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COSMICALLY The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of Humanity.

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.

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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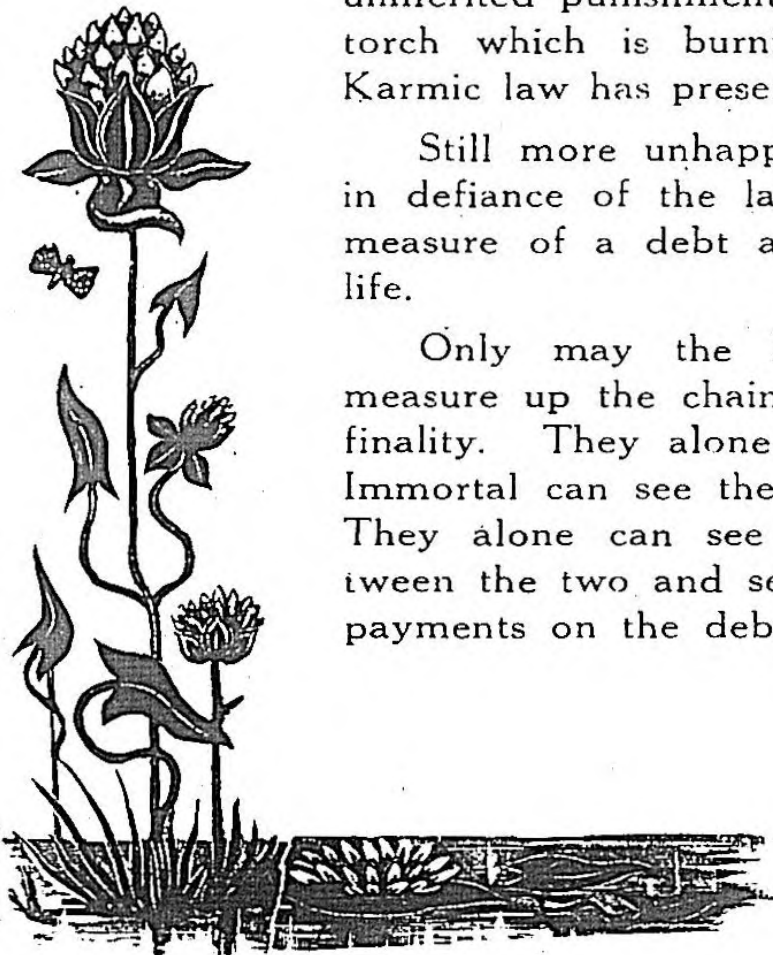
KARMIC DEBTS

Happy indeed is that man who in the midst of the flames of Karmic reprisal is able to rejoice and be glad that another hindrance is being swept from his path of life.

Unhappy is that man who can only see unmerited punishment in the flash of the fiery torch which is burning up the account that Karmic law has presented for payment.

Still more unhappy will be that man who in defiance of the law would dare to fix the measure of a debt another man may owe to life.

Only may the Lords of Karma rightly measure up the chain between the act and its finality. They alone of all the hosts of Life Immortal can see the end from the beginning. They alone can see the links which lie between the two and set the value of the partial payments on the debts those links record.



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

August 6 to 14, 1938

The Thirty-ninth annual Temple Convention was radiant with beauty, happiness, and vital activity, of deep peace and loving understanding among all. Long weeks prior to the sessions these strong positive forces were with us in Halcyon, and they are still with us. A new cycle is on in Temple work.

Saturday evening, August 6, the usual preliminary social meeting was held in Hiawatha Lodge. There was a program of vocal selections, opening with a "Temple Welcome Song" by Louise Stenquist and Jean Tedford; a song by Dr. Little, "Home in the West", and a quartet, "Pigeon Lullaby", sung by Gertrude Tedford, Carolyn Forgostein, Louise and Jean. Mr. Harrison related humorous incidents of the earlier years in the experiences of the Temple group in Halcyon. Light refreshments were served, dancing enjoyed, and all had a good time.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

At 12 M. a special healing service in The Temple was conducted by the Guardian-in-Chief and the Outer Guard.

The first official and opening meeting of the Convention was held at 3 P. M. in the Blue Star Memorial Temple. It was preceded by a piano and organ duet by Ebba Whitney and Edgar Cheetham, after which the Convocation Hymn, "Gitchie Manitou", was sung in unison. The Guardian-in-Chief, Pearl F. Dower, then formally opened the Convention with the 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-ninth 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 and all who participate in person or in spirit in this Convention for the benefit of all Humanity, promoting the Brotherhood of Man."

This was followed by the choir singing Blue Star's inspiring

hymn, "We Praise Thee", and Red Star's (Dr. Dower's) beautiful song, "Holy Sephira", sung by Gertrude Tedford. The "Words of Force" were recited, "The Great Unifier" chanted, and the "Charge" given to Templars by the Great Master C. at the inception of The Temple, "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth", was most impressively sung by Otto Westfelt.

The Guardian-in-Chief then read the

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

Warmest greetings of Love to the Children of Man:

I come to reassure, encourage and remind you in tones true and clear, all is well at this your important hour of Convention now convening on Inner and Outer planes for the outpouring and dissemination of High Spiritual Forces for use in harmonizing the discordant and unbalanced conditions now existing throughout the whole world.

Come thou with me—let us pause for a moment from the storm tossed world, devastation of wars—famine—droughts—fires and floods—and gaze upon the upper chamber of Peace, Calm and Quiet of God's Infinite Abode. Enter for a time those sacred portals and be refreshed by its purifying and radiating Ineffable Light. Bathe in the waters of regeneration, be cooled from the earth's fiery blasts. Drink in its refreshing beauty and realize your Unity with all Life—the One Great Reality, the Divine in all.

For nearly forty years in terms of time you have been banded together for a common purpose, ideal and aspiration, with a great plan, under our direct guidance, for the upliftment of mankind nearer to God, the one Great Source of all Life.

Another page of the Temple book of Life has been turned, not with the instruments of man but the inevitable hand of God; the new page carrying the force of the old and ready for fulfilling the new. The old and the new are one in reality marked off in terms of time by man, but the One Life pulsates through all pages alike. Engraved on each page are jewels of wisdom, knowledge, guide posts stationed every step of the way. For nearly forty years the recordings show your efforts—successes—failures—defeats—spiritual gains—permanent, non-erasable; all contained therein for greater growth, effort, and in closer communion with the Higher Self, the immortal eternal spring of all Life, and the synthesis of all evolutionary process.

In the beginning and during the early years of the Temple work you were children, guarded, watched, protected and nourished through the childhood stage and now you have grown up, reached the stage of maturity in terms of years as well as you have builded and laid a solid foundation from which has been developed a strong magnetic Center through which we are able to draw upon in the world's serious crises today. You should now be able

to stand alone and carry on as true soldiers in the Army of the Lodge of Light. Many times you have been drawn upon and will be drawn upon for further aid in ways and means unknown to you. You have also been told you would experience periods of exhaustion, depletion and depression as the result of being called upon to supply force and strength; but yours is the Hero Path where only the brave, the true, the pure in heart stand strong, enduring for the higher principles of Life. So be positive warriors; rejoice in your privilege to serve the Great work you are called to do. Refrain from allowing the forces of negation to enter. When down or under pressure, go in and in to the Inner chambers on the Inner Astral Soul Plane where you will reach the freedom and power to overcome the lower complexities and problems of life. Remember, there you can always reach me, where we are One in consciousness. Let the key note be the application of these Spiritual Truths in every department of life.

Many times you have been told the causes for the chaotic and distressed conditions of the world, the disturbances in all the kingdoms of life. Reread the last two Convention Messages and you will find the key to the whole situation. It is a world wide purification process making way for the disappearance of the old order so that the spiritual rule of the Avatar can manifest in its true power and glory.

Translate the following strange experience and wordless communication with your inner eye of intuition. This cannot be written save by using the first person singular, as even ideas and ideation always carry a degree of word values.

"My companion in the work and I were in a distant city. There was much traffic in the street—for what purpose we did not know. We stepped nearly to the middle of the street. In a moment we saw from the north a very large beautiful automobile coming, fully twice the size of an ordinary large car. We thought nothing of it, but to our surprise when opposite us it stopped. Then we both noticed that the driver—a large handsome man—was the Master. The man opened the door; we knew he wanted us to enter. I sat with him in the front seat, my companion worker behind. The driver said nothing, and we said nothing. He drove south thirty miles to a place on a familiar height. After he started the car, I became conscious of receiving some super-conscious communication—not telepathy, not ideas—more like abstract consciousness having no word value, but positively definite invincible truths which also were received by my companion worker the same as I received them—not a word was used. After a while I was conscious of one predominant state of consciousness that the Master wished us to know of and it was paramount but having no word value. It was decided, 40 was the number of this conscious abstract essence. In other words let us say, Master—in a super state of infinite patience linked with compassionate impatience

—was disappointed at the failure of the world to absorb and assimilate the High Lodge Force that has been pouring out for its upliftment, and this would apply to nations, groups of people, and The Temple itself. There was trifling with high and sacred forces to be used for constructive purposes, thus delaying the work of the Lodge, and this would bring more chaotic forces as time went on. In other words, do that which we have to do in a spirit of reverence. However lowly the task may seem, do it well, and the flowers of perfection will bloom instead of blasted buds of hatred and despair. Trifle not by thought, word or deed with anything; for everything is a part of God or the Higher Self—the beauty of holiness. Find the abstract consciousness in yourself, and everything will tell you Truth without words.”

So beloved, one and all, keep close within the circle placed around and about you and the Great Cause entrusted to you. Work in harmony; serve joyously with purity of motive. Make kindness and gentleness your watchword. Keep the light of aspiration warm in your hearts and let it flow out to all your other selves—humanity. With your feet on the path, your eyes on the goal, radiate that inner light and it will dispel the shadows lurking about to harm.

There is One True Light shining straight ahead, steady, clear, high, deep, and powerful; keep within that Radiance and the Wing of the Great Bird will hover over you and protect you in greater measure.

August 4, 1938.

In tenderest Love,
Your Father-Brother,
Hilarion

After the message, the sacred Feast of Fulfillment was celebrated in which the elements of bread and water were served to all present. The meeting closed with blessings extended, by the Outer Guard, Fred Whitney, upon the Convention and the world at large.

At 6 P. M. supper was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

SUNDAY EVENING

At 8:00 in The Temple, a concert was given by Mr. Sydney Peck, violinist, of Santa Maria, and two of his musician friends. In the first part compositions by Franz Schubert and a Russian Folk Song were played, for two violins and piano; then followed solos for viola, by Mr. Peck, with piano accompaniment. He played, "Sicilienne", by Thomas; "Elegie", and "Andante sostenuto", by Hans Sitt; "Le Basque", by Marin Marais; "Komm' suesser Tod", by Bach; and "Sarabande", by Tartini. It was all most beautifully rendered and enthusiastically received.

MONDAY MORNING

At 10:30, in The Temple, the addresses of The Temple officers were read. The session was opened with music, followed

by the "Words of Force" and the singing of the "Great Unifier".
The first report read was the Guardian-in-Chief's:

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

Again we are assembled, this time for our 39th Annual Convention of the Temple of the People, and we can report an active and successful year. The Temple as an organization has been in existence nearly 40 years under the directions of the Masters of the Great White Lodge. With these years of constructive effort it is a center of great significance from the standpoint of tradition—historically and occultly—which only time, true inner vision, application, and sturdy endurance can accomplish and with these attainments enables greater impulse for service in, and for the Masters.

The process of forming the nucleus and building in each year, is a picture of hard, steady, difficult climbing, sacrifices every step of the way, the reward being in the joy of service and devotion to the ideals and principles of the work. As a result, the Temple stands firmly cemented on the basic qualities necessary for its foundation where a true Lodge center can function.

The past year has been a deeply significant one in the Temple. That Great Soul of Light, Red Star, our beloved past Guardian-in-Chief, passed to Inner Realms leaving us a great heritage and deep responsibilities to and for the group to carry on. With his passing there were inevitable changes, adjusting of outer lines, Red Star now being the Inner Link with much greater opportunity and power to send high constructive forces from the impersonal realms of Causes to the work he loved so well. With the two great leaders Blue Star and Red Star on inner planes where they are One, strong forces of power and Light are given to the work and the whole world. In the rearrangement of lines, we must remember the Temple is built on principles, and goes on uninterrupted along the same fundamental basic lines as laid down by the Masters in the beginning of the work. Much has been given us, illuminating messages, instructions and great expenditure of force, so much is required of us to hold the balance that the Cosmic Forces may be transmitted thru the Center for the New Dispensation, the Day of the Avatar whose mission is to clear away the old outworn order, and usher in the New—the Golden Age, when the Universal Brotherhood of Man will be a Reality.

With this accumulated Temple force ensouled by the Master, let us continue to apply the forces of Harmony, Love, and Wisdom for the uplifting of the races of the earth, and those sincerely seeking the Light will find the path to our Temple gates and receive the Master's blessing.

FINANCES: We have greatly reduced our indebtedness dur-

ing the past year, but, outside of this indebtedness, there are many other over-head expenses in connection with the Temple office and buildings, such as publishing the Artisan, stationery, postage, light, gas, and many other items too numerous to mention. The expenses have been met by those able to contribute. While we realize it has been a hard year financially here and elsewhere, we must remember to continue the contributions for the general support of The Temple. The Temple roof has been in need of repair for some time, as water from rain and fog has leaked in on the Temple walls and ceiling. Some of our members here have found a solution to repair it, so we hope to have that fixed this fall. Through special donations, we were able to paint the Guest House this year, and the results have been very gratifying. Those who did the painting gave their services, which was indeed very deeply appreciated. Also the Hiawatha Lodge Kitchen was enlarged, a hot water tank installed, and many shelves and cupboards built in to make the work easier and more efficient. The kitchen and cupboards received a coat of paint too, and all this was done by Temple comrades. In addition to the great improvement, the spirit of unity was exemplified. Thanks to all the servers here for their splendid work.

TEMPLE MEETINGS: Meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple every day of the week. Hiawatha Lodge has been used for the social gatherings and suppers. With the new kitchen it will be much easier to do the work. For several years we have held continuously a healing meeting at 12 o'clock noon every day in the Temple, in order that the high and powerful healing forces might go out to the world and relieve suffering humanity, and reach the souls searching for truth and light.

The Temple center and its units continue to carry on the work with able assistants and willing hearts.

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.

So the Spirit of Halcyon, the spirit of fellowship is at work at the center, and let us vibrate and continue to vibrate in that spirit for the good of the work, and go forward unitedly.

In Peace, Love and Harmony!

Pearl F. Dower, G. in C.

This was followed by a vocal selection by Dr. Little, "The Song of The Stars". Then Mr. Harrison read his

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

He would indeed be without the faculty to feel who could have been here at Halcyon during the past few days without experiencing a great uplift from the surges of Spiritual Force which

have poured into and through us all since we gathered together in this, the 39th, Annual Convention of our Temple organization. For forty years our members have met annually in Convention assembly, and each year felt the influx of something we find it difficult to express in words and yet which we all recognize and feel. At our opening meeting yesterday afternoon not a person was present but registered, to his or her ability and capacity to feel, an uplift and a unification which he or she knows came from a source outside of himself. He feels today, and he will feel through the days to come, a better man than he was a few days ago. Each year the phenomenon takes place. At each Convention those who get together here at Halcyon for a few days are favored in this same way.

Looking back over the years and calling back the memory of Convention after Convention, I cannot recall one of them when this has not been the case. We talk to each other of the feeling of uplift, and experience again and again the same difficulty of putting into concrete words these feelings and the sense of understanding which is ours. Why is it that we find this difficulty?

We have been impelled to gather together each year with a common cause and for a common end. In our physical bodies we are all units differing each from the other in appearance and in habit of life and of thought. It is questionable that in any other gathering of this size one could find so varied an assortment of personalities. We come from different countries and various races, drawn to this point and to this gathering—by what? Among us are those who have sailed this far through life easily and leisurely, and there are those whose conditions have been difficult and full of struggle and conflict. We have those who know what poverty means, and those to whom it is only a word; those who have dipped into life and experienced its thrills, and the emptiness of them, and those to whom they are but a name. And yet we all meet together at this Convention time—drawn together—by what?

Can any of us paint a word picture, understandable to all, telling just what this is which draws us together at these times? I think not. But we all feel it.

Last evening we were privileged to listen to a number of musical selections in this Temple, and we all enjoyed them, each in his own way and to his own capacity. Good music does something to one which it is hard to describe. After listening to it we feel more peaceful and harmonious than we were. We feel better and kinder, and more pulled together. It has built something into our character which nothing else can. But who can describe accurately, in words, just what has happened to him? As a result of his decision to attend last night's concert here, each person who heard it is a little better person than he would be if he had essayed to turn on the radio and listen in on a jazz program or a swing band.

And so it is with this mysterious force which we all feel has been poured out in some mysterious manner and which has keyed us all up into a little higher vibratory rate and thereby made us a little more understanding and a little kinder and a little more forgiving. And that is what we mean when we speak of Building the Temple.

Every year at this time we are privileged, by virtue of our attendance here, to draw on this mysterious reservoir of building force. It is poured out from the Lodge, which is the custodian of this Force, and we all draw on it—just as we might draw upon a deposit of money which is placed to our credit in the bank. Day by day through the year, after we are drawn back into the petty cares and circumstances of everyday existence, we will draw on this bank deposit of Lodge Force and expend a little here and a little there. It is just as existent and far more real a thing than any few dollars we might have in the bank. Its use will tincture our lives, and as we draw on it and apply it a strange thing happens, which again distinguishes it from a deposit in the bank:—The oftener we draw on it, and the more of it we spend, the larger our deposit seems to grow. And that is because we are using our gift from the Lodge to help build the Temple.

The Lodge Force which we have all felt so strongly is like the leaven which leavens the whole loaf. Wherever we apply a little of it, it starts a process which is quite closely analogous to the fermentative process of the yeast in the bread. It begins to bubble and fuss round and stir everything up, and soon another Lodge bank account is opened and another deposit of Lodge Force is placed to some other person's credit in the Bank of Life. And this is the only way we ever can do our bit in the Building of the Temple.

I do not wish to be understood as saying that at these Convention gatherings only is this Lodge Force poured out. That is not the case. It is available at all times and can be drawn upon by anyone at anytime—provided they have the key to the safe deposit box. But it must be used for the building of the Temple, or soon the ability to draw upon it will disappear—and then we turn sour and bitter and find many reasons why the Temple is a delusion and a fake.

One of the sacred books of the East describes, in very vivid clearness, how everything seems to turn to dust and ashes when the Heart-light dies out. It burns more brightly at times in all of us. Sometimes it is dimmer. We see it shining in each other's eyes when we help each other in any way at all. It may be a helpful word or an understanding glance, or even only a sympathetic silence; but, whatever form it takes, if the impulse is kindly and we are striving for harmony and understanding, we are drawing a little on this bank deposit which is so inestimably valuable and laying another stone in the Great Temple which we are all building.

We have been told many times that there are two great forces at work today and all the time; the one a building force pushing the evolutionary wave along and making for growth and happiness and prosperity, and the other great force working at cross-purposes to this and impeding it and working for discord and disharmony everywhere. If we can realize this, we can apply our knowledge and influence on one side or the other.

Many years ago I asked for definite information as to what the Great Temple meant and how we could help build it. I treasure the answer I received very highly and have referred to parts of it many times through the years, from this platform. It was given to me written in Dr. Dower's handwriting, and is a list of the twelve basic forces of which the Universe is built, their correspondences in spiritual terms, and the twelve basic qualities of human character which manifest these forces and express them.

The 12 Forces are:

1. Sound, corresponding to The Word.
2. Light, corresponding to The Life Within.
3. Electricity, corresponding to The Male or Positive Basis of Matter.
4. Magnetism, corresponding to The Female or Negative Basis of Matter.
5. Heat, corresponding to Molecular (Astral) Motion.
6. Cohesion, corresponding to Unification.
7. Chemical Affinity, corresponding to Attraction of Opposites.
8. Attraction, corresponding to Seeking Unity.
9. Repulsion, corresponding to Seeking Diversity.
10. Inertia, corresponding to Law of Changelessness.
11. Motion, corresponding to Deity in Expression.
12. Gravitation, corresponding to The Central Cause.

And the 12 Basic Principles are:

1. Love. 2. Hope, 3. Faith, 4. Justice, 5. Charity, 6. Devotion, 7. Courage, 8. Humility, 9. Endurance, 10. Perseverance, 11. Compassion, 12. Unselfishness.

A comparison of the action of these basic forces will disclose a remarkable analogy between their action in Nature and in human character. For example:

Compassion corresponds to Attraction and brings Unity.

Devotion corresponds to Cohesion and brings Unification in effort.

Light is the Life Within and gives Faith.

And so on with all twelve of the Basic Forces and Qualities.

Just as the material universe is built out of these twelve basic forces, so are our spiritual selves built up by their twelve corresponding spiritual qualities: and the Great Temple is building—all the time—out of them. Each time anyone applies justice or compassion or faith or devotion or any of these building forces to any

problem, no matter how small, he is laying a stone in the wall of the Great Temple of Humanity.

Ernest Harrison

Dr. Little sang one of his own compositions, "That which calls me keeps me," and Mr. Whitney then read the

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Friends and Temple Comrades:

The Master has given to The Temple several of the inscriptions that are graven on the walls of the inner Temple of Life. And, by correspondence, or in extenso, there exist many words of guidance and truth graven on the walls, figuratively speaking, of this the Temple of the Lodge on the outer planes. One of the inscribed truths that was given to the Temple in the early years is one which we often quote for its perpetual worth and guidance. It reads, "The higher purpose, the aim of all those who are true Templars, was and still is the preparation of a place where it might be possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message which the world has waited for so long. Such a place requires quiet, concentration, unified endeavor, faith in each other, and in the common purpose. These are essentials: all else is non essential."

In pondering on these lines we observe that in all the world's wild haste to go, go, rushing hither and yon in a fever of intensity and excitement that snaps nerves and crashes bodies, the still small voice of the Lodge for the Temple and humanity is, "Hands hold still, body stand by and wait." And in answer to the world's hurrying passion for power, riches and distinctions that is parading past our doors, the word is, "Peace, be still, count none of these." And in the midst of the world's din of printed and spoken opinions, authorities and arguments about it and about, the Word again is, "Look within, there sits Truth, calm and still."

At the hub of the wheel, at the center of the earth, at the core of the Master Heart, there sits Truth, calm of demeanor and free from the heat of arguments and passions, strong and sure, poised and right. There it waits, this never-failing Truth of the Lodge, and of the undying ages, still waiting for man to heed, learn and use to his soul's immortal good. And in this Avataric cycle it is being offered to man again and anew in its vital and vibrant essentials, that this humanity which is plagued with fear and plunged into despair through the action of its own retributive karma may have the Light.

But while within this storehouse of divine wisdom all things that are, are known in their perfection, and to be had by every soul according to its capacity to receive, still Truth is not mere information: it is Spirit. And we who have been called together at this cyclic time, "for the preparation of a place where it might

be possible for the overshadowing Christ to enter and send forth the message the world has waited for so long," must serve in the Spirit first and foremost, over and above all else. Just as there could be no wheel to whirl throughout the changes of time and place, spinning the fabric of rays and races and people, without that central, immovable, changeless Point at the core of the hub, so can there never be a movement of the Lodge upon the face of the earth for the spiritual regeneration of man without that central Point, that core within.

But, as we well know, it is not a mere empty calm the Master speaks of, nor a mere abstract Truth that is indicated. Seeing that Halcyon—and The Temple that stands at its core—were founded to be the city and the mecca of the race to come, it follows that into this core, into the very flames of its Temple altar, must be poured the essences that are to give birth to the coming New Race. Therein must be placed, held in miniature, nurtured and guarded, the powers and plans that are to unfold into the New Order of the ages. The building-in of such a matrix as this is distinctly ours who were placed at this point as pioneers of the New Order that is struggling today in desperation to be born into the world of men. To this task we have gladly bent our hearts and given our lives, never once fearing that it shall fail of voice and form according to the Plan. The outcome is as sure as the Law that moves through the hearts and souls of men.

As above so below, runs the ancient adage; and in this direction the Master gives some added light in Teachings of The Temple. He says: "As has been previously stated by me, impregnation is requisite to manifestation whether that manifestation be the energies of Light and Sound, a cell of primordial matter, the form of a man, or any other thing or creature—The world germ contains in embryo the substance of all the worlds, suns, stars and planets which will later come into manifestation—on the physical plane within Space and Time.—All the processes, energies and functions instrumental in the creation of the world germ are latent in every differentiation of that germ."

In this same manner has the Temple been, in the span from its inception up to the present, both a time and a place of impregnation for the forces of the Avatar, the new spiritual Light of the New Race. But when we sometimes pause to think of what The Temple is intended to be for this very day and this Aryan race, and then look at the things the world about us so prizes and strains its every nerve to attain, we are appalled. The light of the Lodge for mankind at this day may stand, as it does, as a beacon in the world, but that world goes by on the other side. It does not even guess that it is waiting for anything like a message from the Christ, and would receive the thought of such with scorn and ridicule. It brags of its learning and its sciences, but in spite of this it is not ready even to listen to the proclamation of a Christly message that is humanistic, naturalistic, sociological, non-

sectarian, non-dogmatic: a message of unity and reciprocity in thought and action; true knowledge, ancient wisdom and true power, correlating man with nature and the whole cosmos, the God within and the Life that means eternal growth. Not now, at any rate, will it heed such as this. But it will in time. For with such a Lodge center as the Temple is, and is intended to continue to be, built upon the eternal verities, as the foundation of a new race of men on this continent, and held together by devotion, service and sacrifice, all else has to follow; while without such a racial core as this nothing can follow, for out of nothing nothing comes.

When there is no core in the heart, no seed in the pod, no germ in the seed, nothing grows. But given these, the outer growth and structure are as sure to follow as day follows night, all growth being from within out, and not from without in, whether it be a universe, a race nucleus or an atom.

So as we gather at this Thirty-ninth Convention of the Temple of The People and place our supremest offerings on the altar of the great Temple of Life, at this season when the divine and immortal Souls of man are in Convention gathered on inner planes, may we pledge ourselves anew to Them and to all mankind for the accomplishment of the spiritual evolution of the race until all the shadows of ignorance, mammon, selfishness and hate are gone from the hearts of men, and the nations dwell together as brothers.

And so, dear Temple comrades, with deep gratitude to those old and trusted servants of the Lodge of Life and Light who, going before us, threw open the gates of The Temple that others might follow, we pray that we may all convene again at this Annual Hour, still being able to say with Paul, "I have kept the Faith."

Fred Whitney

This was followed by Ebba Whitney's address:

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE TREASURER

Greetings to Comrades and Friends:

The Treasury of the Temple is so filled with precious gems and illimitable wealth that nowhere in the world can its equal be found. Our Treasury vaults are filled to overflowing with the priceless wisdom of the ages. And upon us, as administrators of that wealth, is placed a tremendous responsibility for its right use and application.

We are now in a new cycle of opportunity—the opportunity of demonstrating, to ourselves and to others, what we have added to this general store of riches. As vehicles and channels for the highest forces possible to give to mankind we have now the opportunity of showing how far we have unfolded and developed

within ourselves those very qualities that made it possible to hear the call to action and rightly answer it.

We are told that every new cycle of Lodge work has its particular message—its key note. Could I choose a keynote for this new cycle of activity—I would choose that of "Gratitude". We have so very much to be grateful for. To our leaders who have passed on before us, we owe a debt of gratitude that is almost impossible to estimate. Thru their unselfish labor and sacrifices we are now enabled to carry on the greatest work of the age. The pioneering work has passed thru its first great cycle—we have a unified center that cannot be broken. Let us pause now and send a return wave of gratitude so strong, so true in its sincerity that it will strike a response in every Temple heart in the world.

To our present Leader, may we give gratitude in the form of faith, trust, loyalty and understanding. The power of gratitude is infinite in its possibilities. It opens the hearts to all needs. Quoting the Master—"This particular force is closely allied to the law of supply and demand—the demand being the positive aspect of the great law of assimilation, the negative of which is the law of supply."

In our assimilation of these great truths, in the realization of our responsibility for their distribution, we are often forgetful of that scientific aspect of the power of gratitude, and the opportunity it gives to become the more perfect channels the White Lodge so surely needs and depends upon.

We have to remember always that we stand for, and are, Humanity, that our failures and triumphs and powers are the type and symbol of the world's failures, triumphs and powers.

Realizing these truths—knowing the Charge given to us at the beginning of the work, "the high hopes and fervent prayers resting in us to be true to the Trust"—it is so simple and natural to send out and back this return wave of gratitude, it wells so compellingly from the heart, that in it we pledge ourselves anew with greater powers of accomplishment and the surety of Victory.

Ebba Whitney

Then followed Ella Vogtherr's reading of the

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Beloved Comrades and Friends:

We are deeply blessed to be together again in this 39th Temple Convention! Since we met here last, The Temple has entered a new cycle. With the passing of Red Star, our beloved Guardian-in-Chief, the last one of the founders of The Temple has gone from us. For the first time we are convening under the new Guardian-in-Chief, our beloved sister Gold Star. With her appointment to this central position, the whole Temple has taken a step forward. The responsibilities and the work have fallen on those

who for long years had the privilege of working with Dr. Dower, who had the example of his devotion, loyalty, and deep understanding, and—during the last years of his life—the opportunity of being trained in all details and essentials of the work, that we might be able to carry on.

According to the Law of cycles everything occurs at its appointed time; and, according to the divine plan, each cycle in The Temple—as the Lodge vehicle—has its own key note. Dr. Dower passed at the close of the cycle of preparation. This year, on November 15, 1938, The Temple will be 40 years in existence. It will be interesting to consider for a few moments this date, as well as the date of the foundation of The Temple, November 15, 1898, in their symbolic meanings.

If we reduce November 15, 1898, to its digits, we have 26 plus 26—52—7. In her article 'The Planetary Cosmic Word' (see June-July Artisan, 1925) H. P. B. says, "26 is the number proper to our planetary ruler, Master of the Seven Rays" "The Word proper to our planet, of 26 syllables" "26 represents the creative potencies of the Word on the terrestrial plane" "united with the Supreme Positive 26 of the Orange Solar Hierarchy gives the Cosmic Word of 52 syllables" And we all know that 7 is the number of our planetary system. . . .

What a grand correlation to the evolutionary status and significance of The Temple in the universal scheme of our planet, if we interpret it rightly as to our phase in evolution!

The Temple has survived 40 years.—40, or $4 \times 10 - 4$. 4 symbolizes the square, or outer manifestation of the 3, the Higher Self, which together form the 7. 10 symbolizes the cycles of necessities which a manifestation has to go through to its full unfoldment and perfection, after which always a new cycle follows. It would mean that in 40 years, or 4 ten year cycles, The Temple has been solidified on the 4 lower planes of manifestation. In other words, it stands now ready as a Lodge Center on the physical plane, through which the forces of the AVATAR—the Christ—the Higher Mind can work, and must work. The Higher Manas—the fifth principle in Man, through which the Christ principle works—finds its correlation in the beginning of the 41st year—41—5— or fifth ten year cycle.

November 15, 1938, reduced to its digits: 26—8: and 21—3: 8 plus 3—11. 11 symbolizes the new cycle. (The number does not reduce itself to 2.) The numbers which go to make up the 11 are its elements and enter into its characteristics: 26, the number of our planetary ruler, and the creative word; 21, the beginning of a third cycle—the cycle of the third Guardian-in-Chief. 8, high aspiration and all high qualities, and 3, symbolizing the Higher Self.

Are these symbolic numbers not self-evident for the present status of The Temple—its position as a Lodge movement—its creative high powers—the cycle of new activities in the work—

the new cycle in its administration—and, what is of the greatest importance, the great charge that is ours, to continue and expand the work!

We owe immeasurable gratitude to the Lodge for its trust, protection and guidance; to the faithful ones who have laid down their lives in the Great Cause: We can pay this debt only by giving our whole-hearted service to the furtherance of the work.

Never before has the Center stood so united. There is a real beauty in Halcyon—a deep understanding between all. The real nucleus of Brotherhood is here. We have devoted comrades in this and other countries who do splendid work. The work in the world at large is slowly expanding. A few new members have affiliated during the last year. True growth is slow growth in a work like ours which builds for eternity.

The Temple forces and messages are carried to various points all over the globe by The Temple Artisan which during the 39 years of its publication has never been interrupted; by our books and correspondence courses, and by an extensive correspondence with members and non-members alike. In return we receive many letters of appreciation of the high value of Temple literature and assuring us of the help received thru our correspondence and healing meditations.

The book "Teachings of The Temple" is now out of print; the few remaining copies are being reserved for Temple members. We are constantly receiving, from book concerns and individuals, orders which cannot be filled. We trust that our appeal in The Artisan for financial aid will be successful and make the reprint of this most valuable book soon possible. More helpful contributions are needed to the fund already on hand.

Frequent requests have been received for the "Second Series of Occultism for Beginners" by Dr. Dower. As we are not able to publish this book now, it is being reprinted in the Artisan as it was published there some years ago.

The "First Series of Temple Teachings" for members will soon be exhausted and has to be reprinted. You see, there are a great many necessary expenses ahead of us which are not covered by the membership dues.

The interest of the outer world in The Temple is growing. During the past year more visitors than before from this and other countries have come to Halcyon, who were earnestly interested in the Temple group and its work. Among them were prominent leaders and founders of New Age groups who are doing fine work for humanity; leaders of Theosophical groups; and also scientists sincerely interested in occult research work. That all were women is a sign of the beginning Woman's Age. Also we have been told that many who are sincerely working for humanity along true lines will come to get the touch of this center.

Beloved Friends: Never has the world been in such need of help. Through The Temple the Voice of The Lodge is speaking

to the world! Let us carry far and wide the Truth which has been given to us for humanity! Wherever we may be, we are at all times where we are most needed. Let us not be luke warm, let us see if we cannot do more in the Master's work than we have done before. Let us rally around the central cell and draw closer together, interiorly and exteriorly. In unification lies our strength. The center needs you, and you need the center, one cannot do without the other. And the Masters need us all—whole heartedly. They cannot function without us on this plane. They will supply all the forces of Light, they are ours for the bidding—but we—humanity—have to work out our own salvation. Much ignorance and selfishness must be cleared away before the Great One—The Avatar—Who is waiting, can manifest on earth in Power and Glory. Remember, The Temple has been founded to prepare the Way for Him. This can only be done by giving all the Light, Truth, Love and Brotherhood to humanity. Let us earnestly seek those in need who are ready to accept the Truth. Call on us, write to us, that we may give you all the light we can give, all the assistance you may need to help others. Let us truly become the Hands and the Feet, the Heart and the Head of the Avatar, that Enlightenment, Unity and Peace may come to Humanity!

Ella Vogtherr.

The meeting closed with the recitation of the Temple Mantrams and the singing in unison of the Consecration Hymn.

The noonday healing service was conducted by Dr. Little.

MONDAY EVENING

At 8 P. M., a meeting of the Inner Orders convened around the Center Altar in The Temple. The four chairs of the Square were held by the four Temple officers.

A prelude on the organ was played by Carolyn Forgostein. Then followed a song by Duncan Ferguson. The "Words of Force" were recited in unison, and the "Great Unifier" sung. The Outer Guard, Mr. Whitney, read a paper by Blue Star on "The Various Orders of The Temple". Cethyl Mallory then played Wagner's Prelude to "Parcifal". The Treasurer, Mrs. Whitney, followed with the reading of the Prayer of the Order of the 28, after which a silence was held. Then came the beautiful song, "Open the Gates of The Temple", sung by Duncan Ferguson; and after this followed the reading of three most enlightening and sacred papers, given by the Master Hilarion and by Blue Star, one, on "The Golden Collar and Rod", presented by Mr. Whitney; one, on "Occult Relationship", given by the Inner Guard, Mrs. Dower, and one, on "The Overshadowing of an Entity on this Plane by a Master," read by the Temple Scribe, Mr. Harrison.

High spiritual forces prevailed during the whole meeting. It was closed with the recitation in unison of the Prayer of the Order

of the 14, by the members of this order, and the singing of the "Hymn of Thanksgiving."

TUESDAY MORNING

The meeting in the Temple, at 11 A. M., was opened by an organ precessional by Carolyn Forgostein. Louise Awerdick read an early Message given to The Temple by Master Morya. A duet of the Saint Paul Aria by Mendelssohn followed, sung by Wenonah Varian and Wesley Wheeler. The lecturer of the day was Harold Forgostein of New York City. He spoke on "Art in Relation to Life." His presentation was splendid. He showed that true art, as true life itself, must be based on constructive, eternal principles. It is one way of expressing pure, divine creativeness through man—and expression in terms of beauty of the Christ force within his soul. Mr. Forgostein's illuminating talk will be printed in full in the next number of the Artisan. After the lecture Carolyn Forgostein sang the 91st Psalm, "He that dwelleth in the Secret Places of the Most High," by James McDermid. The meeting was closed with the Temple Mantrams and Consecration Hymn.

The noonday healing service was conducted by Duncan Ferguson.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Temple Home Association met at 3 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. Dower, to hold its annual meeting. It was attended only by members of the Association, and those present had proxies from members in Halcyon or distant points who were unable to be there in person. The secretary Otto Westfelt read a report of the business done during the past year which showed the Association to be in good condition. Two of the directors, Otto Westfelt and Duncan Ferguson, whose terms had expired, were re-elected for a term of three years.

TUESDAY EVENING

A concert of Temple music was given in The Temple, under the direction of Ebba Whitney.

It was opened by the powerful "Sunrise Song", played on the piano and organ by Ebba Whitney and Edgar Cheetham.

The Temple choir, with Dr. Little, Wenonah Varian and Gertrude Tedford as soloists, sang three stirring Temple compositions: "The Harp of Life", "The Cauldron", and "Horo". These were interspersed by two solo numbers, "Ahoy, Ye people of the Earth", sung by Wenonah Varian, and Dr. Dower's song, "In the Valleys", sung by Gertrude Tedford. A piano and organ duet—"Dominus"—by Ebba Whitney and Edgar Cheetham closed the program. It was a beautiful and inspiring concert.

For those who do not know it, we want to mention that all these compositions and many more were written and composed by members of the Temple group at Halcyon, most of them by Dr. Dower and Mr. Cheetham. Like all Temple compositions—others of which have been rendered in other meetings of the Convention—they are unique, beautiful, dynamic and fresh, and express mighty, powerful, inspiring Temple forces. "The Harp of Life" is a section from "The Building of The Cauldron", composed by Dr. Dower, Mrs. Jane W. Dower and Edgar Cheetham; the libretto was taken from J. O. Varian's epic cycle of Irish mythology. "Ahoy, Ye people" is from "The Four Spinners".

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The noonday healing service was conducted by Ernest Harrison.

At 12:30 a delicious Temple Builders' luncheon in the Lodge was served which the Builders enjoyed very much, as ice cream accompanied it. Then followed a program by the children which was not only enjoyed by the adults, but also by our children who love to put on their little shows, and their enthusiasm and enjoyment is plainly visible to a loving audience.

The program was as follows: Singing of "Build the Temple", by all the children on the stage. Recitations: "My Teddy Bear", by Roselma Wheeler; "Currents", by Mary Ann Holman; a charming dance, by little Elizabeth Wheeler and little Nancy Holman.

Recitations: "Ring the Bell", David Mallory; "The Honey Bee", Richard Larson; "Early News", Bruce Larson; "Toodle Too", John Mallory; Song, "The Dryad", accompanied by a graceful dance, Joan Varian; "The Doormouse", Joy Thompson; "Boy, bare your head", Paul Larson. The children wore costumes appropriate to their recitations and dances. Finally all assembled again on the stage, including the tiniest, Sheila Varian, Roland Mallory and Karen White, and sang the Builders' Song, "Shine on my Heart", and afterwards repeated the Lodge Salute, lead by Mrs. Patricia Mallory, in which the audience joined. All had a very happy time. Lottie Ferguson and Patricia Mallory directed the entertainment, and Ebba Whitney accompanied on the piano.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Through the project of Ebba Whitney we had a beautiful performance in Hiawatha Lodge of readings with tableaux from scenes of Longfellow's Hiawatha. From this presentation remains, in vivid recording, the dramatic intensity of events enacted in the life drama of this Great Soul. Sharply in contrast with this intensity is color continuity ever unfolding a steadily

growing background, the slowly developing life screen on which the events come into being, grow into form, manifest, then pass away . . . "breaking into larger Light and Life."

Ebba Whitney was ably assisted by Wenonah Varian, Wesley Wheeler and Fred Whitney, in directing, staging and lighting effects. The performance was in a modernistic style, using tableau, pantomime and lights, suggesting idea and action in a manner that was convincing and truly artistic.

All the actors were splendid: Jane Thompson, Patricia Altamirano, Gertrude Tedford, Harold Forgostein, Cethyl Mallory, little David Mallory, Fred Whitney. Harold Forgostein—as Hiawatha—was ideal in appearance and interpretation. Patricia Altamirano was lovely as Minnehaha combining poise with an appealing shyness. The reading by Patricia Mallory and Fred Whitney was very well rendered; it included occult notations of the scenes by Fred Whitney. Accompanying music was written by Ebba Whitney, the theme songs were sung by Louise Stenquist, Gertrude and Jean Tedford, and Wesley Wheeler.

We congratulate all who took part in this beautiful play and hope it may be repeated in the future.

THURSDAY

As customary, we had an all day picnic on the beach and in the dunes, along the shore of the Pacific ocean. It was a day of good fellowship, of relaxation and resting up for the coming days. The tables were spread with a bountiful luncheon, and sea and sun bathing were enjoyed by young and old. All, particularly the youngest Halcyonites—a goodly number—enjoyed the day to the fullest.

The noonday healing service in The Temple was held by William H. Thompson.

At 7:30 P. M., a half hour meditation meeting in the Temple was conducted by Cethyl Mallory. These meditations, held Monday and Thursday nights, are regular features of our services. They are conducted by the members of the Inner Orders.

After the meeting those who desired gathered in Hiawatha Lodge for a fire-side social and dance.

FRIDAY MORNING

At 11:30, the Temple choral service was held, with William H. Thompson as celebrant—a devotional service, with responses by the choir.

The service was followed by the noonday healing meeting, conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

The report will be concluded in the next Artisan number.

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