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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.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS, these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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BEHOLD, I GIVE



UNTO THEE A KEY

COME THOU WITH ME

And behold—I was shown the Waves of the Universal Etheric Sea, at Flood Tide. Incoming were the billows, of deepest blue, crystal clear, high-rolling the waves, crested in sharp line of light, and of pure white electric radiance. As if to break upon the shore did they move, one over the other, but they broke not. Instead, each on-coming wave wrapped itself round the former and indrew itself again within the hidden depths, reinforcing their power constantly, eternally, and withholding also the might of their destruction from spreading upon the strand.

And from the Depths of that Silent Inner Sea, now softened, quieted, mellow-lighted, came the Inner Voice—Amplified, and spake over the Waters of the Ocean of Life for all to hear, and said:

“Come with me a little while, that we may refresh ourselves, that we may be together. Heart to heart shall we speak, hand in hand shall we walk, face to face shall we stand, and KNOW that WE ARE ONE, that in ONE ANOTHER, we live, move, and have being, and without whom We Are Not.

Come with me, Tired Hearts. Come with me, Wearied Bodies. Come with me, Brave Souls. On blue Cosmic Waters shall we bathe. With etheric charged tides and on crested waves of Light shall we be borne; with their vital energy shall we be renewed. With their power and spirit shall we wrestle and play; in their depths be immersed, and come forth dauntless, courageous,—nobler, stronger and truer—purer and freer—rested and happy from the Vast Ocean's embrace, in Conscious Union with It, with One Another, With All That Is. Come with me a little while. Come with me.”

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EDITORIAL MIRROR

We are about to celebrate our 38th Convention of The Temple of the People at Halcyon.

For 38 years we have held to the line of the Great White Lodge as projected through H. P. Blavatsky. Our teachings have been along the same line, with the same Master Forces back of it; and, our influence has spread to the ends of the earth.

Many members and visitors who come are delighted with the beautiful triangular Temple at Halcyon, and with the settings of other buildings, and exclaim that they are delighted to find a Center giving forth such helpful teachings and having a material base.

The success of The Temple is due to the fact that we go along the line of the spirit of the Lodge as pointed out to us, and have no differences or argument with other organizations. In other words, we attend to our own duty, as the GITA says, "the duty of another being full of danger."

We have accumulated during the 38 years of our existence a body of teachings than which nothing could be more helpful or superior. Some of this has been put into exoteric books, but the best part is esoteric, for those who wish to travel the inward-going path that leads to the Goal of Light. We are amazed and gratified at the splendid letters from non-members living in various quarters of the earth, extolling our work and teachings. The following is quoted from a letter recently received:

"It would be a pity if the book (TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE) could not be reprinted for the want of funds. It contains the most concentrated wisdom and knowledge that I have ever met with in such a comparatively small volume."

This letter came from England and from a non-member, but one who has been a subscriber to THE TEMPLE ARTISAN for some years back.

The above is only a sample of the scores of letters we get, and so many from non-members, that it is evidence that our work must be worth-while and helpful.

We endeavor in this editorial to mirror plainly world conditions, and so far as possible the remedy for the discords and misunderstandings that make this planet a world of turmoil for nations, societies and groups of people.

At the present time there is a responsibility resting upon the shoulders of every being who loves his fellow-men, and would wish a new and higher consciousness to ensoul the peoples of the earth. We can help on the right conditions of brotherly love and universal peace by sending out from our minds thoughts of PEACE, LOVE and BROTHERHOOD, encircling the whole earth, without distinction; for, in the last analysis, we are all One, and have come from the same Source, and will go back to that Source when the hour strikes. So let us all as One gird on the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Helmet of Eternal Truth, and go forth to battle against the powers of darkness, armed with the Sword—the purified Will—of the Spirit of God.

W. H. D.

THINE, OH LORD.

THOU hast vivified the inert matter and moulded and ensouled it, and over it THOU hast enthroned THY spirit—and lo and behold a creature raised itself up and gazed dazed and bewildered into the light of THY sun.

By pain and travail it passed from the portals of ignorance and doubt into those of light and knowledge and realization; and a hymn of praise starts from his lips, and a song of joy from his heart as in his mind thy creations assume clearer outlines, and the Path becomes more visible with the goal shining in the splendor and glory of THY HOLY LIGHT.

For all that THOU hast done for us and for THY love and tender mercies we give THEE thanks and humbly lay at the footstool of THY throne all that we are and hope to be, for it is and has always been THINE, OH LORD.

J. S. Barkey

CONCENTRATION

Temple Teachings, Open Series No. 292.

Whole volumes have been written in denunciation of spiritualism, and in pointing out the dangers, and warning the would-be medium to refrain from using the methods advocated by the

majority of self-styled teachers. Many of these volumes are valuable from one point of view, but the one great obstacle in the way of undirected or misdirected self-development, as well as the cause for so many failures and woeful disasters, has not been clearly pointed out, because the writers had no knowledge of the same, and no way of gaining such knowledge.

You have been taught somewhat of the Pineal Gland and Pituitary Body, and of the golden light which may be seen surrounding those centers when an advanced disciple is in deep concentration; but the nature of this light, as well as the cause of its appearance at such times, and its effects on the rest of the brain, have not been publicly given out by the Initiates. In the case of its appearance in the brain of a Master, the molecular tissue of the area of its manifestation has become greatly refined by spiritual aspiration, and by raising the creative forces from the lower to the higher aspect of his human nature, thus enabling him to use the most potent form of energy in refining such tissue and permitting the Etheric essence to become visible to others under right conditions, and to be of incalculable service to himself. The Etheric essence is the light by which the human soul of man may be able to catch glimpses of the existence and being of the Divine Soul. It is the light which lightens the plane of soul, as sunlight gives light and life to the physical plane, as well as the media by which interior sound-waves may reach the interior sense of hearing.

Electricity has recently been found possible of subdivision to a degree hitherto unsuspected by material science (the term IONS has been applied to the latest subdivisions), but it is capable of still further subdivision. At the point where the vibrations of electricity become so rapid that its manifestations entirely disappear from observation, it becomes etheric energy, and is so powerful that its contact with unprotected molecules of physical matter would cause the latter to disappear, as molecules, instantaneously. The protection of the oily sheaths of the atoms of the molecule hinders or prevents such destruction, and enables the operator to make use of said energy, according to the state of development he is in, and the control he is able to exercise over the elemental forces of nature.

Intense mental application under wrong conditions may break down the protecting wall of oily sheaths of some important brain center, and this is what frequently occurs to students in "sitting for development," as one process of concentration is sometimes termed, before the student has learned how to protect his brain tissue from the harmful aspect of said energy, for it literally burns up the shields of the molecular tissue of the organic centers which control the various functions of body and mind.

This etheric energy to which I refer is in its turn an obedient

subject to the law of attraction, which finds it scarcely an obstacle to its action on force or matter of denser degree, and the energy of attraction is responsible for the strong desire felt by mankind for psychic phenomena.

The majority of psychics and mediums will bear me witness when I say that almost from the first of their efforts toward psychic development they are aware of a drawing, painful sensation in the eyes and in different parts of the brain. A condition diagnosed as eye-strain is also frequently induced, and causes much suffering, and, if this strain is intensified to a great degree it sometimes leads to mental affliction of various kinds.

Even if no material object is used to aid in fixing the mind on a given point, it is difficult to keep from straining the muscles and nerves of the eye in concentration; for the mind seizes upon some point in space and clings just as tenaciously to that point as to a material object, and the nerves and muscles of the eyes and head feel the strain even more keenly than when using the material object alone. This sensation of strain must be controlled to render concentration safe, and it cannot be controlled as long as the mind is fixed on any exterior thing or organ, or before the attainment of indifference to results of action, for it is the action of uncontrollable Desire that produces the strain. It is a difficult thing to make the mind negative and retain consciousness without such aid, yet this must be done, or the result will eventually be as I have stated. Sleep is refreshing to the brain, and right concentration should be the same.

Again and again have students been warned against making any effort toward concentration when physically exhausted or weakened by disease, and to no avail in many cases. The consequence has been that the efforts of the Initiates to teach the possibilities of wise occult research have been retarded, and many tales of the awful results of wrong methods of concentration have been brought forward by their opponents in denunciation and refutation of their teachings, thus producing unwarranted prejudice.


Unless a disciple is at his best physically and mentally, and has reached a point of "indifference" as to the results of his action, he cannot reach that positive-negative condition which renders deep mental concentration safe, for, paradoxical as it appears, the positive and negative currents of mental force must meet and commingle, thus creating the neutral, the right receptive attitude to give best results. All psychic phenomena resulting from an unbalanced condition of mind are unreliable and harmful; i. e., when the disciple is in either the extreme positive or extreme negative condition. The motives must be pure, the methods right, the mind at peace, the body in good condition, and the soul free from any anxiety as to immediate results, in

order to place a disciple in perfect alignment with the Master-force, which alone can lead to true enlightenment.

But these facts should not discourage even the least developed disciple, for bad Karma may be overcome, and self-conscious effort must have a beginning. Therefore it only requires implicit obedience to such directions as are given by the Higher Self, to remove all obstacles. With every sincere effort made by a disciple, there is a corresponding effort made by the Lodge to aid. Unfortunately such efforts by the "Elder Brothers" are not always understood. It may be absolutely imperative for the disciple's power of Resistance, ability to resist some definite course or to overcome some form of inertia which can only be done by opposition. For instance: unless the ability has been gained to resist the elementary forces when they are directed by the Brothers of the Shadow for some definite evil purpose, such elementals crowd in upon and confuse the mind, when the great issue requires concentrated effort, thus making such effort impossible.

Where a lack of the power of Resistance in the case of a pledged disciple is evident to the Initiate teacher, and great results are hanging on the disciple's ability to concentrate mental energy, some severe loss, temptation or sorrow is precipitated upon that disciple. It is karmically his own, but might have been dissipated, or have come at a more distant time. The Initiate only increases the tension (the connecting line), and thus precipitates the act, in order to give the disciple an opportunity for the attainment of far greater good.

The power of Resistance is one of the last to develop in human beings of the present age. Its identity with the commonly understood power of non-resistance is not generally understood; the latter is the effect; the former is the cause of one single mode of Motion—degree of Energy.

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From "THE PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP"

H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaeher

LIFE'S SIGNIFICANCE

Ask nature for the meaning of life—she will answer:

The meaning of life is to rise to perfection.

All the strivings of men are only means to gain perfection, but ignorant man looks upon these means as the end and aim of existence.

Every human being has arrived at a certain stage of evolution from which he can go on towards perfection.

According to the manner of his striving does each stamp his life with meaning.—It all depends on his endeavors.

It is open to every one to rise as high as he will on the long ladder of evolution.

Therefore aim at the highest and your life will be full of possibilities.

The wise man knows no higher aim in life than serving.

ENLIGHTENMENT

Eternal Truth, Eternal Good, Eternal Beauty, take possession of my being!

I have beheld Thee in the eyes of a child.

I have recognized Thee in the love of a mother.

I have loved Thee hidden in a lotus flower.

The firmament is but faint twilight compared with Thy glory.

The Universe is only a flash of thought Thy mind has produced.

Nature is a melody Thou hast uttered.

Enfold me within Thy heart as a mother her child.

United with Thee grant me unfoldment like a bud in the sun.

Grant me strength to seek the Truth, to accomplish good deeds and to appreciate beauty.

MY ALTAR

What sacrifice dost thou, oh pilgrim, bring to my holy altar?

Art thou aware that the flame on my altar is only kept burning by pure thoughts and noble aspirations?

Art thou aware that the flame on my altar is and must remain smokeless?

Art thou aware that thine own selfish desires produce murky smoke?

First purify thy mind, oh striving soul, from all selfish desires and feelings.

Keep the flame on my altar ever bright by sacrifice and sympathy.

Nourish the flame constantly with glowing all-embracing love.

Breathe into it the divine breath of ardent devotion.

Then the flame will completely consume all the dross hidden within thy heart and will purify thy mind.

Then thy desires and will shall become as mine own. Then thou shalt behold me with inner vision—Nay, rather thou shalt behold within me thine own countenance.

PRAYER

In this holy moment when silence reigns within me, I call to Thee with all my heart. I lift my hands imploringly to Thee, Thou all loving Father. May my heart be filled with Thy peace.

Grant me the joy of heavenly harmony.

Arouse my mind by the breath of Thy wisdom.

Refresh the desert of my heart with the fountain of Thy love.

Nourish my soul with the light of Thy glory, that I—even I—may become a worthy servant in Thy Temple and serve mankind faithfully and zealously.

Blavatsky Department

This department will be confined to the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky. In it will be published, so far as possible, the views expressed by H. P. B. on any given subject. Our readers are requested to send in any questions on any subject which they wish to have elucidated, and we will endeavor to search through the writings of H. P. B. and publish her teachings on such subjects.

The following was dictated by H. P. B. shortly before her passing, when she was too ill to write herself. It is doubly interesting inasmuch as it indicates that similar difficulties existed at that date (1890) as exist today, and they were surmounted only as they must be surmounted today, by concentration upon principles alone.

BROTHER THEOSOPHISTS AND CO-WORKERS:

"Looking back over the past year, see how much has been accomplished by the power of union and unselfish devotion to work. During 1888-89 only six new branches were formed in America, while in the past year fifteen additional Branches have been organized, while the numbers of the Society have increased even more rapidly in proportion. But even more important is the marked change of spirit among the members with regard to the Society and its work, of which signs are not wanting. The past twelve months have witnessed more activity in true Theosophical work, the endeavor to help others, than any preceding year in the history of the Society in the West. There are signs visible, though only gradually coming into sight, that its members are at last awakening from their apathy and setting to work in earnest to practice the first principle of true Theosophy—UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD. Gradually they are becoming alive to the duty of helping others, as they have been helped, by bringing a knowledge of the life-giving truths of Theosophy within the reach of all. The Tract Mailing Scheme is receiving increased support, more workers are volunteering assistance, and funds are forthcoming for carrying on the work with increased efficiency and ardor. The Pacific Coast Branches have set the example of undertaking this task as Branch work in a systematic and organized manner, and the elevation, the earnestness of the workers there deserve much praise. All gratitude is also due to the many faithful and earnest members in America who responded so nobly and generously to my appeal for aid to continue the publication of LUCIFER. My heartiest thanks are theirs personally, one and all, and the fruit of their efforts will be seen in the future career of the magazine.

A large part of these results is due to the added strength, and, above all, the increased spirit of solidarity, which the or-

ganization of the Esoteric Section has infused into the T. S. To the members of that Section I say: See and realize what great results can be achieved by those who are really in earnest and unite unselfishly to work for humanity. Let this year's outcome show you in unmistakable signs the weighty responsibility that rests upon you, not only towards the Society, but towards the whole of Humanity. Therefore do not for one moment relax in your efforts; press closer, shoulder to shoulder, every day; stand together as one man, come what may, fine weather or storm, and the victory of the cause to which you have pledged yourselves is certain. Striving thus in unison with your Higher Self, your efforts must and will be fruitful of good to the Society, to yourselves, to Humanity. Coming years will show a steady, healthy growth, a strong, united organization, a durable, reliable, and efficient instrument ready to the Masters' hands. Once united in real solidarity, in the true spirit of Universal Brotherhood, no power can overthrow you, no obstacle bar your progress, no barrier check the advance of Theosophy in the coming century.

But enough of the past. Let the encouragement we draw from a survey of the results accomplished in the year that has fled serve to spur us on to greater efforts and more strenuous exertions. Let it make all feel that there is a power behind the Society which will give us the strength we need, which will enable us to move the world, if we will but UNITE and WORK as one mind, one heart. The Masters require only that each shall do his best, and, above all, that each shall strive in reality to feel himself one with his fellow-workers. It is not a dull agreement on intellectual questions, or an impossible unanimity as to all details of work, that is needed; but a true, hearty, earnest devotion to our cause which will lead each to help his brother to the utmost of his power to work for that cause, whether or not we agree as to the exact method of carrying on that work. The only man who is absolutely wrong in his method is the one who does nothing; each can and should cooperate with all and all with each in a large-hearted spirit of comradeship to forward the work of bringing Theosophy home to every man and woman in the country.

Let us look forward, not backward. What of the coming year? And first a word of warning. As the preparation for the new cycle proceeds, as the fore-runners of the new sub-race make their appearance on the American continent, the latent psychic and occult powers in man are beginning to germinate and grow. Hence the rapid growth of such movements as Christian Science, Mind Cure, Metaphysical Healing, Spiritual Healing, and so forth. All these movements represent nothing but different phases of the exercise of these growing powers,—as yet not understood and therefore but too often ignorantly misused. Understand once for all that there is nothing "spiritual" or "divine" in any of

these manifestations. The cures effected by them are due simply to the unconscious exercise of occult power on the lower planes of nature—usually of prana or life-currents. The conflicting theories of all these schools are based on misunderstood and misapplied metaphysics, often on grotesquely absurd logical fallacies. But the one feature common to most of them, a feature which presents the most danger in the near future is this. In nearly every case the tenor of the teachings of these schools is such as to lead the people to regard the healing process as being applied to the Mind of the patient. Here lies the danger, for any such process—however cunningly disguised in words and hidden by false noses—is simply to psychologize the patient. In other words, whenever the healer interferes, consciously or unconsciously—with the free mental action of the person he treats, it is—Black Magic. Already these so-called sciences of "Healing" are being used to gain a livelihood. Soon some sharp person will find out that by the same process the minds of others can be influenced in many directions, and the selfish motive of personal gain and money getting having been once allowed to creep in, the one-time "healer" may be insensibly led on to use his power to acquire wealth or some other object of his desire.

This is one of the dangers of the new cycle, aggravated enormously by the pressure of competition and the struggle for existence. Happily new tendencies are also springing up, working to change the basis of men's daily lives from selfishness to altruism. The Nationalist Movement is an application of Theosophy. But remember, all of you, that if Nationalism is an application of Theosophy, it is the latter which must ever stand first in your sight. Theosophy is indeed the life, the indwelling spirit which makes every true reform a vital reality, for Theosophy is Universal Brotherhood, the very foundation as well as the keystone of all movements toward the amelioration of our condition.

What I said last year remains true today, that is, that the Ethics of Theosophy are more important than any divulgement of psychic laws and facts. The latter relate wholly to the material and evanescent part of the septenary man, but the Ethics sink into and take hold of the real man—the reincarnating Ego. We are outwardly creatures of but a day; within we are eternal. Learn, then, well the doctrines of Karma and Reincarnation, and teach, practice, promulgate that system of life and thought which alone can save the coming races."

A MANTRAM

We desire with our whole hearts the spiritual and material regeneration and advancement of the human race. And for ourselves we desire the wisdom, strength and means to work intelligently and effectively toward that end.

B. S.

TOLERANCE

Let us try a little more earnestly to understand each other. Just as it is impossible for us all to look alike it is also impossible for us to think alike, nevertheless this should not affect our general subscription to cooperative effort in fulfilling the great plan of human unity.

One's personal conception of right and wrong may not be the same as one's neighbor's. But that does not necessarily mean that either is in error. The degrees of difference in human assimilation of Divine Wisdom are as countless as the stars. And what human knowledge can place the savage's communion with nature farther from God than international intercourse in civilization's brightest centers.

We are all on the path of evolution and in each sincere striving is the seed of a future perfection. Beware lest the appearance of wrong in a brother be but the reflection of your own imperfect spirit in the mirror of his sincere and striving soul.

"Know to spread happiness—condemn not. Understand the soul of thy brother. Unpreparedness is not transgression. Love the unhappy, have compassion upon the humble." Herein is contained the formula for righteous living. What is man, that he may presume to judge God's plan of instruction? Rather expound joy, leave judgment to the Divine, and in tolerant humbleness seek the lesson that life holds for the perfection of one's own

New York City

Gene Fosdick

OBSTACLES

Excerpts from "Agni Yoga" and "Heart"

When someone is said to be depressed by circumstances, be assured that he walked unafraid and at an encounter his consciousness became confused. Sometimes it is difficult to discern the moment of hesitation, but it poisons all further actions. But when one's step is firm, the counter-forces are beneficial. They generate lightning, and the thunder shakes the distant mountains.

Man will conquer all obstacles by consciousness. When consciousness grows, then each transitory condition is of no importance.

The measure of success will be the degree of necessity. Be sure they will not cross the precipice without necessity. The more unavoidable the necessity—the nearer is the step of conquest. Let the most severe necessity arise.

When fear overcomes the spirit, then all constructive will is paralyzed and the structure is stopped.

Ponder upon what is danger. So-called danger is nothing less than fear over our present condition. But if we know that each condition is created by the consciousness which is invincible, then

there can be no physical fear. The danger, of which it is so customary to warn, will dissolve in consciousness. Therefore the growth of consciousness is the most essential basis for onward progress. Instead of danger, there will remain only obstacles; but these will serve only as a means to develop energy. If the mountain is perfectly smooth, you cannot ascend to the summit. Blessed are the stones that tear our sandals when we ascend! Therefore we bid humanity kindle simply the fires of striving and achievement.

Tell those who find the trial cruel, that their goal-fitness lies in whether the tempering of spirit either progresses or retrogresses. Hardships are inevitable—as the wheels of striving. Terrible oppressions are inevitable, otherwise the explosion is weak. Numerous possibilities, already close, fail because of human complaints, induced by self-pity.

Preserve COURAGE; it alone will give an impetus to action.

Let us learn to rejoice at obstacles, knowing that the welcome obstacle is transmuted into a speedy success. But this success will be as a net overfilled with its catch.

Have you finally learned to rejoice at obstacles? Can we be assured that the seeming obstacle will tenfold multiply your resourcefulness? Can we term you conquering warriors? Can we send you the arrow of help, assured that you will catch it in flight? Can we pronounce the words of the New World in unison with you? Can we believe, that for the sake of the beauty of creation you have burned your outworn garments? Can the Mother of the World entrust to your vigilance the texture of Light? Can the Lion hasten to your aid? Can the Light illumine your way? Victory knocks. And finally, do you understand how to apply to yourself the given Teaching? Can we confide in you the wearing of the signs? Can we dispatch the ray of perfection? Can we vouch for your vigilance? Can we construct a rampart from your understanding of self? Can the Mother of the World name you the Just? Could the Lion become the guard at your dwelling? Can the Light bathe the new steps? Unbolt your portals!

We constantly insist upon the conquest of every aspect of fear. This demand is not an abstract one, but is connected with one's immediate ascent. Fear, like many negative qualities, creates a negative magnet as soon as it increases. This magnet during successive existences will impel the personality along the implanted object of its fear. If man fears anything he will inevitably be compelled to cross the path precisely of this horror, until he exhausts his fear. Therefore it is useful that a man, having realized the invulnerability of his Spiritual essence, should liberate himself of all fears. For all threats are insignificant. Even the encounter with powerful dark entities is not dangerous if the firm limb with the Hierarchy is safeguarded. Other negative qualities can also be

neutralized by an evidence of consciousness that it is unworthy to recur to them, since one must experience the rebounding blow.

It is not necessary to bind the consciousness to develop conditions—they are brushwood upon the bridge. Usually human misfortunes arise in proportion to the delay caused by attention to the passing knocks which it is necessary to avoid. Each leader strives lest he be delayed.

Only the energy of the heart makes a man invulnerable and carries him over obstacles.
New York City. Compiled by Maximilian Fyscher.

TEMPLE BUILDERS DEPARTMENT, Lesson No. 125

THE SOUL

(Simplification of Temple Teaching).

The soul is the light of God illumining the body. It is a living mirror in the mind of God, as the ocean is the soul or living mirror in the life of nature.

It is the Mother, the feminine aspect of Infinity, bearing all compassion, all love within its bosom, as in the sea or soul of nature all waters flow into the vast ocean.

The soul is the light of the body. We may have a lamp, a large electric, a small oil one, or even a candle. Each is but the body. When the light, the radiance enters in, we have the soul.

The soul comes from the Central Source of God like light comes from the electric plant, from the power house, from the source of generation.

The lamp or body becomes illumined by being connected with the source of light, by drawing on its power.

Individuals appear to be separated in space from one another, yet they are all connected with the One Central Source of the Light of God. This Central Source is to be drawn upon at will. The soul is able to do this and illumine the body, as the lamp is illumined by the electric current.

We are One with God, with the Infinite, not through the body, but with the light that comes through the body.

Who can measure the vastness of the soul, its glory, its transcendent purity? It stands as the neutral middle point, between illimitable Spirit and limited matter, between that which is beyond measurement, and that which can be measured.

On its pure surface is reflected and indelibly impressed, not only all that which comes forth, from Universal Mind, or Infinite Father, but also every thought that arises in the mind of humanity, ourselves, or that which the Creator has brought into being.

Through the soul the body may be so refined, transmuted, that it may become incandescent, may shine with the light of the Infinite.

This it is ever seeking to do, that we may know our Oneness with the Father-Mother-Wisdom-Love, as did Jesus, and as do all great teachers who came to bring light into the darkness of the world. Do we realize the awful responsibility that rests upon us when we throw on the immaculate screen of the Soul, vile or vain imaginings?

The imagination is the sheath or robe of the Mother-Love within us. The Will is the instrument or sword of the Father-Mind.

When we misuse the imagination, when we misdirect the will, we throw on the mirror of the soul living pictures, so bound up with our lives, that they must endure as long as time endures, or until all that has come forth with them returns to Pralaya or rest.

Each thought, word or deed weaves some thread either dark or light into the fabric of our souls. Shall we not weave a robe for ourselves that shall transfigure all the grossness, and shine with resplendent light of love?

(Reprint)

Jane W. Dower.

(To Be Continued)

IN MEMORIAM

On June 13, our good and beloved Temple Sister Emily V. Gay of Fall River, Mass., made the great transition to inner planes of life at the age of 94.

Mrs. Gay joined the Temple group in 1905. She was a Warrior of Light in the Master's Cause. Up to the last, her life was blessed with undimmed brightness of mind and a vital interest in all phases of life. She was the mother of our two devoted Temple comrades, Miss Winona M. Gay and Mrs. Florence G. Currier, of Fall River, Mass.

The splendid example of her courageous life will live in our memory forever.

THE BOOK "TEACHINGS OF THE TEMPLE"

In the February-March Artisan was a notice concerning this book which is now out of print. Members were asked to do whatever was possible to help us get out another edition. The response up to date has not been encouraging; only three responses have been received. We invite members interested to write us what they think of this matter. It may not be the right time to get out another edition, but we like to get the view-points of our membership.

THE HELPING HAND

Do not forget the Helping Hand Fund. You know what it means to support and sustain any work in these days. The expenses of printing the Artisan and maintaining the work are not covered by the dues. The Helping Hand Department must raise the additional means necessary. You will therefore respond according to the behest of

your inner voice and outer circumstances, that the Law of Supply and Demand may be fulfilled between the center and the circumference.

Temple members are invited to unite with the Center at the time of the Devotional meeting held in the Temple the first Sunday of each month at 3 P. M. thus drawing in and sending forth the cosmic forces of Light, Life and Love pouring through the Temple Aura, for mutual helpfulness. Remember that this is the Voice of The Temple speaking to you directly each month in uplifting tones. Keep attuned and receptive that you may receive through this carrier of the Master Force that which is for you to receive.

All Helping Hand communications, contributions and dues should be sent to The Temple of the People direct. **THE NEED IS URGENT, DO IT NOW.**

Temple Activities and Notices

When this issue of The Temple Artisan reaches our readers, the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of The Temple of the People will be convening. It begins on Sunday, August 1, and continues through to Sunday, August 8. A preliminary social will be held on Saturday night, July 31.

We ask our comrades and friends everywhere to join us in heart and spirit during convention week and especially during the meetings on Sunday, August 1, at 12 noon and 3 and 8 P. M. P.S.T., to partake with us of the radiance and blessings of the occasion and to receive strength for the work of the coming year.

The following lectures have been given in the Temple during the Sunday services of May and June: May 16, Dr. Dower, "The Hiranyagarbha, or the Golden Egg of the Universe"; May 23, Duncan Ferguson, "The Lord's Prayer"; May 30, Rosa Gordon, "The Versatile Psychic Nature"; June 13, Edward Twistman, "Happiness"; June 20, Dr. Dower, "The Pair of Opposites or the Law of Polarity"; June 27, Emilie B. Byrne, "The Mother Principle".

THE RED AND YELLOW FOLIOS

The second edition of the Yellow Folio, 39 pages, neatly mimeographed and backed, is now available. This edition is greatly improved, with index and glossary. \$2, prepaid. It contains messages partly referring to world conditions given by the Master Hilarion and other Masters of the Great White Lodge through the Temple channel, 1926-1927, prior to the messages compiled in The Red Folio, 1927-1929, also \$2 prepaid. Both Folios are good for group study. Would make fine gifts.

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The book, "The Great Mystery and Purpose of Life", published by the Quo Vadis Librairie, Geneva, Switzerland, is now obtainable from the Halcyon Book Concern—\$1., prepaid. This book will interest Temple members and friends because it contains among other interesting philosophical articles two chapters quoted from The Temple Artisan.

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

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. LaDue 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.

"The Torch," official magazine of the Canadian Astrological Association, edited by Mrs. Ada Muir, 657 E. Hastings St., 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**, illustrated, 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**, 50c; **Ephemeris of Pluto, 1840-1935**, 50c.

We desire to call attention especially to the book, "Brother of The Third Degree". (See special offer.) This would make a good gift book. A very fascinating occult novel, 380 pages, blue cloth cover, stamped in gold. The romance includes valuable instructions on many occult and mystic fundamentals which all students of life appreciate, the more so because of the attractive form in which the author has presented them.

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J. O. V.

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Uncut, unpolished, are the Jewels hid within this casket, which the Lord of Life hath formed from His own heart and given unto me.

I pray for power to hold me still while He doth cut and polish all these gems that so one day I may behold His face reflected in their depths while He is setting them within a crown, to place on mine own head.

From "From the Mounatin Top"

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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.

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