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THE TEMPLE of Humanity consists of all humans who, having awakened into a knowledge of their own divinity, have undertaken to tread the Path, and of those who devote their lives to the unselfish service of mankind.

SPECIFICALLY The Temple of the People is one of the bodies or vehicles for the manifestation of the Avatar or Christos for the New Dispensation, the dawn of the New Civilization for the races of the earth. It was founded in New York State in the second cycle of the Great Lodge movement in November, 1898, by three Masters assisted by others for the laying of the mental, physical, and spiritual foundations of the coming Sixth Race.

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.

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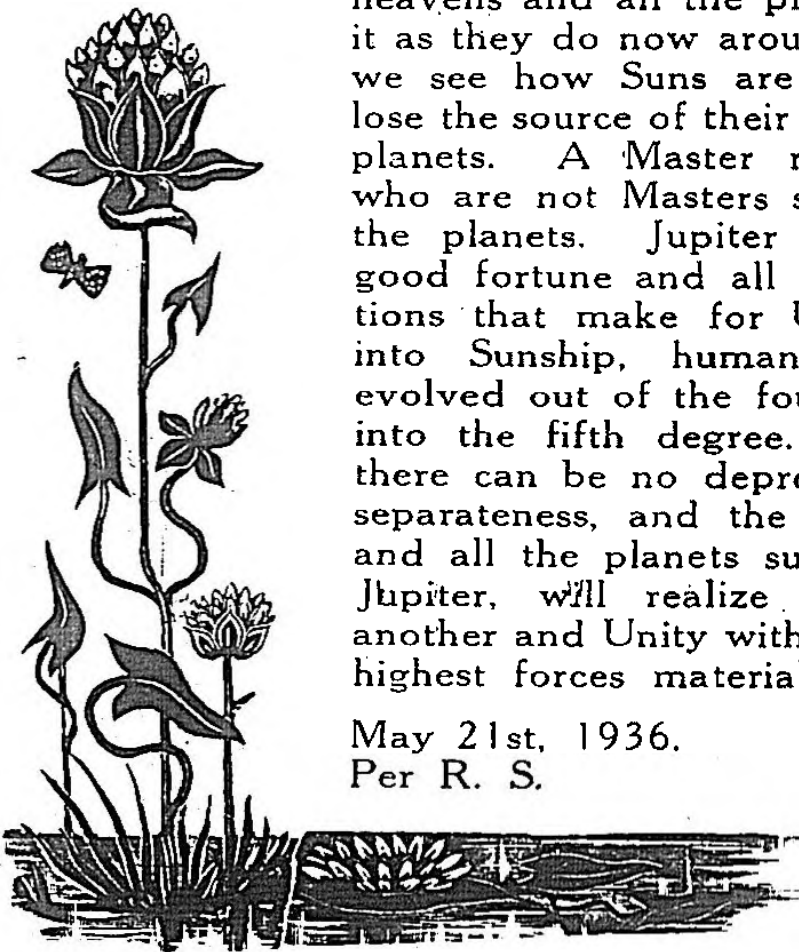


UNTO THEE A KEY

JUPITER

The planet Jupiter is the largest planet of our solar system and quite self-luminous according to those Who Know. The civilization on Jupiter is more advanced than that of any of our planets, yet the density is no greater than that of milk or other fluids of about the same specific gravity. Therefore its inhabitants must be, to a great extent, on the inner planes as there is no solid matter on it. Being now self-luminous to a large degree is significant. This means that when the great energy of our Sun and its source is exhausted, which may take hundreds of thousands or millions of years, Jupiter will take the Sun's place in the heavens and all the planets will revolve around it as they do now around the present Sun. Thus we see how Suns are evolved and when they lose the source of their great energy they become planets. A Master radiates light, and those who are not Masters simply reflect light as do the planets. Jupiter presides over happiness, good fortune and all highly constructive conditions that make for Unity, so when it comes into Sunship, humanity will probably have evolved out of the fourth degree of the Lodge into the fifth degree. Under such conditions there can be no depressions, no selfishness, no separateness, and the inhabitants of the Earth and all the planets subject to the influence of Jupiter, will realize their oneness with one another and Unity with all, and will radiate their highest forces materially as well as spiritually.

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Per R. S.



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

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Temple Convention is over, and its uplifting forces remain with us to strengthen us in our work through the coming year.

Each Temple Convention strikes its own key-note, distinctly different from all the preceding ones, and each year those present conclude, "this convention has been the finest of all." Each time it carries the highest aspect of the forces invoked by our needs, our aspirations and expectations. There was a fine interior strength, harmony and repose, a loving kindness prevailing this year which only true brotherhood can give; it seemed a greater fulfillment than ever before.

Our hearts are unspeakably grateful for the Guardian in Chief's improved health. This year's Convention stood quite remarkably under the sign of the child. The number of lovely Temple children in Halcyon grows steadily, and to us is given the responsibility of cultivating the right Temple impulses in their hearts and minds that they may be well prepared when their time comes to carry on the beloved work.

SATURDAY EVENING

The usual preliminary meeting was held in Hiawatha Lodge. It was opened with the Lodge Salute, sounded by all with hands outstretched to HIAWATHA. Programs were distributed and the Temple colors pinned on all who came. The evening was devoted to general sociability and music. There were songs by Dr. Little, a duet by Wenonah Varian and Gertrude Tedford; Mr. Constantine Harcoff of Santa Barbara sang some Russian songs, and Mrs. Harcoff, impromptu, some Hungarian gypsy songs. Cake and ice cream were served.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The daily Healing Meditation at noon was conducted by Ernest Harrison.

At 3 p. m. the first official meeting of the Convention was held in the Blue Star Memorial Temple. An inspiring Prelude

composed and dedicated to the Convention by Edgar Cheetham, was played on the piano and organ by Ebba Whitney and the composer. Then the uplifting and majestic convocation hymn, "Gitche Manitou," sung by the audience and the choir, preceded the Guardian in Chief's formal opening of the Convention by invoking the blessings of the Great White Lodge 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-Seventh Annual Convention and invoke the guidance and blessings of the Masters of Love, Light and Wisdom on all our proceedings and on all who participate therein in person or in Spirit. Amen.

This was followed by a solo, "Ahoy, Ye People of the Earth," (words by John O. Varian, music by Edgar Cheetham), sung by Wenonah Varian. The "Words of Force" were recited in unison and the "Great Unifier" chanted. Otto Westfelt then sang the charge to the "Warriors of Light" which was given by the Great Master C. to the original Seven when they were called together in 1898 to found the Temple work on this plane. The words were set to music by Dr. and Mrs. Dower:

"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 rests on that armor, no rust on that sword, that ye may become one with us on that great day, 'be with us.'"

After this came the highly expected moment of the meeting, when the Guardian in Chief, Dr. Dower, read the Master's Message to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

Children of my Heart, and to all who aspire to form a Brotherhood of Souls on earth—Greetings of Love.

We are God's guests in the Temple of the Infinite and you have all been called to a great spiritual feast. At the head of the table sits a little Child. Do not condemn the appointments of the table, but try to realize your Unity with the sacred elements you will partake of and know that bread and water are symbols of the innocence of Wisdom and the Wine of the cup of the Holy Grail. Nowhere else will you find such an opportunity to serve the Master of Masters who is the servant of all and who guides the evolution of worlds and races.

Hearken to the wondrous words found in sacred Writ: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." By the fullness is meant all that the earth may bear—fruits and flowers, grasses, trees, rocks, soil, water, air; also birds, animals and the tribes of man. All belong to the Lord—to the Divine forces that created the earth and its freight of humanity, and all creatures and things thereof.

Therefore, no man can say that the ground or product or thing is "mine"—for there is no law of mine or thine formulated by the Lord who is the Law of Righteousness. Man or lower forms of life may use the earth and its products unselfishly. Used for self alone—or to oppress others—in time, the righteousness of the Lord will act and that which has been garnered for self interest, by destructive forces of reaction will be taken from them. It is these selfish actions that wring the blood from the hearts of man and tears of anguish from woman's eyes. Comes the time when the Angel of Death demands an accounting and all that anyone can take with them is what they have given away with a sincere motive to help others. Action and reaction are equal but in opposite directions. No action for good is ever lost or wasted. It may disappear from view, in the soil of silence, whence it ascends to the footstool of the Gods and when the cyclic period arrives, it will return to bless humanity. The finer forces of inner and outer planes, the great realities of the spirit, the unlimited powers of those fundamental spiritual and moral qualities are the foundation of the universe, yet are invisible, intangible, inaudible and imponderable to the physical senses. They are part of the one Great Reality—the Light, the Truth—the Knowledge and Wisdom that incarnate in all forms of matter, the supernal centres of consciousness which are on the highest spiritual planes and which inhere in everything that has concrete form, or the abstraction of form.

Love, Light and Life are the great interchangeable Triad. You cannot have spiritual Love without having Light. You cannot have Life without having Love and Light. Therefore these three great qualities should be cultivated if we would know our real self, and which make us divine within though we may not know it on the outer plane. The units of humanity have the divine spark which binds them together as inseparable as the higher ego from which the lower ego is differentiated. Each planet has its planetary ruler and it is the great function of that ruler to spiritualize the earth and raise it so that it vibrates harmoniously with the central spiritual sun which is the cosmical divine entity, the three ineffable qualities in one. It is the function of the planetary ruler of the earth to express itself through the life on the surface and beneath. Therefore it works to create life abundantly on the

surface and ever more abundantly in all grades of growing substances from man down to the lowest lives that can exist in earth conditions.

Think of what happens in such a great catastrophe as the great world war, millions of men killed and the emotional and the lower mental qualities have not been rounded out by experience. These go into the astral world and wait their chance for finding another physical embodiment—and the emotional and lower mental centres are in conflict and re-act on the earth as well as on the sun. The balance is disturbed. For while the sun gives us Love, Light and Life we also have to return an equivalent to the sun and discarnated entities violently un-souled, cannot do this but seek expression through the earth sphere pressing ever more closely into its aura, thus disturbing equilibrium. It is not with human beings alone that this obtains but with all growth on earth through which the planetary ruler can express life in greater and greater abundance. So the more vegetable, animal and human growth on the surface of the earth, the higher is its evolution. As an illustration consider the function that the trees and plant life play in nature, for they are ensouled with elemental forces and when the production of wheat and other grains like corn, cotton and potatoes and innumerable other foodstuffs are curtailed by man, the elemental lives that seek expression through these cannot find it. These elemental forces also go into the lower astral and create congestions and disturbances which re-act on the earth and sun most disastrously, causing electromagnetic storms on the sun with disturbances on the earth, such as too much heat in one place and too much cold in another, too much rain here and not enough there. As these elementals are semi-intelligent forces they raise dust storms by acting through the emotional and lower mental centres which exist between the earth and sun, as the Solar System is a cosmical cell and corresponds exactly to any cell of organic tissue on earth. Such a microscopic cell has its nucleus which draws its sustenance from inner spheres of life, as does the sun which also is the nucleus of the cosmical cell which we call the Solar System. When the elemental life of any planet is disturbed and crops and all growing matter are curtailed by the arbitrary decree of man, who does not realize the power of the elemental kingdom, then there come floods, star dust and earth dust storms, earthquakes in unheard of places, burning heat and destructive pests of all kinds come into existence driven by elemental forces to destroy the green things on the surface of the earth.

The law back of all these destructive happenings is, that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and the more growth

we can have the more will the earth and its freight of humanity prosper and the balance between forces, cosmical and micro-cosmical, be maintained.

If general depression came after a calamity such as the great world war and man has the mistaken idea he can cure such a depression by curtailing growing things, just what has happened will happen. Everything has a right to live and grow, even the ferocious beasts, insects and the snakes in the jungle. While they are dangerous and might have to be put away, they are for the time being reservoirs for forces of hatred and evil. If suddenly all ferocious beasts, poison insects, reptiles and weeds were to be destroyed, which are the habitat of evil and poisonous forces, which habitat holds them in check, there would be liberated such a host of elemental lives that humanity would be swept from the planet. The analogy of this fact is found in certain glands of the human and animal organism which catch and hold poisons that find entrance into the system and which poisons are slowly dispersed or destroyed without hurting the person or animal. Every elemental force is in reality a semi-intelligent entity and their power if loosed en masse is irresistible, but few men take account of the destructive forces that can be loosed by warfare against the Elemental Kingdom. In this cycle of the progress of humanity, man is living in the lower mental and emotional sphere. True intuition belongs only to the very few and this intuition is in-teaching and in-reaching and can touch the higher centres of knowledge and wisdom, and such few can know without intellectual processes, but the mass of people do not have intuition of this kind but they use ex-tuition, that is, they reach out to the circumference and by intellectual processes hope to find basic truths, which is impossible and therefore get hopelessly lost in the wilderness of intellect and so called reason based on false premises and illusions.

Therefore a nation or humanity must promote the growth of constructive organisms, as these all become a part of the planetary ruler of this earth and more balanced forces will be maintained on the surface. Nothing of food value should ever be destroyed as that is a sin against natural and divine law. If there is a surplus, in what is called fat years it should be stored and distributed freely when the lean years come. This was done by the ancient Egyptians, the Incas of South America and other ancient peoples and its beneficence speaks for itself. With proper and orderly distribution of what the Lord creates, humanity would gain a balance in true Brotherhood, Love and Wisdom.

We are still in a fiery cycle which began in 1898 and will run for 5000 years. Humanity must learn to assimilate these higher fiery vibrations or our so-called civilization will be swept

away. Individually and collectively you have been shown a remedy that will help you to assimilate these fiery lives and forces. Unselfish altruism, Love and Service for humanity is necessary to aid in this assimilation which will give you a higher consciousness and widen your mental and spiritual horizon. This means was pointed out to you in 1930 but very few of you have followed it and have suffered accordingly. It is not too late to begin now as the first period of the fiery cycle will last for some years to come. You will recall you were told to meet this fiery force as follows:

"I would therefore counsel you, you who are sincerely, earnestly, devotedly striving to subjugate yourselves to the Supreme within your souls, that you may successfully attain the starry positions of your spiritual natures, that you definitely seek surcease at intervals from the fiery heat and glare, that you may not be overcome by it in ways overlooked by you through some weaker aspect of your auras not yet balanced, not fully fortified to withstand the steady strain required of you when in direct contact with this inner blazing Hierarchical Line of the Ruling Ruby Ray of the Lodge. Find the rivers, lakes, oceans, cooling streams and springs at times, that the inner heat concentrated upon and within your physical and mental centers may be neutralized. Let the living waters pour upon you. Immerse yourselves within them at intervals. Keep within their fountain spray repeatedly and regularly be cleansed and bathe in its waters of regeneration and refreshment."

In conclusion, Children of my Heart, realize there is no authority for Truth but Truth itself. So be kind to Truth and Truth will be kind to you. Remember the forces of evil are powerless when thrown against a pure unselfish heart. When in doubt or trouble lift your heart to the Christos and ask for help and you will receive it, if your motive is unselfish.

Again I give you my blessing which is myself.

July 25th, 1936
Halcyon, California.

Your Father Brother,
Hilarion.

Following the message, the choir sang Blue Star's hymn, "We praise Thee", and then the sacred FEAST OF FULFILLMENT was celebrated, in which the elements of bread and water were served to all present.

The second part of Mr. Cheetham's soulful composition, "A Nocturne", was then played on the piano and organ, and the words of blessing spoken by the Guardian in Chief ended the uplifting and inspiring meeting.

At 6 p. m. all took their dinner in Hiawatha Lodge.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The noonday Healing Meditation was in charge of Dr. Little who had been appointed to conduct this daily service during the rest of the convention week.

At 3 p. m. the Temple officers gave their annual addresses in the Temple. The meeting was opened and closed with songs by Dr. Little.

The Guardian in Chief's report was read first by Pearl Wilshire.

REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

Dear Comrades and Friends:

We are now in our 37th Annual Convention year and can report a successful year in Temple History since a year ago. Quite a number of new members have come into the Temple and its literature is attracting more and more attention from near and also far distant quarters. The New Order of things is fast coming in, and the old order is passing. Still there is a lot of old order impediments which will have to be swept aside before the New Order is established. When established, conditions will be made for the New Civilization which will be one of universal peace and true brotherhood on earth. This report is simply a generalization as the Temple views world conditions and its work.

FINANCES. Since a year ago we have reduced our indebtedness of \$400 referred to then so that since 1931 we have paid off all indebtedness on the Guest House and other improvements to the amount of \$6000.00. Last year I referred to the fact that there were still owing some notes of considerable amount. We are now paying off the last one of these given for a term of eight years, amounting to \$1200. At the rate we are paying this note it will be paid up in full in three years. In addition to this note we have, of course, much over head expenses for innumerable items such as publishing the Temple Artisan, expenses of stationery, postage and general expenses of running the Temple Office, all for items too numerous to mention. The members here and elsewhere have done their best, we think, and it has enabled us to meet those expenses up to the present time. But it has required strict economy and we have cut the expenses wherever it was possible. I feel in these times members will appreciate our difficulties and will help all they can.

TEMPLE MEETINGS. Meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple and Hiawatha Lodge including the good work by the Halcyon Drama Guild. Meetings are held in the Temple every day of the week.

FOREIGN. We have many splendid members in foreign countries. There are also fine groups in Canada and many isolated members in various parts of Europe, Africa, South America, and fine groups in New Zealand.

TEMPLE LITERATURE. The demand for Temple Literature is constant and it goes to all parts of the world. There is one item I must mention here as it is very important. Our stock of the book "Teachings of the Temple" is very low and soon will be exhausted entirely. We do not know where the money is coming from to reprint a new edition. It will probably take at least \$1500 to get 1000 photographic reprints of the present book. However we have faith that somehow it will be reprinted even if it should happen to be out of print for a time. But it is well for this to be known to the membership generally. We shall be glad to receive any suggestions from those interested.

THE TEMPLE CENTER. Many members and visitors come this way because they have heard of the Temple, the Guest House and Hiawatha Lodge and the good work we are doing at Halcyon. The Library of about 3000 valuable and rare books, is appreciated by all who come here. Thanks are due to many of the members at Halcyon for helping to keep the Library open and for doing many other things as a labor of love, which adds to the good appearance of the center. All who come to Halcyon feel the inner spiritual atmosphere and attend the meetings held so regularly.

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, San Luis Obispo County, California.

PEACE, LOVE AND UNITY TO AND FOR ALL BEINGS.

William H. Dower

G. in C.

READING BY REQUEST

At the request of the Guardian in Chief, Mrs. Louise Awerdick read last year's Convention address of our late Inner Guard, Ida J. Wilkins, as a tribute to the memory of our sister who was called from this plane in May of this year. Also this year we missed the presence of our late Sister Agnes Varian. The chair of the Inner Guard is for the time being occupied by the priestesses and Inner Order members, the occupant each month being appointed by the Guardian in Chief. This participating of all for a time in this noble duty makes for greater unity of the central group.

REPORT OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

We are celebrating our thirty-seventh Annual Convention. Is there is a significance in this number—thirty-seven? If there is, it must signify a great deal, for thirty-seven may be interpreted as a number completing a great cycle. The Three has for all time symbolized the Higher Triad, the immortal Trinity which is seeking expression in the mortal; and the Seven exteriorly symbolizes the triad or spiritual man incarnated in the quaternary or four lower principles. But esoterically and interiorly, we are taught that overshadowing the seven principles which constitute man—spiritual and material—is the universal Higher Triad or World Soul.

What does this mean as applied to our daily life? Is it a fascinating but vague theory which may be taken up occasionally in class or conversation and discussed and dropped,—or is it an actual process which is operating in the world and in every individual in it? A process which we may, if sufficiently interested, assist or retard at our will.

Thirty-seven years is quite a long span in a human life. Normally about half of the whole journey. During the past thirty-seven years, what has the Temple accomplished in this process of incarnating the three higher principles of LOVE, WILL and WISDOM, into the human elements? This is a question for each of us to answer for himself.

As we look back over the years, has our life been influenced for good by our Temple affiliations? Are we kinder and more just? Are we more tolerant than we were? Are we bigger or smaller? I think every member present will whole-heartedly and from the depths of his soul reply that the teachings and the influences which the Temple has brought to him have made him a bigger and better man.

To me it has always seemed as though the Temple represented a crucible into which each member threw all the constituents of his nature—his qualities both good and bad, his virtues and his vices. The degree of heat applied to the crucible depends in exact ratio upon the degree of earnestness and sincerity of the individual. The process is automatic.

Up, out of the crucible rises the distilled essence of the spiritual man to be added to the Universal World Soul. Every trial endured, every conquest of the Personal by the Impersonal in our **own natures**, transmutes its modicum of the lower into the higher. We are building into the World Soul by every unselfish act, whether conscious or unconscious. The undeveloped man does this in a small degree, and unknowingly. The Master does it consciously and at all times, bending every effort of his will to this end.

So perhaps, the number thirty-seven, the three and the seven, which added together make ten or the perfect number, may in this instance indicate the closing of a cycle. It may mean that here at Halcyon, after all these years, the nucleus which we have been told must be formed here, has been formed. Perhaps the Impersonal element now so outweighs the personal elements that we can put into expression the teachings we have been given. If so, the three now dominates the seven and provides a cradle or manger for the incarnation of the Higher Trinity or World Soul. In its esoteric or hidden meaning this is the birth of the Christ-child in the stable among the animals or lower qualities of greed, envy, malice, slander, and so forth. It is also the incarnation of the Avatar. The Christos always means sacrifice. Sacrifice does not mean the mortification of the body in order that we may gain spiritual power, or clairvoyance, or what not. It means the willingness to do, at any time, that which we do not wish to do, if we think that by so doing we will transmute some of this pranic energy which is being liberated at all times in the cauldron of human experience. The humdrum experiences of everyday life are fed constantly into the cauldron. The dross and the spiritual impersonal elements are there separated. The process is always painful and is symbolized in the story of the crucifixion by the sweat and the blood. But out of the cauldron, and up from the cross of sacrifice, rises the spiritual impersonal essence which alone can redeem Spirit from its bondage in Matter.

Ernest Harrison

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Comrades and Friends in the Work:

Hearty greetings today as we are gathered together once again, this time being the 37th Annual Convention of the Temple of the People. During these years of successful guidance and stewardship the Treasury of Spiritual values has grown, expanded and multiplied to indescribable heights of strength, power and glory, while the material Treasury has maintained its upkeep and current expenses from year to year by our good and unselfish membership.

The financial needs have never been capitalized so that the mercenary force could enter in, but rather that the contributions be given from an inner impulse and urge, realizing it is better to give than receive.

Although it has necessitated minute economy and care to make both ends meet, the Temple cannot be built up by commercial forces and methods; it must grow and develop by the qualities of Love, Endurance and Faith so that suffering humanity

may be lifted out of the darkness and brought back to its source, the Father-Mother-Brother-Sister in the Heaven-World. And as the work is supported and built up by Sacrifice, Love and Devotion, so will a corresponding Lodge force of Love, Light and Wisdom be poured in and radiated to all the world for its upliftment and enlightenment.

It has been stated many times—reminders so to speak—of the importance and necessity of outer material support. It is just as important now to continue the financial help as in the past, never relaxing. Master Hilarion said in the early part of the work, "It is necessary to pay dues not only on account of the need but people do not prize what they get for nothing."

For all contributions so generously given, our heartfelt thanks and gratitude, for more than money has been received. It carries the force and spirit of true devotion. For your continued and unswerving Faith, steadfast Loyalty, deep Devotion and Love, willing and tireless Service, understanding Comradeship, our warmest appreciation which all makes for True brotherhood.

We have left the past year, placed it in the yesterdays, and here and now we stand facing tomorrow, a new Temple year. How are we going to face it? How are we going to use it? Let us courageously, devotedly, valiantly face our daily and hourly living and duties by standing close together, keeping close together, working close together and holding fast the Temple's spiritual treasures in deep reverence and realize our Unity with each other and with all creatures.

In closing I wish to quote from several paragraphs in the 1923, 1924 and 1929 Convention Messages.

"Keep your eyes therefore on the Light, your consciousness on the vastness, scope and majesty of the work, the plan and purpose of the Lodge and its outcomes. Do not allow yourselves to be caught in the entanglement of details, the discouragement of limitations, the depression of opposition, fear or defeat of any kind whatsoever. Hold yourselves above all uncertainties, turmoil, unrest and illusion." "Beware of intolerance and avoid selfish and material crystalization and set forms of any kind whatsoever." "Promote the fullest sympathy and understanding between you. Bury personal feelings and grievances in the compassionate desire to help others, the whole world. Remember the Temple is the whole world, yet with a unified nucleus such as now composes the Temple Organization you become a mighty power in our hands for good as you keep attuned to the ideal of unselfish service and with minds open and receptive to the Truth from every angle."

Pearl F. Wilshire.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY ON THE TEMPLE WORK
ABROAD

The report on the foreign work of The Temple is only given here in excerpts.

Dear Friends:

During the past year the Temple work abroad has generally expanded. Our members are scattered over Central and South America, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland, Italy, Scandinavia, Finland, Holland, Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Africa and Japan. The splendid group in Winnipeg, Canada, particularly is doing fine work. It has grown in membership and reports that meetings are well attended by non-members as well. One of our Brothers is doing good work in Puerto Rico. New members have come in, in South America and Africa. Especially promising is the work in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Johannesburg, South Africa. Friends from Brazil have offered to translate the book of Temple Teachings into the Portuguese language. "Occultism for Beginners" has been translated into Italian by our Temple Sister, Signora Dott. Eirene Niosi Risos, of Pisa, Italy, who also intends to have it printed there.

The general interest in Temple teachings and the Temple Artisan has grown as shown by the sales of the Book Concern and new subscriptions to, and exchanges with, the Artisan. The Temple group has been asked to co-operate with several foreign meditation groups. We receive continuously spontaneous appreciations of Temple literature and the Artisan. Also some noted and recognized authors have very generously offered their literary contributions to the Artisan. These all are sure signs that the Temple work becomes increasingly known and appreciated abroad.

Let us all for a few moments join in the silence and send out thoughts of light to our distant comrades wherever they may be situated, to strengthen and support them, particularly those who at present are under hard karmic conditions.

May the Light of the Avatar soon break through the outer darkness and bring Enlightenment, Peace and Harmony to Humanity!

Ella Vogtherr.

A brief meditation followed, and the meeting was closed with the Mantrams and the Consecration Hymn.

MONDAY EVENING

The Inner Orders. The meeting was opened with a piano selection by Cethyl Mallory and a reading, "He Cometh", from "From The Mountain Top" by Lottie Ferguson. Fire Sacrifice and Prayer followed. Mr. Whitney read a paper explaining the

Inner Orders, and Mr. Harrison presented an instruction given by the Master to the Inner Orders. The choir sang two selections from the powerful Temple Oratorio, "The Cauldron of the Gods", with accompaniment on piano and organ; one was the "Harp of Life", the other, "Horo". Pearl Wilshire then read another Inner Order paper given by the Master. Comment by the Guardian in Chief concerning these Inner Orders followed:

The Orders of the 28, 14 and 7 are still functioning though not holding any outer meetings. They are points and lines in the Temple structure and those belonging to them can function the forces of those Orders, so that as necessity requires the Master draws on them for special work or advancement to higher positions.

Also the Guardian in Chief sent the following greetings:

I wish to send greetings and best wishes to all present and I am with you in Spirit as we all go forward to the goal of light flaming from the altar in the heart of the Christos.

August 3rd, 1936.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the "Hymn of Thanksgiving".

TUESDAY FORENOON

At 11:30 the Temple choral service was held, with William H. Thompson as celebrant. It is a devotional service with responses by the choir. Preceding the service, the choir sang "Here in Thy Temple, Lord, We Pray", a song written by Duncan Ferguson with music by Ebba Whitney. The service was immediately followed by the Healing Meditation conducted by Dr. Little.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At 2 o'clock the Temple Home Association held its annual meeting. The secretary Otto Westfelt read a report of the business done during the year which showed the Association to be in good condition. The following directors were elected for a term of three years: Dr. W. H. Dower, H. E. Elliott, Pearl Wilshire. A second ballot was then called for, and Clarence Dennis was elected to fill a vacancy for the term of one year. The meeting was attended only by members of the association, and those present had proxies from those in Halcyon or from distant points who were unable to be there in person.

TUESDAY EVENING

In Hiawatha Lodge, the Halcyon Drama Guild presented "Thirty Years After—A Page from the Passion" written and directed by Duncan Ferguson, with music, sublimely sacred, com-

posed by Edgar Cheetham. The play, an episode in Jerusalem after the crucifixion, built around several imaginary and one historical character, John the disciple, conveyed a vivid and realistic impression. Thirty years have passed since three wise men, Gopal, Sarac and Zophar, did honor to the Babe in Bethlehem. By some unaccountable fact they have never been able to see the Christman, though they have constantly sought Him. The transcription is based upon the premise that to truly find Him, one must mystically search his own heart as in the case of Gopal, which knowledge he imparted to his chelas.

The play was preceded by recitations of three passages by Daniel, Malachi and John the Baptist, these prophets impersonated by Dr. Little, Mrs. Tedford and Rev. Bancroft. Under the able leadership of Mr. Ferguson, all the actors (Edward Twistman, Rosa Gordon, Mary Dutton, Flora Wheeler and two Builders, Jean Tedford and Olive Ross), did splendidly in closing the performance with an atmosphere of beauty and solemnity. Mr. Cheetham's fine music (overture and three preludes to the scenes), played on piano and organ by Mrs. Whitney and the composer, added a deep, colorful touch. All attending, including the public, were greatly impressed.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

For years past, Wednesday of Convention week, has been given over to the Temple Builders. After the noonday Healing Meditation, luncheon was served in Hiawatha Lodge under their auspices, and then followed a charming program on the stage, arranged and directed by Lottie Ferguson.

There was first a song and dance by 13 brownies, very lovely and humorous, in which each child unconsciously expressed its own temperament and grace. Then followed a song by Flamore, "I Am a Fairy Queen", words written by Duncan Ferguson and set to fitting music. After this came the play, "The Fairy Foods". A little girl had eaten not wisely but too well. She is tormented by "Bad Dreams" who calls in all the bad foods to appear to her: Fanny Fried Foods, Kaffee Koffee, Soggee Bread, Fatty Doughnut, Mr. Much Meat and Katie Kandy. But the "Good Nutrition" Fairy appears, driving all the bad foods away and calling in the Good Foods: Mrs. Whole Wheat Bread, Pat Baked Potato, Sir Thomas Tomato, Betty Beet, Leo Lettuce, Susan Spinach, Celia Celery, Patty Butter and Molly Milk. These adorable little sprites tell all the benefits they give to children. Then comes the "Good Rest Fairy" and puts the children to sleep. At this point they sang beautifully the lullaby, "Baby's Boat", and presented a tableau of rest which those who saw will not easily

forget. After the play all the children were on the stage, even the tiny little ones, just a few months old, in the arms of their happy mothers, and with the singing of the Temple Builders' hymn, "Shine on My Heart", the performance ended.

Ebba Whitney accompanied on the piano, and the lovely costumes were designed by Wenonah Varian.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

An organ precessional and a vocal selection by Duncan Ferguson opened the meeting which was held in the usual Temple way, Mr. Harrison presiding. Ella Vogtherr read "Wouldst Thou Win?" from "From the Mountain Top", and the choir sang Handel's Largo. The speaker of the evening was Miss Rosa Gordon. She gave a splendid interpretation of the "Bhagavad Gita" which we hope to give in full in one of the later Artisan issues. The meeting closed with Mantrams, Consecration Hymn and organ recessional.

THURSDAY

An all-day picnic at the beach, with sun baths in the dunes and dips in the ocean, or restful relaxation, and with a collective luncheon at noon was enjoyed by all. The group gathered at a small lake running there out into the ocean, where the lovely dunes slowly slope down to the beach. These high dunes extending over an area of many miles in width and length have often been likened by visitors to the Sahara Desert. They are rich in radium emanations and change their colors quickly according to atmospheric conditions. At low tide one can drive on the sandy beach for 15 miles through the lonely grandeur of nature, along the thundering waves of the Pacific Ocean on one side and the yellow sand dunes on the other, through flocks of sea gulls, little sandpipers and other birds, meeting once in a while some pelicans or buzzards, or even a lonely blue heron. Those who go to the top of the high dunes can enjoy a panorama of lovely hills, mountains and valleys to the north and east. During the last years we had to choose a new picnic ground, as the ocean is fast receding, extending the land westward, and consequently the quickly shifting sand dunes are following and permanently changing their formations. We always have a grand time there, resting up for the following days.

During some of the Convention meetings, letters of greetings and telegrams were read from members and groups at a distance. In this number we give space to the following:

CONVENTION LETTERS

Boston, Massachusetts
August 4th, 1936

Dr. William H. Dower, Guardian in Chief,
The Temple of the People, Halcyon, Calif.
Dear Brother and Comrade:

By this time you and the Brethren at Halcyon have gotten into the midst of the Annual Convention, and have felt anew the inspiration of the special outpouring of Lodge Force especially in evidence at such times.

My thought and prayers have been with you, and are with you although the karmic situation prevents me from attending this important gathering of my fellow-Templars.

Please convey to my fellow-associates in this Great Work, my warmest fraternal greetings and felicitations, with my assurances of unwavering devotion to the Mission of Hilarion to which you, and our past Guardian-in-Chief, the beloved B. S., have given such splendid, sacrificial leadership through the arduous years since 1898. More and more it is evident that this Great Mission is emerging as the dominant factor in human affairs, as I see it, and steadily cleaving its way through the debris of human societies on a world-wide scale, gaining a foothold in the hearts and wills of the masses of the people, and here and there winning new leadership among the more highly placed. The opposition forces are being lashed into an increasingly great fury, as the Power of the Beast is augmented by the current precipitation; but, it seems to me that we should rejoice in that its reserve power is transient, while that of Christ and God in man and events is eternal, and available for the overcoming of every destructive trend in the personal and collective life. "With Power and Joy in abundance" is the way our Father Hilarion phrases it for us, and for our encouragement.

With profoundest fraternal regards and assurances relative to your leadership in this epochal movement toward a higher type of civilization and realization of man's basic potentials, I remain,

Faithfully your Comrade,
Charles H. Emmons.

FROM HERMES SQUARE, NEW YORK

Convention Sunday
August 2, 1936
New York City.

With Joy in Our Hearts We Brothers and Sisters, met in the East, unite in Reverent Salutation and in the Forces of Light with

You Who are convened in the West on this Glorious Occasion.

Signed by Maximilian Fyscher, Outer Guard, and many other members and a number of guests. In attendance were members from Meriden, Conn., Fall River, Mass., and other places.

Meriden, Conn.
Aug. 3rd, 1936.

Dr. William H. Dower,

Dear Brother and G. in Chief:

Yesterday we went to New York to attend convention meeting. It was the best one so far held in New York. Everybody seemed in a very harmonious spirit of brotherly feeling. Bro. M. Fyscher read from Temple instruction, which seemed timely and appropriate regarding the present great political and national problems that this nation must solve, as well as the rest of the world. How wonderful that all the statements and prophecies of Master H. are coming true day by day. Bro. Fyscher also gave a short talk. So did Bro. David Silverstein as well as myself. Your letter, also Bro. Emmons' fine letter were read and highly appreciated. Sister Pauline Wolf also gave a fine address. She is a very sincere member, so is Sister Bodwell. It is always a pleasure to meet these kind and good Souls. I realize more and more the value and joy of our spiritual relatives, our good blessed Temple Comrades, and trust the Masters may ever guide, instruct and protect us all, and hold us in steadfast Unity and Loyalty to the great cause and work for which we pledged ourselves.

Unity, Harmony, Loyalty, Love, Peace!

Martin G. Bilger.

NIGHT LETTER FROM WINNIPEG GROUP

Winnipeg, Canada
August 6th, 1936.

The Temple of the People,
Halcyon, California.

An outflowing of Love, Gratitude and deepest appreciation goes to the Lodge and all its representatives on the Outer and Inner Planes of Consciousness from the Group of Winnipeg, with the constant hope that the work we represent on earth may be safely accomplished through our united efforts.

Isabel D. Oliver.

Additional letters will be given space in the next issue of The Temple Artisan. Report of meetings held Friday, Saturday and Sunday will also appear.

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One God, one law, one element, And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves. Tennyson.

THE LAW OF THE AVATAR

All proceeds from the One. And in the One is the Essence of All. In the above truth is the basis of the Law of Heredity. The creative cell of the parent becomes the child, but the child is merely an extension of the parent life with all the stored up character and potencies of the parent and the parent's ancestry back to the primal racial root.

Our heredity even goes back further than the racial root. As all life has come from the One Divine life—the one Divine Creative Cell—God—we have inherited divine characteristics, tendencies and powers, latent as yet, but ever seeking expression as outer development permits.

In heredity we have involved the law of Atavism which is the sudden expression in offspring of tendencies traits and characteristics, mental or physical, that belong to the ancestral line of far back generations. The traits have skipped several generations or many generations but suddenly manifest. That is the law of Atavism.

This pertains to races as well as individuals. Good, bad and indifferent traits and powers thus manifest. The race and the ancestral line thus become a storehouse of character, with now and then a burst of expression of qualities that pertained to ages before. Logically, then, the Divine potency of our primal origin from Deity may burst out at any time either in a race or an individual. Here, then, must be the Law of the Avatar. That which makes an Avatar possible being an atavistic manifestation by heredity of a period when, in the life of the race, divine attributes were in outer manifestation. Such attributes may have disappeared, been sunk far beneath the surface auric soil of the race or the individual, but the seeds are there and will germinate when the time and conditions are ripe.

In this fact and law we undoubtedly find the reason for the saying, "My redeemer liveth," for no matter how far a race or individual may sink in the scale of being, the atavistic or redeeming trait, based on the essential divinity of ancestry, far back in the morning time of the world, will assert itself and restore the status lost, that is, bring back the consciousness of kinship with the Gods — our spiritual birthright.

In all this we see the Infinite Wisdom of the Creator, for, in every atom of matter, He has implanted by virtue of our basic heredity with the Divine Ancestral Cell, the redeeming quality which, like the Christos or Avatar, will suddenly manifest in individual, race or world, in the hour of direct need.

W.H.D. in Temple Artisan, May 1918. (Quoted from "The Coming Avatar")

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