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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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BEHOLD, I GIVE



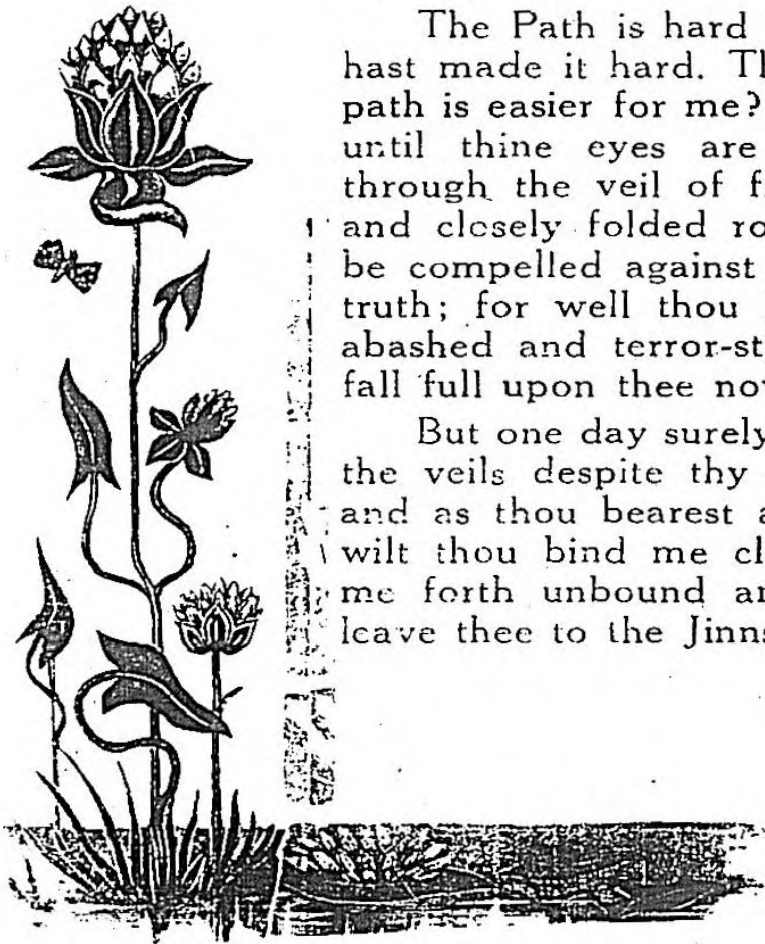
UNTO THEE A KEY.

## I, THY SOUL

Through vaster spaces than thy thought-wings compass; through the long eternities of never-ceasing motion, I—thy soul—must wander, waiting, ever waiting for the hour to strike when thou, the body linked to me through all the vanished ages, may clear-eyed look into my face and know me as I am, for now, alas! thou art a living lie; the light of truth is far away from thee, and thou hast taken of my strength to build that lie.

The Path is hard to tread for thee, for thou hast made it hard. Thinkest thou that self-same path is easier for me? I needs must walk therein until thine eyes are opened, and thou seest through the veil of flesh which thou hast built and closely folded round about thee, lest thou be compelled against thy will to see the naked truth; for well thou knowest thou must shrink abashed and terror-stricken, if its glorious light fall full upon thee now.

But one day surely that same light will pierce the veils despite thy frantic clutch upon them, and as thou bearest all its searching beams, so wilt thou bind me closer, far to thee, or drive me forth unbound and desolate, compelled to leave thee to the Jinns thou hast evoked.



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## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 2 to 6, 1942

Our annual Convention has come and gone again. It is that time of the year which is always looked forward to with great anticipation: the time when high Lodge Forces are especially poured into the Center for the upliftment of all; the time when we stand on the Mountain Top for a brief moment, enjoying its spiritual fragrance and blessing—after which we have to descend to the valley again and assimilate and disseminate these forces for greater use and service to humanity.

On Saturday, August 1, at 6 p.m., the Temple group and guests gathered in Hiawatha Lodge where an informal supper was served.

### Sunday

A healing service in Blue Star Temple at high noon was conducted by the Outer Guard, Fred Whitney.

The opening meeting of the convention was held at 3 p. m.. It began with a precessional on organ and piano, played by Ebba Whitney and Cethil Mallory. The "Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" was sung by all. The Guardian-in-Chief then formally opened the Forty-third Annual Temple Convention by invoking the blessings of the Great White Lodge on all proceedings of the convention. This was followed by the Convocation Hymn, "Gitche Manitou," sung by all. Then came the Master's Message given to the Convention, read by the Guardian-in-Chief.

### MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

#### MY CHILDREN:

My love and warmest greetings to you all, individually and collectively, here and elsewhere; and at this your annual assembly let us pause for a time and review life's complexities in the spirit of Love, Compassion and Understanding for all creatures, and be lifted out of the turmoils, uncertainties and troubles into the realm of peace and calm.

The clock of Kronos ticks off another hour in the destiny of man as the Cosmic wheel takes another turn; an hour of prophecy fulfilled; an hour of inevitable world-wide precipitation when the energy of the fiery flames, released in warfare, covers the earth with devastation and destruction; an hour when the Souls of men are in the fiery furnace, burning out the dross of the lower nature, that a purified essence may emerge; an hour of realization by all

in the actual participation of every phase of life, inner and outer, in this Cosmic War; an hour of great opportunity for the children of man, as the Light of the Christos dawns on the earth's aura, ready and waiting to do its constructive work when the evil man has done has become exhausted.

When the Advent of the Avatar was announced in the beginning of the Temple work you were told that a high evolutionary force was released which would revolutionize the world. This announcement, cosmic in scope, stirred up the latent forces of rebellion, which otherwise might have lain dormant for a long period of time. Thus, there was aroused a very strong force for evil as well as for good, so those working for evil purposes would bring disasters to mankind and those working for the good of humanity would receive greater benefit. Owing to the magnitude of this universal announcement, the antagonistic and malicious forces have gathered momentum throughout the years, preparing for the overthrow and destruction of this planet. The elemental forces of the old dispensation, which could be held back no longer, had to be released in preparation for the approaching New Order, and, as a result, the dawning light of the New Day is bringing the refuse to the surface, and all the evils and insidious plots are being exposed and uncovered, as the Light of the Christos comes closer to the earth. This inner and outer struggle between the Sons of Light and the Brothers of the Shadow for spiritual supremacy affects every atom, man and star in the solar system.

As you all review the past warnings and prophecies, given by us many and many times to you, you can now realize and understand the deep interior reason for this struggle and its inevitable outer manifestation. The evolutionary law released these higher forces to open the hearts and minds of humanity for a New Day of Universal Brotherhood of all the races of the earth.

It is well to consider Brotherhood in its true aspect at this time, since the world today is more aware of the necessity of such a universal relationship to correct the failures of the old order, and more are attuned to these higher forces, and more are conscious of the necessity of a world-wide freedom based on a true brotherhood for all. This ideal form, eternal in essence, has stood, and ever will stand, ready interiorly to be brought about exteriorly when the right spiritual impulse is sufficiently awakened, as well as a right channel opened through which the Lodge can work between God and man. These divine forces must actuate all higher orders of living. There can be no real brotherhood without the presence of deific forces.

The fundamental truth expressed by the word Brotherhood has been little understood by the great majority in the past, and the efforts and attempts to enlighten man have been thwarted again and again because of this lack of understanding. In its totality Brotherhood expresses all that is high, true, pure and holy; a harmonious and understanding interaction between the Higher and the lower self. It is a fact in nature as well as in Spirit. It unites God with man, and man with man, in harmonious attune-

ment. No matter how much the word Brotherhood has been misused for selfish gains—under a guise of brotherhood—its intrinsic value ever stands ready to come forth, and sheds its rays of light on all alike. Its ideal form awaits the time and opportunity to enter the earth's arena when the spiritual impulse is strong enough in the hearts of men to maintain and sustain it; then its inherent divinity will become a part of all of life's outer activities.

Life's pages show man's inhumanity and unbrotherliness down the ages, and these accumulated forces of evil have bound men together by their own selfish desires; and, so bound by the chains of suffering and distress, they are unable to see or realize anything beneficent about the Law of Karma and its reaction; but as the great majority become more enlightened and realize the true meaning of brotherhood, wars will cease, differences will be settled in tolerance and understanding, and the peoples of all nations will work together as brothers in unselfishness and love for one another, and not in hate and intolerance. Brotherhood will be a fact in nature and spirit. It will mean in truth the application of "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," in all walks of life. Today many more are realising this fundamental principle as the result of terrific suffering. The false ideals that have oppressed the world for so long are fast crumbling to pieces; and as the Great Light of the Christos, now appearing in the distance, sheds its radiance on man, his consciousness will be lifted to a higher rate of vibration.

After disintegration, selfishness and dissolution have done their work over the earth, the Higher Law and Order will enter to bring about the processes of regeneration and reconstruction on true lines of evolution. All the lower forces, old forms, ideals and traditions must be broken and destroyed to give way to the higher ideals of truth based on the eternal verities. The fires of destruction must become exhausted, and the reconstructive forces of Christ take their place, based on the ideal form of a true universal brotherhood of all peoples.

The coming of an Avatar requires the time, place and cycle for such a manifestation in the hearts and minds of humanity at the cyclic time. In man's quest for the Great Light he must find it from the synthetic angle. This Cosmical Entity may appear as an actual event, but not necessarily in form on this plane. It is a universal force which has and will affect the whole world for good by raising the vibrations of humanity higher in the cosmic scale of life.

It may come to an individual, to a nation, to all nature, to the stars in the heavens, or in many ways. It is a symbol of God manifesting in matter; it is a symbol of the Light dawning at a new era; it is a symbol of His Holy Presence in the Sacred Temple. It matters not where or how you see or feel the Presence of that Great Entity, but it does matter how much you do in conscious effort to bring about a more harmonious state of affairs in the lives of all you contact, and what the final effect of that Presence on you will be because of your effort.

The Path of Brotherhood is the Path chosen by you as Tem-

plars. Much has been given to you in regard to this universal principle, and you should, each and everyone, realize your responsibility in this cosmic struggle of today. Unity is the Law of Brotherhood and comprises the forces of the Avatar in action. Hold strongly to this Principle, that all life may be raised to a higher plane in the cosmic scale. The help, encouragement, sympathy, love and understanding given to your brother and sister gage your status and development on the path you are all striving to ascend, and will enable you to keep aligned with the constructive forces. Work with the higher evolutionary powers which cannot be delayed. In this rapidly moving age events for the higher evolution, or against it, call for quick decisions of positive action. Accounts must be balanced everywhere that freedom may live and continue to live; a freedom based on natural and divine law; freedom for the oppressed that they may worship God as they choose; freedom based on true progression of government and religion with equality and justice for all; a freedom based on the holy bonds of a Universal Brotherhood of Souls bound together by sacred ties of unity, harmony and love.

All through the years you have been told never to underestimate the disintegrating forces which have been gathering, and now, as they have precipitated in full fury, you must be prepared for them. Cultivate the qualities of courage, faith, trust, assurance and endurance which will sustain you and others who need help in the days to come. There is no place for negative forces at such times. The positive forces are necessary to meet the inevitable conditions. Do your work in this spirit wherever you are called to action. The Spirit of Unity must abide everywhere for a Spiritual Victory. Universal Brotherhood and its practical application will be the result of cultivating these positive qualities.

I place my blessing and protection on you all at this time and in the days to come; and, as you enter another year, stay close together, that the forces of Light, Love and Wisdom may guide you and watch over you as you carry on in positive courage, trust, faith, assurance and endurance.

July 26, 1942.

Your Father-Brother  
HILARION

Otto Westfelt then sang the Salutatory, "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth," which is the sacred Charge given to The Temple by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the work. This was followed by "The Harp of Life," one of the powerful Temple compositions, sung by the choir, under the direction of Ebba Whitney at the piano.

The meeting closed with the celebration of the sacred Feast of Fulfillment.

At 6 p.m. dinner was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

### Monday

At 10:30 a.m. the addresses of the officers of The Temple were delivered. The meeting was opened with the reading of the

address by the Guardian-in-Chief, which was followed by those of the other officers.

### ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

The yearly gathering of the Temple Group in convention is here again; how fast the year has gone, and what a momentous year in the lives of us all and the whole world.

The Lodge, with its power and magnitude, again sheds its blessings on the Group, that the Group in turn may pass them on to all others. Accounts are again reviewed, debiting and crediting, according to the use made of life's forces, streaming out in great volume for mankind. These accounts, which are a part of the Great Account, are indelibly recorded in the permanent Book of Life. The lesser accounts of human endeavor in service, time and labor throughout the minutes, hours and days of each and everyone must be added to the larger account as decreed.

It has been a very vital year in the life of everyone, and one in which great tests have come to all to demonstrate the spirit of Unity in faith, courage and trust in the great plan and purpose of life. As each and everyone takes an inventory of his or her yearly events, it is well to realize that whatever has not been done should not cause one to become too discouraged, because there is always the opportunity to go right on and try again in the activities of life, with a positive resolve to work with principles and not personalities, always realizing we have the love and protection of the Master to help us in any extremity. To know and recognize the right lines and keep them is the best way to help the whole human race at this time in its confusion, fear, sufferings and uncertainties. The Temple group, which has been told the causes back of the world crisis, should have no place for doubt or negation. It should know and realize that the Great Light of the Christos must win over the darkness.

The members at a distance as well as at the Center have shown a great interest in the Temple work the past year. Many interesting letters have been received telling how much benefit they have derived from the instructions and teachings in their comprehensive explanation of all problems of life.

**Finances:** The Temple wishes to express appreciation and gratitude for the loyal support of the group, as well as for the financial and material aid given during the year for carrying on the Temple work. Without this support, we could have no Temple center and its many advantages. The work needs the outer support in order that members may receive the inner, spiritual sustenance of the Master: so each is dependent upon the other. The true spirit of Service calls for mutual aid and assistance wherever needed, to be given in cheerfulness and willingness and without attachment to results. Throughout its existence—nearly forty-four years—The Temple has been built up, nurtured and strengthened by the qualities of sacrifice, service and use. Enforced service brings negative reactions and has no place in the work; but pure service given in love and non-attachment to results, willing to per-



form whatever duties may devolve upon each and everyone, brings its own reward—the joy of serving.

As we begin a new year it is well to rededicate ourselves wherever called upon in our country, in our Temple, in our state or community, to serve cheerfully and willingly for the good of all, realizing our unity with all creatures.

**Temple Meetings:** The meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple throughout the year with a very good attendance. The healing service is held every day in the Temple at noon, 12 M., P.W.T., where high impersonal healing forces go out to relieve a suffering and distressed world and to reach souls searching for truth and light.

**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.

Beloved Comrades, as we enter the coming year let us continue to work in the spirit of love, harmony and brotherly relationship. Let us work as one in the Cause entrusted to us, holding fast to the ideals of true brotherhood.

May the inner Peace abide with you all now and in the coming year.

Pearl F. Dower

### ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Fellow Templars and Friends:

Not for countless ages have the fiery forces of destruction broken forth with such fury and so universally as in this Kali Yuga cycle of karmic retribution, disruption and transition, and with so much at stake in the outcome. The very nature of the changes taking place accounts for the universality of the conflict, and the status of man provides the fury.

In its obvious aspects this present war began as a war between governments for world dominion, precipitated by greed and ambition; but at the same time, it involves an undercurrent of race alignments, some for good ends, and others quite the opposite. Also, there goes with these phases of the conflict the struggle of the masses of mankind for well-being, opportunity and enduring freedom. But still more deeply lie the real causes of this war—and cycle of wars. As stated in a recent issue of The Temple Artisan, this is the long prophesied Armageddon of all humanity that the race is struggling in, and the gages of battle in that war are the souls of men.

Two lines of force thrust man into this conflict. One is the broad universal line of natural action which controls the evolutionary processes of man and planet under "fixed inexorable law." The other is personal, human, and consists of what man has done with or against the rightful action of that law. The law governing the evolution of man out through the long chain of his planetary life required that he descend from his spiritual level of the Divine

Self into a grossly material world to win a correlative bodily form and develop a distinct aspect of Manas, or Mind.

In reaching the lowest stage of this involvement in the material plane, which man reached in the Atlantean world, he crossed a line—a gulf—of demarcation which exists between the Spiritual consciousness of his Higher or Divine Self and the consciousness of the mortal or incarnate man. In crossing that line he lost the awareness of his own divinity—that climactic loss to the soul of the evolving man, namely, the power to absorb and assimilate spiritual truths; the condition in which the most of mankind is still submerged. Partly this was due to the universal processes involved in the on-going of race and planet; but mostly it was due to man's ignorant and wilful violation of natural and spiritual law, which plunged him into a morass of blindness, pain, loss and destruction.

In the soul of every human being, and of the race in toto, are stored the fruits and forces of every thought and deed ever committed, both good and evil, and they will remain there perpetually so long as desire holds them. The good can go on to greater good, but the evil must be consumed away by self-effort through the powers of transmutation working in the soul, or drag the soul down to extinction. Or, again, they may be thrown bodily out, purged and burned away by forces of violence and destruction, such as war brings, that tear down the obstructions of habit and desire and stab the soul awake.

It is the fury of these pent-up forces of evil in the heart of man that is tearing the world apart today, consciously manipulated by the destroyers and usurpers amongst mankind. And they fight with the fury of desperation, bent, with all the power of their accumulated might, upon crushing out and destroying not only that which must meet with destruction, but—and one is justified in saying especially—the good and the true. The long-awaited hour has struck for the most significant changes in the life of the planet and all that is within and upon it. It is the time when evolutionary law, having taken man to the bottom plane of evolution and passed the arc of return toward the state of spiritual oneness and divine consciousness from whence he descended, has brought him back upward to that gulf again; to "The Line of Demarcation" he crossed on his way down ages and ages ago. And now he must cross it once more. He crossed it in the loss of spiritual consciousness on the way down, and on the way back he must cross it in the powers of the reawakened divine man, Self-consciously. The mortal must become immortal in consciousness, purpose and desire. And right now he must carry in his heart a living measure of the good, the pure and the true, a measure of real brotherhood and service to mankind, or pass out of evolution forever through the chasm. Karma nemesis meets him, one and all, in every race, tongue and land at "The Line." Evolutionary law demands the reckoning, and the life of the planet measures the days and lays down the decision as to who shall go on into the final triumph and who shall not. There is no other way.

When the sun has gone down to the Tropic of Capricorn in the dark of winter it must turn and come back again; and when it arrives at the season of the Vernal Equinox it must cross the line of the equator and go on to its apogee in the highest heavens. It is the objective law of nature that takes the earth circularly around the sun; and the subjective, working in the heart and soul of man, that takes him circularly through the planes of consciousness, leading out from the divine through the dark of time, matter and mortal mind, and back again to the Light from whence he came, plus his gleanings in mortality.

But even if these days be ever so dark and the wars do go on and on, and evil continues to hold a mighty sway in the affairs of men, not all is darkness. God's world is never without His Presence, and the darker the hour the more potent is that Presence—the nearer is He to His own. And into the battleways of the race move the "Warriors of Light, armed with the Sword of the Spirit of God and the Helmet of Eternal Truth." The Light is here, taller than the shadows are deep, and "Truth is on the march." The Sword of the Spirit, wielded by the hand of Love, cuts away the evil from the good between man and man, and races and nations, and within every penetrable human heart. The sword of the Christ is at work.

At the dawn of this century there came into the outer planes of this world—and into all of the worlds of this solar system at the same time—a great Light from the Central Spiritual Sun, the Light of the Avatar, the Redeemer of mankind. A flood of Wisdom, Love and Power poured into the world for the help and succor of every soul that cries for help. And the bringer of that Light to the world is the same perfected Soul who walked the earth 2000 years ago as Jesus of Nazareth, and said he would come again to bring the Word and the Power of God anew to the children of men.

Revelation says, "And I (John) saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away." This is that time. It is not "the end of the world" as translated and understood by the church. It is the end of a great age which may be called an aeon, since an aeon is in nature such a period as we have been considering. But this word has many and profound—the closely correlated—meanings, and is of varying lengths in time and consciousness. It comes to us from Greek philosophy and is actually the word that appears in the Greek of the New Testament, translated as "the end of the world."

Besides being the end of a major span of evolution at this time the aeon also marks the dawn of a new Messianic Cycle, a new dispensation, a new race and civilization. The "new heaven" that John saw is the new Light from Above; the new concept of the meaning and order of man's life here on earth, its purpose and goal, and of the spiritual and divine values that are involved in this life. It is the new consciousness that will be held by those who successfully cross the line between their own mortal minds, desires and passions and the Self of the Soul.

The "new earth" is the coming new social order, the new

concepts of social relationships between man and man here on earth; new economic and political adjustments, and the birth of new codes of moral responsibility and interdependence between humans. Obviously all this cannot come in a day, for it is a great task; but positive and telling steps toward it must be taken now by each soul if the divine in man is to win, for deeds and desires are sealing the fates of men speedily as they pass over borders. Look up, O Soul of man, up from the mire to His face! Behold the Christ in it all! For in this vast struggle of the Armageddon the agony of humanity is the agony of the Christ, the Avatar, and his victory is the victory of man.

Fred Whitney

### ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

Somewhere I recently read what to me is the central cell around which The Temple is building. I will quote: "The real Temple is humanity, and to the extent that one is interested in and identified with the welfare of Humanity as a whole, to that extent, and that only, will he be recognized by the Masters as a builder of The Temple and a worker in the Great Work." This gives a very broad view of The Temple. It is a basic principle, and shows that the Inner Temple is being built by the attitude and devotion of the individual insofar as he is interested in impersonal and altruistic matters. This focussing of the mind on the welfare of the race rather than on our own personal gain will lift us out of the realm of sect and schism and dogma, into an atmosphere where the religious doctrines based only upon "thou shalt do this" and "thou shalt not do that" seem very picayune and unsatisfying in comparison.

It would seem that the whole of the human race is slowly evolving from the animal consciousness, which lives in and is concerned only with the sensations of the material world, into a higher consciousness which is concerned with experiences which cannot be shared by the animals because they have not yet evolved the more subtle centers through which this consciousness is experienced.

A religious teaching which is based solely upon admonition—"thou shalt" or "thou shalt not"—may be an all sufficient guide up to a certain point of development; but the time comes when the individual must decide for himself between right and wrong, and it would be hard to find a better measuring-stick to be applied in daily life than this short sentence gives us: "To the extent that one is interested in and identified with the welfare of Humanity as a whole, to that extent, and that only, will he be recognized by the Masters as a Builder of The Temple."

We all have our individual ideas of what The Temple means. It would be hard, if not impossible, to find two of us who accept exactly the same interpretation of it. We all differ, slightly or a great deal, in our assemblage of the various qualities which go to make up a human being. Therefore, we necessarily must have different outlooks one from another and perhaps in this fact alone we differ from the animal, for the animal has only five centers of

contact with his fellows and the world in general, while we have far more than five, and will develop more and more as we evolve. So perhaps it is not very logical to expect that we all act alike and have the same attitude towards life as one another—and would it not be a flat and weary life if we did?

America has been called the melting-pot of the races, a huge cauldron into which representatives of all nations have been thrown, higgledy-piggledy all together, with their various habits and customs and ideals at variance in many cases with the habits and customs and ideals of those whom they contact for the first time in the New World, and a stirring up in the depths of their being must inevitably result.

When the fires of human experience have been applied and the dross has fallen to the bottom and the scum risen to the top, and when the pains of the process are forgotten, we shall have a wonderful product as a result of this amalgamation, a product which could not possibly have been made in any other way. All the elements of the mixture were necessary, and in the last analysis no one element was more necessary than another. I like to think of The Temple as such a cauldron—on a different plane perhaps—for I doubt that anywhere could be found a more varied assortment of people, or exactly the same product after the simmering process has been undergone.

Once we were told that we must learn to function together as the organs of the body function, or the parts of a watch, each doing the work for which it is best fitted; that we all have a slightly different part to play, and that to try to change the methods of another so that he would act differently would be analogous to trying to make the brain pump the blood through the veins or the heart take the place of the liver, or what not. The brain and the heart are usually accepted as being the most important of the bodily organs, but set either of them to performing the function of the liver or any other organ, and what would be the result? And though the brain and the heart are the most important of the organs no doubt, it is also true that the body could not continue to exist and function healthily unless the other organs were actively doing their part.

In the years which have passed since The Temple was organized many have come and gone. I cannot remember one person who has ever turned away from The Temple for any reason but a personal one. Many have left because a desire for personal power or position was not gratified. Many because some of their fellow members did not live exactly as they considered that they should live. The forces generated by the aspiration and unselfish devotion at the heart of The Temple silently and relentlessly sift out the motives of the self-seeking; and those who wait until their fellow members in any organization have all attained to perfection before they put their shoulders to the wheel will wait a very long time indeed. The Temple is not being built out of any of the virtues or vices of the personality. These are steps in the ladder of personal progress, but they are of the personality and you

and I and all of us are largely composed of them. The Temple is an invincible, intangible spiritual entity which is being built out of the devotion and sacrifices of those who, to requote, "are interested in and identified with the welfare of humanity as a whole" and are willing to devote the efforts of their lives to its advancement.

In conclusion I will read an extract from a writing by Dr. Dower. It is so impersonal, so constructive, and so far removed from thoughts of punishment or reward, that it must appeal to anyone who is really interested in the welfare of humanity as a whole.

"There is a way in which we all can help the work of regeneration and reconstruction, namely by holding in mind and feeling interiorly and exteriorly a balanced consciousness. That is, by putting forth vital images of poise and harmony in and for all humanity. If we wish to create a form into which these vital forces may energize, we can imagine a White Cross of Balance, cosmical in size—with its arms embracing all humanity. This Cross of Balance image should be realized as of the purest, whitest radiance and as a form into which the highest aspirations, thoughts, and ideals of Love, Unity and Brotherhood of all people may be attracted and energized for expression in the lives of the races of the earth. This White Cross of Balance thus becomes a powerful center—a perfectly constructed vehicle or machine—through which the most potent forces may radiate Balance, Poise, Harmony, Unity and Love to all creatures. Imagine the center of this White Cross as in the heart of all beings. Herein is a way in which all can work in helping to regenerate the earth and so bring about UNIVERSAL PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD."

Ernest Harrison

### ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Loving Greetings To All:

The Treasury Department, or Treasury, has been defined as "a place where the public revenues are deposited and the public debts have been discharged." To understand the corresponding spiritual value of this definition we are reminded of the fundamental source of All Power of the Temple Treasury. To an awakened consciousness, this power, which is ours by the divine right of relationship, and held thru our ability to use it rightly, is the "Power that maketh all things New."

We are reminded of being told of a "peculiar force" that has been poured into each incoming member of the Temple, which makes him of incalculable value to the Lodge as a source of transmission according to his particular stage of growth. We are told it acts as a yeast, fermenting and bringing to light all hidden qualities and motives, regenerating and purifying according to the power of each individual to hold still until its purpose has been achieved.

To illustrate I will quote a favorite passage from the Temple Teachings:—"It is the force of the Christos, the Love Force, the

reconstructing, upbuilding, Universal fiery force, sent forth from the Heart of God, which always precedes the advent of a Great Avatar in order to prepare the people of the Earth for his coming. This tremendous force operates in different ways on different individuals, according to their nature and ability to function the attributes it arouses and the desires it sets into action. To some it comes as a call to gather the people together to protest against wrong; to others as the voice of one "crying in the wilderness, bidding them seek out the poor, the lame, the blind of body and soul. To still others it comes with the power of the Great Physician, bringing them out of servitude to pain. To the Few who catch the low whisper 'seek ye within' which comes from the point in the center of the circle of its gravitational motion, and who obey, it comes as an incentive to superhuman endeavor to FIND WHAT IS SOUGHT; and upon these will rest the power of its transmission to other races in other ages."

The full significance of this last mentioned paragraph can be realized by careful study of what is meant by "seek ye within." The words carry within themselves the much desired qualities of humility and selflessness, so indispensable on the path. To "seek within" implies a need not to be found in the outer world of noise and confusion of opinion, or in the intellectual grasp of ideas, however worthy. It is when the outer has ceased to dominate, and the alignment is made consciously with heart understanding, that the assurance of fulfillment is found. All preconceived ideas and ideals are held in abeyance during this quest, while the Higher Self, at One with the Christos, strikes the **Keynote** of that which is sought. True discrimination and discernment follow; and while the battle between good and evil becomes greater indeed, the added power of that Christos knowledge from within enables us to transmute the evil with more surety and purpose than ever before. And with this transmutation do we discharge our "public debts" spiritually.

It is the opportunity of the Treasurer at this time to call attention to the kernel of truth found within the statements quoted, and why it is of the utmost importance to understand their true value and simple message. "For upon these will rest the power of its transmission to other races in other ages."

There is a uniqueness to the Temple, a note not sounded in any other movement in the world. It is for us to understand and sound that **keynote** so strongly in our lives, that there can be no doubt about its existence. We have then a worthy gift to lay on the common altar of our Treasury, with the assurance of its dissemination amply provided for, by Those who truly "know the Self as One!"

At this Convention time of the year we again turn our hearts inward for the Christly baptism of Light and Love, re-tuning, re-aligning, re-dedicating our lives to the Great Work, with humble gratitude for our heritage.

Ebba Whitney

## ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear Comrades and Friends:

At this our Forty-third Annual Temple Convention, greetings of deep love and devotion to you all, and Light and Peace to the world, in the name of Him Who is the Light, the Life and the Radiance of the world and holds the souls of men in His keeping, and to Whom we have pledged the service of our lives.

Through the long years of preparation, since the Master has called us, we have prayed, and we are still praying "that we may not be found wanting when once again the Christ shall call His own to Him." He calls us through the woes and sufferings of his world children. In infinite compassion he pleads with us to hold our hearts open in love and faith, that His Light, His Love and Compassion may flow through us into the world, which suffers now under the appalling conditions predicted by the Master in his Message to the Convention of 1917. He spoke of "the indescribable holocaust, the slaughter, the shambles, the wreck and ruin of uncounted milliards of homes; of nations to be wiped from the face of the earth—the results of the accumulated Karma of the world; the nations and peoples of those nations."

A tremendous responsibility rests upon the unified action of the Temple group in this war, and upon each Temple member individually, in sustaining the constructive forces of light by faith, trust and service until the Victory of Light be won over the forces of evil and destruction set in action by the Anti-Christ against the forces of the Avatar. We know it is in reality the Christ who suffers in each suffering soul that longs for freedom from the thralldom to evil. But man is unconscious of this, and even the Avatar, the Christ, in His infinite love and compassion for the human race, cannot free it from its Karma. The human race, by divine Law, must work out its own salvation, and through sorrow and suffering redeem its Karma, to restore the balance of the divine Law so much violated through ages past. Only through suffering will man awaken from ignorance and spiritual darkness to find God and discover his own oneness with all other souls in God and the Christ, and thus finally recognize the Brotherhood of Man and return to the path of his true evolution. Against outer appearances, it is indeed a religious war in which the whole human race is involved, and the Master has told us that the final outcome "means freedom or slavery for the human race for ages to come. It means victory over death, or continual dying; man's union with God, or dispersion from God; and it is these tremendous, incalculably great issues which will make the result of this universal contest the point of balance in the evolution of man for ages to come."

The Master has set his hope on us, beloved comrades. We must work together as never before. We have to provide, and send into the world, the high spiritual vibrations which are necessary to sustain and strengthen all who give their efforts and their lives on the fields of the outer battle for the freedom of the human race. We have to spread the teachings of the Master to awaken the consciousness of the people. Many will awaken now, open their



hearts and minds, as a result of the terrific sufferings, ready to receive the truth. We have to bring courage, faith, trust, and the assurance of the divine guidance of the forces of Light back to humanity. Wherever we are, and under whatever conditions, we are at all times placed where the Master needs us, where we can serve best. By losing ourselves in unselfish service, in devotion and obedience to the divine Law of Love and Brotherhood, we forget our personal selves and problems and become parts of the Higher Life which then uses us. The power for good of the inner Self and consciousness, in true service for all, is unlimited, if our will is pure and our aspirations are high and unselfish. Once we have won it, none can take this power from us but ourselves, which we do if we let doubt and fear enter.

If we look for the keynote—the most important aspect—of the work to be cultivated and functioned at this present time, it was given to us at the very beginning of the work in the words which the Great Master C. at the first initiation spoke to the group of disciples who were chosen to found the Temple work:

“Become One with the Law. Enter thou the Holy of Holies with unsandaled feet and uncovered head, that the forces of Love, Law and Life may flow unobstructed through the Stone of Sacrifice upon which thou standest, and the return wave bear to thee the spiritual essence that shall make thee free. In freedom lies thy strength. The Sword of the Spirit shall be thy reward, and He Whom thou lovest shall lead thee to living waters, for He is the Warrior of Light, the Unconquerable, for Whom the hour shall never strike. He is thine own true Self, and when thy shadows flee away, thou shalt behold the King in His beauty and holiness.”

“To become One with the Law,” all our efforts must be dedicated. It is the first and last, the all-inclusive principle; the key of keys in the Temple work, which the Warrior of Light, in service to the Avatar, must hold at all times. It alone opens the door to the inner sanctuary of the heart, the Sacred Temple, and only to the degree we purify our hearts and minds, can we become One with the Law of Unity, Love and Brotherhood and be channels through which the high, unifying and redeeming forces may flow into the world for the help and good of all.

Without it we cannot fulfill our part in the great work of the Lodge to help humanity in this great cycle of transmutation from the old order of selfishness and separateness into the New Order of Love and Brotherhood.

We have been taught, and we know that according to our divine heritage the spiritual light which illumines the soul and mind of the Avatar illumines the mind and soul of every human being; that it is but a matter of degree of unfoldment and preparation for the reception of that Light, and of our unselfish love to our greater Self—humanity—which will enable us to radiate that Light. Red Star, Dr. Dower, in “The Coming Avatar,” says:—“The Holy Presence is ever waiting to manifest in and through all who are prepared—in whom selfishness is being transmuted to self-less-ness, and in whom the closed bud of a personal idea is unfolding to the blossom of the One Eternal Universal Self. . . . The Christ is always with us and in us—though we know it not—and though we look afar for that which is ever at hand.” How

blessed we are to know this wonderful truth. Let us work for its unfoldment fearlessly, whatever the future may bring.

In closing, let us once more listen to some excerpts from an interview with the Master from the very early years in the Temple work, in which he referred to future world conditions which are now upon us. He said:

"I wish to assure you of my great love for you. I wish to give you a touch of a Diviner Life than mine. I wish you each and all to strive for the highest that is in you, and never be satisfied with the lower. I want you to strive to grow together that I may be able to use you when the time comes, as a Master would use his right hand. And in order to do that, you must be patient with and for each other. You must work together on true lines of harmony. Never permit anything, no matter how great it seems to you, to interfere with your true relationship to each other and to me. . . .

You are entering upon a great battle and must be prepared for many a blow, many a fall. . . .

These dark days will pass, and then will come the light. But my children, my dear children, try and take into your inmost souls the truth I am compelled to utter. There is terrible suffering and anguish for the children of the earth. I have so often told you, you must prepare to meet what belongs to you. If I could take you into my arms and shield you there, my father heart would prompt me to do so; but I could not, for by so doing I would take from you your chance for still higher development."

Ella Vogtherr

During this meeting Monica Weaver sang one of her own fine compositions.

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

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

At 3 p.m. an Inner Order meeting was held. Six candidates were initiated into the Order of the 36. The service was concluded with the Feast of Fulfillment.

(Convention Report to be concluded in next Artisan)

### IN MEMORIAM

The Death Angel has called another comrade from the outer Temple ranks. On August 25 our sister Mrs. Bertha Wolff passed to the great beyond for a day's respite from the toils and struggles of this outer plane of causes.

She was one of the earlier Temple members, joined The Temple in 1902, and came later to Halcyon where she lived until her passing. She was a member of Inner Orders and held a special point of service for many years in The Temple. Until the last few days of her life she attended faithfully to her duties and tasks, in spite of her frail body and a severe illness which she bore for long years with great patience and cheerfulness.

After funeral services were held in the Temple, her body was conducted to her last resting place in the Halcyon cemetery.

The love of her Temple comrades goes with her.

"Into Thy hands, most gracious Lord and Master, do we commend our sister."

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