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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

## ETERNAL SILENCE

Be still, thou shell, thou imaged form of music, thou vase of withering flowers, thou noisy wielder of the baton, thou blindest of all leaders of the blind!

Be still, and know, know; for I that speak to thee am Knowledge; and if thou wilt but hold thyself from noise, thine ear from fell confusion, even thou mayest hear the Word, and therewith learn to find that which thou seekest.

Be still, and know that I AM. I am the Way, the Truth and the Light. I am Alpha and Omega. I am Creator and Created, I and Mine are thou and thine. Without Me nothing is. I am all the past, the present and the future. If thou wouldst find Me, thou must find Eternal Silence first; for not in thunder nor in storm, not in whirlwind nor in tempest, shineth the Light which thou must follow.

Be still, and know that I, thy Higher Self, am God, thy God, thy Father, Mother, Son, in One. Thy Lover, Friend, Creator, all that thy poor bound and tortured soul may ask.





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

August 1 to 5, 1943

High spiritual Lodge forces of Peace and Brotherhood were again released by the Great White Lodge for the good and upliftment of all humanity during the Temple Group's Forty-fourth Annual Convention. Their light and radiance still linger in the hearts and souls of those who had the privilege to be present at this sacred assemblage.

Saturday, July 31, at 6 p. m., the Temple group and guests gathered in Hiawatha Lodge. An informal supper was served, followed by a program of readings, Temple music and other musical selections. The Outer Guard Fred Whitney greeted those assembled by reading the Master's Message, "In the Lodge of The Red Star." The choir, with Gertrude Tedford as soloist, and directed and accompanied by Ebba Whitney at the piano, sang "The Harp of Life." A piano solo by Cethyl Mallory followed, "Serenade" by Olson, and after this Jean Tedford sang, "Bird of Love Divine." Patricia Mallory read "Steadily On," from the Yellow Folio. The program concluded with the singing of "The Cauldron" by the choir.

### SUNDAY

The Healing Meditation in Blue Star Temple at high noon was conducted by the Outer Guard.

The opening meeting of the Convention started at 3 p. m. It began with a precessional on organ and piano, played by Ebba Whitney and Cethyl Mallory. The "Words of Force" were recited, and the "Great Unifier" was sung by all. The Guardian-in-Chief then formally opened the Forty-fourth 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 to the Convention, which was read by the Guardian-in-Chief.

### MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

My Children:

Greetings of Love to the children of man, wherever placed in Life's scheme: Greetings of Love to you all who are bound to me by irrevocable ties in eternal bonds of infinite love and wisdom: Greetings of reassurance to all devoted to the Temple cause, a cause dear to the hearts of all true lovers of humanity.

Another Temple year has passed, another Temple page has been written and recorded on the Infinite Scroll of Life, so that another day may be started anew and fresh with hopes and aspirations for all that is true in promoting the New Day of Universal Brotherhood.

Many years have you met in annual Temple Conventions; many years have you received the outpouring forces of the Lodge for the help, comfort and upliftment of all who are attuned in individual life as well as those in united constructive efforts of groups and peoples. Through the ability to receive these high forces, and through the ability to assimilate and use them, has the constructive work of the Lodge gone forth and advanced in ways unknown to you. We have great cause for rejoicing in those who have found the truth in life in the messages and words given by us for application and higher attainment. Long experience in work such as this makes every loyal and devoted disciple a fit instrument for carrying out the plan and purpose of the Great White Lodge on this outer plane; a nucleus of accumulated power for aiding and helping the whole earth; a synthetic consciousness realizing all comes from God, all are One in God and all go back to God through the evolutionary processes of divine decree. Greater knowledge calls for greater responsibility to the Higher Law as well as to one's fellow men. The great and paramount thing to be ever mindful of is to continue to go forward, to work, serve and sacrifice in unified endeavor, being not attached, but leaving the results to the Great Law. Be eternally vigilant and receptive to the divine forces in and about you for your help and use.

If you ask for words of hope, encouragement, enlightenment and aid in the affairs of the world to-day, I would ask you to look within for the answer; seek the higher road, the illumined pathway, ever holding a positive attitude of Unity with all that lives. Find the jewel of truth amid life's wreckage of doubts, confusion, uncertainties and world-wide destruction, and let not these negative forces cloud your vision, block your path or stay your progress, but rather spur you on to greater determination and purpose of right action.

The process of growth is, and has always been, hard and difficult, and it has been the privilege of all true Templars to build along the Lodge lines since the ancient times. In order that the building should go on for the work to be accomplished along these higher and truer lines, the personal was compelled to merge into the impersonal. Personality had to be lost in a solid unified group, in obedience to the law of centralization. All enduring monuments of antiquity have been built and made to last by obedience to that law. All superhuman tasks throughout the ages have been constructed in obedience to the same law by untiring work, labor, sacrifice and toil. No matter the time, age, circumstances or cycles of endeavor, the same principles are required, and as one evolves spiritually greater is the opportunity, greater is the responsibility and greater is the power of endurance under any strain for intelligent use and service in the Lodge. In no other way can the ultimate

goal be reached. The status in working for any degrees of the Lodge is judged by the ability of accomplishing centralized group work and in the degree of absolute and implicit obedience to each direction, whatever its nature, given by the Hierophant of any Degree of the Lodge. Refusal to render such obedience, placing personal desires above the Lodge directions, forcing personal plans to fit into some aspect of the cosmical plan bars the way, stops the impulse, and diverts generally the original plan and thus delays and hinders the work planned. While the plan may be delayed it cannot be stopped short of its ultimate destination.

The objectifying of the sweeping whirlwinds of destruction now covering the earth has brought all nations and peoples to the realization that this great universal struggle, cosmic in scope, is a conflict between the forces of Evil and the forces of Good affecting every atom in the universe. While this present day worldwide battle, engendered by the forces of evil and hate, is now centered on the physical and mental planes it must be remembered the causes back of it are the results of the broken law; wrong thoughts, words and deeds in many cycles and centuries ago.

While din, noise, destruction and horror endeavor to destroy everything in their way, there is also present the opposite pole of Love, Light and Silence, and when, after striving to overcome each other, a certain point is reached, as result of all the suffering, pain and sacrifice, something infinitely greater is born out of the struggle on the plane of Reality. The suffering by fire has purified and regenerated these forces through renunciation and yielding to the divine will: A New Day is born; a new impulse arises; a new vibration is set in motion which changes the sufferer into a state of inner calm where the still small voice of infinite sweetness utters itself in no uncertain tones. The Voice of God speaks. God rules the Heaven and the Earth, and its inhabitants must work with the Great Law that leads to Righteousness, or fall back into greater darkness. This evolutionary process must go on and on until all pass through the doors of initiation and learn life's great lessons in this seemingly never-ending battle between good and evil. Through spiritual aspirations, true alignment, evoking the higher principles, and obedience to the laws governing all life, the Warrior Soul will some day reach the middle point of peace and balance, the One Great Reality. Whenever in doubt about the ultimate outcome, remember that your first impulse in spiritual aspiration is higher than the purpose of the forces of evil.

In your hours of depression and other fluctuating feelings, which come over you from time to time, you wonder what is the reason for the variations. It is well to remember that there is a constant interaction between the higher and lower forces on all planes. On the higher planes the Ego is in the struggle, and when hours of depression or moments of illumination come to one they are due largely to battles being lost or won on the higher planes, and also to the reflex action of battles lost or won on the physical plane. These always affect the Ego due to the incessant action of the different degrees and their interrelationship on the various planes.



As with the greater battles, so it is with the lesser battles in the daily struggle with the lower forces; and at times the power over them seems unattainable. However, through patience and endurance strength is gained, and victory follows each hard-fought battle with the personality until Soul growth has found the light within the darkness, out of which comes a deep realization that Out of the Darkness comes peace, light and spiritual attainment.

No matter wherever the struggle may be or on what plane or how seemingly hard, there can be no final failure enumerated in the Lodge plan, only postponement of events due to a temporary change of vibrations, interacting with other vibrations in other spheres of action for harmonious adjustment and fulfillment.

The distilled essence of the white petaled Rose, the Divine Attar of the Christ, is showering its heavenly aroma over the earth's aura, sharing its sweet fragrance with the children of man, that its uplifting force of divine power and rare perfume may enable those receptive to help lift the burden from humanity's shoulders. Those defiled with evil odors cannot sense its sweet fragrance until such time as they have become purified and transmuted by the divine power of the Sacred Attar. It is the purified essence of that Great Light, the Christos, "in whom is no darkness whatever," and who came to earth again to give the divine touch, the creative power of Love and Life; to bring about a New Order, a New Civilization based on the spiritual qualities which make for true Brotherhood of all the Races of the Earth; and to free the world from all that prevents the realization and application of the Unity of all Life, so that the people of one part of the world may know and realize that the rest of the world is equal sharer in the Earth and its fruitful possessions, that the vast resources of nature belong to all the people for cultivation, development and Use.

As the Cosmic Fires are sweeping the whole planet the Old Order must crumble, and through the suffering and destruction engendered by the forces of hate there will be brought about a new state of Consciousness—a religious consciousness which will open the heart and mind of man so that the Light of the Christos may enter and the higher vibrations with a wider vision of the deeper concepts of life be applied.

Guardians of the Temple portals, watch well your appointed place! Keep in constant remembrance the sacred duty given in your care. Let not the winds of personality uproot the well-placed roots; rather as seasoned workers continue to keep the pathway clear of stumbling blocks, that souls seeking the Light of Truth may find it in abundance. None can escape the Eye of Him who watcheth over all that ever was, is, or will be; who watcheth over all who falter, hesitate or hate; over all who love and serve well in unselfishness and with true purpose.

Remember, my children, we are all working together in this great work, each one for his own spiritual development, and each one for the spiritual development of the other, and all for each other's higher development in unified endeavor, love and trust. My heartfelt blessings on you all now and in the coming days.

Keep within the circle of protection in and about you for your help and higher guidance.

Your Father-Brother  
Hilarion

July 30th, 1943

The Salutatory, "Warriors of Light"—the sacred Charge given by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the Temple work—was sung by Otto Westfelt. This was followed by the choir singing B.S.'s song, "We Praise Thee," and after this Cethyl Mallory at the piano played parts of the "First Symphony" by Brahms.

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

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

### MONDAY

At 10:30 a. m. in the Temple, the addresses of the Temple officers were delivered. The first address read was by the Guardian-in-Chief, after which those of the other officers followed.

### ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

The Forty-fourth Annual Temple Convention brings us together again, having left a year of greatest world importance. All the world and all the people have become more global conscious because the time has come for a New Order, when all nations may participate in the beginnings of a true brotherhood in fact, and not in theory. During the many years of the Temple's existence on the outer plane it has been ensouled by the Masters of Love and Wisdom, and so over this period of years there has been an accumulation of Lodge Forces going out to humanity for dissemination for the greatest good and benefit of the great whole as well as individual help. There is a decided evidence of this today in all walks of life. As a point of distribution, the Temple has been able to help the world from the interior as well as the exterior planes. Each year adds to the created matrix as each one attunes himself or herself to the magnetic force so generated. In Unity the Temple has gone on and carried out the plans of the Lodge, and its strength lies in the application of that universal principle.

Great tests are upon the peoples of the earth, and victory over the lower self can come only through the fundamental principles of life as laid down by the Masters who govern all degrees of man's existence.

There has been shown a decided interest in the Temple literature the past year. As people go in and search for the truth, they will be drawn to the literature that carries these fundamental tenets. We have received many interesting letters from outsiders inquiring about this Center and the Temple, asking the reason for the aliveness of the contents of its literature, and we can only give the same answer as we have given all through the years: Since its



inception The Temple has been and is impregnated with the Lodge Force, under the direct guidance of the Great Soul Master Hilarion who works through this selected center. One cannot realize the interior power and strength back of the Temple Work until one has assimilated these forces and become a part of the whole, in sacrifice, use and service. As each and everyone gives expression to the divine inner qualities, so will he be able to help externalize the Christly forces now impinging on the aura of humanity.

**Finances:** The Temple wishes to express deep thanks and appreciation for the loyal support of the Group, the devoted service, as well as the financial and material aid given the past year for the upbuilding and support of the Temple work. Without this unselfish service and help, we would be greatly hindered in carrying out the plans of the Master. So as the outer work is supported do the members receive the inner spiritual sustenance, and the group center is kept alive and able to go on with its appointed work. All Lodge work, such as the Temple, must be maintained and strengthened by the qualities of service, sacrifice and use.

As we begin a new year in these momentous times, let us re-dedicate ourselves in unselfish service, to help the world in whatever way called upon, to work as one for the good of all the peoples now and throughout the year.

**Temple Meetings:** The meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple throughout the year, and there has been especially good attendance at all the meetings, showing the deep interior tie between the members as well as the benefit to each one who attends. The healing service is held every day in the Temple at noon, 12: P.W.T., where high impersonal healing forces go out to all attuned, reaching souls searching for truth and light, and so relieve a suffering and distressed world.

**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, may the coming year bring us closer to the Master in the spirit of brotherly love and harmony, and may we work on in Unity for the great cause entrusted to us, holding fast to the principles of true brotherhood. May the Love of the Christos overshadow you now and in future days.

Pearl F. Dower

## ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Fellow Templars and Friends:

If we go back in thought to 1898 when The Temple was founded at the junction of a number of crucial and most significant cosmic cycles whereat the fate of this world hung in the balance, and the then advent of an Avatar which took place with an embodiment on the lower Astral Plane, setting in action forces for the production of a new world order and the birth of a new race,

it can be seen that this was a tremendous moment in the history of the humanity of this globe and of the planet itself.

The changes to be entered into were of such nature that the human race had but one short century in which to prove its right to go on as an evolving entity; and that going on had to consist of its sufficient crossing of the chasm of transmutation that changes the consciousness of the mortal man into that of the Immortal man. In full aspect this change means that the animal soul of the human race must now become transformed into the Human Soul and the human into the Divine, that the race may be lifted nearer to God. The hour struck; the Line had to be crossed. For this vast change there came into the arena of struggling man correspondingly powerful forces of Love, Compassion, Redemption and Illumination from the Godhead, borne on the wings of the Avatar and Others great and Powerful. That moment should have been hailed with reverence, awe and joy supreme by all the millions whose evolution had placed them face to the Doors of Understanding. But it was not. The Annunciation of the Advent, made by The Temple and quickened by the incoming Forces of Light, only stirred into thought and print a superficial discussion of the subject, and this fell shortly into the hands of fake avatars, and sectarian agitators, all wholly ungrounded in the wisdom which rightfully is and should be the intelligent possession of all who are schooled. But the tragedy is that those who should be ready to understand and take side with the forces of good for the preservation of the just and true have never known, or known of, the great spiritual truths of the Ages, nor of that right response to Life Law which alone can carry vital numbers of humanity across the chasm into the New Day. And their ignorance, unfortunately, is not alone in this, for from such consummation countless thousands are doubly barred. Says Dr. Dower in an issue of the Temple Artisan of 1901, "The impure breath of lust and selfishness has dimmed the splendor of the world soul—has dethroned the pure red of life's rose, mixed it in the mire of the lower nature and changed it to forms of slime in the dungeons of the senses . . . . The normal forces of evolution can not act when the mental, moral and social life of the world is so unnatural and perverted as at the present time; and it would seem that nothing but terrible calamities to the earth would be able to sweep aside the gnarled forms of vice, hatred and inhumanity that obstruct true progress on all lines."

And since that time, how the world has thickened in treachery, vice and violence! When The Temple was founded Master Hilarion said, "The final meeting of the colossal antagonists of the present cycle draws nearer year by year." And already the forces of human slaughter and global desolation were on their way, for within the purview of that cyclic moment stood several lesser wars, and following them, came World War I. This in turn was followed by an appalling depression wherein millions of humans starved and lost their homes, their all, in the midst of a bounteous earth. Then came World War II, sweeping the globe with a fiery deluge of destruction. And the struggle is truly colossal.

Of the forces in it Master Hilarion says, "The forces awakened are those that have never before been called into being. They are the accumulations of the ages that have been held back until now, but they can be held no longer; their time has come, and the wars that occur will be worse than any that have ever desolated the earth. All the energy, all the ambition, all the power and means that should have been used for the elevation of the masses of the world, have been put into the destruction of deadly implements of war; and the forces generated by these actions are something terrific. There is only one thing that can save the people: a realization of their condition. A great effort is now being put forth by the Lodge to wake the people up. The new John the Baptist (The Temple) has been sent forth. If the people will hear and obey it is not too late; but if they turn away, if they will not hear or obey, there is nothing that can save them."

And they have not obeyed; they have not heard; and theirs is the night side of the forces now gripping the earth. But, fortunately, this is not all, for amongst the heedless masses and the strong and unscrupulous leaders there are the few, those who can feel and understand; and, out of their understanding, spread the forces of Light; for over against the powers of evil comes the Power of the Avatar, bringing Light, Love and Justice into the arena. Of this Power Master Hilarion says, "In these days, referred to by the ancient seers as 'The Latter Rain', there is an outpouring of Force that is drenching the souls of the illumined with light, and arousing the consideration of even the selfish man to a sense of the spiritual basis of life, and invoking a response from what may be termed the heart side of humanity, as never before in the history of mankind in the present age. It is the Force of the Christos, the Love Force, the reconstructing, upbuilding, Universal fiery Force from the Heart of God—the Holy Ghost, which always precedes the advent of the 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 incites to 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 of soul."

This Force has been steadily increasing since the dawn of this century. And it was through the response in the hearts and lives of such as these that a wave of altruism could arise in the wake of the great depression and sweep through the halls of government, bringing help and succor to the impoverished masses and fraternal attention to the forgotten man. It is this great Force that widens our visions today, and men of good will continue to be stirred into righteous and telling action by it. Truly we stand in the midst of a transforming world surrounded by uncertainty, strife and hate, hope, aspiration and determination on the part of each one to win in the cause he has chosen. And here and there amidst the encircling gloom of night and the clash of war the still small voice of

the Christ speaks His message of unity and interdependence.

God is Love and Love is the fulfillment of the Law. It walks in the silent night, and man in his intellect does not know, but he feels the impress of the Presence and puts out a comrade hand to reach another in the dark. The world is full of moving accidents of flood and field, many of them flashing pictures on the screen of observation as fact and symbol of mystic truths appearing in the commonplace. And here is one of them. It is graphic and appealing. It says much between the lines:

A noted war correspondent at the front, Ernie Pyle, pictured with fine perception some of the insides of these transforming days, as they appeared in a convoy episode. He was with the Sicilian invasion fleet crossing the sea in the thick of night, and he says, "Dusk brought a change. Not feeling fear at all but somehow an acute sense of the drama we were playing at that moment on the face of the sea that has known such a major share of the world's great warfare. In the faint light of dusk forms became indistinguishable. Nearby ships were only heavier spots against the heavy background of the night." Then out of nowhere a young man spoke, megaphoning a report to the commander of the fleet. "You could not see the speaker . . . You could picture a boyish skipper over there in his life jacket and binoculars . . . Some young man who had so recently been so normally unaware of any sea at all . . . and now here he was a strange new man in command of a ship, suddenly transformed into a person with awful responsibilities carrying out with great intentness his special small part of the enormous aggregate that is our war on all the lands and seas of the globe.

In his unnatural presence there in the rolling darkness of the Mediterranean you realized vividly how everybody in America has changed, how every life suddenly stopped and suddenly began again on a different course. Everything in this world has stopped except war, and we are all men of new professions out in some strange night caring for each other.

The whole darkness enveloped the American Armada. Not a pinpoint of light showed from those hundreds of ships as they surged on through the night toward their destiny, carrying across this ageless and indifferent sea tens of thousands of young men of new professions, fighting for . . . for . . . well, at least for each other."

And thus move men on into new terrain on old lands across old, old seas of swift change. And the morrow is secure. We grow on apace. There will be a new Heaven and a new Earth. The mind and heart of man will be changed.

Says Master Hilarion in a more recent instruction than those given above, titled *The Vision*, "From time to time there is thrown on the world screen, here an etching, there a vivid outline; and, in the most secret place, a full broad picture whereon 'the open-eyed' alone can gaze and understand. Bounden eyes have been unbound, blind eyes have been opened to *The Vision* of the future—that future which is even now, in part, of the past, and which



stretches on in the sight of those who have caught that Vision, to inconceivable heights beyond where now dwell the redeemers of this dark star.

Blind eyes have been made to see, dumb lips to speak strange words, and over the whole world there is rising a wave of aspiration which will reach to the Heart of God and evoke a response that will unloose the flood-gates of that Stream that has been dammed up in the souls of humanity for so long—the Stream of Desire for perfect realization of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This realization will ultimately eventuate in a readjustment of conditions which have hitherto barred the way to the understanding of one nation's problems by another."

Fred Whitney

### ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

This is the 44th Annual Convention of the Temple members, and those 44 years have been very significant years indeed in the development of humanity. Changes have come during this period which will mark it through the years to come as a time during which the attitude of man to man has undergone a very great change, perhaps the greatest and most significant which has ever occurred in a similar length of time. Forty odd years is a long time in the life of a man, but a very short time indeed in the general scheme of things; and during the years that have passed since The Temple was founded great progress has been made in the evolution of human affairs and many adjustments have been made. Perhaps the most significant of these have been in the relationship between capital and labor. The human element is gradually becoming accepted as the essential factor, and the employer is beginning to recognize how important to the success of his business are the welfare and happiness of his employees.

Aside from the abnormalities which the war has brought about, the conditions under which the worker lives are infinitely better (in this country at least) than they were forty years ago, and he enjoys far more of the good things of life now than he did then. Many factors have entered into building up a happier state of affairs, the development of machinery, trade unions, and what not; but perhaps the most important factor has been the gradual infiltration into the race of the higher principles of justice and compassion—the consideration of the rights of others. This takes place so gradually that one hardly notices it as it occurs; but comparing then with now, the strides made have been very great indeed.

The Temple philosophy teaches us that all things in the universe are in process of evolution—vegetables and animals—humans, both in body and mind—and that the relationship of men one to another is slowly becoming finer and more spiritual by the application of these divine principles of compassion and justice in place of the animal qualities of greed and selfishness. The process is a long one, and the end far away, but it is along these lines that a

lasting progress must be made. The illustration of the house that was built upon a rock is very applicable here; and, to last, all progress must be built upon these spiritual qualities of justice and compassion. If the foundation rests upon anything else the seeds of disintegration are automatically built into the structure, and, like the house built upon the sand, it cannot endure.

Justice and compassion come from the heart. They are spiritual impulses, and if followed and applied in human relationships they build something that will last. Like the house built upon a rock, a structure whose foundation is in justice and compassion will withstand any forces which may be thrown against it—because it is founded on something that is spiritual and eternal, and therefore is in line with and a part of the great evolutionary current which is carrying all things along towards something which is higher and better.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain  
And dies among her worshipers."

I do not remember who wrote these lines—he passed on long ago—but the lesson contained in them is as applicable today as it was when he wrote them down, for it is based on a very fundamental law of Life.

What has been called the Inner Temple is a-building all the time, it is being created by humanity as it emerges out of the darkness into the Light—out of selfishness into unselfishness; and every act of every one of us which is actuated by one of the twelve basic spiritual qualities is a stone built into the Inner Temple. Love, Faith, Hope, Unselfishness, Justice, Charitableness, Devotion, Courage, Humility, Endurance, Perseverance, and above all Compassion—it is from these qualities that the Inner Temple is being built.

Many of us live most of the time in the negative aspects of these qualities. We are afraid, and uncharitable and critical; and filled with conceit and condemnation, and the Path is a hard one. But the key of sacrifice of the personal to the impersonal will open the doors for us; and, like the golden thread which guided the princess who was lost in a labyrinth of underground caves and tunnels, we, also, have a golden thread which we may follow out of the darkness and into the Light. This thread has twelve strands, the twelve basic qualities enumerated, and from them alone can the true Inner Temple be built.

Ernest Harrison.

### ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Dear Comrades and Friends:

As we move forward and onward year by year, as individuals following a common Ideal, we become more and more aware of ourselves as a Group Entity. We find that we are less drawn to the personal side of life, and more concerned with the altruistic life pattern of the Group Ideal. This Ideal has its roots deeply imbed-

ded in the principle of Unity based on the Law of Centralization, the controlling Law of all growth and development. To depart from this Law means to lose the power of rightfully attracting and disseminating the evolutionary forces of this important Avataric Key Cycle of Lodge effort, and nullifies all reasons for our Group endeavor.

Certain vital qualities and powers are generated through this self-conscious effort toward Group unity, which are of incalculable value to the race consciousness of humanity. This would be true of any group formation imbued with a similar ideal. To a group formed under a Guardianship, such as the Temple, the value of such effort can hardly be overestimated. We are fortified by continuous Master guidance, lovingly given, while reminded of the stern admonition given at the beginning of the work, "you go as a Group, or you go not at all." When we lose sight of this warning, we may be quite sure that we are more or less temporarily off line.

Personal problems continue to exist because of the constant flow of the evolutionary forces through old and new unredeemed or untried channels, but to a seasoned onlooker there is a general ripening evident, a richness of character that knows where it is going and why. With a Hierarchical lineage so unassailable as the Temple's, we need only faithfulness to our ideal for accomplishment.

To become militantly alive, with a sensitized awareness to enemy attack entering our stronghold through insidious weaknesses in oneself and others, to be fully aware of the task to be shouldered in eradicating or transmuting such weaknesses, to know that such weaknesses must be neutralized or redeemed, while at the same time cultivating the powers of forbearance, forgiveness and brotherliness and love, is only one part of the disciple's effort. It means daily, hourly, constant striving with the enemy forces, and the ability to take defeat and turn it into Victory.

To know that it is equally important, for the safety of the Group structure, that we refrain from undermining our own efforts at purification through mistrust or dread of failure, as it is to openly distrust or undermine the efforts of our co-disciples in the same capacity. This overconscientiousness is based on fear and is deadly in its action of selfcondemnation. We know that we must be capable of looking at the heights and depths within ourselves with equanimity, to meet sometimes with almost constant failure to attain, without losing faith in ourselves and others, knowing that by keeping alive that spark of Faith during the stress and trials of spiritual labor, we not only prove its very existence, but we are enabled to pass on that quality, fortified by endurance, to others with less vision and experience.

To grow into the pattern of a spiritual Ideal takes co-operation of a vastly different nature from that which is understood from the world standpoint. And it is while learning this new language that we feel the growing pains, so aptly described as pledge fever. We learn that spiritual growth has its correspondence to ordinary physical growth with its resultant stages of childhood, adolescence

and maturity in exact ratio. It is when the adolescent period is prolonged through a long continued course of wrong action based on disobedience, that we open the doors to stagnation and failure to attain. We honor age with its ripened occult wisdom, and to the awakened consciousness there is no more pathetic sight than a comrade, who, instead of growing into his birthright, has stagnated into what can be fitly described as spiritual coma.

There is no standing still on the Path. It is onward and upward or backward and downward, and this warning is given to each new aspirant to the Spiritual Heights. Our lives and acts are measured accurately by the Law, and when we undertake the task of purification we do so with open eyes.

It takes years of unremitting effort to understand the difference between an intellectual concept of the Ideal and the actual incorporation of that Ideal into a living reality. It takes time to understand why the intellect, with its iron will of pride in mental achievement, is the chief enemy of all spiritual growth; but it is also a sure sign of an upward step, when that realization has been attained.

Again, it takes time and experience to learn that in this great spiritual warfare there is no place for the "sweetness and light" isolationism, which sits serene on the sidelines, while more discerning comrades are being beaten down by the opposing forces, little realizing that through this very action is the enemy aided, and the battle between Light and Darkness made more difficult.

All this we know as disciples on the Path to Spiritual attainment. And it is not in vain repetition that we again state these well known truths, but that we give them life and more life, that we love them again into more vibrant reality, in deep thanksgiving for our great privilege in voicing them from the Heart as a Group.

Ebba Whitney

### ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear Comrades and Friends of The Temple:

Greetings of deep love to you at this our group's Forty-fourth Annual Convention! Words can only faintly express the gratitude that moves the heart at this sacred hour when for a brief spell of recess, after another year's work, we are together again in the heart of The Temple to commune with one another, to renew old ties of friendship, and to be strengthened and uplifted through high Lodge forces which at this time each year the Masters assembled in holy Convention on inner planes pour into this Center, that through us they may flow into the world. Let us fill our whole being with them, as we dedicate ourselves anew, each year with a greater understanding of our duties, and a deeper realization of truth to our beloved work.

How differently can we look into the future of the human race today in comparison to last year, when the enemies of humanity were in full array of seemingly unlimited power, bringing death and destruction over the earth. Today their armies are broken, their strength is waning, while our armies, the armies of the Allies, en-



souled and activated by the nearness of the Light of the Avatar, realizing that they fight not only for themselves, but for the rights and freedom of the whole human race, are steadily growing in strength and power. America—as the Master predicted—has become a "Beacon Light" towards which other nations look for guidance and help. The President's promise of the "Four Freedoms" to be given to the peoples of the post war world sounds like a wonderful prelude to the Coming New Day whose first faint flush of Light we can now see afar on the horizon, bringing new hope and encouragement to the suffering world.

However, we know that the war cannot be ended and lasting Peace cannot come until the "Fires of Purification" have done away with all inhumanity, selfishness and separateness among races, nations, and individuals; until the human race, collectively and individually, has become conscious of the truth that "man is his brother's keeper," and that only united the human race can continue to live.

We, beloved comrades, can and must help to shorten this process as we continue to work, more than ever before, with all our love and devotion to the Master for the awakening of the consciousness of the race. We must carry the Master's touch, his forces of love and enlightenment, in all we do, in our every thought and word; we must give of his teachings, the truth given to us, to all who are open to receive it, to all whom we can reach. We have to stand in our work with obedience to the Higher Self, with determination and sacrifice of self untiringly, as the soldier who has pledged his life to his country must stand on the battlefield. It is our specific part in this war, this cycle of transmutation, aside from all other service and support which we may give to our country.

Comrades at a distance have repeatedly asked how they could best serve in the Master's Cause. So let us quote once more the following words of the Master which are even more applicable today than when they were given years ago.

"Many, many souls are waiting in the world today for just the touch, just the word that would bring them into The Temple . . . Wherever sorrow and tribulation have done their work in the world and softened the hearts of people, there is an opportunity for you to take a message from me. It matters not whether you have ever seen that person in your present life or not—the very fact that you have been drawn to consideration of that person's need shows that there is a karmic connection between you, and you have a duty toward that person; whether you are thus aroused by a notice in a daily paper, or whether it comes to you from some other source, your duty is there. You will not have to seek far for the message you should give. It is written in your heart. Whether that message may seem to fail of results immediately or not, matters little; a connection is made and help can thereby be given." . . .

Wherever we may be placed by the Law of Karma and under whatever conditions, we are all outposts in the Master's Temple

work, torch bearers of the Light of the Christ, to seek and find those in need of comfort and enlightenment, to enkindle the divine love in their hearts, and "to bring them into conscious union with all that lives." With letters of living fire must the Master's Love and the great charge he gave to us—"to re-temple the earth with the Fires of Holy Aspiration"—be written in our hearts and souls so that we never forget this sacred mission. Nothing matters in our work, nothing matters in life but Love. Unless our hearts are dissolved in love for the human race and all life, it is useless to go any further, says the Master. And only as we yield our lives, only as we give our all in united, centralised work, welded together in true bonds of love and Brotherhood, can we be the instrument for the Master to give the impulse for a new racial embodiment to the world.

To quote from the Master's Message to the Temple convention, 1927:

"As a movement at this time you are mostly concerned with the bringing of the Divine into form along the lines of true esotericism . . . It is relatively simple to bring a perfected body into existence, but an entirely different service to give it Life along true Lodge lines and principles. Desire and Will control this order. There are no more difficult principles to conquer, and to hold when mastered. But when accomplished the Lodge Lines are established. These lines are always universal and are the Pathway for the Kumaras to enter in—incarnate in the Auric sphere of a new racial embodiment, giving it the Light, Wisdom and Power of the Higher Triad . . .

You are given power and privilege to consciously become sons and daughters of the Lodge because of right won in battles well fought, and are now given increased opportunity to use that power anew for yourselves to lift the maimed and suffering on every side, to draw closer and yet closer to one another and to me, or you can let that power turn and rend you—as you will . . .

It is the Hero Path of Life you walk. The coward, the fool-hardy cannot remain thereon . . . You must walk as one unwavering, steer your course safely through all complexities, difficulties, multiplicities . . . You are traveling the Highway of Life at a time when the pageant of souls is passing at high pressure, swift speed, increasing daily, hourly in intensity. As you quicken yourselves with Singleness of purpose, attended with concentration and conservation of force and effort in devotion to your fellowmen and your God—the Father-Mother Source of Life and Being—so shall your ideals be reached, your dreams realised, your joy be full . . ."

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