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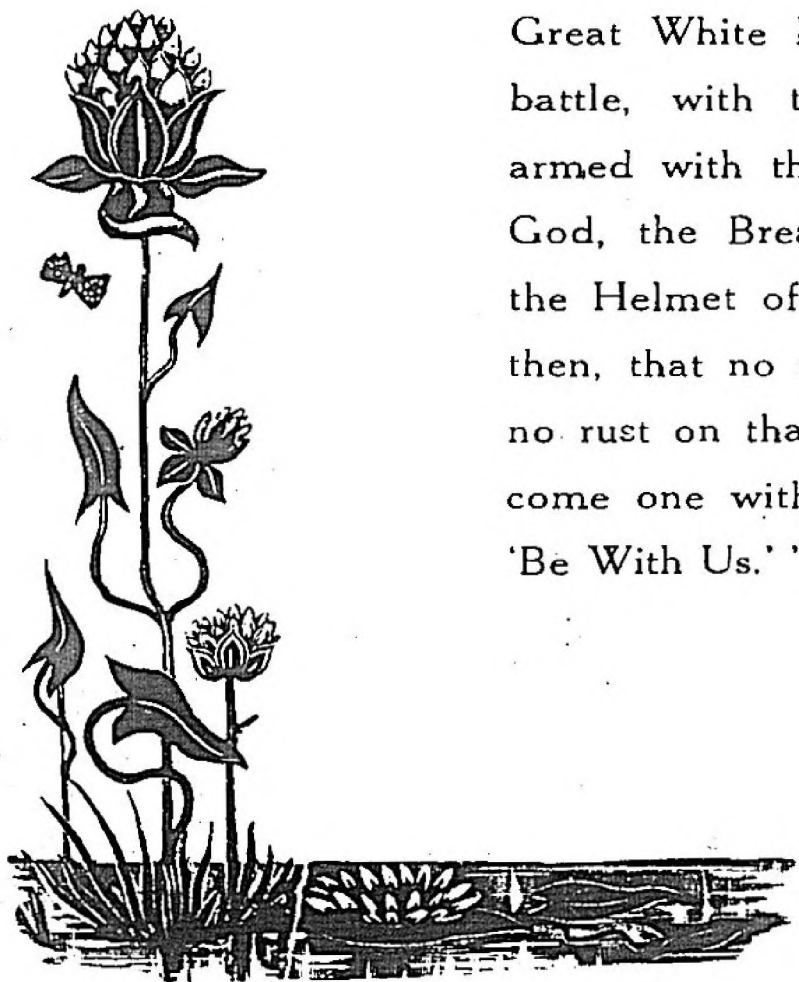
BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

WARRIORS OF LIGHT

“WARRIORS of Light, Warriors of Truth, I salute you in the name of the Great White Brotherhood. Go forth to battle, with the Powers of Darkness, armed with the Sword of the Spirit of God, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Eternal Truth. See to it, then, that no stain rest on that armour, no rust on that sword, that ye may become one with us, on that Great Day; ‘Be With Us.’ ”



THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

Saturday, August 3, marked the opening of the Thirty-Sixth annual convention of The Temple of The People with the gathering of its members and its forces of love, light and brotherhood from far and near. In the evening a reception and preliminary meeting was held in Hiawatha Lodge. The meeting opened with the Greetings to the Red Chief; for long before the white man came to this continent to build his civilization came a Great One as a Red Indian bringing peace and unity to the Six Tribes, and at the same time forecasting in spirit, thought and form the nations and races to come in this land of the Red and Blue. Today His work and His people go marching on. It was an impressive moment when the guests and members stood in circular form around the hall and recited in unison the message from Hiawatha in honor of the "Great Chief Whose Songs of Life and Sweetness fill the Cabins of the Tribes," and with hands raised ended the recitation with the Lodge Salute.

Programs for the coming convention were distributed and the Temple colors pinned on all who came. The meeting was then turned over to the jollities of the evening. Dr. Little of Palo Alto, Monica Weaver of Los Angeles, Duncan Ferguson; and two senior Builders, Freya Weaver and Louise Whitney, sang solos and duets in English and German, and Lottie Ferguson gave an original humorous monologue. The program closed with the reading of two of John O. Varian's mystical and occult poems by Mrs. Varian. In conclusion, cake and ice cream were served.

At this meeting two beautiful and unique pictures by our artist brother, Harold Forgostein of New York, which he presented as his convention gift to Hiawatha Lodge, were hung right and left of the fireplace of the hall; one a large canvas, a colorful interpretation of the message of Hiawatha titled, "In the Lodge of the Red Star", the other a smaller water color with the message itself on a beautiful background. Mr. Forgostein's accompanying letter was read to the assemblage and met with applause.

Sunday Morning, August 4

On Sunday morning at 11:30 the convention gathered in Blue Star Memorial Temple for a half hour of meditation. It was a time dedicated to the inner stillness when the soul enters the Holy of Holies to commune with the Spirit of God, to drink deeply of the waters of life eternal for refreshment and re-creation. It was a time for positive reception, for receiving that which would later be

given out. The members were seated in the oval around the central or Inner altar. Those who occupied the four points of the four officers of The Temple were robed in white. On the white covered central altar were placed three tall lighted candles, a red, a blue, and a yellow.

As subject for meditation the following selection was chosen from "From the Mountain Top":

"The Gift of God

He who accepteth Me shall live by Me; he who liveth by Me shall dwell with Mine; and in the Light where dwelleth Mine the heart of God doth pulse unceasingly.

The shade that falls where God doth walk but fills a background drear against which all the light and glory of the Coming Age doth beat in never ceasing rhythm.

Enter thou that light and fold thy wings and rest, thou Bird of Life; thy pinions are Mine own, My Little Ones, to whom I gave Myself, and giving found Myself."

Short meditations were held with interludes on the organ. In closing all standing recited the Mantram of The Avatar, Whose yellow candle burned in the center of the altar:

"I will endeavor to realize the Presence of The Avatar as a living power in my life."

Immediately after this meeting followed the regular noon healing service conducted by Duncan Ferguson with a special message for the Day and the Way.

Sunday Afternoon

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon came the official opening meeting of the Convention, beginning on the day and hour established by the Master when the Temple was started for the further spreading of Theosophy at the dawn of this century. The date of convention work is a time when there is an especial influx of spiritual forces into the world, bringing a very present sense of light, peace and beauty for all who can attune the mortal man for their reception. It is the season of gathering forces, of collective effort on inner planes and outer for the lifting of the consciousness of man nearer to the plans and purposes of The Lodge.

The meeting was opened with a piano and organ duet by Ebba Whitney and Edgar Cheetham. This was followed by the convocation hymn "Gitchie Manitou" sung in unison by the standing audience and the choir, then the solo, "Open the Gates of The Temple," sung by Duncan Ferguson. The Guardian-in-Chief Dr. Dower invoked the blessings of The Lodge on all convention proceedings as follows:

"In the name of the Great White Lodge and by the power vested in me as Guardian in Chief of The Temple of The People,

I herewith open this Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention by invoking the guidance and blessings of the Powers that rule the destinies of worlds and races, the Brothers of the Fire Mist, the Dhyan Chohans and Dhyani Buddhas, the Masters of Love and Wisdom, on all proceedings of this convention for the benefit of all humanity, promoting the Brotherhood of Man."

A reading from "From The Mountain Top" by the Inner Guard, Ida J. Wilkins followed Dr. Dower. The audience standing recited the mantronic "Words of Force" and sang the unifying chant for the gathering together of the souls of mankind in the holy bonds of love and brotherhood. Otto Westfelt sang the inspiring Salutation, "Warriors of Light", given by the Great Master C. to the Temple at its inception. Following the song the Guardian in Chief presented the Master's Message to the Convention and asked Mr. Whitney to read it:

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

To My Beloved Children One and All:

Some years ago an all important message was given by Morya under the title of "The House of Hilarion," stating, fast moving star dust is passing into wide open cavern to all those who lose hold on the Rock of the Lodge of Life. Since that time you have witnessed the literal and devastating effect of that over wide sections of this country under the name of dust storms.

"Morya! I am here, and here to be heeded. Let him who thinks otherwise accept the consequences. Fire consumes, water submerges, light reveals. The Citadel of the House of Hilarion stands high, secure; upon the Rock of The Lodge of Life. Red with the glow of Sunset of Closing Day are its windows. Alight with Transparence of Day, New Born of Central Flame from the Temple of Life, is its Altar most holy. Woe to him who would quench that Flame, dull that Transparence, interfere with that Spirit, for as Beacon Light stands the Citadel to guide the wayfarer 'gainst snags far below on the Pathway. Fast moving star dust is passing in wide open cavern, drawing into its suction all who lose hold on the Rock. Constant gaze on the Beacon, not once diverted, is the only hope of him who would reach the Fortress. I speak not vain words. I speak souls, living or dying. List if ye like. Heed ye shall though ye wist not.*

January 10, 1927.

MORYA."

You have been warned and warned many times of what was to occur. Many other things will occur with and between nations all preparing the way for the Coming Avatar. The fast moving star

* See the "Yellow Folio."

dust referred to is the result of humanity deserting its pathway and the wide open cavern with its suction force refers to the vacuum created when our constant gaze on the beacon, the Rock of the Lodge of Life, is diverted. As said the Rock of the Lodge of Life—the Light with the transparence of the new born day of Central Flame from the Temple of Life is its Altar most holy.

These dust storms while appearing to be earth born are in reality caused by the Planets and the Sun. Humanity on this earth is a factor in not keeping its spiritual forces attuned to the Rock of the Lodge of Life in the Altar of the Temple referred to.

He who has eyes to see may see, ears to hear may hear and heart to feel may know these things from the spiritual angles.

My Beloved, do not get caught in the fast moving star dust, called dust storms, which have their origin in the lower Astral. Those who are with you are greater than those against you. Hold to the House of your Father, The House of Hilarion. Remember you are the Sons and Daughters of a Spiritual King.

This message is for everybody young and old. We must always remember the children are designed to carry on the work and they must be trained to manifest the Child Heart in order to keep on the Path and to become one with the Christos who stands for the whole Lodge of Light. Both young and old have this opportunity to serve the whole world.

We will hark back to the early days of the Temple and give what helped a New York member in the year 1899. The message is as follows:

"My Son—My Brother:

The golden translucent light of the Great Lodge has been trailed in the mud of human ambition and treachery for the third time in the short cycle of twenty-five years. The friendship of Archeos, the trusted Guardian of the Threshold, has been tendered the children of man again; and they in their blindness bury the Sulphur, Mercury, and Salt in Antimony, the 8th Sphere, and lo! darkness must fall as a deep pall over the earth once more. The golden ray cannot pierce the darkness until its hour be past.

Here and there amidst the myriads of men may be found one still faithful to the Self—faithful to us; and those will be hidden under the Red Lion's paw 'till the storm be past.

You have been true to us according to the light that has fallen on your path. We are not ungrateful.

The Blue Star will be in the ascendant for the first quarter of the new Century Cycle. The Red and Gold—those you know as H. P. B. and W. Q. J., will manifest with the Blue in the last three-quarters. Then will come your triumph.

Three times you have come to our assistance in an hour of

trial. Three of us will come to your assistance in your hour of trial.
Watch, Work and Trust.

Your Brother,
MORYA."

In closing remember that you are a part of me and with my blessing I give myself to you and we are drawn thus closer and closer together in the great work for humanity. In tender gentleness I am you and you are me in all that uplifts humanity and brings us all back to the Great Universal Father Mother and Holy Son.

Your Father Brother,
Hilarion.

July 30, 1935.

Following the message the choir sang the hymn, "We Praise Thee," the words and music of which were composed by B. S.

The meeting closed with a half hour devoted to the ministration of the Feast of Fulfillment, the simple elements of bread and water being served to all present.

Sunday Evening

The evening meeting was especially devoted to Temple music. It was opened with the first movement to Beethoven's sonata in D minor on the piano, by Cethyl Mallory. The choir, accompanied by piano and organ, sang "The Harp of Life," a section from the music of "The Cauldron of the Gods", written by Dr. and Mrs. Dower and Mr. Cheetham, words by J. O. Varian. The score is dynamic, fresh, creative, and powerful: Dr. Little sang the soloist parts. Mrs. Wilkins then read from "From the Mountain Top". The "Words of Force" were recited and the "Unifying Chant" sung. Edith Joy sang "Dominu, the Spinner," from the Cauldron, and Dr. Little, a song titled, "The Hidden Laws," set to music by himself, with words by Stanley A. Coblenz. This was followed by the address for the evening given by Fred Whitney, "The Victory," which will be published in the next Artisan issue. With the powerful "Wake To Life", the words for which are by John O. Varian, the music adapted from an old Irish air, sung by the choir the session was closed.

Monday Morning

This meeting was devoted to the regular annual addresses of the Temple officers. It opened with the usual form, the music being a song by Monica Weaver, titled "Peace," and one by Dr. Little, titled, "That Which Calls me Keeps me." The music for his song was his own composition. The first report was that of the Guardian in Chief.

REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

Dear Comrades and Friends:

This annual thirty-sixth Convention is an epoch in our history. It is nine times four, making thirty-six, and this number stands for and represents the functions of the Avatar. According to 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 basic qualities will manifest in the world of humanity. Every one can help this process by trying to give expression to those divine inner qualities working through the heart rather than through the head.

Finances. We have reduced our indebtedness by strictest economy on the Guest House from \$6000 to about \$400. But there are some other outstanding notes of considerable amount still unpaid. In addition we have paid all overhead expenses and published The Temple Artisan regularly, cutting it down to sixteen pages instead of twenty-eight. We have cut expenses to the bone. It has been a hard year for the Temple and everybody. The special appeal sent out some weeks ago in order to carry on the work has been responded to, but on account of all the expenses more must come in if we are to carry on and function the great work entrusted to us.

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 part of Europe and the world at large, including earnest students in 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.

Temple Literature. We are finding there is a great demand for Temple literature from all parts of this country and foreign countries. There is a constant demand for Temple leaflets. This department as well as the Temple offices, is under the able and efficient direction of Ella Vogtherr, Secretary of the Guardian in Chief, with assistance of Bernard Lentz 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 to the center and play a vital role in the life of the center. The William Quan Judge library in the Administration Building is much appreciated by members and visitors. It consists of between 2,000 and 3,000 valuable and rare books, 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. 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.

Peace, Love and Unity to all beings.

Wm. H. Dower, G. in C.

REPORT OF THE INNER GUARD

Greetings to you, children of The Temple, on this the thirty-sixth Convention of The Temple of The People. May you meet this new cycle with joy and gladness and make it the most wonderful year The Temple has ever known, not through large numbers but through a consolidated, unified body of power both spiritual and mental. Long have we waited for this day, but it is here, and we have a body which has held together for thirty-six years. Nothing thus far has been able to tear it apart. And why? Because there was sufficient love in the hearts of the nucleus to hold it intact. That is the secret. "Many are called but few are chosen", but the chosen few remain to do the bidding of the Master. Hilarion. All honor to Him for His love and patience with His erring children. May we never forget Him in our hours of temptation and trial. He has promised not to fail us in our hour of need, and has proved His loyalty to us for many years, in fact for many incarnations, as we are His children and the "sheep of His pasture".

So let us take up our tasks with cheerful hearts and make the coming year the best ever in spite of the depression.

The depression has brought us many lessons, and if we cannot see the light shining through the darkness no one can show us.

The greatness of our Master grows upon us as the years go by. If we have any humility we must feel our unworthiness, and will determine this day to do better in the future, to overcome those little disintegrating faults which eat at the heart and separate us, making a perfect brotherhood impossible. But, thank God, there are enough in this nucleus who have a great love in their hearts and do not allow the little things to come between them and their comrades. They should be the example for the children who are with us and those to come.

To be in tune with all humanity, not only with our particular friends but with our so-called enemies, should be our desire. Our enemies are sometimes our best friends, as they show us our defects and give us the opportunity to correct them. But for these friends, we might never wake up to our defects.

There has been great financial strain the past year as the world karma has been our karma. Most of our members are in moderate circumstances and some unable to pay dues. This works a great hardship in the Temple, as we depend on dues and contributions for its support. Master Hilarion said in the beginning of our work: "The Temple must be built on sacrifice". No one was promised an easy time, and no one has had an easy time, unless they have failed in their duties. Such failures account for the burden of the work falling on a few. Differences in wealth and capacity to help with the work must exist, but when it comes to true spirituality, we are all on a level, and that is the only thing that counts in occultism.

Intellect is very useful and convenient, but it does not solve the problems of life or take one into the realm of the soul. That is why people who are not intellectual are often spiritual; I do not mean psychic, which is sometimes considered spiritual.

The Temple, as its horoscope shows, was destined to continue its existence on this plane through the children, and a number of children have been born in The Temple during the past few years. As the older people are less able to cope with the work, the younger ones are having their opportunity. Certain ones of the progenitors of the sixth race have been in incarnation for some time. This shows in the remarkable gifts possessed by so many of the children of today. For the sake of the coming race, all students should hold themselves as if in training, that is, live the life which prepares them for leadership; endeavor to keep a clean mind and a pure heart.

Do you think Jesus won His immortal robe wondering if some one else was having an easier time than He was? Self-pity and ambition have no place in the life of an aspirant for a holy life, one who consecrates himself or herself to God, to the Higher Self and to his own soul. When you aspire to true leadership, remember these qualities should be in evidence to some extent at least.

The past year has shown a growth in numbers and in spirituality in the Temple. We hope the coming year may bring a greater growth and that the work of the Avatar may be ever more pronounced.

Ever since the inception of the Temple work a stream of explicit directions have come from the White Lodge through the Master Hilarion which were sufficient to develop us morally, mentally and spiritually, and we have needed no further teaching. This B. S. told us before she passed on, and this is as true today as it was then. All we need do is to put these teachings into practice.

One of our members has said (and she has known the teachings of many organizations), "The reason I hold to The Temple is, although members may not always find it possible to obey directions, they at least try."

To try and to fail is better than never to have tried. There must be many scars on those who have succeeded in reaching the goal. However, we have no other choice, as the only way is to take whatever crucifixion comes to us and learn the lesson it has to teach.

It saddens our hearts when we think of our brothers and sisters in the world who have had so much to endure during the depression. But they will look back upon it as bringing them closer to the brother they had been indifferent to. It has broken down more false pride and selfishness than anything else could have done.

So let us go on, bringing as much joy to our brothers and sisters, and as much light to our comrades, as our torch can hold. Let us be faithful to our tasks, helping others to the limit of our power, and remembering that any work, from the Salvation Army to The Great White Lodge, which has the sign manual USE is worthy of recognition. Anyone who reaches out a hand for help of any sort should never be refused if we have the power to give that help. Also remember that "love is the fulfilling of the Law", and as long as our hearts are filled with love we cannot fail.

With love and blessings.

Your Sister.

Ida J. Wilkins

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

At this meeting every year it has been our custom for each of the four officers of the Temple to give a brief summary of the work

of the year that has slipped by, as the activities of that year have impressed him.

When the Temple was organized we were told that its peculiar form, with its four officers each holding one of the corners of a square, was symbolic, and that each officer represented a different influence or force from the other three. Out of the forces so represented (not out of the officers themselves, but from the forces they symbolize as they occupy their positions in the square) a new vibratory rate of human consciousness was to be builded up.

In looking back over the year just gone the important questions are: have we, as individual Templars, done our share in this building process? Is the vibratory rate higher today than it was a year ago?

What has been our influence upon it? Have we raised it or lowered it? This is a question which the individual himself alone can answer. He, only, knows what efforts he has made, how often he has tried and failed, how he has suffered and been misunderstood — whether he is true or only partly true. It is a question of the interaction between the individual and the influences and experiences that impinge on his consciousness; and each of us dwells — in the centre of his consciousness — alone.

Each day dawns with its aggregation of problems, the cares that infest it, the bickerings and misunderstandings, the efforts that are thwarted. In this fight it is not the success or failure, the victory or defeat, which counts, but the weapons we use. We can fight fire with fire, malice with malice, slander with slander, hatred with hatred; or we can use another weapon, and produce another result.

An old Temple mantram runs thus — "The light of the Triple Star, falleth upon the Sea; the Sea gives up to the rising star, its wealth of humanity." The triple star is Love, Will and Wisdom—the Holy Trinity—the triple Key. It is the Redeemer, the Key which opens the door from personality to impersonality. As the transmuter, it can be applied time after time each day. It is the element which is raising the pulse of the Cosmic Heart and driving the Shadows of the personality away. It is the vibration which, as it falls upon or descends into the Sea of human consciousness, raises it.

As it is called upon, by the individual, to be applied in his daily problems and petty worries, the sea of human consciousness is gradually transmuted and redeemed.

Life is like a cauldron, filled with ingredients of many kinds—pain and joy—success and defeat—elation and despair—wealth and poverty—virtue and vice—the pairs of opposites—hundreds of them. It simmers and boils and the ingredients bubble and fizz,

and out of the cauldron is rising, constantly, a distillation of subtile spiritual essence which is "raising the pulse of the Cosmic heart", and driving away the shadows of the lower self.

To be a Templar in its true meaning is to try to apply this triple Key of Love, Will and Wisdom, in our daily life. To be tolerant, and try to understand that others who differ from us may be just as true in their attitude as we are in ours; to be broad and not condemnatory; to will to be impersonal, and try to be wise.

Many have come and many have gone. Some pass along quickly, make a light contact. Some stay longer, and penetrate deeper. But to all who are drawn into the Temple aura this opportunity is presented, automatically: "Shall I continue to be swayed by the pairs of opposites alone? Shall I return evil for evil, good for good, revenge for hate — or shall I take the triple Key in my hand, apply it in my daily life, and become a real Temple builder?" One cannot progress along The Path without this triple Key, for it alone can open the many doors that bar the way.

Ernest Harrison

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Greetings, Dear Comrades:

This report has to do with the inner treasures as well as the outer. The following is quoted from the August 1910 Artisan written by our beloved former Treasurer, Jane W. Dower, giving the inner phase of the Temple treasury:

"The Temple treasure! What is it? What light does it transmit? What service does it render? How has it been secured? How is its valuation estimated? Who are its protectorates?"

The Temple treasure is that greatest of all treasures given by father to son, bestowed upon man by God, the crown jewel of sacrificial light and love which in its highest correspondence is the divine life spark from which all impulse emanates.

It is that principle that operates within the inner sanctuary of the heart that finds its greatest love in the giving of itself for others' needs, in the laying down of its own life that others may live.

It is that light which overshines all other lights in the resplendent purity of its selfless power.

Its service is of that vital nature that restores the hearing to the ear of those who hear not, the sight to those who walk in darkness, the pulse of life to hearts grown weak with over pressure.

It has been secured through the anguish and trial of souls in the depths and heights of experience and its service shall be for the awakening of humanity to a realization of its spiritual identification with the divine elements of light and truth.

Its valuation can be estimated only by the heart's blood

offered for the rarifying of the light that it may gain a greater circle of illumination.

It can only be protected by righteous usage in purer service, in truer sacrifice to the united whole.

Its protectorates are the hearts of all who open themselves to the glory, to the beauty, to the holiness of that sacrificial service.

The Temple Treasure! What share does each member have in it? The Voice of Omnipotence replies, 'Seek ye within.'

We have great inner spiritual riches and we must also have the outer correspondence in order to make use of the spiritual knowledge and wealth which has been given to us so abundantly thru the years.

The appeal of the Guardian in Chief to the members for financial aid some weeks ago has brought some results, but this must not stop because we need this material aid for carrying on the work month after month. We deeply appreciate all the efforts of the members but in order to keep up the work this help must continue. Our spiritual home must be sustained financially to defray expenses and carry our Temple treasures to all the world. Your contributions in dues, special offerings, or whatever is possible for you to do, all helps; otherwise the work will be crippled. Do your bit, each and every one, and support the work in love, devotion, courage and endurance.

Keeping up the task thus day by day is expressed by the Master Hilarion in the following:

"I want you all to realize the importance of the present—never mind the past or the future, they will be cared for—it is now that is of the greatest importance. Every day, and one day and one moment at a time. Dig deep and lay the foundations well, lest any shaking of the upper beams loosen the underlying stones of the outer Temple. Do not allow yourself or others—if you can help it—to miss the sweet humble blossoms lying close by your side in reaching out for the larger less fragrant blooms in the distance—and listen when I speak."

Your Comrade,
Pearl Wilshire

REPORT ON THE GERMAN SECTION OF THE TEMPLE

By the Secretary

Comrades and Friends:

The German Section of The Temple celebrates on the same date as ours its seventh annual convention in new headquarters in Berlin-Friedenau. Some of their sessions and ours come at the same time, which tends to create a stronger bond of unity between us even on the outer plane.

The ninth year of group activity in Germany has brought added

struggles and hardships to the group generally and members individually. We can easily understand that under the present conditions in Europe their affiliation with The Temple, the true and beneficent nature of which is not generally known, may cause misunderstanding, while in reality the presence of a Temple group is a blessing to any country in which it exists, for it promotes unity, harmony, and co-operation with the government.

The group has 109 members. The main work is centered in two Squares, of Berlin and of Zoppot-Danzig, with about 30 members each. Zoppot Square held two special convention meetings during the last year, one before Christmas, with Prof. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaeher, of Berlin, Persian mystic and friend of The Temple, as guest lecturer; the other a summer school, end of July, prior to the present Berlin Convention, with Mr. Greiner, Treasurer of the German Section, and Mr. Epple, of Leipzig, as guest lecturers. Both conventions were very successful. Besides the two organized Squares, there are four study groups in important cities in the south-west and south-east, north-west and north-east of Germany. These four places seem like outposts of Lodge protection to the country. The other members are scattered over the country, and some are in Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Brazil and South Africa.

Programs and reports regularly sent from Squares and groups to Halcyon Headquarters show very vital activity. They have regular weekly or fortnightly study classes for beginners and advanced students on the Open Series of Temple Teachings and Teachings for members, on Temple Correspondence Courses, The Avatar, Fundamental Theosophical Principles, and on the Secret Doctrine; devotional meetings and Feast of Fulfillment; well attended public lectures, and socials.

The co-operation and the exchange of help between all is splendid. Assistance for the upbuilding of groups is extended wherever it may be needed, regardless of distance; there are always some of the prominent lecturers ready to go wherever necessary.

Literature. Most of the current Temple literature is published in German: half of the book of Teachings of The Temple, in two volumes; Occultism for Beginners; Yellow Folio of Master Messages; instructions and correspondence courses of the Outer Court and 36; also many propaganda leaflets. A new German edition of "From The Mountain Top" — "Aus Lichter Hoehe" — is planned, the first edition being sold out. The monthly issued magazine, "Der Templer", now in its eighth volume, contains translations of the articles of the current and former "Artisans", in addition to Temple Teachings not yet printed in German, Agni Yoga, and articles of the German members.

The German Temple Group is truly a focal point of Lodge

Light on the European continent at this most critical time of world conditions. May the Light and protection of the Lodge remain with them! We extend our love and gratitude to all the groups and members in Germany who have sent greetings and their tokens of loving comradeship to the convention. And in closing this brief report, let us quote the letter of convention greetings received from Berlin Headquarters.

"To the Temple of The People,
Dr. William H. Dower, Guardian-in-Chief,
Halcyon, California.

The German Section of The Temple Of The People sends warmest fraternal greetings to all dear comrades at Halcyon, assembled in Annual Convention, 1935, and sincerest wishes for harmonious and uplifting proceedings, and at the same time wishes to express its unwavering loyalty and deepest gratitude for all the blessings received from the Center. May all hearts be aflame, united in love, filled with the one desire to radiate the Avataric Forces in ever increasing measure for the spiritual uplift of all Humanity.

(Signed) Fritz Ammon,
National Chancellor

Bertha Martini,
National General Secretary"

After the closing of the meeting in the usual way, the noonday healing meditation followed in which Dr. Little officiated.

Monday Evening

At this time was held a composite open meeting on behalf of the Inner orders of The Temple to acquaint visitors with the nature of inner orders.

The music consisted of the chorus of the priests from Mozart's "Magic Flute," an organ and piano duet, by Edgar Cheetham and Cethyl Mallory, and another selection of Temple music from the "Cauldron of the Gods," titled "Horo" rendered by the choir; Clarence Weaver played a violin selection; the Inner Guard read from "From The Mountain Top" and incense was burned with the prayer that begins, "Ascending Flame, bear with Thee into the silence of the White Spirit the incense of our love and aspiration, our thanksgivings and sacrifices".

Fred Whitney spoke on the subject of Inner Orders from a general point of view. Dr. Dower followed the speaker with a brief explanation of the inner beginnings of a Lodge Line on this plane. He said, all true inner orders come into existence on this plane from the Masters of Light and Wisdom. A ray of light descends from some one of the Masters of the Great White Lodge into some one this plane, and that establishes a connecting link between the Master and the one chosen to carry on the work. This constitutes the Order of the One. Then another ray descends into another

soul in incarnation who is called to work with the first one, and that constitutes the Order of the Two: then a third ray descends from the same Great Sources, and the Order of the Three is formed. This third point is a very difficult position to hold; many have tried it and failed. But in this way all the orders are formed, each being formed through the one before it, running back to the first order on this plane and to the Master on Inner Planes. After the Three, issues the Four, the Seven, the two times seven, the three times seven, the four times seven and the seven times seven; the four times nine, which is also the three times twelve, and many other orders that are in addition to those now in The Temple. The Temple is designed to serve humanity throughout centuries to come, and additional orders will be installed from time to time as the unfolding cycles of the new race will permit until all the forty-nine orders of the Lodge are in the Temple."

Tuesday Forenoon

At 11:30 o'clock the Temple choral service was held with W. H. Thompson as celebrant. Before the service, the choir sang "Here in Thy Temple, Lord", a song written by Duncan Ferguson with music by Ebba Whitney. Ida Wilkins gave an appropriate reading. The service ended at the noon hour and was followed by the healing meeting, which was conducted by Mr. Thompson.

Tuesday Afternoon

At 2 P. M. the annual meeting of the Temple Home Association, for members of the association only, was held in the William Q. Judge Library. Two directors, Otto Westfelt and Duncan Ferguson, whose terms had expired, were re-elected. The affairs of the association were reported in good condition in general.

Wednesday Afternoon

Dr. Little was the officiating priest at the noon meeting and after this meeting came the Builders luncheon in the Lodge at 12:30, an event devoted to the young folks. The hall and tables were beautifully decorated with boughs and flowers and children were everywhere, there being over thirty present. After luncheon a program was given by the children which began with the Builders song, "Build The Temple Strong and Right," by all children; then songs, duets, and dances by several Builders and their friends followed, and Miss Pearl Wilshire gave interesting data about Mrs. Dower's life and fine and understanding work with the Builders from the beginning in 1900 on to her passing. Then followed the play, "The Bell of Atri" presented by 17 children and directed by Louise Whitney and Monica Weaver, and accompanied on the piano by Ebba Whitney. Space permits only a brief report here, but a full account of the happy Builders' Day and the whole program will appear in the next "Builders' Department" in the Artisan.

Wednesday Evening

At 8 P. M. in the Temple a lecture was delivered by Ernest Harrison, Temple Scribe, on "The Inner Orders of The Temple and the Future of the Work", which is printed below. This was followed by a paper by Bernard Lentz, on the position of The Temple in the Theosophical movement, which will be given later in the Artisan. The music of this meeting included a piano solo by Ebba Whitney, titled, "May Night", by Selim Palmgren, a vocal duet by Monica Weaver and Duncan Ferguson, "A Spirit Flower," and a song by Dr. Little, "The Blind Ploughman". The meeting was opened and closed in the usual way.

THE INNER ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND THE FUTURE OF THE WORK

We are now gathered together in the 36th anniversary of our Temple work. Cyclic Law governs all activity, and the number 36 has always been regarded as a very significant number. It is the number of the first and, in one aspect, the **most important** of all the inner orders of the Temple, for without the Order of the 36 the Temple would not exist for a day. The order of the 36 is the Force which holds the Temple together, the devotional and sacrificial energy which forms the binding quality of its constituent parts. Without it the Temple atoms would fall apart as the dry sands of the sea beach fall apart. There would be nothing to make them cohere.

The Order of the 36 is an aggregate of those who have pledged their efforts and their life work to the building up and the holding together of a new vibratory rate of human consciousness. This new vibratory rate is not an occult mysterious something which we sense only dimly, or not at all, because it is so mysterious and occult; it is a very definite force or feeling — a state of consciousness, which can be attained and held by any one who is willing to make the effort. The members of the Order of the 36 are those people whose interest is centered in the process of preserving, so far as is in their power, the spirit of Universal Brotherhood in the Race. Some of the Outer Order of the 36 are members of the Order in its universal sense and some are not. But every human being, no matter what may be his race, creed, or caste, who has the flame of brotherly love in his heart and a desire for its expression upon this plane — is a member of the **real** Order of the 36. So let us take it as an established fact that this Order of the 36 (which comprises as we see it, all men and women who desire Universal Brotherhood to be the ruling force in human affairs) is the instrument which **must** bring this condition into expression. Its members

are the people who see the possibility, they are the ones who fervently wish it, and it is their work to bring it about.

In the constitution of the Temple the Order of the 36 is composed of those who hold the Temple together. They are symbolized in the Temple building by the pillars which surround it and upon which the roof is supported. They are the frame of the Temple edifice just as the bones of the body are the support and framework upon which it is constructed. Without them there would be no form, no coordination, no possibility of expression or duration. There could be no Temple. Out of the spirit of sacrifice and the desire to serve in the building of the Temple of Humanity this order has been built, and it is with this sacrificial force and spirit of devotion that the Temple will be welded together. Take away the Inner Order of the 36, and the Temple would collapse, just as this building would fall down if the pillars which support the roof were removed.

Now, just as the Order of the 36 is the cohering force of the Temple, so also the Order of the 36 is in turn held together by an interior force or order. Each order in the Temple structure, from the Outer Court or Order of the 49 (and that includes everybody) to the One or Central Point from which all the other orders get their sustenance and inspiration, is dependent for its ability to maintain itself as a living and functioning center upon an inner order or center from which it derives its inspiration. Do not think that I am speaking now of the members of the outer organization. The fact that one has taken a pledge, and is entitled on occasion to wear a robe, does not confer any spiritual power whatever. He may have the robe and the power—or the robe without the power, or the power and no robe at all.

What we are considering now is something on a far higher plane than robes and collars and so forth. A robe can be purchased for a few dollars—but that which it symbolizes must be paid for in sacrifice, and pain, and misunderstanding, and the blood of the heart.

He who has for a moment experienced that state of consciousness which is the nucleus of Universal Brotherhood has, for that instant, stood in the presence of the Masters. This does not necessarily mean that he has seen a Master, or heard his voice. It is symbolic, and means that he has reached in consciousness the plane upon which they dwell.

“BEFORE THE SOUL CAN STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MASTERS ITS FEET MUST BE WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE HEART.”

“To be able to stand is to have confidence”; and to have confidence means that the disciple is sure of himself, that he has sur-

rendered his emotions, his very self, even his humanity; that he is incapable of fear and unconscious of pain; that his whole consciousness is centered in the divine life, which is expressed symbolically by the term 'the Masters'; that he has neither eyes, nor ears, nor speech, nor power, save in and for the divine ray on which his highest sense has touched. Then is he fearless, free from suffering, free from anxiety or dismay; his soul stands without shirking or desire of postponement, in the full blaze of the divine light which penetrates through and through his being. Then he has come into his inheritance and can claim his kinship with the teachers of men; he is upright, he has raised his head, he breathes the same air that they do.

"But before it is in any way possible for him to do this, the feet of the soul must be washed in the blood of the heart.

"The sacrifice, or surrender of the heart of man, and its emotions, is the first of the rules; it involves the 'attaining of an equilibrium which cannot be shaken by personal emotion.'" (from "Light On The Path," Chap. V).

The essential and vital part of this quotation is contained in one short sentence: "The attaining of an equilibrium which cannot be shaken by personal emotion." Do not let us misunderstand this all important point. It does not mean that we shall kill out or allow to atrophy all personal affection and feeling. Quite the contrary. But it **does** mean that we must, in order to receive and register the impersonal, or Lodge Forces, be able to hold steady a receiving Center in our selves which is unclouded and uninfluenced by the personal emotions.

Personal emotion clouds the issue. It obscures the vision. It makes us biased and unfair. When we are filled with it, we **cannot** see clearly, we **cannot** be just, and we **cannot** be truly spiritual.

The first dawning of the spiritual consciousness, as differentiated from the personal consciousness, is outlined very clearly in "Light On The Path".

The writer of this little book **knew**. She had experienced the ecstasies of bliss and the extremities of pain that human life can offer. She had tasted them all. The satiety of the senses had brought a temporary satisfaction — but it did not satisfy her soul. And so she turned inward, and heard the voice of the silence calling. In this brief contact with inner things she experienced a wonderful illumination, and brought back into her everyday brain consciousness a remarkable vision of the growth of the human soul, and the stages and qualities of its development.

Now my purpose in reading these passages from this wonderful little book is to show that the Temple with its orders is not based upon exterior things—it is not a society like other societies—but it is in its essence a spiritual thing—and to the extent that the

external society and its orders, which correspond to these interior forces, are tuned in with these inner forces—to that extent **only**, will it ever become a great power in the world.

Every one who is drawn into the aura of our work is attracted because of some respondent chord in his own nature. They may be attracted because of some intellectual illumination, or because they have loyalty, or devotion, or justice — but they will not be attracted unless they respond to some chord in our work which awakens a similar chord in themselves; and their place and function in the inner orders will depend upon their willingness to sound that chord in a chorus of impersonal, unselfish effort. When they do this, they become real Temple Builders.

The development of our work lies shrouded in the mystery of the future. No one can tell what it will be.

Perhaps it will suddenly blossom out into a world-wide organization and give its influence to thousands where now it contacts one. No one knows. No one can tell. But of one thing we may rest assured. Any lasting vitality and spiritual life which it may have will be the result of the efforts of the members of the various orders to align themselves with these Spiritual Building Forces of Love, Compassion, Justice, Mercy, and so forth, and to bring these forces into outer expression in the everyday life of the ordinary everyday human being. We may expound and preach and explain, we may attain to heights of oratory; but the Temple proper will be built out of sacrifice only.

In the exact center of the floor of this building there is inlaid a golden triangle. Directly over this triangle is a censer burning with four flames. In the exact center of the ceiling is a triple Light. These three symbols, the triple light, the quadruple lamp, and the golden triangle carry the story of the whole process of the building of the Temple.

The light from the Triple Star above: Love—Will—and Wisdom, kindles into activity the three Higher principles of man's nature, and the four lower principles are laid on the altar of sacrifice and by the fires of suffering are refined and transmuted.

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

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