted with the impersonal, higher self, and it is only after this fight is fought and won that the discrimination becomes clear and unclouded and the intuition awakens to receive and transmit the Avataric Forces.

If one is under the influence of the Lodge the process is speeded up, but the process remains the same. All spiritual growth comes as a result of this conflict between the personal and the impersonal, and we must make the choice.

Life: I here as I am,  
Between the earth and the sky,  
Between the brute and the man,  
Fighting and swaying and swayed.

Made from the fire from below,  
Made from the fire from on high,  
What is this thing that I am,  
At one with the sea and the sky?

Swaying through me is the past,  
 The ox and the lion and dog,  
 The fierce red swing of the fight,  
 And the peace of communion with God.

For I have lived in the stone,  
 Rigid and solid and cold,  
 And the steel in my heart has grown,  
 And metal my nature's tone.

And plants I have dwelled among  
 And grown, in the growth of their life.  
 The wind in my leaves has sung,  
 My roots have gripped in the earth.

Thus, I am here as I am,  
 Tuned for a god or a brute;  
 This is what makes me man  
 Christ and the Devil in one.

Strong is the song of life,  
 Savage and merry and sad,  
 Peaceful and full of strife,  
 Till we come to the Home of God.

[From poem by late F. O. Varian] To be continued



## THE GREAT QUESTION

*From The Temple Teachings*

What are you doing and what are you going to do?

Are you cultivating the powers of courage, assurance and endurance at the present time, or are you sinking down into a state of cowardice, fear and indolence, when some realization dawns upon you of the truth of the facts I have tried to impress upon your minds during the last twenty years relating to the imminence of the great struggle between the powers of light and darkness for the salvation or destruction of the present human race? . . .

The safety of your race, the hope of future civilization rests on you and upon each normal human being, on *your* power to stand up and fight, to take the buffets which fall on you and hurl them back to their source, and to serve wherever it may be, and at whatever task the Great Law shall put upon you, without a whine, to spring quickly at the call of your superior officer, your Master in the lists of life. . . .

The first task you should set yourself is the forming of an ideal of what you wish to be and clothe it in garments of Faith and Hope sufficiently strong to bear the strain which will be put upon them.

*Given March, 1919*

HILARION

## The Path to Discipleship

H. KAZEMZADEH-IRANSCHAEHR

### SACRIFICE

Love without sacrifice is inconceivable.

Sacrifice is the primary law of creation.

Sacrifice is the axle in the wheel of evolution.

Sacrifice is the light on thy path.

Sacrifice thy lower to thy Higher Self!

Sacrifice thine earthly desires for only then heavenly desires will be born in thy soul.

Sacrifice all impure thoughts and divine thoughts will sustain thee.

Without sacrifice thou wilt never climb the steep rocks of redemption.

Sacrifice self utterly, and discover the Kingdom of Heaven.

Renunciation is the holy seal of sacrifice.

### RENUNCIATION

Renunciation is not renouncement of life.

Renunciation does not imply annihilation of powers.

Renunciation does not imply inactivity and stagnation but it means renouncement of low desires.

It does imply casting out impure thoughts.

It signifies relinquishing selfish desires.

Without renunciation thou wilt never rise to the heights of development.

Without renunciation thy activity will be limiting and dangerous.

Practice the following meditation as often as possible:

“Oh Renunciation—thou art the richest treasure and keepst away temptation. Be my guide to the heights of freedom.”

### LIBERATION

Thy soul is truly a pilgrim and cries out for freedom.

Thou shalt first of all release thy soul from the bondage of thy lower nature.

Thy soul is the heavenly bird imprisoned within thy body.

On the wings of freedom she will soar to the fountain of light.

Without liberation of the soul—no mastery of fate!

Hearken often to the voice of thy soul and thou wilt come to know her longing for liberation.

Truly, holy and divine is the liberation of the soul.

Thou art my divine ideal—eternal freedom.

## Report of the Sixth Annual German Temple Convention HELD IN BERLIN, AUGUST 4 to 8, 1934

The Sixth Annual German Temple Convention was strongly supported by high forces of love of the Great Ones back of the Temple work. A wonderful spiritual upliftment and radiance prevailed during all proceedings, and with gratitude in our hearts we feel the Master Forces closer than ever before, and the group stronger and fitter for the Master's work.

More visitors were present from distant places than in previous years. The preliminary meeting was held on Saturday night, August 4. It was opened with the "Largo" by Haendel on the piano and organ. Miss Martha Kolloff, one of the officers of Berlin Square, read the prologue dedicated to the Convention. Then the "Church Aria" by Stradella was played on the violin and piano, after which the Natl. Chancellor, Mr. Fritz Ammon, extended warm words of welcome to the assemblage, and invoked the blessings of the Masters of the White Lodge on all convention proceedings. Then all united in silence with the distant comrades in Germany and everywhere, and thoughts of love were especially sent to the beloved Guardian-in-Chief and the comrades assembled in convention in Halcyon and on the Atlantic Coast. Mr. Ammon spoke impressively on the "greater impersonal love" which Templars have to cultivate in order to become truly useful for the Master and the Avatar. The playing of the "Andante" by Mozart on the violin and piano followed, after which the Natl. Treasurer, Mr. Friedrich Greiner, greeted the assemblage and asked that hearts be kept receptive to the high spiritual forces which are always poured out during convention, in order to gain all strength and inner support necessary for the work of the coming year. This was followed by another vocal selection, "Wanderer's Night Song" beautifully sung by Miss Grottian. Then Aphorisms were read from "The Master and His Disciple", and the meeting was closed with the Consecration Hymn and Blessing by the Chancellor.

Sunday morning, August 5, the Order of the 36 celebrated the Feast of Fulfillment. The Devotional meeting followed, opened with an organ recital of the "Prayer of Thanksgiving" of the Netherlands. The reading and chanting of the beautiful Temple words, "He Is HERE" (set to music by Dr. Little of Palo Alto, Calif.) invoked heavenly forces. The Fire Sacrifice and Prayer followed, and Mrs. Hedwig Deick, Inner Guard of the Zoppot-Danzig Square "Einheit", delivered a deeply im-

pressive sermon on "I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing". The Words of Force were recited and the Unifying Chant sung. Then the Healing Service followed, and after this the Naming ceremony for the 7-year old Temple Builder Irmfried Reinecke. The impressive meeting closed with the Consecration Hymn.

The Sunday evening session was opened by a vocal solo, "Spírito Santo" by Loewe. Miss Hedwig Borchmann, of the Berlin Square, delivered a splendid lecture on "Esoteric Science" which was highly commented on. The meeting closed with an organ recital of the "Prayer" from Weber's opera "Der Freischuetz."

On Monday morning a meeting of the Inner Orders was held, and the Board of Councilors met to confer on and prepare for the future work.

On Monday afternoon the main meeting convened, in which the addresses of the officers and the yearly reports of the Squares and groups were given. The meeting was opened with a violin and piano rendition of "Siciliana" from "Nina of Pergolese," and the reading of the letter of Convention greetings received from Halcyon, which imparted to the meeting its uplifting vibration of loving comradeship with the distant brethren. We shall give only a brief summing up of the addresses and reports.

The Natl. Chancellor, Mr. Ammon, in his address read part of a letter received from the Guardian-in-Chief last June about the most appropriate attitude for Templars under difficult outer conditions. This, based on Temple principles which never fail, met with the full appreciation of all present. He then spoke of the steady interior growth of the Section and pointed out the charge given to Templars to live the true life of brotherhood by self-discipline and by cultivating the higher love in order to transmute the lower nature into the Higher Self and become fit channels for the Masters in their work of light.

The address of the General Secretary, Miss Bertha Martini, followed. She spoke on gratitude as an essential quality of the Templar, and read part of the Master's 1931 Convention Message. She expressed gratitude to the Temple center in Halcyon, all coworkers, and above all to the Guardian-in-Chief. She asked that all enter the silence in memory of the former Treasurer of the Temple, Jane W. Dower, who had passed during the last year from this plane, and who, unto the last moment of her life, gave an inspiring example of devotion, loyalty and self-sacrifice. She further called attention to the splendid work done by the groups of Berlin, Zoppot, and Darmstadt, as well as in Goerlitz and Hamburg, and the steady affiliation of new members. It was evident

that another step upward had been taken under the guidance and protection of the Red Ray. The most essential thing is ever to be watchful, and doubly watchful against the enemy within. She quoted the Guardian-in-Chief upon, "There is only one remedy, to cultivate true indifference in accordance with the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, to stand on our own mental and spiritual feet, and not to be influenced by the sentimental vibrations or intellectual opinions of others." We must co-operate in the right spirit, she said, and fulfill even our common daily duties in the Spirit of the Christ, Who is the real doer within us.

The Natl. Treasurer, Mr. Greiner, in his address, spoke of the Law of Balance, or demand and supply. In the observance of this law rests the realization of all our ideals, he said. Giving is important and necessary; without giving we cannot receive. It is the great mission of The Temple to bring the Divine Truths to the understanding of the masses. This can only be achieved by proving their practical application through our own lives and actions.

The reports of the groups in Berlin, Zoppot-Danzig and Darmstadt followed. We refer only to the address of Mr. Otto Mieg, Outer Guard of the Zoppot Square who was ill and could not come. In his stead the Inner Guard of the group, Mrs. Hedwig Deick, read the report. In essence he said that the New Day was upon us and humanity was faintly feeling its effects; that many were still holding to the old order of things and unable to recognize the truth and the efforts of the Savior to help us enter the light. We Templars must know our position in the great plan, as we are expected to serve, so to speak, as officers in the Army of Light. We must have courage and confidence in the victorious power of Love, Truth, Beauty, in the battle with the powers and principalities of darkness. During the past year the Temple group had to meet great hindrances, and many unexpected decisions had to be made, and deep gratitude goes out to the Elder Brothers for the ever-extended protection and help. He then quoted the Master upon "the great opportunities now offered us through the Law of Cycles," also upon our "becoming a mighty power in Their (the Master's) hands for good as we keep attuned to the ideal of unselfish service, with minds open and receptive to truth from every angle". In closing he urged to ever protect and support the Guardian-in-Chief and The Temple organization as the instrument of the Masters for disseminating the Truth to humanity.

Monday evening we listened to a brilliant and inspiring lecture given by Mr. Ammon on "War and Peace within us." The meeting

was opened with music on the piano and organ from Wagner's opera "Rheingold", and closed with a song by Franz Schubert, "Ueber allen Wipfeln ist Ruh", sung by Miss Grottian.

No meeting was held on Tuesday, giving the members a chance to listen in on the broadcasting of the funeral services for the late President von Hindenburg, whose mortal body was then being laid to rest in the Tannenberg monument. In the evening, our friend Prof. Kazemzadeh Iranschaehr, Persian Mystic, delivered a fine lecture on "The Features and Mission of the Coming Civilization." His talks always carry the force of deep love and understanding. This meeting too was opened and closed with fine music.

Wednesday, the picnic day, was spent in Miss Borchmann's weekend house in the forest of Stahnsdorf near Berlin, and we all had a good time. In the evening we gathered for the last Convention meeting. Music opened the session and after a splendid and interesting lecture by our brother Mr. Berthold Epple of Leipzig on "Speech revealing our Thoughts," the rest of the evening was given over to instrumental and vocal selections, and speeches fitting the occasion by Mr. Ammon, Mr. Reinecke, Mr. Greiner and Mrs. Deick. Our hearts were overflowing with gratitude as we said "Farewell" for the time being, in the hope to meet again next convention.

The music which so greatly contributed to the wonderful vibrations of all proceedings, was rendered by Miss Bertha Martini, piano; the Temple Builder Max Boehlke, violin; Miss Agnes Grottian, vocal selections; Miss Hedwig Borchman and Miss Dora Paschke-Zoppot, organ. Recitations were given by Mrs. Deick and Mr. Gutzzeit.

(signed) Friedrich Greiner.

Temple members who read German and are interested in the full Convention report with all addresses, and lectures may write for a copy to Mr. Friedrich Greiner, Sonneberg, Thueringen Schoenbergstr. 52, Germany.



## FLOWERS

Flowers are the beautiful thought forms of God, clothed in the matter of this plane. They are the characters of a divine language. They draw out the beauty in one's soul. They help us to think as God thinks.  
—The Aquarian Age.

"O Hand of Love, we bless Thee for making lovely forms;  
O God of Life, we bless Thee for sunshine and for storms."

## Temple Builders Department

LESSON NO. 140

### THE STORY OF A LOST CALF

Last year we had a pet calf called Poppy; she was of brownish color with white face and white back legs. One day, when she was big and strong and about 9 months old, Daddy put her out with some other heifers in a paddock which we call Fern Flat. One day when Daddy was walking out the gully he missed her from the others. He decided whoever found her would be rewarded with a shilling. So we made up our minds to go out and try to find her. We went all around the fence line but did not find her. Then all of a sudden Peggy said, "I think I have found her; she must be down in that deep gully". We all went down and heard a sorrowful "moo" coming from a hole. There she was in a deep hole like a cave, just big enough for her to fit in. She could only just turn her head, and the water in the hole came half way up her legs. I ran over the paddocks back to Dad who was cutting ensilage and told him all about it. He wanted to dig her out with a spade, and we went down. But he could not do it. Then I went back again and brought our old horse "Nobby" to see if he could be of any help. At last we decided the only way to get her out was to tie a chain around each leg and hook it on to the swingle tree. So Mummy led Nobby and Daddy pulled, and at last, to our great joy, she was pulled out. But she was so weak that she could not stand up. I ran up the hill and pulled a few turnips, which she ate hungrily. Then it started to rain. I felt so sorry that I put my coat on her back to shelter her a little bit. That afternoon when we came home, we felt very sad and sorry for the poor thing. At night Daddy took her out some hay and sweet grass, and when they were half way through milking we found her a little better and she was able to get up and walk slowly up the gully and on to the flat. The next day Daddy went out on Total his horse and brought her home.

For three weeks we fed her on milk and she seemed to feel better. Then her feet started to peel, and she looked as if she had gum boots on. She now seems to be getting better and we hope she will get well.

JESSIE MAHON, *Puahue, New Zealand.*

This story is from a little friend of our Temple Sister, Mrs. Carrie Denker of New Zealand, to whom she gave it on behalf of the Temple Builders of whom she and her sister had heard through Mrs. Dencker.



## Temple Activities and Notices

On January 19, the 86th birthday anniversary of B. S. was observed at the Halcyon center.

The beautiful occult symbolic picture of our Brother Mr. Martin G. Bilger hanging in the Temple finds greatest interest and attention by members and visitors.

"Doorways Inward," selected poems by John O. Varian, has just been printed by the Halcyon Temple Press in a limited edition of 150 copies. John Varian's poems are powerful and cosmical. To him, all nature beneath its outer static appearance, has fiery pulsing beauty. The divinity of man, eternally incarnating, is the overtone. The price of this exquisitely printed and attractively bound little book is \$1.00 post paid. Address Mrs. A. D. Varian, Halcyon, Calif. One of John Varian's poems is quoted in the Blavatsky Department of this Artisan number.

We recommend again the following Temple publications: "THE COMING AVATAR", instructions by the Masters of Wisdom concerning the present Messianic Cycle, which everybody should know. Price 25c. "FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP", Master Messages, \$2.50, or \$3.00 to foreign countries. "OCCULTISM FOR BEGINNERS", by Dr. W. H. Dower, paper cover 60c, cloth \$1.00. "BROTHER OF THE THIRD DEGREE", occult novel by W. L. Garver, \$2.60, or \$3.00 to foreign countries. RED FOLIO of Master Messages, received 1927 to 1929, \$1.10. Payable in advance, postpaid.

The much requested booklet, "Basic Principles of Brotherhood and Evolutionary Waves", by Dr. W. H. Dower, is reprinted and available at 11c postpaid.

We recommend further the following books: "Fiery Stronghold", 8th volume of Prof. Nicholas Roerich's works, \$3.15 postpaid. "HEART"; "AGNI YOGA"; "HIERARCHY", of the Agni Yoga publications, at \$1.10 ea postpaid.

"Light on The Path", by Mabel Collins; and "VOICE of The Silence", by H. P. B., pocket sizes, attractively bound in dark blue, gold stamped, by David McKay Company, 80c each, postpaid. "The Restored New Testament"—after the Greek version—by James Morgan Pryse, \$5.00 postpaid.

Attention is also called to The Torch, official magazine of The Canadian Astrological Association, edited by our Temple sister, Mrs.

Ada Muir, president of the association, 657 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, B. C., Canada. You may get sample copy of *The Torch* and full particulars of Mrs. Muir's Just How Series of simplified but comprehensive correspondence course lessons covering every phase of astrology, if you send 20 cents in stamps or cash to the before mentioned address.

We also recommend Mrs. Muir's books on Astrology and Health, Nos. 1-3, at 50c each. No. 1, Health and the Sun Sign; No. 2, Cancer; No. 3, Healing Herbs of the Zodiac; No. 4, The Book of the Nodes and Part of Fortune, also Pluto, the Redeemer, \$1.00 each, postpaid. Further, Food in Relation to Health, mimeographed, price 50c.

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## THE DEPARTED

Why call them dead, because they softly sleep,  
Because life's tumult and its stress is o'er,  
And rest hath come?

For still the love that guards will ever keep,  
And safely guide unto that fairer shore,  
The promised home.

Why call them dead, because with tender touch  
Love came and closed their eyelids softly down,  
And brought surcease

From all the sorrows that were overmuch?  
Through unseen ways by the soft winds blown  
Love lead to peace.

Why call them dead? for soon their closed eyes  
Shall open to the larger life and see  
Its hills of light.

Why say farewell? for soon for us will rise  
The mystic veil that like a shadowy screen  
Hides them from sight.

ALICE R. HENDERSON

Mrs. Alice R. Henderson, an old-time Temple member, passed into Inner Planes on November 2, 1934. Her above poem was read at her funeral services. In response to many requests for the poem, it was printed and sent to her friends.

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