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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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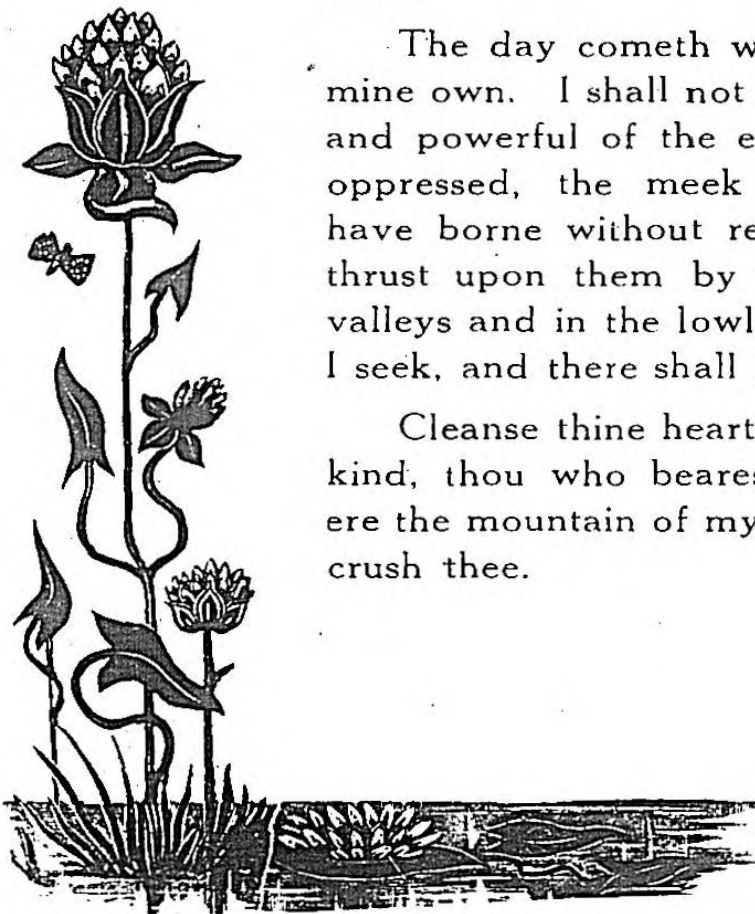
UNTO THEE A KEY

MAKE PEACE

I will come unto thee and smite thee, saith the Ancient of Days, if thou heedest not my commands to deal righteously with thy brethren, for I am thy Lord who loveth thee. I will smite thee in love to save thee from the Oppressor of Souls.

The day cometh when I shall seek and find mine own. I shall not find many among the rich and powerful of the earth, but among the sore oppressed, the meek and long-suffering who have borne without reprisal the heavy burdens thrust upon them by their fellowmen. In the valleys and in the lowly places of the earth shall I seek, and there shall I find mine own.

Cleanse thine heart and make peace with thy kind, thou who bearest the sword of injustice, ere the mountain of my wrath shall fall upon and crush thee.



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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 5 to 10, 1944

For the forty-fifth time the Temple Group has met in annual Convention. The Convention was blessed by great spiritual uplift and an outpouring of protective forces from inner realms for the help and guidance of humanity along constructive lines at this most crucial period in the evolution of the human race.

On Saturday, August 5, the usual social gathering took place in Hiawatha Lodge where arriving guests were greeted. The Outer Guard read the Master Message titled "The Lodge of The Red Star." Some musical selections and readings followed. The choir, under the direction of and accompanied by Ebba Whitney, sang "The Cauldron" and "The Harp of Life," Carolyn Forgostein and Cethyl Mallory gave piano numbers and Olive Hoff a trombone solo; Patricia Mallory read a selection. Light refreshments were served.

SUNDAY

The Healing Service at high noon in the Temple was conducted by the Outer Guard Fred Whitney.

The opening meeting of the Convention was held at 3 p. m. A precessional on organ and piano was played by Ebba Whitney and Cethyl Mallory. "The Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" was sung. Then the Guardian-in-Chief, Mrs. Pearl F. Dower, formally opened the Forty-fifth Annual Convention of The Temple of The People by invoking the blessings of the Great White Lodge on all proceedings of the Convention as follows:

"IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT WHITE LODGE AND BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE I HEREWITH OPEN THIS FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION BY INVOKING THE GUIDANCE AND BLESSINGS OF THE POWERS THAT RULE THE DESTINIES OF WORLDS AND RACES, THE BROTHERS OF THE FIRE MIST, THE DHYAN CHOANS AND DHYANI BUDDHAS, THE MASTERS OF LOVE AND WISDOM, ON ALL PROCEEDINGS AND ALL WHO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON OR IN SPIRIT IN THIS CONVENTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL HUMANITY, PROMOTING THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

This was followed by the singing in unison of the powerful Convocation Hymn, "Gitchie Manitou, the Mighty." Then the Guardian in Chief read the Message of The Master to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

Greetings I give unto you, my children of the New Dispensation in all lands and countries, and to all peoples wherever you may be in the broad expanse of this world.

Greetings I give unto you, my children here assembled, as once again you are gathered together to partake of the Spiritual food, the food that nourishes the Soul, the food that replenishes the tired and weary of body amid the stress and strain of a Cosmic Battle which none can escape. As all are One in essence bound together by a chord of Infinite Love, so all who aspire to a higher order of living must do their part in helping to win the battle for Right and Truth.

Life in its intricate weavings and interweavings, deep in experiences, ever tries to bring and hold man closer to the higher Life, to the One Central Heart from which all life radiates. The divine power, the power of God within yourselves shows how much inner strength you have gained to overcome the many obstacles you have met and will meet along life's pathway. In times of impatience and desire to take a shorter route, it must always be remembered that the process of true growth is slow but sure, and must be gained by varied degrees and in countless and innumerable ways. By holding and enduring while the heat of the battle is raging the hardest, growth and strength are the result, and this enables the aspirant to come closer to the Light and Glory of God, Creator of all Life.

In the struggle between the Forces of Darkness and the Forces of Light, humanity suffers deeply through the negative forces of hate, doubt, disbelief, fear, discouragements and uncertainties, which enter in wherever there is a suitable soil. When one opens his aura to these forces, he is bound to be affected by them. To counteract this, seek the higher level, vibrant and pulsating, and cultivate the positive forces of love, light, faith, hope, courage and trust. Let not your consciousness dwell on the negative forces but rather keep your eye on the true vision of life in its totality, its majestic plan and purpose. Hold in mind the Strength of the Lodge in its completion; its Grandeur and transcendental Glory. Great is the Light that flashes from the radiant Central Spiritual Sun, the guiding power of all life. The Hierarchical Line with its myriad lives carries out Its Plan and Purpose, guided by the Masters of Wisdom, and works thru Infinite Mind and Divine Ideation. That which has been gained and deeply rooted in the heart of man can never be destroyed by those limited in power who wage war against the higher aims and purposes of the Great Evolutionary

Law. The Light of the Lodge, illuminating and radiant, shines brighter and stronger than the darkness of any limited power. Out of the maze of darkness and destruction, life's victories have ever been gained and won by sore travail of Soul through pain, suffering and sacrifice in selfless service for the highest and greatest good of all. Eventually Truth conquers over all adversities. Infinite Love stamps its Seal of permanency on all who have mounted to the higher understanding through life's deep experiences, and even though lost for a time, each and everyone must eventually go back to the fountain head, the Source of all Life, for help and guidance.

The Masters of Wisdom make it possible for that Great Light, the Christos, to come closer to the earth and help man in his hours of darkness and show the way of Truth; to heal the wounds of the suffering; to answer the prayers of countless men of all races seeking the Light that shines eternally; to give hope and courage to the suppressed and downtrodden when liberated from the powers of evil.

The Law of Retribution exists in the Eternal, and as such it is action itself. The impersonal action of the Great Law of Life does not bring sorrow and suffering upon man. It is man's selfish acts that bring about all the trouble and suffering, with his selfish determination to defy the Law of Righteousness. Sorrow and suffering are the result of these blind plans. So the Great Universal Adjuster tries to restore harmony out of such blind actions, which must be punished and expiated in accordance with Divine Law if Harmony be restored. The interaction of all life forces goes on ceaselessly and without end.

Heartfelt greetings to the Temple Builders, the future Templars who function the child-heart forces that go out into the world and reach the youth of to-day. As life repeats itself again and again, and as you Builders take up your life work, you must take advantage of the opportunities to learn and gain knowledge from your parents and teachers, who have traveled this pathway earlier than you have. You will then learn life's lessons, the way to develop higher knowledge and to apply these truths in everyday living, which is to live in the spirit of love and unselfish service.

The Avataric Force, released to the world many years ago, is spreading its rays of Light on all, and those attuned receive it and use it for the help and benefit of their fellowmen, lightening mankind's burdens. That Great Spiritual Light ever sheds its rays to uplift man out of his material beliefs into spiritual knowledge.

The people of all lands and nations must hold and function the Ideal and Vision of Universal Brotherhood; they must will that there be a Higher Order of Living in closer attunement with the Christ Consciousness; they must will to be freed from suffering and want; from those who would conquer and enslave other nations. They must will that doubt, distrust and inharmony be driven from their hearts, and then work in love and harmony and mutual un-

derstanding with their fellowmen in and among all nations. When it is so willed by all, for the Highest Good of All, then can there be Universal Peace, a Unification of all the Races of Mankind.

My love and blessings on you all now and in the future days. And as you assimilate the high forces poured upon you at this time, may you carry on your Temple duties in that spirit and send it out to all others that they may receive benefit from it. Always try to realize the Great Mission of the Avatar and its true application, which is to work One for All and All for One.

Your Father-Brother,

HILARION

August 3, 1944.

Otto Westfelt then sang the Salutatory, "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth," the sacred Charge given to The Temple by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the work in 1898. This was followed by a piano solo of parts from Brahms' Symphony No. 1, played by Cethyl Mallory, and the choir sang Blue Star's hymn, "We Praise Thee." The celebration of the sacred Feast of Fulfillment concluded 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 read. The session was opened with a piano selection by Cethyl Mallory, the Pastorale by Mozart. All in unison recited the "Words of Force" and sang the Unifying Chant. The address of the Guardian-in-Chief was read by Lottie Ferguson. There were piano selections played by Carolyn Forgostein, and the meeting was closed with the Mantrams and the Consecration Hymn.

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

As we are gathered together for our Forty-fifth annual Temple Convention, we can feel great pride and gratitude in the many years of long uninterrupted Conventions held by the Temple under the guidance of Master Hilarion, receiving the blessings from on high that mankind may learn the ways of God and his mission.

After so many years we can be called a seasoned group of adults, realizing the great responsibility of the Temple work and our responsibility for continuing to carry on in greater and greater measure. We can also be grateful for the sturdy pioneers—our past leaders and members who carried out the directions for the Temple work as given them by the Masters. Many attempts were made to obstruct the work but the light was stronger than the darkness, and the work went on even though they had to stop along the way and clear the rubbish.

This has been a year of sober deliberation the world over, as the forces of destruction fill the earth with horror, pain and suffering. In time these destructive forces must give way to the con-

structive forces as the Forces of Light forge ahead with true aim and purpose of deliverance. With the world so full of sorrow and suffering many people are indrawing their consciousness to the spiritual realm, seeking the light and comfort of The Christ's message.

Many inquiries and letters have been received asking for The Teachings of the Temple. One kind member wrote and asked if she could start a fund for the reprinting of the Teachings. The Temple gratefully accepted her offer. So we have now renewed a fund for reprinting the valuable book, The Teachings of The Temple. Others are adding to it, and any further contributions to the fund will be appreciated.

Finances. ..We are indeed grateful to our members for their devoted service and loyal support during the past year. Also to all our members here and everywhere we wish to express thanks and appreciation for the material and financial aid given for the support and up-building of the work. "Give and ye shall receive." If you give of your best in support and service, so will you receive the spiritual sustenance, which interaction makes it possible to carry on the work under the direction of the Masters. The qualities of service, sacrifice and use keep alive the forces at work at the center. In the future days continue to keep the flame of spiritual aspiration warm in your hearts, that it may flow out to all others.

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 M., 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," with the headquarters at Halcyon, San Luis Obispo County, California.

Beloved Comrades, with the coming year, may we all stand closer together, and continue to work in the spirit of Unity, Harmony and Brotherly Love, and hue closer to the line of centralization.

Pearl F. Dower.

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Friends and Temple Comrades:

We are come together once again in annual convention assembled, and this is a momentous day, for in this world cycle the most powerful effort yet made to suppress and even stamp out and destroy the enlightened as well as the unevolved souls of the race is tottering to its fall in physical defeat on the battle fronts of the world.

This is the outcome at this day, and the promise is that what has been won that is good will endure into the great New Day. But just what will the masses of the human race have gained, if anything to mention, when this war is over?

To understand what this present victory means, or may mean to the mass of mankind, let us look into the background. Man is an evolving entity in an evolving world. Time and his labors are marked off in periods by the law of cycles involved in all growth and change. Every effort man makes moves through a cycle of action until the energy that gave it birth is spent, then it returns to the point of inception, bearing the fruits of the effort made whether the cycle be that of one person or that of the whole human race. So long as the fruits are true and right growth is accomplished and souls move forward in the destiny of humanity, but when the results are negative or vitiated those guilty drop behind, and if such action is persisted in they must finally lose all strength, initiative and power to go on, and thus drop out of the evolutionary stream into stagnation, facing spiritual death: thus, a single soul, or even the entire humanity of a planet.

However, such destruction does not take place readily. Ages may go by with mankind, or an appallingly large percentage of it, standing almost motionless at the crossroads of attainment dully or viciously refusing to accept and act upon the only conditions that make possible its next step upward. This tragic fact is pointed out in a lesson on Unity in Teachings of The Temple which says in part: "As far back in the annals of time as sacred and profane history can take you, and eons before any of the records now recognized as authentic history were ever thought out and tabulated; at a time when only the records of the astral light were available for research, the thinking animal-man destroyed his opportunity for rapid advance in the life scale by persistent disobedience to one divine law, the Law of Unity; and the same sad tale with all its ghastly details will sometime be recorded of the present generation.

"No matter how great the issue, how terrible, the results both to themselves, and to the unborn races which follow them, personal ambition, lust for power and place, hatred with its brood of devils, will turn away the sheeplike masses of human beings into separate channels. And nothing can hold those so actuated to the one great underlying principle of progress... The one unending riddle of the universe is the hidden cause of the blindness of mankind. Why is it that man is willing to suffer and make others suffer age after age when it could be prevented by just being true to the principle of Unity?"

Such is the position. And if evolution, which is the law of change and growth into new and better conditions, is a fact it must be evident that such a stagnation could not remain forever. Man as a mass had to come finally to trial on the issue, and he is there now. This is what the long-prophesied Armageddon is

about, and a large part of its struggles is still ahead. Nor does it seem that anything like the real victory of law over lawlessness, good over evil, stand before us as the outcome of this present war. We are warned that "The same sad tale will sometime be recorded of the present generation."

Still, as devastating as the incomparable wars of this period may be, there is something very much better in store this time, even if the betterment does have to come after "The same sad tale" is told. At the dawn of this century the world entered the Sign of the Son of Man and a great universal Messianic Age, and, also, the cycle of the Armageddon. Even at that time world conditions were so critical it was said by One Who Knows that the humanity of this planet had but one short century in which to prove its right to go on as an evolving entity. In the intensity of the struggles precipitated on inner planes between White and Black Forces, and the rampant evil of man on the surface of the earth, the planet was in peril.

However, the Messianic, or Avataric, Forces were at the same time imparting great power to all true disciples of the Lodge then in incarnation—and, also, rendering help to all other seekers after truth and righteousness. And in the midst of these struggles there arose—inconspicuously enough—a three-fold tower of strength amongst these disciples, and with graphic results. To quote a passage from Teachings of The Temple, one which has been previously in such discussion, but which when used in connection with the following is of especial point:

"Twenty-one years ago there were but three disciples out of forty-nine, divided into seven groups, of seven individualities each, and located at different points of the western half of the globe, who were strongly enough fortified exteriorly and interiorly to bear the effects of the action of opposing forces of the age and so enable the Lodge of Initiates to form fixed auric centers in their immediate vicinity for use in the connecting of three or more planes by such Initiates . . . Their sacrifice and unselfish intelligent work for humanity has resulted in the formation of nine similar auric centers by the Initiates through which may be sent and received the lines of force which will furnish the Initiate substance for building and sustaining great numbers of vehicles—astro-mental bodies—capable of bearing the vibrations of newly incarnating Egos of greater age and experience than those now incarnated."

Which means the coming of a universal new type,—or we might say more of the rarest type—of leadership into the world through the incarnation of "Great numbers" of the older, truer and wiser souls of the race, coming in through these "Three and Nine" channels, as it is said further on, that have been built for and by them to teach, lead and rule the children of men with the powers of good instead of evil. It will be their mission to lift up and help forward the undeveloped and the fallen masses of mankind. And this instruction goes on to say, "To the uninitiated the formation of nine auric centers, impossible of contact through the physical senses, would seem of little importance; but to 'Those Who Know' it is the greatest event of the present Manvantara, for it means the advancement of the human race at a rate hitherto

unimagined; and whatever be the cost in the way of material loss, the gain will be immeasurably greater."

Thus the answer to the above question. And what answer could be greater? Fourth-plane man will no longer be left facing life helpless in ignorance, or thrown to the mercies of the Beast, but will be led on and upward into an open and greatly facilitated Path to the final crown of his earthly lives.

To be sure, all such forecasts of human betterment are classed as ideals, and as such are to be rejected and thrown out of mind by the practical people of the world, the self-appointed leaders of the aforesaid masses, as being things undesirable to do or impossible of being done. To them there is no other foundation for an ideal than that it is a mere dream of a visionary or the sublimated guess of a religionist. But to these practical people let it be said that they are those who practice the things which already are; while all the world's progress is fathered by Vision, everything that comes into manifestation being born first in the inner planes of Light where High Masters dwell and reflect their knowledge into the minds of men. Man cannot dream that which he cannot do, and he cannot do that which he has not dreamed. This whole great world of ours, made of milliards of things and men and angels, was once but a dream in the mind of God, a picture suspended in the Aether. And we are that picture come true. High ideals are not inventions, whether they be the Commandments of Moses or the Atlantic Charter. They are previsions of things to come, reflections cast forward for fulfillment of the life of the planet itself.

FRED WHITNEY

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

Our older members are well aware that The Temple as an organization was originated to succeed the old Theosophical Society and that the main requirement of each of these movements was that its members should believe in and be willing to work for the establishment of a Universal Brotherhood of Man upon Earth. To quote from one of the earlier teachings: "The true disciple will maintain a constant struggle against his lower nature and constantly work for the betterment of humanity, thus keeping within his heart the light of that Self which is our link with the Lodge and the radiation of the eternal Spiritual Sun." This sentence contains the essence and indeed the whole import of the Temple work. Further, the teaching says, "Tests and trials will come in the affairs of life and the relations with one's fellow-men."

We were then told that he who would tread the Path must learn to look his own nature squarely in the face; that he must tread the Path alone, and that his trials and difficulties will be proportionate to the intensity of his efforts and aspirations. The higher the hill we essay to climb, the greater the effort and the more the discomfort.

To quote again, "Good and evil are relative and are intensified or lessened according to the conditions by which man is surrounded. One who belongs to the lay majority is in many cases irresponsible. Crimes committed in ignorance involve physical but not moral responsibility." In other words, we are held by the great Law of Karma responsible for our acts, and will be rewarded or punished for them in proportion to our self-conscious development: our awareness of our surroundings.

In a book written by Stewart Edward White, entitled "Credo," the author shows how the universe from the mineral through the vegetable, animal, and human kingdoms, and thence onward to the divine, is in a constant state of evolving from the lower towards the higher, and that this evolution consists of a gradual expansion of consciousness, or, as he expresses it, "of an increase of awareness." With this awareness comes responsibility, a deeper and wider contact with life and an increase in the possibilities of one's influence on one's surroundings.

When the process of evolution has brought us to the degree of awareness embodied in an intelligent human being, we will probably be impressed with our responsibility to our fellow men—and it is at this point that we can tune our consciousness in to the spiritual impulses which are continually being sent out, as from a radio sending station, by the "angelic hosts of the inner spheres," that is, by those souls who have preceded us on the ladder of evolution and whose function it is to give those who follow whatever guidance and assistance will benefit them. By cultivating the ability to hear and listen to these impulses or messages from those who have gone before, the Spiritual Will, distinguished from the personal will, may be cultivated.

I will quote from a paper issued many years ago about the development of the Spiritual Will: "Anyone can develop to that extent which is possible for each the spiritual will. It is developed by true unselfishness, a sincere and full desire to be guided, ruled, and assisted by the Higher Self, and to do that which, and suffer or enjoy whatever the Higher Self has in store for one by way of discipline and experience; by sinking as much as possible, day by day, little by little, the mere personal self. The observances and practices must be mental and moral. They must be in the nature of an actual sacrifice of the personal self, which—acting as a mortification of the latter—begins to loosen the hold of the lower and bring out the powers of the higher nature. Little by little, if the voice of the conscience is attended to, the spiritual will develops and works. This is one of the occult meanings of the Christian Scriptures, "not my will but thine be done."

Very early in the Temple work we were given a measuring rod by which we can determine the source of these impulses. We were told that our thoughts and actions are impelled at all times by one or more of twelve basic qualities of character, and these qualities were enumerated. They are as follows: Love, Hope, Faith,

Justice, Charity, Devotion, Courage, Humility, Endurance, Compassion, Perseverance, Unselfishness.

Each quality has a positive and a negative aspect, that is, it may be used as a builder or as a destroyer. To illustrate we may take the basic quality of justice. The negative side of justice is, of course, injustice. The opportunity to be just or unjust in our associations one with another presents itself continually, and as we apply justice or injustice we either build an invisible stone into the inner spiritual Temple which is forming, or we impede the process of its building. Just as the body in which we live is merely a home or container for the real man or soul who lives in it, so this building we are in today is merely a house of concrete and wood containing what of the real Temple (the invisible spiritual body composed of the twelve positive basic qualities) we have, by our efforts and sacrifices, built into it.

Justice is one of the fundamental qualities out of which the true Temple is a-building, and so are each of the others of the twelve positive qualities enumerated. Into The Temple we sometimes lay a stone which is not quite true or pure, but it inevitably will crumble and disappear to be replaced when the time may come by one which will, in all its facets, pass all the requirements of the Master Builder. Only the positive qualities will be permanently acceptable.

Sometimes in our enthusiasm we will present an offering tainted by injustice, or unkindness, or intolerance, or even hate—but when we do so it must and will be ultimately rejected as impure and unfit for the true inner and permanent Temple.

The peculiar formation of the building we are occupying was presented in a vision to our first Guardian-in-Chief. Each of its unusual features of architecture means something. It is designated to illustrate or symbolize an inner quality. The light comes from above—illustrating spiritual illumination from on high. In the center of the ceiling are three lamps, illustrating the Trinity of Love, Will, and Wisdom. The walls are peculiarly shaped: a triangle with the walls not straight but curved outward, illustrating the expansion of consciousness—the increase of awareness—which is co-incident with spiritual growth. Carried to its ultimate the expansion of the three walls of The Temple would at last result in a perfect circle—and so the expansion of our spiritual consciousness will eventually be so great as to render it aware of all that is.

On each side of the outside porch there are twelve pillars holding up the roof. These represent the twelve qualities we have enumerated and of which the real Temple is a-building. We present our aspirations and our offerings, our thanksgivings and our sacrifices, and as they are pure and true, or false and untrue, or partly true and partly tainted with intolerance and injustice and any of the negative qualities, so they will be built into the Temple walls, or rejected and discarded, or perhaps laid aside temporarily for further purification.

Intolerance is one of the most prevalent stumbling blocks. To quote from "Light On The Path":

"Do not fancy you can stand aside from the bad man or the foolish man. They are yourself, though in a less degree than your friend or your Master. But if you allow the idea of separateness from any evil thing or person to grow up within you, by so doing you create Karma, which will bind you to that thing or person till your soul recognizes that it cannot be isolated. Remember that the sin and shame of the world are your sin and shame; for you are a part of it; your Karma is inextricably interwoven with the great Karma. And before you can attain knowledge, you must have passed through all places, foul and clean alike. Therefore, remember that the soiled garment you shrink from touching may have been yours yesterday, may be yours tomorrow.

If you turn with horror from it when it is flung upon your shoulders, it will cling the more closely to you. The self-righteous man makes for himself a bed of mire. Abstain because it is right to abstain, not that yourself shall be kept clean."

Usually, the enthusiasm following a realization of the inner meaning of The Temple will bring on a condition known as pledge-fever, one of the symptoms being a fierce and unrelenting desire to chasten and reform the other fellow. But the process of building The Temple necessitates the taking in hand and reforming of one's self. The Great Law of Karma will attend to the requirements of the other fellow. The negative aspect of religious fervor leads to intolerance and bigotry and what not, and in past history the extreme zealot has descended, in his enthusiasm, to the extremes said to have been practised in the Spanish Inquisition. We are so prone to "condone for sins we are inclined to, by damning those we have no mind to." The beam in one's own eye may be easily overlooked in the search for the mote in our brother's eye. But pledge-fever is a very peculiar disease. One never knows or will admit that he has it, and to sweat it out seems to be the only cure.

This becoming a builder of the Inner Temple is a fascinating proposition. One is dealing with fundamentals, and they cannot be side-stepped or fooled. It is the only game there is which is absolutely on the level. No one can be hired to do it for us. No prestige or pull or money or influential relatives or what not count at all. One has to deal only with the twelve fundamental qualities of the universe, and what aid one gets must come only as we attune ourselves with one or more of them. The great evolutionary building forces are flowing in through these qualities, and they are and will be in the last analysis unconquerable; for it is through them that all the evil of the world will eventually be overcome.

ERNEST HARRISON

ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

At this time of the year all the forces of Nature draw closer to the Sun, and, correspondingly, at these annual Convention

gatherings the Temple movement as a whole draws closer to the Great Master Souls—who gave it birth. Man and Nature alike are obeying the Great Law when striving periodically to reach the Father-Mother source of their being, renewing their life forces in that eternal reservoir of Creative Love. The key-note of the true Home consciousness is struck with this reunion, and more powerful forces than we are at present cognizant of are engendered.

When the heart's need and longing for our true spiritual home has become deep enough to compel an answer from the Great Law, and the Master calls his own to him, a corresponding desire for worthiness is also awakened through the overwhelming joy and gratitude welling in our hearts for that Father-Mother we have so long sought. We are then greeted with a warm welcome into our Temple Home, which is home in the fullest and truest sense of the word; and as we serve within that understanding, so does each one, according to his measure of attainment, raise that home to its highest pinnacle of fulfillment.

How well we remember the words, "You have not chosen me, I have chosen you." There, our task of purification begins. For us it is the commencement of the Path. Upon our steady faithfulness to the lines laid down for us by our Spiritual Father-Mother of the Ray to which we belong does our evolutionary pilgrimage proceed to the Heights of our Heavenly Home. "The Light from that Home shines clear and wide to help you in that climb, the Fire on that Hearth burns bright to warm and cheer you when you enter." And the eternal beauty of it is that we go as a Group and according to the Highest Laws laid down for man, the Hierarchical Family, the Father-Mother-Son, which is Humanity.

It is this Home consciousness, as the fundamental foundation of the Temple work, that we are striving so earnestly to build into our Holy City, that it may be built according to Hierarchical Law and Line. It is the enemy of promiscuity—promiscuity of ideas and Ideals and lines of procedure—and draws its sustenance from Truth itself. The parallel between the Ideal Earthly Home and our Heavenly Home is plain, and deviation from the home pattern through rebellion in one form or another at once disrupts and mars the perfection of that Ideal Home. We work with or against that Father-Mother according to our willingness to work for the Home we have been drawn to through Divine Love.

When our inner vision is opened to the extent of reviewing what we have to offer and contribute to the upbuilding of this Home, it is a God-given opportunity to face that review with fortitude and courage, as the picture is often far from beautiful to our inner eyes. We are faced with the appalling difference between the Ideal we have identified ourselves with and the actual results of our inexperience on the Path of Truth. Humanity has lost the Path again and again down the ages, and it is evident that homecoming is at that cyclic moment corresponding to the departure from the true line, and that the picture we perceive is the result of

age-long habits of mind and senses that resisted then the guidance of its Divine Heritage.

We are enlisted again as soldiers in the same battle ground we left at the parting of the ways, and while we have added powers of wisdom and discrimination through our vast experiences with good and evil, we have lost to some extent and must regain the power of positive warfare on the forces of evil. We are a militant Ray, and our training now consists of so thoroughly understanding the manoeuvres of the enemy that we are no longer blinded by the power of illusion in which that enemy has so long clothed itself. In the words of St. Paul, "We war not men, but Principalities and Powers," and in that simple truth we find the real meaning of Brotherhood.

And each one, as he enters, brings his measure of talents, positive and negative, good and evil, to add, through the experience gained in conscious transmutation, the power of his individual attainment, to beautify or mar the Parental Home. It is a tremendous task with grave responsibility, but we are examined and measured by the Rod of Love on the plane of Effort, and that is our promise of fulfillment. But it means unremitting effort and labor, with a constant vigilance, lest a moment of forgetfulness becomes a lifelong habit, and the coils of the enemy tighten and strangle once again its one-time prey.

In closing, it is well to give here a quotation from the address of our first Guardian-in-Chief at an early convention gathering:

"This first earth life of each individual soul in this New Dispensation may strike the key-note of all the incarnations to follow in this age; and as no body of people has been more faithfully taught, warned and encouraged than have the members of The Temple of The People, upon each one will rest more responsibility for the nature and conditions of succeeding lives than will rest upon those who have not had like advantages.

"The bonds which bind us together are not of earthly forging, therefore they are far more lasting than are those which bind us to family, friends, or home, and I think we all realize this fact when we are first brought together in such a convocation as this. Unfortunately too many permit other ties, other people and conditions to dwarf that knowledge and so drift away on side currents of life. But it would seem, in view of the terrible effects of the present upheavals in all fields of manifested life, that we might more realize the necessity of easily anchoring ourselves to the one and only anchorage which assures us of stability and of future recognition of each other and of all those who belong to the same Group Soul who are now working on other planes of existence."
B. S.

EBBA WHITNEY

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Greetings of love to you, dear Comrades and Friends:

Again are we united in our yearly gathering, and the joy and radiance of this appointed hour are with us, we feel the nearness of the Masters. "Love's Great Heart pauses a cyclic instant," as the Master says in one of his messages, "pauses to allow Love's

hush. Love's peace, Love's power, Love's silent joy in truth and knowledge of itself to nestle over its own, to strengthen, reinforce, recreate, establish, radiate itself throughout and over all that lives. Love's Pause—Creator and Created."

With hearts wide open in gratitude and devotion to the Masters, in love and compassion to all life, let us receive these great blessings and carry them with us into our future work.

Another year in the terrific warfare and suffering of humanity lies behind us, and our allied armies are now going forward to Victory. Let us hope and pray, and work for it with all our power of love that when we meet in convention again the White Banner of Peace, the Banner of the Christ may be unfurled over the earth and our suffering humanity.

But a lasting Peace, we know, can be won only if it is based on true principles of Justice, Unity, and Love: thus giving the races of the earth their new opportunity to unfold along the lines of their God-given evolution. The spiritual consciousness of man must be awakened by teaching him the Great divine Laws; the sacredness and Oneness of all life, the Law of Brotherhood; the Laws of Karma and Reincarnation which rule life in exact justice, which move all things to righteousness, and hold man responsible for his violations of the Law of Unity and Brotherhood by bringing back upon him the results of the broken law. Man must know that not God has created the war, nor are those alone to be blamed who started it, but that we all—the whole human race—now in incarnation are guilty and responsible for it; that this is the great important cycle in human evolution which marks the end of the Old Order on earth and the beginning of the New Dispensation, and that we all are here to redeem the past ere we can enter the Great New Day before us; that all the suffering, destruction and the sacrifices of millions of precious lives in this war between the Forces of Light and the Forces of Darkness are but the terrific price which the human race must pay to wipe out its debts, accumulated thru long past ages, to balance out the violations against the Law of Love, and save its Soul alive. Man must know that life is eternal, and that the souls who are now laying down their lives for the freedom of humanity are not dead, but are living on inner planes. They have but given their bodies, and will come back in future incarnations to reap the fruits of their present sacrifices. Only those who remain in evil will go down and out with the darkness they have created; for evil must destroy itself at last, and it tears down with it the evil doer. Only the Light will live forever.

If man at large will learn these truths the sloth of ignorance will fall from him, his now blinded eyes will see the Light, the Self, and all his other selves. Then shall we have a lasting Peace; the "Holy City" of Revelation will descend from Heaven to earth—the Golden Age of this Great Cycle—in which the Christ will lead us.

H. P. Blavatsky, in her address to the Convention of American Theosophists of 1890, said: . . . "We are outwardly creatures of but one day; within we are eternal. Learn, then, well the doctrines of Karma and Reincarnation; and teach, practice, promulgate that system of life and thought which alone can save the coming races. Do not work merely for the Theosophical Society, but through it for humanity."

Beloved Comrades, are we all doing our utmost to bring these truths to the world? It is the Great Charge given to us, it is our service in this war—this great cycle of transmutation—and with our lives are we pledged to it. All our efforts and achievements have to be laid on the altar of Brotherhood. If the Lodge founds a Center like ours on the outer plane, it is for pouring its spiritual forces thru it into the world. The great need of humanity has called for it. For this we have been enlisted in the Temple ranks, for this each one has been called by the Master to take his greatest opportunity in all his lives in this all-important Cause. Let us remember how tenderly we have been cared for during the infancy of the work; protected, guided and directed until we were grown up as a group, and could stand on our own spiritual feet to work alone, intelligently, on the outer plane. In reality we are never alone, the Masters, the Hosts of Light on Inner Spheres are with us, sending their forces through us. But only as we give our all, our whole lives, in love and service can we in any way justify the great trust, the fervent hope the Master centered in us when he called us together in the Temple work.

Are we doing now our parts in the great battle, beloved Comrades? are we sowing the seed of true knowledge wherever we find souls in need? giving the word of comfort, upliftment? are we enkindling in the hearts of humanity the fires of pure aspiration? Let each one answer these questions to himself. In this time when so much wrong direction, so much distorted truth are being given to seeking hearts, let us not be shy; let us not stand back, hesitate, neglect, or even forget for less important things our sacred duty to give the Master's touch—the love that has been given to us—to the needy of the world. We are all outposts in the Temple work; and we are by the Law of Karma always at our rightful places, where we are needed, here at the Center or away from it in the world. With our own hands, our own feet, our own hearts, our own minds, and our own free will must we do the work, and according to the use we make of this great opportunity can we hasten or delay the Day of the Great Peace, and will be the success or failure for the race and for ourselves now and in the days to come. "The Great Day, the Day Be With Us," of the Masters is Here, when we have to stand as Warriors of Light and hold the Light for the human race. Let us use it well.

Beloved Comrades, The Temple of The People is ever ready to help you, to support you, wherever you may be, in your work. And now, in closing; let us quote from some of the Master's messages:

"The Old is passing into the New." "It is the Call of Self we hear—spiritual and material, a Call to be ignored by none, the Call of Self for choice—the choice between the Self and self, on the Stroke of the hour of Christ, to the Path which leads upward to Life, or that which leads downward to extinction. The worn shoe lies by the roadside of self. The Immortal Robe awaits him who chooses to win and wear it. The Scarlet Sentinel, in whose living transparency all things hidden are revealed, made clear, and whom all must pass, stands on the threshold, sword drawn, keeping last watch which choice of Path is made, which Call of Self is answered."

"Arise, Brave Warriors! Lift high the Banner of Truth, the Banner of Righteousness, if you would place your hand within the Pure White Hand of the Christ of Light, outstretched in protection, strength, and courage for you. Arise, Warriors! and conquer the Adversary within yourselves through the Power of your Spiritual Might in the battle of Light over Darkness that is upon you. You must win for yourselves, must prove your own standing in the Ranks of the Hosts watching over, around and about you. Arise and behold the Hand of the Christ above, and place your own within it."

"The Light Shinneth Great is the Light—Great is he who can stand within the Light."

ELLA VOGTHERR

The noonday healing meditation service was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

Monday Afternoon

At 3 p.m., an Inner Order meeting was held in the Temple, during which four candidates were initiated into the Order of the 28, five candidates into the Order of the 14.

Tuesday

At 10:30 came the Social Science meeting with Outer Guard Fred Whitney presiding. The speakers were Herman Volz, Bernard Lentz and Harold Forgostein.

The meeting was opened with the "Words of Force" and the "Great Unifier." There was a piano solo by Carolyn Forgostein who played one of her own compositions, "Beautitude." The choir sang the powerful Temple hymn, "Wake to Life," and Monica Weaver sang "In the Valleys,"—words by Dr. W. H. Dower and music by herself. The meeting was closed with Mantrams and Consecration Hymn.

The first paper read was that of Mr. Volz. It is entitled, "Coming New Ideals."

COMING NEW IDEALS

The Cosmic Forces of this great new cycle are sweeping through our world as never before, energizing the hearts and minds of men. These forces carry with them a definite intelligence, pointing clearly to the right-hand path that leads to the new and better way of life. The Avatic Force is a cohesive force that binds together those who accept the new ideals. It is the same force that keeps

the planets in a planetary chain whirling in perfect time and rhythm in their rightful places.

The parting words of the last World Saviour were, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you." This commandment was not a thing to be taken lightly. Master Hilarion has stated that if an Avatar gives an ideal of life in one cycle of life, and it is not lived up to, it must be taken up in the next. The present Avatar comes to the whole world. Therefore the important thing is that high ideals become international. As is stated in the Temple Teachings, selfishness and lust for power have caused whole races to drift away from true ideals.

As man became more selfish and the desire to dominate the less intelligent masses increased, what was originally a pure desire to teach somewhat of the action of the Cosmic Forces degenerated into desire to rule by fear.

But the main point to consider is that notwithstanding the great degradation of spiritual ideals the fact remains that the Gods of the long forgotten races and the Gods of modern times are, in reality, one and the same God. And the Name is Love. And His Messenger is in the whole world today, shaping the ideals of God for man. On January 1st, 1942, our President and the leaders of several of the other leading nations met in a conference, and a new league of nations was formed. Twenty-nine nations joined, and since then many more have joined, the purpose being to rid the world of aggression, which is endangering the existence of the true democratic way of life, and if possible to end war forever. Dr. Dower often repeated the saying, There is nothing new under the sun. On the road ahead of this civilization previous civilizations have already gone. The important thing is, however, that races learn life's lessons well or they are thrown back with violence and destruction. Through broken law and failure to learn many ages can be spent where one should be sufficient.

In the years just before and after 1917 our world was in similar conditions to those which it is in now. Master Hilarion points out these conditions in His message to the Temple convention of 1917. And in closing this paper what better could be done than quoting from this convention message of the Master:

"My Children: Again I have called you together to strengthen the bond which unites you to each other, and to urge you to bear in mind those things I have told you in the past relative to the day and age when the lives of men and nations will be held so cheap, and the karmic debts of past cycles will be collected with such terrible interest, you will need each other as never before in your present lives on earth. You will take away my power of help and protection if you permit dissension, distrust or selfish ambition to creep in between you in the days that are coming . . . In total ignorance of the fires they are laying ready to be lit, countless men and women are bringing compulsion to bear on less highly disciplined people and accomplishing their purposes by means of "man-made laws" to compel obedience to what are in fact theoretical concepts opposed to the freedom of man . . . The inherent desire for individual

freedom cannot be suppressed in man without robbing him of his birth-right. Even if freedom to act contrary to law and order is too strongly suppressed in man it arouses the desire to commit acts hitherto contrary to his nature.

"In the days which are coming all religious bodies will find themselves facing such an international revolution as never has been on earth before, for never was man so capable of overcoming the problems of space as the inventive genius of the age has made possible and therefore of forming such combinations.

"I am only repeating in more detail that which I have given in other forms many times, forms which should have been plain to the seeing eye, and I am doing so for the purpose of enforcing the truth upon the minds of those who will still be on this plane when the hour strikes.

"It is far more comforting to hear about the days which will follow, when the world adjustments will be made, and the manifestation of the Christos shall appear. But that manifestation will appear as a finality to the adjustment.

"Has it ever occurred to you that the message of every Avatar since the beginning of this Manvantara has been essentially the same? "I come not to bring peace but a sword." No other message can or will be given to man until the work for which the last Avatar came into the world to do is accomplished. Only then can another manifestation of the Christos appear.

"If you will carefully consider my words you should be able to perceive why it is that so many great events are being precipitated within so short a period. The Word for the Sixth Race cannot be given until the Word of the Fifth Race has been uttered in full.

"Each one of your number has something to do towards that utterance, but it must be completed as a group, as all like utterances have been accomplished by groups chosen for the purpose by the Sons of Wisdom. If you can remember this one fact when tempted to let your part of the work slip from your hands and hearts you will find it a great incentive.

"May the wisdom of God guide you and the peace which is the result of perfect effort attend you in the days to come.

Your Father-Brother

HILARION."

HERMAN VOLZ

Bernard Lentz' paper which follows was entitled:

THE WAR OF FORCES

Increasing reference to forces is being made in literature, press and radio, even if only from superficial angles and then usually to the negative aspect of the subject.

One well known writer, voicing the popular concern of "What to do with Germany after the war" in an article thus titled, makes emphatic reference to forces, then proceeds to dismiss or minimize the idea of any conspiracy by a Military Staff against the world. Occultists, however, will continue to maintain that there does most definitely exist a gigantic world conspiracy against humanity on the part of those who would enslave it. Military castes and political parties, as well as the many subversive movements and reactionary groups in the Americas are simply so many sub-sections and branchlets of that eternally conniving body known in its totality as the Black Brotherhood, when not so many unconscious or innocent abettors of the same deadly menace, their "good intentions" and "sincere motives" notwithstanding.

Sophisticates and intellectuals smile at this, though they acknowledge the authenticity of countless organizational vehicles formed to perpetuate and carry out such plot. General cognizance by now of plans for a next war—a World War III, by the enemy, recently drew forth some editorial sarcasm by a San Francisco newspaper, whose editor does not sufficiently realize that the common people often have a way of perceiving plain truths that seem to baffle only the well educated.

Paradoxically, accusations of being obsessed with evil forces are frequently hurled against the very ones opposing or exposing any lineup of said forces. A well known instance was the 1932 presidential campaign, when the successful candidate was vehemently identified with "vicious forces" seeking to overthrow the established order.

An amusing charge has come from the pen of a lady who wrote a book, in which she claimed a certain "Central Asiatic Brotherhood" was conspiring, through secret societies all over the world, to achieve world hegemony. The writer's terminology might stand a little improvement: the so-called Central Asiatic Brotherhood, which the totalitarian powers would seem to fear, and rightfully so, seeing that it is the sworn enemy of tyranny and hypocrisy, is known to its countless devotees the world over by its more correct name, the Great White Lodge, for it is equally concerned with all the nations and races of the earth in establishing World Unity based on the Brotherhood of Man.

Indeed, if its counsels and envoys are listened to more attentively in the future than they have been in the past, there will be no need to fear a yellow peril, for there will be none to fear. But let the nations persist in disunity, through defection of plans and leaders sent to help them, and the yellow peril may again turn out to be very real, a repetition on an even vaster scale of that offered by the self-alleged "Sons of Heaven", and a fulfillment of the prophecy by Blavatsky and by Master Hilarion, of a possible coming catastrophe, unless the nations succeed in amalgamating peacefully.

This means primarily "the Big Four": America, China, England, and Russia, or the Hexagon—the Six—mentioned in Temple prophecy: "the lion, the bear, the ox, the eagle, the bull and the snake", which could be taken to include India and some of the other nations.

It is quite evident by now that if there is going to be anything like even relatively permanent peace after this war, there must be a world organization, which means nothing more nor less than the rebirth of the League of Nations, plus the added membership of the United States which had sooner or later to take its place therein, past actions to the contrary notwithstanding. Already among the unwritten agenda of the League are such moot problems as assistance to progressive elements against reactionary ones in countries the world over. In considering the future from this

angle, however, account must be taken of the Temple prophecy regarding the nations after this war, or rather, what is left of them. "The next Terreur" prophesied in "The Theosophical Glossary" under the "St. Germain" article is already an accomplished fact. But even more important is it to remember that the true Lodge pattern for eventual world government is nothing less than The Temple itself.

The religion of the coming race and new humanity will be the Wisdom Religion, and not that of any creed, church, or theology, --past, present, or to come; and the Hierarchy in charge is the same one back of the Egyptian Mysteries, the early Christian Church, and the Masonic Fraternity. The Temple is the channel for the new cycle, and in its total ramifications is a world movement. But the Lodge has warned that before the Dawn of the New Day hover the dark shadows of materialism, wrong Theology and neo-Theosophy. These in due course of time will be swallowed up by Father Kronos himself, a process that we can already see going on, but in the interim frantic efforts will be made to rope as many more as possible into theologic and creedalistic bondage.

The aforementioned government-to-be is none other than the Solar Dynasty, whose full re-establishment at the end of the Iron Age is prophesied in The Secret Doctrine and Upanishads. That its first faint glimmerings as well as successive stages should evoke the wrath of the blackest shadows still palling the earth seems only natural when we analyze some of these shadows--isolationism, appeasement, decentralization, big business, rugged individualism --too often represented as pillars of "the American way of life." We have been told that certain qualities indispensable in earlier pioneering stages of national growth would become most detrimental unless adapted and polarized to the changed conditions of a new cycle. Those looking back wistfully, like Lot's wife, to "the good old days" naturally find it hard, if not impossible, to forsake attachment to the old order of selfishness and separateness. But the time has come for these Mammon forces to be swept away. The Master has warned us that the overthrow of the Golden Calf would be more difficult and violent than any preceding revolution known in history, because of such forces being so deeply imbedded in the human race.

The United States has its own dyed-in-the-wool set, which can be readily distinguished by its every reaction to national as well as international life and politics, and has a powerful medium of expression thru a certain chain of newspapers and periodicals. Its opponents, of course, are all "Communists". Being a bit color-conscious, it goes a step further and segregates them into "red", "pink", and other dainty pastels on the Martian side. Its favorite bugaboo is centralization, and its sacred cause, states and individual "rights", even when opposed to the good of the whole.

The advent of dictatorships via their natural channel of "isms" was prophesied through The Temple as early as 1920, while the

European super-models were still in process of manufacture. But "the fever of Saturn" spread planetary-wide, and no nation has escaped it. In nearly all the democracies there are countless reactionary elements linked up with totalitarian ideology in one form or another. As said in Temple Teachings, only an Avatar can bring order out of the present world chaos. It is no chance that this coming world figure has been destined to appear, or rather reappear, through the western hemisphere, considering the United States is the beacon light of the 20th-century world, even as Rome was the major power of the Levant and Mediterranean area when Jesus appeared in Palestine.

It is necessary to bear in mind that the Masters, being one with the law, have always to work in accord with Karma and cycles. Individuals and even groups may rush in to pick other people's chestnuts out of the fire for them; the Lodge NEVER. To be more precise, this high Lodge force, or aggregate of Lodge forces, has been and is unceasingly active through The Temple. At Halcyon a powerful aura has been built up through years of devotion and sacrifice, a Mecca for the coming race, as the Master said it would be.

Indeed, there is no need for Americans or Occidentals to look toward India for enlightenment, as a recent brochure would have us believe they should. Despite this romantic fallacy, exploded years ago by Mr. Judge in connection with the famous Prayag letter, "the Wise Men", who are not all Orientals, walk even now with western disciples, and quite happily it seems, if the testimonial of world-renowned inspiring teachings and messages mean anything. It must, as we find even Hindu pandits and yogis coming this way. This too is not strange, when we consider that several of the Masters back of The Temple are themselves, from an outer standpoint, Orientals in origin and background.

The unique mission of The Temple at Halcyon relates to the formation of "a people, place, and language" for the coming Avatar. The advent of the next great Saviour via America was prophesied by the Master Hilarion at the beginning of the work in 1898 when the first interior and incipient aspect of this event took place, 1928 marking another epochal milestone in this progressive manifestation.

This Avataric impingement explains many correlative phenomena, among them the advance tide of ersatz Messiahs, the precipitation of Armageddon, the natural supremacy of the United States as a peace loving world power, and the growing ideal of a world organization.

Naturally, the same forces opposed to a progressive government would also work against a permanent group of United Nations, or United States of the World, whatever the future World State is called.

Since many people are still under the dominion of intellect and personality, it is no wonder they are incessantly torn between

conflicting elements, or try to stand on a neutral ground that does not exist.

Life is progressive, but progress is the result of battles well fought and lessons well learned.

Until the people as a whole are aroused to the importance and existence of the new cycle and order, they will nullify or neutralize all efforts to help them along fundamental lines. We are now in a transitional period, however, in which these vast changes are taking place, and this accounts for all the wars, horrors, suffering, and phenomena of the present era.

The New Order of the Ages—the *Novus Ordo Seclorum*, quoted from Vergil's *Eclogues* on the reverse side of the United States seal, and the New Jerusalem of Revelation are prophetically synonymous.

The Battle of Humanity has already been won on inner planes, and its outer correlation means the gradual unification of mankind as well as the precursory dividing of the sheep and the goats—something which even the misnamed "realists" of this century are having a very important hand in bringing about.

That it will be a drawn out process at best, opposed to the very last by the powers ever shouting "impossible!" "Utopian!" "autocratic!" at all true efforts to unite Humanity, there can be as little doubt, as that it shall come to pass like any other simple act of Nature, for it is a part of the great evolutionary plan, and gods and devils combined cannot stop it. "As their power wanes, Mine must wax."

BERNARD LENTZ

Harold Forgostein then read his paper, "Voting by Prayer." As the space in this *Artisan* does not permit the reprint of the paper in full, it will be published in the next issue of the *Temple Artisan*.

The different addresses were interspersed by piano selections by Carolyn Forgostein.

The noonday healing meditation service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

Tuesday Afternoon

An Art exhibit under the auspices of Harold Forgostein was opened in the William Quan Judge Library, where tea was served. There were new pictures by Harold Forgostein and pictures by Bertha Harris and Joyce Hedin; also the Temple Builders had made their contributions to the collection, and this added a jolly and interesting note to the occasion.

At 3 p.m. the members of the Temple Home Association held their annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. Dower. There was an election for two directors whose terms had expired, Otto Westfelt, and Duncan Ferguson (deceased). Otto Westfelt was re-elected; Herman Volz was elected to succeed Duncan Ferguson. Fred Whitney was voted in to take the unexpired term of Clarence

Dennis (deceased). The report of the past year showed the Temple Home Association in good condition.

Wednesday

The midday healing meditation service was conducted by the Outer Guard Fred Whitney.

At 2 p.m. the Temple Builders and their friends entertained the Temple Group in Hiawatha Lodge with a program of musical selections, recitations and dances under the direction of Mrs. Lottie Ferguson, with Mrs. Louise Lentz accompanying on the piano. After the program the Builders served light refreshments to their guests.

Thursday

The group had its usual picnic in the dunes of Oceano beach. The healing meditation meeting was conducted by the Temple Scribe Ernest Harrison.

Sunday, August 13

The Sunday afternoon meeting in the Temple was given over to the Temple Builders who held their annual convention service which, through the pure spirit of the child's love and devotion, is always considered to be one of the most beautiful meetings of the convention. Seventeen resident children of Halcyon were present.

IN MEMORIAM

Out of the outer Temple ranks another Warrior Soul has been called home: On June 9 our beloved Brother Clarence Dennis passed into the Inner World.

Clarence Dennis was a priest of The Temple, a strong pillar of loyalty of the Central Group—a Sentinel of protection and defense of the Heart of The Temple.

Ever a seeker for Light, he joined The Temple in the earlier years and came to Halcyon in 1903. He lived a life of spiritual reality and devotion, of pure service and renunciation, readily and freely given, in which every effort was bent toward the realization of the greatest good for the struggling masses of mankind. His was a fine integrity, and with wit and a ready humor he never looked at life dully, but took every day afresh and anew and performed with equal detachment and good spirit whatever duties came his way to do. He was a good, helpful Brother to all loyal comrades.

We have lost with his passing a true and courageous Warrior whose soul consciousness is identified with the Master's Temple work interiorly and exteriorly.

Our love and gratitude go with you, our dear Brother.

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