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BEHOLD, I GIVE



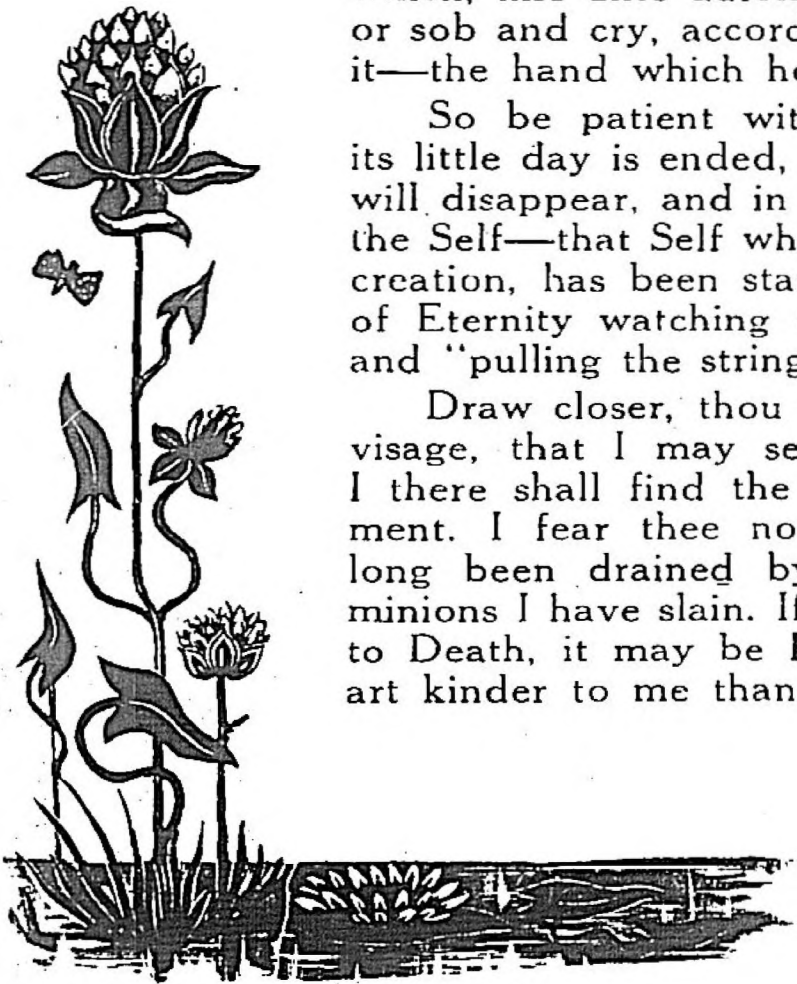
UNTO THEE A KEY

SHINE AND SHADE

Be patient with the shadows—thou climber of the heights—not only with thine own but with the shadows of all others. Remember! thou seest only shadows, with thy deceptive sense of sight; the real man, the real woman is hidden from thy view. Only with thy soul sight canst thou glimpse beyond the haunting shadowy caricatures of thy true Self—that caricature which, like unto automata, may sing and dance, or sob and cry, according to the will controlling it—the hand which holds the string.

So be patient with thy shadow, for when its little day is ended, its purpose all fulfilled, it will disappear, and in its place thou wilt behold the Self—that Self which, since the dawn of thy creation, has been standing back in the Silence of Eternity watching the antics of its shadows and "pulling the strings."

Draw closer, thou who bearest Death's dark visage, that I may search thy face. Perchance I there shall find the mystery of life's unfoldment. I fear thee not, for sorrow's cup hath long been drained by me, and many of thy minions I have slain. If Life hath power to bring to Death, it may be I shall find in death thou art kinder to me than life hath been.



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

July 31-August 8, 1937

The Thirty-eighth Annual Temple Convention was one of the finest gatherings of the Temple Family we have ever had. It was a joyous coming together in beautiful understanding and unity. These blessed forces were with us long previous to the Convention week and they are still here. They are an assurance to all faithful and devoted ones, who are rightly attuned, that the nucleus of Brotherhood in The Temple and Halcyon has been solidified. May it now stand and expand until it enfolds the whole world.

Thanks to all distant comrades and friends who have been with us in heart and spirit—may all have been strengthened by the high spiritual forces sent forth through the Temple aura into humanity.

A preliminary social meeting was held Saturday evening in Hiawatha Lodge. Programs were distributed and the Temple colors pinned on all who came. Old comradely ties were renewed and new friends welcomed. The meeting was opened with the reading of the following message of the Guardian in Chief, sent to the assemblage:

"Dear Halcyon Comrades: As you give the Lodge salute tonight, lift up your hearts to the Great Spirit of Life, Love and Breath for the good of all creatures. Sigoo Li.

The Red Star (W. H. D.)"

Then followed a program of pleasing songs by the choir, a quartet sung by Gertrude and Jean Tedford, Joyce Hedin and Louise Stenquist; a duet by Jean and Louise, and solos by Dr. Little and Wesley Wheeler. After this the Lodge salute was given by all to Hiawatha, and the meeting closed with a dance and the serving of refreshments.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The healing meditation at 12 M. was conducted by Duncan Ferguson, with a special message for the day.

The first official meeting of the Convention took place at 3 P. M. in the Blue Star Memorial Temple. Ebba Whitney and Edgar Cheetham opened the session with a piano and organ duet. The Convocation Hymn and the inspiring "Gitchie Manitou" were sung in unison by the audience and choir. Pearl Frances Dower then formally opened the Convention by reading the Guardian-in-Chief's invocation of 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-eighth Annual Convention by invoking the guidance and blessings of the powers that rule the destinies of worlds and races, the Brothers of the Fire Mist, the Dhyani Chohans and Dhyani Buddhas, the Masters of Love and Wisdom, on all proceedings of this Convention for the benefit of all humanity, promoting the Brotherhood of Man."

Blue Star's joyous hymn, "We Praise Thee," sung by the choir followed, and after this Mrs. Tedford sang a soprano solo, "Holy Sephira" (words and air by Dr. Dower). The "Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" sung. Then came the "Salutation" given to The Temple at its inception by the Great Master C., "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth, I salute you in the name of The Great White Brotherhood." It was beautifully sung by Otto Westfelt—an inspiring overture to the Master's Message to the Convention given by the Guardian-in-Chief, which was then read by Fred Whitney.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

Children of Man, Children of the mighty Brotherhood of Souls on earth and in the Heaven World, Children of the Divine Fellowship of Light, Life and Love—Comes the time when all of you must pale in the darkness of the Cross of Sacrifice for redemption of this planet and its Humanity. Bear thou that Cross unto the Father—Mother—Sister—Brotherhood, Heart of all life, until perfect balance be gained in Infinite Love and Wisdom. Then shall the redeemer and redeemed be absorbed into the Divine Source of all Being. To all such devoted disciples of Truth I extend greetings and ever increasing Love as we travel the path together to the very end, to the goal of ineffable Light and incandescence of Universal Spirit.

A year ago when we were all assembled as now, I conveyed to you a communication, the most important Message and Teaching that we have given to any group of disciples in this vitally and most portentous cycle. This Message and Teaching answers all the questions of the past, present and future. It revealed the hidden causes in the hearts of peoples and things that impel to action. Action not only in the world of Humanity but in all animate and inanimate realms. It revealed the unlimited and irresistible power of the Elemental Kingdom—the kingdom which is the basis of every other kingdom from Matter to Spirit. To war against that vast kingdom is to war against the Heavenly Cosmic Man whose body Nature is and Divinity the Soul. To that Cosmic man eternal in the heavens all creatures are linked point by point and line by line in universal immenseness of consciousness Supernal and Infinite.

This 1936 Message in reality came from the Hierophant of the Great White Lodge—known to many as Master C. I was ordered to give it to the world, so it first came through The Temple, an organism we have built up through which we could pour special Spiritual forces and Teachings to help the world and its Humanity, as might be needed from time to time. A great danger now confronts the planet Earth. Shall its Humanity be pushed back thousands of years in its progress, or shall it be able to assimilate the great Cosmical Divine forces pouring forth for it, or shall selfishness and hatred disrupt the planet by unbalancing its auric-etheric finer forces.

It was all said in the Message of 1936. Read and re-read and then apply it. This Great Message not only points out fundamental Truths for all time, but is a prophecy applicable to the present, past and future. How it will work out depends upon the Selflessness, the Godliness, and Spirit of True Brotherhood—generated within all things and creatures on and in the earth. In other words get back to Nature, and get away from your selfish self—the animal Soul.

Learn from Nature, for Nature always knows what to do and how to do it. Man in his egotism cannot improve on Nature or her mode of action. Nature thinks and acts naturally—but man in his attempt to improve on Nature thinks and acts unnaturally—so the result is chaos. Pour the oil of your aspiration for True Order and Brotherhood on the eternal waves of the inner Oceans of Ether. Calm the discord and turbulence, that re-acts on the emotional centers of man and the whole Earth—and then and then only will there be Peace, Harmony, Love and Happiness on your Earth. It is yours to do this or be undone by not doing. Save your world now—not tomorrow. The Stars tremble in their courses for the Fate of the dark Star. Not to act is inglorious—but to act, think and aspire strongly is a glorious opportunity indescribable—for any one of us may be the turning point, the one upon whom the Earth redemption may depend.

There are no little things. My Blessings and Love be upon you, as you strive with us to help this storm-tossed world in these dark days now here and coming.

July 26th, 1937
Halcyon, California.

Your Father Brother
Hilarion.

The reading of the Message was followed by the sacred Feast of Fulfillment in which the simple elements of bread and water were served to all present. The meeting closed with the "Hymn of Thanksgiving" sung in unison, and blessings extended upon the Convention on behalf of the Guardian in Chief by Fred Whitney.

(The Feast of Fulfillment has been celebrated every first Sunday in the month and on special Temple occasions, and never

omitted since it was given by the Master at the initiation meeting in 1898 to the Order of the 36—the Avataric Order—in preparation for the coming of the Avatar.)

At 6 P. M. we all met in Hiawatha Lodge to take supper together and visit by the fireside. At this time the Lodge Salute which is always uttered in Lodge gatherings was given to the Guardian-in-Chief, The Temple and humanity.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 P. M. in the Temple an excellent lecture on "Who and What Is God?" was given by Miss Rosa Gordon. This is printed in part in this Artisan and will be concluded in the next number. Ebba Whitney played an opening piano solo, and the lecture was followed by B. S.' hymn, "God Is in His Holy Temple," sung by Gertrude Tedford. The meeting closed with the "Words of Force" and the Unifying chant.

The noonday healing meeting, as on all following days during the convention week, was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

MONDAY EVENING

The Inner Orders convened around the Center Altar in The Temple. The chairs of the Outer and Inner Guard, Scribe and Treasurer were occupied by Temple officers and priests.

Opening music was played by Mrs. Whitney and Mr. Cheetam. The "Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" sung. Some interesting Inner Order papers were read—documents stating The Temple as the vehicle of the Great White Lodge on the outer plane; also giving valuable data on the Inner Orders and the spiritual relationship of the Lodge Agent—Blue Star, the past Guardian-in-Chief, and Red Star, the present Guardian-in-Chief—to the Master Hilarion and to each other, and their position in the evolutionary scale and Lodge plan. First, a paper given by the Master in the beginning of the work, called, "The Various Orders of The Temple", was read by Dr. Little. Then followed the Prayer of the Order of the 28, given by Ella Vogtherr. After this Fred Whitney read "The Golden Collar and Rod", followed by Pearl Frances Dower's reading of an instruction on "Occult Relationship", and an Inner Order instruction read by Ernest Harrison. These readings were interspersed with two vocal solos by Mrs. Tedford and Dr. Little. After the Prayer of the Order of the 14 the meeting closed with the singing of the "Thanksgiving Hymn" and blessings extended by Fred Whitney.

A strong and beautiful spiritual force prevailed during the whole meeting. We parted uplifted and inspired, realizing joyfully and gratefully our marvelous privilege in being called to participate in the great work of the Masters.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Temple Home Association met at 3 P. M. in the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Dower to hold its annual meeting. 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. The secretary, Otto Westfelt, read a report of the business done during the year, which showed the Association to be in good condition. Two of the directors, Ernest Harrison and Clarence Dennis, whose terms had expired, were re-elected for a term of three years. The Temple Home Association has taken over the water system, and has now a very fine water plant.

TUESDAY EVENING

A sacred concert was given in The Temple. The program included: 1, the Allegretto from Beethoven's Seventh Symphony, played by Mr. Cheetham and Mrs. Whitney on the organ and piano; 2, "The Harp of Life", sung by the choir, with piano and organ accompaniment; 3, "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Bach, sung by Dr. Little; 4, "Allegro con brio" by Beethoven, piano solo by Cethyl Mallory; 5, "Christ's Doves", quartet for women's voices, sung by Gertrude and Jean Tedford, Joyce Hedin and Louise Stenquist; 6, "Horo" by J. O. Varian, and 7, "Wake to Life", by J. O. Varian and Edgar Cheetham, then were rendered by the choir, with organ and piano accompaniment.

The three Temple compositions which the choir sang in this concert as well as those sung during other proceedings of the convention were written and composed by members of the Temple group at Halcyon. Like all Temple compositions they are unique, beautiful, dynamic and fresh—musical expressions of mighty, powerful, inspiring Temple forces. "The Harp of Life" is a section from "The Building of The Cauldron", composed by Dr. and Jane W. Dower and Edgar Cheetham; the libretto was taken from J. O. Varian's epic cycle of ancient Irish mythology. In former years it was acted out-of-doors at night, with large chorus, soloists and percussion instruments.

The concert was splendid; the choir was directed by Mrs. Whitney.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The annual addresses of the officers of The Temple were read. Music by Mrs. Whitney opened the session. During the meeting Dr. Little sang two songs, one "The Ineffable Light", and the other "Confidence", his own composition. First came the report of the Guardian-in-Chief, read by Mrs. Dower.

REPORT OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Comrades and Friends:

We are now in our 38th 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 it 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 the old Order impediments which 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. Our building indebtedness is now \$820 and in addition to this note we have, of course, much overhead expense for innumerable items such as publishing the Temple Artisan, expenses of stationery, postage, and general expense 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 wherever it was possible. I feel in these times members will appreciate our difficulties and will help all they can. A number are sending in a definite monthly sum, and this is helping to defray expenses very much indeed, as we know how much we can rely upon in planning.

TEMPLE MEETINGS. Meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple and Hiawatha Lodge including the good work done 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, including fine groups in Canada and many isolated members in various parts of Europe, Africa, South Africa, and fine members in New Zealand.

TEMPLE LITERATURE. The demand for Temple Literature is constant, and it goes to all parts of the world. Our stock of the book "Teachings of the Temple" is now exhausted. 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 is out of print for a time. We shall be glad to receive any suggestions from those interested. Some money is gradually accumulating for this fund.

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.

THE SPIRIT OF HALCYON. It has been noted by many during the past year a vitally important spiritual force has been stirring at Halcyon and branching out to all loyal centers. It may be put in this way:

THE SPIRIT OF HALCYON

In 1898 by direct action of Hilarion and associate Masters the Temple was brought into objective existence. This occurred definitely on November 15th, 1898, and that particular date was the closing of a 5000-year cycle made up of many minor cycles. Also at that particular date a Great Soul made up of many other Souls, which we can call a Group Soul, entered Nirvana. As the result of closing one great cycle and the opening of another and the entering of a Cosmical Entity into Nirvana, all Nature took a step upward. Coincident with that upward step the Cycle for Hilarion's world work dawned, and he has been in control of the world work of the Lodge ever since. This work has expanded to the most remote points on this planet as well as this country.

A body of priceless teachings has been given to the Temple at Halcyon, and activities along the line of Science, Philosophy and Art have come into existence at Halcyon. So we are known far and wide for our successful efforts in this direction, which is attracting more and more people to Halcyon constantly.

In addition to this there is a definite Spiritual energy at work in Halcyon, and concerning that we wish to call attention especially

that the Spirit of that work is the spirit of the Great White Lodge, and it is that inner atmosphere people feel when they come here. It is the Spirit of Brotherhood, and the time has come now when that Spirit of Halcyon must be recognized more and more by members and others. We must become an unbreakable synthetic Entity: all for one and one for all.

The Spirit of Halcyon will become highly individualized, and through religion, philosophy and the arts will attract seekers of the higher truths to this particular center. This is now taking place and becoming more and more apparent.

Therefore, as said, vibrate with the Spirit of Halcyon—a magic Greek word which means tranquility, peace and harmony.

W. H. Dower.

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

About forty years ago a handful of people were called together at Syracuse, N. Y., and given a commission to perform of quite an extraordinary nature. Most of this small group were ordinary every-day people. They came from very varied strata and conditions of life. Their daily rounds and tasks differed each from the other about as widely as it would be possible for them to differ. From the comfortably well-to-do to the out-at-heel and needy, all were represented. It would be difficult to select a more heterogeneous group, but the group was held together, as all groups must be, by an element which each unit possessed in common with every other unit. In this little group there were those whose lives had always been protected and sheltered by convention and conditions of family prosperity, in the building of which they had personally had no part—they were born into it—and knew no other. And there were those whose whole life had been a heartbreaking struggle against poverty. Some who had led exemplary lives and others who had sipped the cup of life as it came along, and who were now seeking anodyne in its dregs. Others who were smugly superior in their absence of experience. But varied as they were they had all at least one quality in common, and that was a love for humanity and a desire to further the coming of a Universal Brotherhood.

Handicapped by the seven deadly sins—or by the complacency induced by the corresponding seven deadlier virtues—each understood the commission which was given to him, through a glass tinted by the color of his or her own personality—but all recognized it as a call from the Higher Self. The call came to each in a slightly different note. It had to seep through the personalities of them all, and in doing so the white Light took on a little of the coloring of each, but its action on the varied personalities was the same in each case—it stimulated and brought into expression the

latent possibilities which had lain dormant, as a seed waiting for the warmth of the sun to awaken it.

This was forty years ago. There is only one left of this little original group.

For forty years the flame which was kindled by the original call has been kept alight. Many have come, attracted by the flame, and have taken a spark from it and kindled other flames. Now there are many little groups in our land and in other lands, all trying to the best of their ability to keep burning the little flame which was kindled so long ago. Some have been swamped by the tumult the experience created in their own personalities. But through all the years the flame has burned steadily, and those who would have always found it available. Sometimes it is like a tiny light guiding us through the darkness. Sometimes it is a mighty power which goes ringing through our being—it is always there if we will look for it.

Now, forty years later, I will ask you to look around at the group gathered together in this Temple. Could you find anywhere a more heterogeneous gathering? We have here, as we had in Syracuse, N. Y., forty years ago, as extraordinary an assortment of individuals drawn together by a common ideal, as you would find anywhere under the sun. In a few years, we, too, will have passed on. But whatever part of us is impersonally interested in the welfare of the whole will have been added to the mass of leaven which will eventually "leaven the whole loaf".

It is said that on the eve of the battle of Waterloo the great British General, the Duke of Wellington, called his officers together, in preparation for the coming conflict, and after outlining plans for the morrow he looked them over and said: "Gentlemen, I don't know whether or not your appearance on the field of battle tomorrow will strike terror into the hearts of Napoleon and his soldiers, but as I gaze, before the battle, upon your upturned faces, you've certainly got me scared."

This, of course, was just a superficial remark. The essential point is that they did win the battle. They had something inside which made them win.

Now this may seem irrelevant and to have no bearing on the case. But the finest of jewels are found in the densest of mineral matter. (Again, I hope I will not be misunderstood.)

There is a point to my analogy.

Through all the years of Temple history the little flame kindled at its birth has been kept alight.

We are all familiar with the Greek legend of the Princess who was lost in a labyrinth of underground passages and caverns and who wandered about in despair, seeking a passage-way into the light. And how, when she was about to give up and lie down in

despair, and die, she stumbled upon a tiny golden thread. Something told her that if she followed this thread of gold it would lead her back to the light and home; so, stumbling over rocks and wading through underground streams, and beset by all kinds of terrors, she followed the thread and it led her back, into the light.

We are all lost in a cave. We are all stumbling along Life's Path. We are all beset with unknown enemies and falling over obstacles every step of the way. But the golden thread is there, too, and it will lead us, also, back into the Light. Some call it conscience, some the Higher Self, some the Voice of the Master. Call it what you will, it is an Inner Voice, which will guide us all in the right direction if we will still the many other voices of envy, jealousy, greed, self-righteousness, conceit and what not—and listen to and give heed to it.

So, in conclusion, I would urge that the essential task of the Temple group is to establish in the tumult and turmoil of everyday existence a Place of Peace where the cross-currents of envy and revenge and scandal and gossip and all the other inhibiting vibrations do not exist. When we do this we will have won our battle of Waterloo. The Golden Thread will be there in plain view for all of us to see, and through it will come the impulses from the Higher Self, from the Masters, and from the great driving forces which are propelling humanity along the Path and upwards towards the Brotherhood of Man on Earth.

Ernest Harrison

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

Again we have assembled, for the 38th annual convention. Another year, another link added to the golden chain of the Temple's achievements, welded together and cemented by unbreakable bonds of the high forces and qualities of Unity.

Members have come and members have gone, but the mighty chain has become stronger each year.

The Temple, its inner strength—power—spiritual riches—loyal membership—and unselfish servers should remind us how well and wisely it was founded nearly 39 years ago. Always holding true to the line of principles laid down by the Masters of Wisdom.

It is a strong magnetic center, a beacon of light pointing high, carrying high voltage and with deeply imbedded roots.

The Temple is the whole world, but the organization constitutes a nucleus and is a sensitive point—an auric center created on this plane through which a representative of the Masters, receptive to inner forces, transmits and disseminates the teachings

and forces to the world through the Temple lines, working directly for establishing true brotherhood and for the gaining of a more rapid assimilation of spiritual truths. All of this gives a spiritual and material basis for the Great White Lodge to work through, with the Temple as a definite organization under their protection and guidance.

For the material and financial aid given the Temple during the past year we wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude. The special call for help was responded to in good spirit and willingness. The responsibility of a work like this is every loyal member's to do what they can from the smallest offering to larger contributions. Having the inner realization of the needs, the contributions carry a fine force of helpful service to the Temple and what it stands for. The binding spirit of Unity has held and kept us together because of this unifying force. Referring again to the necessity of a center and central authority, in May 1899 the Master said in an interview, and this is as applicable today as when first given:

Excerpt from Interview with Master Hilarion

"I desire to speak to you on a subject that might not seem of great importance to you, but the necessity of which you yourselves will see, I am sure, when you thoroughly comprehend it. At the time I advised your getting this house, there was a great necessity for you to have a center where all minds at work could converge. If you will remember I spoke particularly of those who would join later, and who would be far away from the center. It is very necessary that all Pledges, and all moneys, and all correspondence concerning the Temple work should be sent directly to this point. If the needs of the senders are directed to other persons, and other points, the force will be scattered in every direction, and the outlying members will not get the same amount as they would by a return wave from this center. Nor is it possible for the group here to receive the benefit of the combined efforts elsewhere, as they would if all lines converged to this point, which will then act as a radiator, giving to each of you and to all the same amount of force in return. If directed to any individual member, the current is broken and no one of you receives the same benefit. I wish you to remember this, for it might make a very great difference to you at a time when much might be hanging in the balance."

In closing I wish to quote from the 1931 Convention Message.

"There is a definite Circle of Protection placed around you, around this Center and the entire cause. It has been formed directly by us from the Warrior Forces of the Lodge Itself. It is a Stronghold which can not be broken from without. All you have to do

is to remain within it where you can abide with strength, courage, activity, and will. In that circle may be found many of those grand souls who have worked with you on earth, who are reinforcing you and the movement now as they were not able to do when in the physical. Among them are those who are intimately acquainted with all you are dealing with, who have increased knowledge of occult power and force. They have sacrificed and won the power to help hold this Magic Line of Pass Not for you, and the holy preservative, creative forces of the Inner Realms now being passed out to you for use and application on planes of your own activities in crises and situations that may confront you at any time in any form. They have not to do with personality in any way, but belong entirely to the impersonal and the high spiritual realms where personality vanishes for the good of the whole."

May the coming year keep us closer together in the Great Work we are privileged to carry on, ever more and more in the spirit of true brotherhood, love and unity.

Pearl F. Dower.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN WORK

by the General Secretary

Dear Friends:

During the past year the Temple work abroad has held its own. Some new members have affiliated in Puerto Rico and New Zealand. The general interest has grown. The old established lines between members in distant countries and the center have become stronger and more closely united. This is what counts. The realization of our unity is the first essential in the Temple work, as only through it we can build up the nucleus of Brotherhood and lay the lines on which in the course of time the races of the earth may be unified.

Next to the precious instructions and teachings which The Temple sends out, it is, therefore, of greatest importance that those who do the correspondence work ever give the right individual touch, impulse and support to all who become affiliated with The Temple, and this is most necessary in our foreign relations that our distant comrades may do their best to forward the work. We want them to realize that we all are one great family, and it is the family spirit; the heart force, which we have to extend. Master says: "Thy brother's need must be the measure of thy gift, else art thou none of mine." It needs our whole-hearted love and devotion in united work, in ever renewed effort to do our best part, and the grander our vision, the greater our understanding, readiness and joy in the work, the better can the Masters use us and direct Their forces through us wherever needed.

It is encouraging to realize that during the last year the lines between center and periphery have become stronger and permit the flow of pure spiritual forces between us.

We have members in Central and South America, Canada, England, New Zealand, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Scandinavia, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Japan and Africa.

Our well established group in Winnipeg, Canada, works devotedly under the able leadership of Mrs. Minnie Goulden and Mrs. Isobel Oliver. They keep in close contact with the center.

In Puerto Rico brother Samuel Barkey is doing splendid work. Interest in Temple philosophy is generally growing in Latin America. We have now quite a number of Temple leaflets and pamphlets in Spanish, translated by our brother Bernard Lentz.

We have devoted members in different places of New Zealand, in Auckland, Wellington, and on the East Coast.

Switzerland promises to be a good field for Temple work, as members and friends there report. For this work we would need Temple literature in German. We have on file copies of the complete sets of Outer Court and 36 papers and instructions which have already been translated and used elsewhere. These include the books of teachings for members, the "Yellow Folio," and other important matter. In case of need these can be mimeographed.

The Temple corresponds with many non-members in foreign countries. There are many children of the Master who are not enlisted in our ranks. We receive scores of letters of spontaneous appreciation from members and non-members alike from all parts of the world, appreciation of the spiritual help, inner support and strength which the Temple literature, the Artisan and Temple letters bring to them. We are glad that some of our good comrades in Halcyon and elsewhere help us strengthen the Temple bonds with distant members by their correspondence with them.

During the past year permission has been given to two authors in Switzerland to use Temple literature in their books. The Quo-Vadis Librairie, Geneva, has included some articles from the Temple Artisan in a fine little book, "The Great Mystery and Purpose of Life"; and our friend, Mr. H. Kazemzadeh-Iranschaeher, Persian author and mystic, has added the two last chapters of "Occultism for Beginners" by Dr. Dower to his grand work on the Fundamentals and Principles of Education which he wrote in the Persian language for the Iranian Department of Culture. This volume will be used as a text book in the school system of Persia.

The Temple Artisan circulates in all parts of the world and has its place in many foreign libraries. Thus we see The Temple has become a world movement, blazing its trail in all parts of the globe.

May we to whom is given the wonderful privilege to do our

part in this great work for humanity—may we, each and every one, realize our opportunity and responsibility and do all to fulfill our sacred obligations to the Lodge. We must stand in unbreakable unity and devotion, to make The Temple a powerful light-bearer against the forces of darkness that the way be cleared for the full manifestation of the AVATAR in Its Power and Glory. It needs untiring effort, the dedication of our lives to the Great Cause without reservations. This alone will bring Peace, Harmony and Radiance to ourselves and to humanity. All else is unimportant and brings restlessness and strife.

Ella Vogtherr.

A brief meditation followed in which greetings of comradeship were sent out to all distant members for the unification and strengthening of the Temple work. The meeting then closed with the recitation of the Temple Mantras and singing of the Consecration Hymn.

The Convention report will be concluded in the next Artisan issue.

A Temple Convention was also held on Convention Sunday, August 1, at our Hermes Square in New York which was attended by members and friends of Temple Squares and groups along the Atlantic Coast.

WHO AND WHAT IS GOD

One of the many significant statements made by St. Paul are these well-known words: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things".

The foremost of the childish things which the soul in its evolution must discard sooner or later is the childish belief in an anthropomorphic god, an old man with a long beard, sitting eternally somewhere in heaven, with the Son of God also sitting eternally by his side—a god who resembles even in his loss of temper very much the puny imperfect beings called men.

Though THINKERS throughout the ages rejected such a limited divinity, the great majority of men and women, particularly in our Western world, have until not so long ago remained satisfied with such a static narrow concept of Deity.

At the time when the great spiritual dynamo whom we affectionately call HPB made her indelible imprint on the world, she found in our Western hemisphere only two types of mind: the theological type with its crystallized creeds and narrow dogmas, and the atheistic, materialistic type of mind which declared the universe and man to be a mechanical product of a blind force. Both these attitudes, if allowed to persist would have sufficed to shatter this planet at the approaching culmination of the cycle,

as a natural result of the tremendous spiritual impact of the avataric force thrown upon and against a crystallized consciousness.

Madame Blavatsky, as we all know, was eminently equipped for her extraordinary mission. There is one fact, however, little known and less considered, and which is yet all-important.

Her fundamental concern was GOD. She searched for God with all the intensity of her being. To quote her own words: "When, years ago, we (meaning I) travelled over the East, exploring the penetralia of its deserted sanctuaries, two saddening and ever recurring questions oppressed our thoughts: WHERE, WHO, WHAT IS GOD? Each effect being equal to its cause, she found her yearning fulfilled in a manner suitable to her individuality, attainment and destiny: she contacted the Masters, studied and worked with them and was then chosen as their accredited agent to proclaim once again the eternal verities about God, man and the universe.

Before the world at large was put the most metaphysical ultimate concept of the Deity—so gigantic, so remote, so abstruse as to tax, to their utmost, brains little schooled in metaphysical thought. This is perhaps one of the reasons — and small wonder it is—why the Masters were filled with fear and trembling at the assumption of their cyclic duty of giving to the world the knowledge of the Wisdom-Religion.

The first of the three Postulates on which hinges the entire Secret Doctrine, was formulated as follows:

"There is an omnipresent, eternal, boundless and immutable Principle." It defies all analysis, in the words of the S. D. "It is beyond the range and reach of thought" but "can be perceived by the man who desires perception" — perception being a faculty which belongs to the immortal Ego. This higher mind therefore must function to some extent, it must serve as "a fulcrum on which the lever of thought can move".

This immutable, omnipresent Principle is the "Rootless Root" of all that ever was, is or shall be. It is the One Reality—unknowable and unknown. In the beautiful Invocation of the Temple it is called "Eternal Mystery — Incomprehensible, Inconceivable, Immutable, Omnipotent" — a mystery before which even the highest Archangels and Masters of Masters bow in silence — unknowable even to the highest consciousness, devoid of all form and attributes and yet the source of all forms and attributes—emptiness and yet the source of all fullness. No-thing, and yet the source of all things. Master Hilarion, in his Convention Message of 1933, speaks of this No-thingness of God in these words: "What we call nothingness is the source of the Universe. God fills all space because he is no-thing".

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