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THE OBJECTS of the Temple are:

First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of Art on fundamental lines, showing that Art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through Art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

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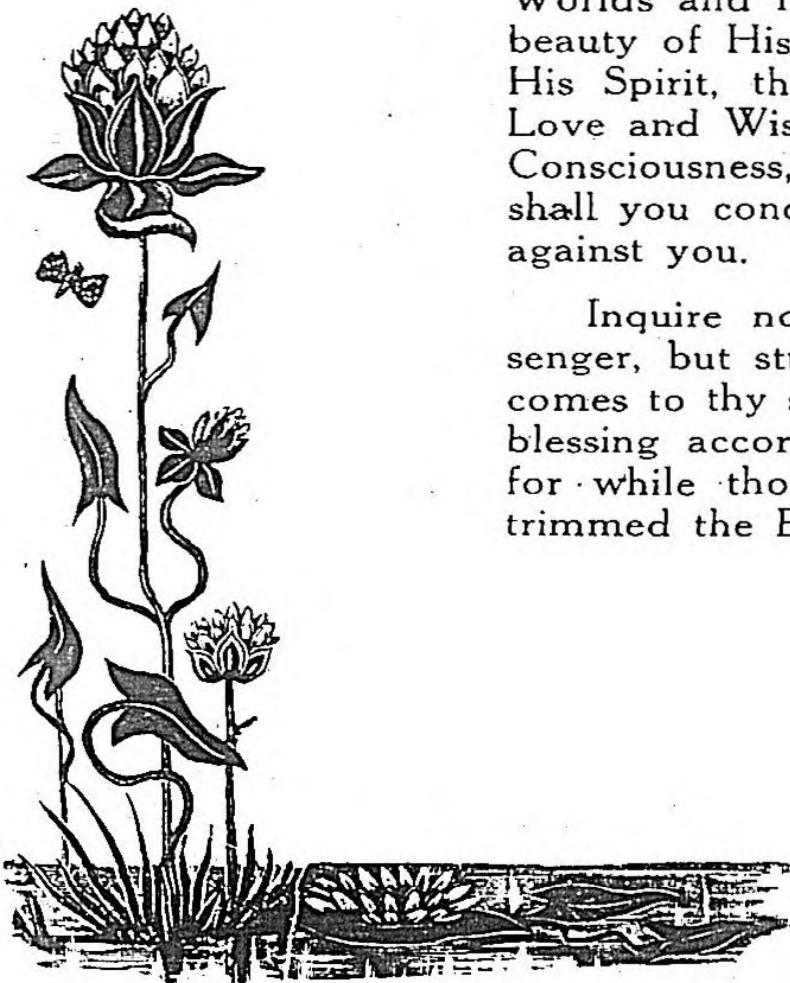


UNTO THEE A KEY

The Children of the King

Lose not sight of your place, position and power as Children of the King, He who guides, rules, adorns the Lives of Worlds and men. Be caught up in the beauty of His Youth—the Fragrance of His Spirit, the Eternal Verities of His Love and Wisdom. In the Light of His Consciousness, in the Glory of His Being, shall you conquer all that presents itself against you.

Inquire not who or what the messenger, but study well the message that comes to thy soul and bears thee ban or blessing according as thou receivest it; for while thou waitest with lamps untrimmed the Bridegroom passes by.



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Breath

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The Great Breath referred to in Occultism is the Breath of God. When the Breath went forth it threw chaos into order and form. In other words, it was the basis for a manifested universe. This Great Breath also created seven hierarchal planes with their correspondences and everything on that plane receives the Breath of God and evolves accordingly.

Everything breathes, the mountains, the rocks, the rills and the hills. It is what gives the fragrance to the flowers, and if we do not detect that fragrance it is because the breath vibration is either too low or too high for us to perceive.

For instance the Sun of our solar system beats once in eleven years. The vital force sent through the ether to the planets keeps them alive. This is not blood as in the human but is a vitalizing essence. The Sun breathes in and out between four and five years and that breath is not air but is what Occultism calls Prana. As said, the rocks and all substances breathe. This is imperceptible to our senses save as we perceive all substances are transformed into other substances-in course of time. This is because the pranic vital elements all make for transforming crude matter into astral and spiritual matter. There is much in the Biblical expression that God breathed the Breath of Life into Adam who was a race of red clay and Adam as a race became a living soul. So with all human and animal life it is the same. The Sun is a great transformer and transforms the Breath and Life of God on the seven planes of Breath so that all things and creatures develop according to their needs.

As we aspire to the Godhead and His Servant the Sun we in-draw these forces to every part of our organism as nature does into hers. This law of Divine emanation is very important to bear in mind, for God is always trying to reach us through his various agencies on the seven planes of Breath and Life.

Per R. S., Nov. 9, 1935.

EDITORIAL MIRROR

This Artisan covers the season of three holidays, **Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.** **Thanksgiving** should be a universal holiday, for surely man needs to give thanks. But not merely in eating and drinking. He needs a day set aside wherein he breaks bread with gratitude and drinks of the cup of the Water of Life with thankfulness. For is not all nature put before him and all Life within him that he may find his soul? Let each student of the Way and aspirant of the Path step aside from the grasping hand and greedy heart and give thanks upon this Day, thanks to God, to Mother Nature, and to his brother-man for the fellowship of the Way.

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After this service of inner communion, comes the joyousness of bells and red berries and a Son that is born. **Christmas is here.** Man, an Angel of the celestial realms, is born first as a child of earth. Many days he goes to that school. Then, after aeonic time in the long swing of cycles, the sun of life that has always set for him, as race and individual, in the world of matter, and risen on the same plane, comes to its turning. He has crossed the line. Now it is Christ-mas in his soul, and the Angels chant paeons of joy for him: he is on the Way home to his Father who is in Heaven, born anew. For long has he been born in the "manger" among the "cattle" of the lower self, but on this birthday he is swaddled in the Love of the Christ, illumined by the starlight of spiritual understanding and mothered by the God within him. The peace of infinite Beauty is in his soul, and the Way shines on and upward before him. Hail to the new-born; a Son of God!

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Then comes the **New Year** that all the world celebrates. But it is no mere revolution of twelve months that brings the New Year to this higher man. It is a revolution of understanding. The sun, long buried in the cave of winter, ascends the skies, a new sun, shedding new rays on a new life, made of surer hopes, purposes and desires. But even every mortal year enacts this same divine drama of rebirth, the unconscious soul being also renewed with its own New Years, even though it does celebrate them in noise and in ignorance of their true meaning.

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So let all join in the Angel chorus: **PEACE; ON EARTH! GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND!** May there be, during this coming year, a conscious drawing together of all those who truly love God and their fellowmen, in better understanding of the essentials of life, and closer cooperation, regardless of creed or sect, believing that the Heart that loveth all will know all, and knowing all in Love will know it well.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

AS at Christmastide the Earth experiences its darkest period, followed by gradually brightening and lengthening days, so humanity is now experiencing its time of gloom, which also will be succeeded by happier days.

And yet there is a great difference between both these experiences. The dark night encompassing humanity at its present stage is the result of the erroneous conceptions of humanity. Therefore humanity itself will have to lighten the darkness through thoughts full of RADIANCE and of LIGHT. There can be no other remedy.

The dawn of new and brighter days on the horizon of human destiny depends on the fervent longing of the souls towards the bliss of peace.

At present again dark clouds of fate are hovering above the heads of the people who are blinded by a thick vapour formed by the greedy thoughts of men. These clouds must burst unless they are soon broken up by rays of light, otherwise they are sure to bring about terrific storms and misery. These clouds however may be dissolved by the sun of Righteousness and the light of pure REASON. This will be accomplished if the spiritual atmosphere of the people is purified, transmuted and permeated by the FIRE of LOVE. The dark clouds of fate cannot be lifted until this transformation has taken place.

Christmastime the time so closely connected with the cosmic event of the solstice of the sun is the very time for all the race to join in a spiritual activity standing above confession and creeds, for an appeal to all rulers in the whole world to give Divine Reason a chance to reign supremely. The key to this is the creative power of constructive thinking and the dynamic power of general sincere good-will.

All the different countries should help to bring this about by asking all the inhabitants to join on December 24th at 9 o'clock in the evening in silent Meditation.

The people of each country should during this hour concentrate in their own way on the words: WISDOM! LOVE! PEACE! and pray to GOD, the sole creator of all beings and worlds for UNIVERSAL WORLD PEACE!

Blessed he who prays at this hour of the Holy Night, in deepest reverence to God for UNIVERSAL PEACE, for he will truly be a co-worker in the building of the holy temple of peace for the whole of humanity!

Cheer and Peace to all Beings!

H. K. Iranschaehr, Persia.

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of The Temple of the People (Conclusion of Report)

Thursday

This was the day of the annual convention picnic when all went to the seaside for a holiday time in the golden sands of the Halcyon dunes. The day is a recess from activities given over to basking and bathing, the acquisition of a few rosy sunburns to the accompaniment of lots of good things to eat and a pot of steaming coffee made over a campfire. Too, the day affords for many a sensitized soul a draft of the revivifying forces of nature and also something deeper, for on this edge of old Lemuria, now coming to be new Lemuria in the returning cycles of humanity, there is a distinctive aliveness in "The Spirit of the Sands" spoken of by H. P. B.

Friday Morning

The session was devoted to the reading of a paper on "World Conditions in the Light of Astrology" by Ada Muir who is President of the Canadian Astrological Society. The paper was distinguished for its sound sense and good occultism. It was read by Patricia Mallory and is printed on page 47 in this Artisan. The music for the meeting was "Prelude" by Chopin on the piano by Cethyl Mallory, and two songs, "Sancta Maria" sung by Monica Weaver, and "Healing Prayer", sung by Dr. Little, music by himself. Dr. Little officiated in the Healing meditation that followed.

Friday Afternoon

At 3 o'clock a tea was served in the William Q. Judge Library to members and friends. Miss Mary Dutton was hostess. Dr. Dower exhibited on this occasion a valuable collection of Indian relics donated to Hiawatha Lodge by Mrs. Anna H. Griffith, one of our members, of El Paso, Texas. These relics are now on exhibition together with others in the Guardian in Chief's room in the Administration Building.

Friday Evening

Duncan Ferguson was the lecturer for the evening and he talked of the Temple approach to the immortality of man and the destiny of the world, both by its philosophy and its spirit. Mr. Ferguson himself demonstrated the meaning of the Spirit of the Temple by the manner in which he handled his subject; by the inner, harmonious and unifying approach to it. The Temple, carrying the philosophy of the Wisdom Religion, moves forward toward a universal brotherhood of man under a universal Fatherhood of God.

This great Religion which has been taught by all the Saviours of the ages, tells of a heaven world of bliss and supreme attainment

which mankind in due course of time will reach, but it does not confine its heaven to a remote region which is to be reached by escaping this world through a special act of salvation. The Temple bridges the seeming unintelligible statements of Jesus, "my kingdom is not of this world" and "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The kingdom that will rule the world in the end, as the final crown to human evolution, is that kingdom "the world" does not yet know. It is the kingdom of the soul, of the divine consciousness, incarnated at the long last in the hearts of all mankind right here on the face of the earth. It is a complete change of consciousness; it is man born anew and from above through his long struggles, sorrows and sufferings and the Light of the incarnating Christ shed upon him. It is sheer folly to suppose that a social, political, economic, or any other system can be made to order, forced into existence by legislation, or otherwise, against the mass desire of mankind and made to work, even though it be fashioned out of the finest of some men's ideals. The heart of man decides the fate of all things. When men, from the depths of selfless hearts, feel the urge to repeat in unison the simple prayer of a Galilean vagabond king, "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven,"—this in spite of the personal cost in position or worldly goods,—then shall we enter the gate called "Beautiful" into the city of "Delight."

Besides the regular music of the Temple meetings Duncan Ferguson and Monica Weaver sang a duet, "Let me kneel at Thy Feet," by C. Whitney Coombs.

Saturday Afternoon

At 3 p. m. came the annual hour for Social Science, this period being given to the social outlook of the Temple which is basically devoted to the good of humanity in whatever direction that good may appear. The Temple cannot be partisan. It must, as a Lodge body, adhere to the basic principles of life and evolutionary law and back with spiritual assistance the good wherever found, awaiting the right way and the right time for the right thing.

The period opened with a very good paper by Dr. N. E. Harris on the law of balance. He followed the lines taken by the Master with this all-important law in the lives of individuals and in the evolution of a race, pointing out that true growth in powers—intellectual, moral and spiritual—is not only slow growth, but balanced growth. No faculty or power can be developed at any time in excess of others without serious damage to the true and lasting development of the soul. Yet, such lop-sided and excessive development in specialized lines so dominates the humanity of today that it believes such development to be wholly desirable and normal. It is a civilization chaotically out of balance. Specialization is its god,

success at any cost being worshipped. As to genius, it is the most prized and longed for of all, in ignorance of the fact that the major part of the powers that constitute genius are almost invariably acquired at an appalling cost to the remaining faculties of the soul, so robbing those faculties of their substance and development as to leave them as paralyzed as an unused arm. Balance in development and procedure is unthought of; the times being filled with a hectic rush hither and yon, snatching at distinctions, unearned riches, powers and titles, while the soul would be quiet and poised, seeking a well earned and well rounded measure of attainment so that nature in the end will not have to cast into destruction an unfit product.

Cethyl Mallory was the next speaker, and he took for his subject the series of changes in ideals and outlook that constituted his stepping stones into the Temple. He was born into a devoted church family, but though the immediate spiritual outlook was very orthodox his father is a man of political and social ideals, and his own mind responded to the outlook.

One might pause to remark here that this sociological outlook is prerequisite for all templars, a love and service of mankind being imperative. A genuine sympathy wisely directed towards the down-and-outer is the only actual channel through which he can ever climb up into his rightful opportunities. He spoke of his cravings for the art side of life, and of how all life seemed to persist in misfitting him, both in school and out, and how he leapt forward to embrace the far-reaching ideals of Woodrow Wilson aimed at a world at peace, leagued in one great body of national good will and cooperation. This movement went down before the hard realism of the day, and the disappointment was deep. For a moment the soul of man had held the heart ideal high, but it was gone. Then came economic radicalism. It presented its remedy for the appalling world conditions, proposing a world made right socially, morally, artistically and spiritually, by correcting it physically; by merely laying down the right way of earning one's bread, housing and clothes; a world without a soul. Such a world can not stand. Something else must be had that couples all the right life elements of social man in one complete body and rests them in the soul. This is found in the Temple outlook on life. He closed his talk by quoting Temple Teachings, page 82:

"In the fast coming, trying days which the human race has brought and is bringing on itself, when the voices of Justice, Mercy, and Charity will be no more heard in the land, when might alone will seem right, and every man's hand be turned against every other man; the saving grace, the one living reality, which will hold the earth in form and water and preserve the seed for the new human-

ity, will be the now dormant love for God in the hearts of the masses of mankind; the love which will awaken from its long sleep as a result of the suffering to be endured, and when awakened, will behold its own strong, sweet face in the faces of every other creature and thing, as in a looking glass."

Mrs. Emilie Byrne read a short paper which lead up to a magazine article dealing with the most crucial period in the political history of Abraham Lincoln, those dark and fateful hours that shrouded the fall of 1862. He had held the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in abeyance waiting the right time to sign it according to a promise made to himself. The time came and he signed it. The effect was magical—for evil. In the business world there was a panic, stocks went tumbling, money was paralyzed and the Government credit sank to zero. Elections came on in several states, and they all went against him, including his own Illinois. Then Congress went against him, and his pleas to it for support fell on hearts of stone, the Republicans in the Senate frantically demanding his abdication. Not only was his own country fallen away from him, but in the whole world of power and influence he had scarcely a friend. What he did in this hour of appalling loneliness and crucial moment is what is of deepest interest to us who watch the inner lines of life, seek their course and cause for going on. It is reported that he said, "We are on the brink of destruction. It appears to me the Almighty is against us. I can hardly see a ray of hope."

With that statement of despair many a soul might have temporized and compromised with his enemies, seeking some easier way to get out of it all, but not he. There he stood, hurt by the weight of the load, but like a tall tower aglow with an inner unquenchable fire, his purpose shining on as a beacon through the shadows of that night—and his heart the heart of a child. We are told that at one time the earth had kings for rulers who were divine, and the promise is that in the coming new humanity that cycle will again swing in; we won't have just once in long ages a King Arthur, a Washington, or a Lincoln, but many souls that are born again, from God and from above—above the mammon, the hate and violence of the lower man. They will succeed one another in a long reign of justice and brotherhood in a United States of the world.

Dr. Dower spoke of the part played by the Great Ones in the life of every nation, each people having its quota of great souls that incarnate every now and again to guide its destiny, keeping its feet as nearly as possible in the direction of right life principles. He referred to Lincoln as one of these leader souls, indicating his position in the spiritual leadership of the race and in the Lodge of Elder Brothers.

The meeting closed with music.

Sunday Morning, August 10

At 10:30 the Builders had their meeting in The Temple. In front of the chancel the six-pointed Temple Star was outlined on the floor by the red and blue interlaced triangles. In its center, on a small table covered with flowers, thirteen light blue candles—the symbol of the Divine Architect—were burning arranged in a swastika of white, pink and blue flowers. A prelude of soft organ music was played by Ebba Whitney, while the children in their light blue capes, the youngest ones leading, entered the Temple through the chancel and took their seats on the rays of the Builders' Star. Then the meeting was opened by the chairman, Louise Whitney, with a silence by all and the singing of the Builders song, "Shine on my heart." The offering was taken by John Weaver with all standing and reciting the words of the offering, "All things come from Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee." Little poems, dedicated to the Temple Builders by Lura St. Claire, were recited by Joan Tallman and Elfrida, Eleanor and Virginia Volz. Louise Whitney and Freya Weaver sang a duet, Brahm's Wiegeliied (Lullaby), in German. This was followed by a symbolic flower festival, spoken by Louise, Freya, Joan, Joy Thompson, Dawn Daniel, Patricia Altamirano, Virginia and John. Mrs. Bertha Harris, one of the teachers of the Builders, read some beautiful symbolic poems of trees written by her daughter Polly who some years ago lost her life in an accident at the youthful age of 17. After this Flamore Dower and Dr. Little sang together the song, "The Golden Tone." Monica Weaver and Ella Vogtherr then gave tribute to the memory of beloved Blue Star, the first Guardian-in-Chief of The Temple, and Jane W. Dower, loved founder of the Temple Builders work, who both meant so much to the Temple Builders. Dr. Dower, the Guardian-in-Chief, in his kind way spoke of the importance of the work of and for the Temple Builders in the life of the child, and the Inner Guard, Mrs. Wilkins, extended words of love to them. Then all the Builders sang, "Jesus, friend of little children, be a friend to me," adapted as the "Avatic Words" of the little ones, for, as we know, the One Whom the Temple calls The Avatar is none other than the same Great Master Jesus. At the request of David Weaver the Builders joined hands and entered the silence to send their love to all the children in the world. The meeting was closed with the singing of "Father, Mother, Brother, Sister," and the recitation of the Avatic Mantram by all, including the attending guests. There are still to mention the littlest Builders in Halcyon who were present, namely, John and David Mallory, Lorna Varian, and baby Roselma Wheeler. Lorna is the daughter of our grown-up Temple Builder Sigurd Varian and the grand-daughter of John

and Agnes. Her family has only recently come to Halcyon to live.

(The flower festival will be printed in one of the later Artisan issues.)

Sunday Afternoon

At 3 p. m. came the hour for Temple talks, the time being devoted to short talks by members and visitors. The following music numbers were interspersed with the talks: a piano number by Cethyl Mallory, a song by Monica Weaver, one by Dr. Little and one by Otto Westfelt. Some of those called upon were Clarence Dennis, Jennie Strong, Bertha Harris, Carl Wolff, Jane Thompson, Herman Volz. Miss K. Nimmo, a convention visitor, spoke of the spiritual good she had received from the Temple and the convention. We in turn have pleasant recollections of her helpfulness. Dr. Little brought a word of constructive thought from the Palo Alto Square, and Monica Weaver, speaking for the Southland told how B. S. once said that nothing greater could be done for little children than to teach them to pray, because prayer opens the channel between the lower and the Higher Self by directing the attention inward. The soul channel is all too soon clogged with the desires of the lower self, and the Higher Self is cut off. Hence the importance of prayer in molding the life channels for the incarnating ego while its vehicle is in its most plastic formative stage.

In this meeting, as in other sessions of the convention, letters and telegrams of greetings from distant comrades and friends were read. The meeting closed by the choir singing the selection from "The Cauldron" titled "Ho-ro," the Consecration Hymn sung by all, and the words of blessing by the Guardian-in-Chief.

Sunday Evening

In the evening a fireside party was held in Hiawatha Lodge following a dinner for the Temple Family, this assembly closing the convention where it began. It was a joyous ending of another annual cycle in the work of the Lodge for this humanity. There is no joy comparable to that of finding those home fires that burn in the Lodge of Life, and being able to keep forever the consciousness that centers within them. The end of everything that is alive is only a re-beginning. In this spirit we bid the Thirty-Sixth Convention and all its members and friends God speed; and in the tongue of Hiawatha, Who in His Divinity is Progenitor of the coming race, we deliver the salutation: SEHGOOLEE!

Peace be with you, the love of the Lodge surround you and keep you through all the days to come!

World Conditions in the Light of Astrology

This is not intended as a forecast, but as an explanation of prevailing planetary currents and their possible effects. Fortunately a few nations have reached that stage in their evolution when they will "Stop, Look, Listen" before plunging into the unknown and they will thus govern themselves under very disturbing planetary conditions so that predicted calamities fail to mature.

Many of us will remember that a disastrous world war was predicted for the year 1926, then from measurements in the Pyramids others claimed that war would commence in May 1928. Various prophets claiming to base their predictions on clairvoyance, astrology, numerology, etc., have set the period for the commencement of the next war at 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1940.

When a definite date is given for a particular event to occur, and this is widely published for the glory of the one who predicted it, astral forces are set free to destroy the prophecy, no matter how true it might have been. In like manner, if it is predicted that in crossing a certain road we shall meet with an accident, we either use extra caution or take some other direction.

As I write this, our morning papers tell us in scare headlines, "War is inevitable." Nothing is inevitable except as our thinking makes it so.

What then, asks the sceptic, is the use of astrology? Through the study of planetary lines of force we may know the lesson we are called upon to learn and the test of our soul growth. We do not thus escape our karma but we lessen the number of our incarnations and hasten our soul progress.

If we know that our faith is to be severely tested in some way, we should take steps to be ready for the test. We should not pray that the load be lightened, but that we may have the courage and the strength to carry the load.

When we consider that it is within the power of mortals to prevent world calamities through thought control, whether in world catastrophies, so called, or human slaughter through war, a great responsibility rests upon those who have in the slightest degree contacted this knowledge.

It is within our control to choose the manner in which the prevailing astral forces shall act upon us, and upon this depends the quality of the emanations which leave our bodies and pass beyond our control.

Multitudes of people are swayed by a common emotion in times of stress; and in such times leaders arise who have the power to institute much-needed reforms; but leaders know that multitudes do not think, emotions rule and intellect merely acts as a pruning

knife. It sometimes happens that it is the selfishness of a pretended reformer which impels him to play upon the emotions of the multitude, and war clouds loom.

In the Celestial realm, clouds of influence move in accordance with astrological law; and while there are always the forces of faith, love and wisdom ready to serve us, there is the eternal conflict of the negative forces of fear, dread, apprehension, greed, selfishness, jealousy, deceit and many others, and this battle will continue until all lessons are learned and Nature, at balance, rests.

Possibly the strongest planetary forces at the present time arise from the opposition of Neptune and Saturn. Students of Esoteric Astrology will know that Saturn symbolizes the bridge between the higher and lower self—the battleground between the self and the non-self; while Neptune represents sacrifice, or the planet through which we may learn wherein by losing all we find ourself.

Consider, then, world conditions with such powerful emotions opposing—self versus sacrifice—for few have found the plane of the non-self, and fewer still are touched with the spirit of universal love.

Saturn and Neptune will oppose each other until February 1937 and they will still be parallel to each other until July 1939.

In Mundane astrology, Saturn represents those in power, usually through possessions, while Neptune represents the common people; and there will be the battle of the strong against the weak throughout the entire period of the opposition and parallel of these two planets.

Neptune is in the sign which has most in sympathy with the working classes, Virgo, and the spirit of rebellion will be aroused—rebellion that those who produce most may not own—and this will no doubt be capitalised.

Saturn is in the sign Pisces, a very critical position for this planet, indicating that those in a position to dominate will follow one of two courses: they may either, through deep sympathy, fidelity to the highest they understand and unselfishness, help in world adjustment, so that as Neptune passes through Virgo there will be a slow but sure levelling process, ending in fewer being in abject poverty and also fewer millionaires; or, if their sole desire is a display of power, they will align themselves with subversive forces to crush and destroy the will of those who oppose. Dominated by greed or the display of power, human life and justice will have little worth in their eyes.

As in mundane affairs, so in a lesser degree will these influences be felt in domestic relations, and human tragedies will increase due to one seeking to dominate the life and direct the destiny of another with utmost disregard of either the rights or feelings of the other.

We have all seen how these subversive forces make themselves felt in countries which claim a measure of civilization, and we can imagine their greater intensity where power and might are glorified above honour and justice.

In world affairs they represent greed versus sympathy; and as the starving masses struggle for the right to live they are met with the cry "Socialist," "Communist" and, rightly or wrongly, are accused of being in league with Russia, a name which is anathema in some circles.

Melancholy, discontent and jealousy are engendered and people lose faith in themselves, and their leaders, and even their religion seems to fail them in this their time of dire need.

There is a constant battle between inclination and duty, and it is very easy to lose sight of the fact that along the path of duty lies one's greatest happiness, for opposition, adversity, doubt and distrust are met with on all sides.

Wherein lies the solution? Shall we forsake our Teachers and follow after strange gods in this our hour of trial? No! for that is the path of the subversive forces. Periodically mankind is tested through this planetary configuration, and the lessons of fidelity, faith and sacrifice, once learned, are never forgotten.

The last time these planets opposed each other was during 1898-1900, and we had the South African war which was afterwards admitted to be a war fostered by greed. It was not a world war, as only two nations were involved, but it was a war of might against right. We appear to be nearing a similar crisis between two other nations and the question presents itself, "How will world powers react?"

The question of war will be finally settled only when each recognizes his responsibility as a factor in world peace. So long as families indulge in petty squabbling, so long as there is quarrelling in societies and in governing bodies, just so long, somewhere, there is danger of war, for our querrulous thoughts charge the air and are absorbed by those least able to resist them.

Each can find peace even under destructive planetary forces, but only through the performance of his nearest duty, cost what it may in sacrifice. The performance of one's highest and nearest duty leaves no time for the development of covetous or avaricious thoughts, and belongings and possessions cannot thus dominate.

As personal dominance of another ceases, as being non-moral and degrading, the avaricious desire of one nation to control another will cease also and with it war will be forgotten.

This may seem far off and visionary but such are the means through which lasting peace may be found—peace through sacrifice—not through the satisfying feeling of victory, for such peace is

short-lived, lasting only until the opponent has gained sufficient means to return the blow.

This, then, is the lesson of the prevailing planetary configurations. Have we the courage to find peace through sacrifice, to look neither to the right nor to the left, but onward and upward, knowing that through faith every need is met?

Within each of us may be experienced the deep sympathy of Saturn in Pisces and the universal love of Neptune in Virgo, not as opposing forces, but collective, blessing all whom we contact and, whether as individuals or as groups, if we are faithful in this small thing of thought control the Master, who seeth all things, will enlarge our horizon, granting us even greater responsibilities in His Name.

Ada Muir.

In Memoriam

On September 22nd Agnes Dickson Varian passed from this plane. Mrs. Varian and her husband, John O. Varian, who passed on only a short while ago lived in Syracuse in the days when The Temple was founded. They joined there and spent their long lives in its devoted service. Shortly after the Temple was moved to Halcyon they came west to Palo Alto where they founded a Square that did splendid work for many years. In 1913 they came to Halcyon to live, where they spent their remaining years. Our gratitude that they have been here goes with them both, where they are now indeed one in that glorious company.

The funeral service was held in the Temple on the afternoon of the 23rd. The room and the casket were beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers. Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Wilkins presided. Mr. Harrison said in part: "In this group there is not one person but has been benefited by his association with our sister. We are a little wiser and kinder and more tolerant as a result of it. During the last days as she lay in the grip of death all her concern was for others. Her only thought was to save others trouble. In place of an anxiety for the future of her soul, she thought only of the future of those she was leaving. I wonder if **this** is immortality? I wonder if we are not all of us building up our immortality day by day, and if each kind deed and unselfish thought is not one of the atoms of which our soul is composed. I believe it is, and I believe that the noble and unselfish spirit we all loved and admired so much was loved and admired by us because we unconsciously recognized it as Spirit, and therefore as immortal."

At the conclusion of this service the Temple service for the deceased at the grave was conducted in the Halcyon cemetery where her body was laid to rest. The pall bearers were her three stalwart sons and three priests of The Temple. "Into Thy hands, most gracious Lord and Master, do we commend our sister."

How shall the Light shine now that long has been
Diffused through her white purity, selfless, serene?
How shall the Spirit speak that gave through her
Word of a dauntless faith in things not seen?

Long as earth's ways and byways shall resound
To the dull tread of trouble-burdened men
How shall a word, a ray of light, be spared
That draws them to their Father's house again?

Purer, stronger, calm and ever kind,
Commemorating hers, our lives must be,
That heavenly Light may shine, God's Spirit speak,—
Not less, but more and more, eternally.

September, 1935.

Thirza Redfield.

To All Temple Members

Owing to my present inability to attend to the affairs of The Temple, I, William H. Dower, Guardian-in-Chief, hereby appoint Pearl Wilshire Guardian-in-Chief Coadjutor which is in regard to all religious affairs, and acting Guardian-in-Chief in regard to all temporal affairs. This is not an appointment as Guardian-in-Chief, but it is necessary that the work should go on. I ask all members of inner and outer orders to give to the one appointed their utmost support and help the same as if I were there in person.

I have suggested that Miss Wilshire appoint a committee to help her, and all members both inner and outer, should support the committee appointed. This is to help the Lodge while the Agent is temporarily unable to attend the affairs of the work. There must be a central nucleus through which the work can function.

I give you all my best regards and love until I can be with you again. Done this fourteenth Day of October, 1935.

WILLIAM H. DOWER, Guardian-in-Chief.

Witnesses: Clarence Dennis, Lottie W. Ferguson.

Temple Activities and Notices

Reports received from Germany state that the Seventh Annual Temple Convention held in Berlin August 3 to 7 inclusive, and the Summer School held by the Temple Square "Einheit" in Zoppot-Danzig, have been very successful. All letters agree that during both the finest, strongest and most interior forces were prevailing. The full German report of the convention given in "Der Templer" can be obtained by writing to Mr. Friedrich Greiner, Sonneberg, Thuringen, Germany.

On November 15, the 37th anniversary of the founding of The Temple was held in memory at the noonday service; and in the evening at a meeting in The Temple a number of excerpts furnished by Dr. Dower from early interviews were read, which had not been given out before and were of absorbing interest.

Late in August, Mr. Marc Edmund Jones brought his group to Halcyon for another convention week. Mr. Jones comes every year, under the fellowship of faiths, which is a banner of the Temple, and it is always a most interesting time to all who attend his courses.

In the Temple on October 23, Mr. George Marston Haddock, Principal of Leeds College of Music, England, who is well known in musical circles of this country, gave a song recital of Old English Folk songs and ballads, with excellent interpretation, a beautiful voice, and finished art.

We call the attention of our readers to the Temple publications advertised inside the cover of the Artisan, and to the following Correspondence Courses and books, namely:

TEMPLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. By Master H.: No. 1, **The Coming Avatar**; No. 2, **Chelaship**; No. 3, **Sex or The Law of Duality**; No. 4, **Metaphysics**; No. 5, **Sound**; No. 6, **Thought**. Also special courses of instruction: No. 1A, **Beginner's Course**. By F. A. La Due and Dr. W. H. Dower; No. 3A, **Mysticism and Music**, by Jane W. Dower; No. 4A, **Basic Principles of Science**, by George Harrison. Six lessons in each course. Price \$1.60 per course. "Heart"; "Agni Yoga"; "Hierarchy," of the Agni Yoga Publications, at \$1.10 each, post paid. "The Torch," official magazine of the Canadian Astrological Association, edited by Mrs. Ada Muir, 657 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, B. C., Canada. Also Mrs. Muir's books on **Astrology and Health**, namely: No. 1, **Health and the Sun Sign**; No. 2, **Cancer**; No. 3, **Healing Herbs of the Zodiac**, at 50c each; No. 4, **The Book of the Nodes and the Part of Fortune**, 75c; No. 5, **Pluto: The Redeemer**, \$1.00; No. 6, **The Books of the Sun**, 10c each, or set of 12 for \$1.00; No. 7, **The Sons of Jacob**, a study in esoteric astrology, 50c; No. 8, **The Degrees of the Zodiac Analyzed**, \$1.00; **Food in Relation to Health**, mimeographed lecture, 50c, all post paid.

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