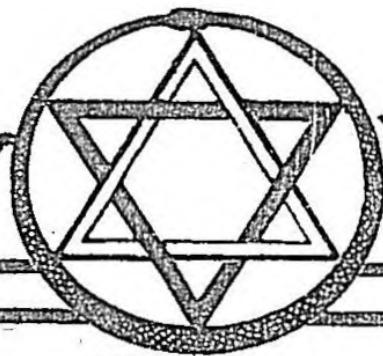




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COSMICALLY The Temple of the People corresponds to the Temple of Humanity.

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

HE COMES

Ho! Outposts, light the signal fires! From Mountain top along the chain of Hearts which girdles all the world flash brightly out the long awaited message—the message which till now hath only flickered softly in all lowly places, in the coulees and the quiet valleys where all Nature cries are hushed before the couch of the great World-Mother in the parturition pains which bring a Christ to birth.

Stretch out thy hand, O man, on either side of thee and take thy brother's hand, in hut, in palace, home or street, and form a close wrought chain through which no jot of all the Love, the Righteousness, the Justice of a New, a Greater Age may pass, and thou wilt find that all the light and glory of the newborn sun will be reflected in thine own glad face.



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FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 4 to 9, 1945

The preliminary social gathering of the Convention was held Saturday night, August 4, in Hiawatha Lodge.

The assemblage was welcomed by Lottie Ferguson reading the Master's message, "In the Lodge of The Red Star," after which the Lodge Salute was given. Then the choir, with Gertrude Tedford as soloist and directed and accompanied by Ebba Whitney, sang the Temple composition "The Harp of Life." Cethil Mallory, at the piano, played List's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 5," and "Valse" by Chopin. Patricia Mallory followed with the reading of the Message "IT" from "From the Mountain Top," and "Golden Age," an early poem of the Outer Guard Fred Whitney. Carolyn Forgostein presented an attractive piano composition of her own, a recitative, "Halcyon," and Harold Forgostein gave on the stage a humorous screen sketch, "An Evening at Home." In closing, the choir sang "The Cauldron." Light refreshments were served, and dancing concluded the evening.

SUNDAY

The Healing Meditation in Blue Star Temple at high noon was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

The opening meeting of the Convention was held at 3 p. m. A precessional on organ and piano was played by Ebba Whitney and Cethil Mallory. "The Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" sung. This was followed by the singing in unison of the powerful Convocation Hymn, "Gitche Manitou, the Mighty." Then the Guardian-in-Chief, Mrs. Pearl F. Dower, formally opened the Forty-sixth 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-SIXTH 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 PARTICI-

PATE IN PERSON OR IN SPIRIT IN THIS CONVENTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL HUMANITY, PROMOTING THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN."

Otto Westfelt sang the sacred Charge, "Warriors of Light, Warriors of Truth," given to The Temple by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the work in 1898, which since has been sung at each Temple Convention. The Guardian in Chief then read the Message of the Master to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION.

MY CHILDREN:

A Message of Love, Faith, Hope and Courage I bring you today at this sacred gathering, as the forces of Light overshadow all present and all who are attuned to their Power and Majesty. A Message of Love infinite and boundless that transcends the earthly problems and all the horrors man inflicts on man in his selfish pursuits of gain and power; a message of Faith in the Ideals of God and his infinite plan and purpose; a message of Hope for better understanding between man and his fellowmen, and between nations and races of the earth as the Dawn of the New Day approaches, endeavoring to objectify these Ideals for a True Brotherhood of all the races of the earth; a message of Courage to face the wreckage and destruction wrought over the world today, and to seek out of their ashes the restoration of God's gift to man, the harmonious interaction of life's forces, flowing in accordance with the Divine Will of God, awakening the highest in man with greater understanding of life's problems and their solution, realizing the Unity of all creatures, the Unity of accomplishment, the Unity of purpose, and the application of the Laws of Universal Brotherhood.

Love, Faith, Hope and Courage have carried you through many a battle in this life and in past lives, and as a result you have gained greater knowledge and understanding, and in these transitional times how to endure in greater measure.

When the Avataric Universal Force was released to the world at the beginning of the Temple work it aroused the opposite pole of accumulated evil, and the inevitable result was a clash of forces striving for supremacy, bringing destruction, horror and devastation to the human race, thus clearing the way for the approaching New Day, the New Day decreed by the Heavens. It was a baptism of Fire showered over the earth, upbuilding and constructively preparing the way for the Christos to come closer to man with His Universal Message for the benefit of all.

Through this world-wide struggle between the Forces of Light and the Forces of Darkness, which has touched every corner of the earth, many people have become awakened to the

causes back of this world chaos and to the essential oneness of the human race and man's responsibility to his fellowman, as well as to the higher aim and purpose of ridding the old conditions so that the New Order can manifest for the good of all.

While the Cosmic Fires outpour over the earth to cleanse, purify, and burn out the dross of the lower nature; while devastation stalks the earth; while hearts ache over the length and breadth of the land, the suffering so engendered in this inevitable process awakens the Soul to a higher rate of vibration, and the pure essence of Spirit emerges to enfold those enduring into the heart of the Christ.

Man, through his many cruelties in the past to his fellowmen by thought, word and deed, has built up a barrier between his lower and his Higher Self, and suffering is the inevitable result of these negative forces as they endeavor to block the higher plans of the Lodge. But suffering is a necessary process to awaken and unfold the consciousness to the higher aims and purposes of the Masters of Wisdom, and it must be gauged and accounted for by the Divine Law of Justice—Karma. Without suffering and sacrifice there is no growth. All growth calls for change and unfoldment. The Soul who sounds the depths of suffering must receive help from the higher forces, which alone can open the heart to a truer understanding of life, its causes and results. They who give a sympathetic hand in those hours of darkness and suffering give the divine touch, and the force so released gives aid and help to the sufferer. During this universal suffering the cry goes out to the Great Healer to help mankind in its hour of need. Sincere prayer and aspiration avail much in these dark hours of distress and pain.

The true goal of disciples in following the Path requires sincere effort in climbing the steep, narrow and winding pathway. While obstructions appear every step of the way to test your inner strength and ability, hold fast to that which you have gained. All aspirants who enter The Temple enter by fire, and the fiery forces must burn out the lower nature so as to bring forth the spiritual essence, refined and ready for Lodge Use. Those who refuse to do their part in the group become channels thru which destructive forces work and detract from the work to the extent of the negative forces present. Expiation for rebellious and selfish acts must be made in order to regain the true line of Lodge work. Transgressors, defiant of the Great Law, cannot escape the results of that Law even though the hour of judgment be long delayed.

All you have received from Us in the way of force, directions and instructions, during the many years of Temple existence, for gaining Spiritual Power and Knowledge adds to your responsibilities in carrying out those directions in accordance with the Higher Law, and for the accomplishment of far reach-

ing results. It is the hour of application along all constructive lines. All have a share in bearing the burdens of the world, and none can escape.

Man does not live unto himself alone. You cannot climb to the Mountain Top alone. Those who have attained development as a Group—as constituent parts of the whole—must go together or fall by the wayside until some later opportunity arrives. To aspire to reach the height of development alone is to fail. Each one has to accept his part of the responsibility for attaining the heights. As a unit the Temple influence has been felt in many directions and in ways unknown to you. As individuals you have been shown the way of the Truth and the Light, so should you give of your knowledge to help those seeking to understand the Message of the Christ.

Remember what I have said to you in the past, that the Lodge has always been able to maintain Its own integrity; to make Its Voice heard above the din, confusion and turmoil of the outer world, and to send Its message of Light to help those seeking and those attuned to Its interior forces. Always keep in remembrance that when doubt and uncertainties arise, when seeming discouragements are about you, to go in and in, and you will find the answer. As the lower nature is cleansed, purified and raised in consciousness, so will its forces be sublimated into constructive use by obedience to the fundamental laws governing all life.

Many people have become awakened in varying degrees by these high forces, and thus realize their cosmic importance. Events move so swiftly everyone has to attune himself with the high-powered force of the Christ or find himself in serious entanglements with negative forces. The Christ forces work on the individual according to his desire and ability to function them. Many catch the vision from time to time, but it always remains for the Few to heed the Silent Voice so as to help pave the way for the rest to follow. Obedience to the Great Law of Love urges them to superhuman effort to come closer to the Great Master and so lead the way for future help to mankind.

For your greatest good in higher attainment, interior growth, I would ask you to hold fast together the sacred bond forged in the mighty past. Let no personal misunderstandings mar that bond; responsibilities cannot be lightly taken when one has entered the Path of Discipleship. Let go of the outer attachments of seeming importance, for they are only seeming. Let go of the negative forces continually striving to separate you from one another. Let go of all that works for disunity. Let go of the nervous tension so prevalent among you all. Enter into the Place of Peace, Poise and Balance and relax so that the Higher Forces may reach you, that the sacred Attar of the Christos may waft its beauty and fragrance in and about you, and the

Avataric Force, radiant with the Light of incandescent splendor, may become a part of each and every one of you. Then can the Sacred Rose of the Christos implant Its roots deeper and deeper into the aura of humanity, fulfilling its great mission of unifying all the races and peoples of the earth according to design and divine decree. The Ideals of all time of the Christ and of Man are eternal, while all else is fleeting, transitory and changing, thus offering the opportunity for Spiritual growth and final attainment of one's highest Ideals. As you live day by day, hour by hour, live rightly, and the fruits of tomorrow will be right; live wrongly, and results will bring sorrow and suffering. Truth is unchangeable in its unending course of awakening man to the highest.

As a seasoned group, deeply rooted in the rules of constructive living, keep in constant remembrance as the rapidly moving forces move onward the unceasing application of Service, Devotion and Love to the Cause we placed in your hands many years ago. Ever keep apace with these fast moving constructive forces, for therein lies your strength as a group.

My deepest love and blessings on you all, and may the holy presence of the Great Master guide and protect you along life's stormy pathway that eventually leads you out of the darkness into the Light. Keep ever close to that Light.

Your Father-Brother

Hilarion

August 5th, 1945

The reading of the Master's Message was followed by a selection of songs from Temple compositions: Gertrude Tedford sang two songs by Dr. Dower, "Holy Sephira" and "In the Valleys," 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 a. m., in the Temple, the addresses of the Temple Officers were read. The session was opened with a musical number by Stojowski, played on the piano by Carolyn Forgostein. The "Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" sung. The addresses were interspersed with music by Carolyn Forgostein who sang the "Ninety-first Psalm" and played "Gavotte" by Bach. The meeting closed with recitation of the Temple Mantrams and singing of the Consecration Hymn.

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

It seems but yesterday we were holding a Temple Convention, but another year of greatest importance has rapidly slipped by and has taken its place in the permanent records, as life moves on faster and faster.

The Temple group since its inception has been very fortunate to be under the guidance of the Masters of the White Lodge, and to hold in its possession the jewels of wisdom so lavishly given to the world nearly forty-seven years ago. It was the time for the manifestation of the Red Ray Cycle and its message of hope and help to a world on the verge of vast cosmic changes.

Many prophecies, at different times, were given to the group, about what was bound to happen, because it was so written on the akashic records. A new order was in the making. When a prophecy is given it is hard to realize its full import before its fulfillment has been brought about.

The great Cosmic Force "The Avatar" was released to the world through the Temple channel, and Its mission was to unify the world in bringing man nearer to the Christ and the Christ nearer to man. As a result of that release the opposite pole, the Disintegrator, stepped down from his place of power to block the constructive forces of the Lodge.

How little man could see of all this great picture and plan and the inevitable results of such great forces in operation! However, the forces so decreed by Divine Law carried out their plan. As the forces of negation gathered to destroy, so the constructive forces were coming closer to the aura of humanity to fulfill their cyclic mission to all the peoples for the betterment of mankind. Each step in the plan went on towards its fulfillment. With the many peoples and nations lethargic and negative to the accumulated evil, the onrush of evil gained great power, and the power of the good could not be recognized. Such battles have gone on in the past, and will go on in the future, until man's heart has become mellowed and softened and the realization is gained that all must work together for unity and brotherhood.

There has been a great awakening among many peoples in all lands during the present world struggle. Many acts of kindness and brotherliness have been demonstrated. A religious consciousness has been awakened in both young and old, and the constructive forces are working for a better world. The spirit of freedom has become a living symbol in universal efforts—as well as individual living.

In looking over the outer activities—events in their fast moving sequence—conditions have moved rapidly, and the whole world in its suffering and distress awaits eagerly the cessation of hostilities. While there are those who see this great world drama in its true sense, there are those who only see it from their small personal viewpoint. The great picture stands out in bold relief carrying each and every one on and on to a true realization of the Unity of all the Nations and the freedom of all the peoples.

The voice of the Temple has been heard both near and far the past year through Temple literature and correspondence,

bringing many inquiries as to our work and its aims and purposes, showing the great wave of continuity between the Lodge and mankind.

The Temple wishes to express thanks and appreciation for the loyal support of the group in devotion and service as well as the financial and material aid given. As you give to your spiritual Temple Home in love, devotion and service, you interiorly understand its needs, and as you give in that spirit so will you be given aid in spiritual sustenance. Giving of your "time, means and labor" towards the upbuilding of the Temple work, in love, devotion and willingness, brings about a harmonious interaction between the inner and outer forces. To become a part of the whole and to realize the power and strength of The Temple one must learn to assimilate these forces.

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 12 noon, where high impersonal healing forces go out to all attuned, reaching souls searching for truth and light, and so helping to relieve a suffering and distressed world.

We have recently installed a new pump in Halcyon to improve our water system and make it more efficient. Purchase of the pump was made possible by special contributions from some of the members. This pump has been installed for the benefit of all the water users. When the previous pump was installed Dr. Dower reminded the group of each and every one's responsibility in helping to keep this project supported. This should be done in the spirit of what Halcyon stands for. Quoting from Dr. Dower's paper on the "Spirit of Halcyon" which was given at that time: "There is a definite spiritual energy at work in Halcyon, and, concerning that, we wish to call attention especially to the fact that the Spirit of that work is the Spirit of the Great White Lodge; and it is that inner atmosphere people feel when they come here. It is the Spirit of Brotherhood, and the time has come now when that Spirit of Halcyon must be recognized more and more by members and others. We must become an unbreakable Entity; all for one and one for all. The Spirit of Halcyon will become highly individualized, and through religion, philosophy and the arts will attract seekers of the higher truths to this particular center. This is now taking place and becoming more and more apparent. Therefore, as said, vibrate with the Spirit of Halcyon—a magic Greek word which means tranquillity, peace and harmony."

Again we say, all Temple projects call for unselfishness, and the Spirit of Halcyon should impel each one to act in that spirit, feeling his responsibility to help in every way possible.

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, let us continue in the Spirit of Halcyon and all it stands for, and each and every one feel his responsibility in upholding and maintaining the projects and the needs for the betterment of the whole, necessary for brotherly love and harmony. May the coming year bring us closer to the Master in understanding and love, endeavoring to realize the great responsibility placed upon the group. May the love of the Christos overshadow you now and in the future days. Your sister and comrade,

Pearl F. Dower

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Fellow Templars and Friends:

Ever and again comes the voice of One crying in the wilderness of man's darkness and confusion, "Make straight the way of the Law".

A strong sure Voice, crying through the babel of tongues to the lost and wandering ones, the homeless souls of Earth, out-cast from the Father's House of eternal Truth, Love and Understanding—a strong, true Voice—and only a soul in a million to respond!

It seems this is ever the fate of the Truth on the face of the Earth, to be thus lost in the shadows of ignorance, fake, rebellion, self-worship and unwillingness to pay the price of knowing and living that which is really true.

But whatever the man on the street may think of himself as a mortal or an immortal being, the humanity of this planet has never been without the knowledge of its origin, nature, purpose and destiny. Nor has it been without knowledge of the laws that govern it down to the minutest detail, or, again, how each human being is part and parcel of a Divine Plan for man and nature and the evolving world.

So when the incarnate man lost his direct contact with this knowledge through his involutinal descent into the gross folds of matter, and no longer knew the way instinctively, he came to be taught by Those Who Know, and whose appointed right it is to teach and lead. These souls, born of the Inner Light and Life, are all manifestations of the same One God who is the Law, the Word and the Source of all that IS: the One-in-All of that imperishable Knowledge and Wisdom that is the heritage of mankind and the salvation of every soul. And these Teachers and their Message are never at variance with the thought, will and action of that One God who is the God of this world.

Then at high cyclic periods in the history of all nations and

peoples this Wisdom of the Gods, together with its impregnating Forces of Light, has been brought to Earth through the Divine Incarnator, the Avatar, or Messiah as named by some. While with certain races and peoples—and at given periods with all—there are minor cycles for restatement filled by lesser teachers, still it is in response to the movements of the heavens and the rise of civilizations and races that major incarnations occur, bringing back to incarnate man those parchments of imperishable Truth that have been given him unfailingly down the long ages.

As outcome of each of these cycles, the spiritual levels of the outer world have been raised and certain souls have attained mastery over the limitations of matter and its forces, and were thus stepped up into more responsible and exacting lines of service to and for their fellowman. Also, out of the Teachings given in these cycles have all of the world's great religions been built, as the universal agreement in their fundamentals readily proves. In their beginnings these religious forms adapted the light of learning to the needs and capacities of those who sought the Light, and thus fed the hungry souls of mankind with the forces of love and understanding. But they have all ultimately departed from the ways of the Inner Light and its demands by being subjected to the downward drag of the desires of the personal man, his blindness, selfishness and unwillingness to find and live the Truth.

This killing out of the light of pure Truth has thrown humanity far back and down from the level of spiritual attainment possible for it by Divine Right, until at last the dawn of the Age of the Ages is here and the entire race stands in judgment before the records of its deeds and decisions in the final great struggle between Good and Evil from the outcome of which there is no appeal. The good there is, of his own making, in each human being will go with him into the Good that is God, and if the evil be greater than the good it will go with its own to extinction.

If, as said, man has never been without that Divine and irrefutable Knowledge, that Wisdom which is All-in-All, and which has been brought repeatedly to him on the outer planes of life at divinely ordered periods down the long ages, then the supremely critical state of the whole world, caught as it now is in vast upheavals and sweeping changes, would seem to call for the greatest of efforts and outpouring of the Teachings by Those Who Know and guide, affording the greatest possible means through which to gain forthright and dependable knowledge of his whole situation, the powers at work in it; and through them accomplish the discovery of his own soul and destiny. So greatly is this race at the peak of its intellectual attainments, and so devoid is it of real understanding, nothing else would seem to be sufficient; and evidently this is the case,

for such an outpouring has been given, and in broad and far-reaching manner.

The total presentation of the Teachings has been made under two stages or aspects of leadership, and when published appear as do the Old and New Testaments in the Bible, the Old Testament coming first with its fragmentary, tho occultly true, account of the manifestation of man and planet. Then comes the New Testament which is the Book of the Redemption of mankind. Let us turn to the first section.

During and for some years prior to the last quarter of the last century there came into prominence in the Western World, and in the Orient, an Adept of the Wisdom, who was, as is commonly termed, an Agent of the Great White Lodge, which is that Celestial body of High Masters and Divine Beings, including the Avatar, who guide humanity. And by them Helena Petrovna Blavatsky was called into position and action as the Link between them on the higher planes and the man of the objective world; and as such she became the transmitter of this first division of the statement of the immortal Teachings of the Lodge, as much of this section being given out at that time as could possibly be understood and made right use of by the humanity of this day.

However, the Restatement is not so much remarkable for what is given therein, since other races and ages have been taught the same, but because, for the first time in the history of the race the Teachings were put directly into book form in vastly increased volume and given out broadcast. Previously the instructions in their most essential parts were held in secret, and given only to those who were especially fitted and were to enter into the Gnosis through established channels. But in view of the tragically critical state of man in this age of terrible world upheavals and destructive forces, the Lodge put all of this first part of the total instructions it could venture on the table within the reach of all who could possibly profit by them.

Two of the Seven Masters whose work it was to give out this section of the Teachings transmitted, through H. P. Blavatsky, first the book titled *Isis Unveiled*, published in 1877, then those most noted, profound and imposing volumes of the wisdom titled *The Secret Doctrine*, published in 1888. She also wrote a body of deeply occult papers for her inner order students which papers were published after her death as Volume Three of the *Secret Doctrine*. She brought over from the Orient translations of several deeply occult booklets on the Path, and in addition to these she published the magazines *The Theosophist* and *Lucifer*, and was the inspiration of W. Q. Judge's magazine *The Path*. She contributed numerous articles to various newspapers and magazines, assisted by several able collaborators, all in an intensive and forceful effort to implace the Teachings in the consciousness of man in this season of his terrible need to cor-

rectly know this world of matter and humanity. He needs to know that they are divinely composed and divinely guided, and the rightful meaning of this. Their origin, organization, purpose and destiny do not depend on guesses, groundless assertions, or the findings of material science. Every law is a living Force, and every continent, race, nation and people is where it is and what it is by Law. And the Law that moves them to this stage and condition will carry them on to the next with mathematical precision, and in accordance with what they have done with that which was theirs to do will they be placed for another span of evolvment.

The body of the Teachings that was brought out in this part of the movement was titled Theosophy, which means The Wisdom of the Gods, and, as a vehicle for carrying on the work of spreading the Wisdom, the Theosophical Society was formed in 1875 in New York City. The motto of this Society was, "There is no religion higher than Truth," and its stated objects were three, the first two of which are the most distinctly social and most to our purpose here. They are, "To form the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color" and "The study of ancient and modern religions, philosophies and sciences, and the demonstration of the importance of such study."

H. P. Blavatsky did not come merely to bring a volume of religious teachings or a philosophy, however noble and unimpeachable that philosophy may be, and it is fully that. Much less did she come to found a religion—as it is today. But she did come to open doors to the revelation of basic truths in the world. And Truth is not a definition but a state of consciousness in man, a "substance force" which produces GROWTH in the soul. Thus to live in the Truth is to live in a state of becoming, in a freedom of Mind and Heart. And universally Truth is un-failing Principle in the universe of things and powers, and presents life in those correlations that make diversity one consistent whole.

To apply the Truth in any one of life's departments one must first be informed. Hence the importance of the "study of ancient and modern science and philosophy" for the discovery of correlations that express the living Truth of a Oneness of Source for all mankind and its inescapable Brotherhood.

Fred Whitney

ADDRESS OF THE TEMPLE SCRIBE

I am opening with a quotation from a Message given at the beginning of the Temple work by the two who were selected and prepared by the Master for the establishment of The Temple. The Message is headed: "From the Place of Silence" comes "the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

"Are you to be found among the sorely disappointed, heart-hungry souls who have long been seeking in vain for the realization of some high ideal? Perhaps you are trying to solve life's deepest mysteries from the standpoint of their effects instead of from that of their causes? This never yet has been done by man.

"The prophecies of the holiest, most self-sacrificing souls of all time—all science and inventions—all prefigure the second coming of the Son of Man. These prophecies indicate the evolving of a 'peculiar people' in whom the long atrophied psychic senses of the race may be again aroused, and through whom many of the long hidden mysteries of life will be unsealed.

"Many false teachers are appearing who, if it were possible, would deceive even the elect, therefore we can only leave it to your **own soul** to decide the authenticity of the Message and its application."

Later in the same Message, speaking of the ability of the student to recognize a Saviour or Avatar, if it should be his privilege to meet one: "Not all the paraphernalia of the heavenly spheres, the sound of trumpet or voice of angel would prove the identity of such an one, for we are told the Satanic emissaries could make use of such means," to deceive us. "Something must be done to or with us individually to make such recognition possible, and, according to the words of the Message we bring to you, it is quite possible to make such preparation for the coming Christ and to make it first in our own hearts."

"It is the whole world and all the people of the world that the Christ desires to gain for the Kingdom of God, not merely a fraction of it."

The Master says: "To those who would enter the Temple of Mysteries as disciples, I would say, there are seven requisites: Freedom from Prejudice; and from Thralldom; Devotion to the Principles; Charity towards all; Removal of Stumbling Blocks from the Path of lesser Disciples; Earnest Co-operation; Burial of Past Mistakes." Are we free from prejudice? Do we rule and guide our lives by Principle alone? Are we charitable towards all? For our guidance, that our inner eyes may be opened so that we may recognize the Avatar when he comes, we are told that to save his soul alive one must have these few qualifications. Few in number—yet who possesses all seven of them?

Most of the great religions of the world are based on these same principles. Any spiritual success they may have achieved has been the result of these principles having been put into operation in the field of action in everyday life. Their failures have been caused by the failure of their adherents to manifest these qualities. And so it will be with The Temple; The Temple will not be built in any other way. To re-quote from the Message entitled "From the Place of Silence"—"Something must be done to or within us individually to make the recognition of the Avatar possible, and it is quite possible to make such preparation **and to make it first in our own hearts.**"

Again and again through the years during which we have been privileged to receive guidance and instructions from the Masters of the White Lodge this essential thought has been reiterated—we are helped along The Path by their guidance and instructions, but we **must** and **can only** tread that path alone. The path for each of us differs in detail, just as each of us differs from all others in detail of character and outlook. We are different and so we must see things a little differently. But in one particular we are all one: Our impulses for action as we tread the path must pass the scrutiny of our own Higher Self—that is, we must feel and know in our inmost selves that a course of action is right or wrong and be guided by that feeling, and that alone, or else we are **not** treading the path.

Just as the princess in the fairy tale who was lost in a labyrinth of caves, which symbolizes the lower self, found the way to light and freedom by following a golden thread, so we, in our search for liberation, must follow the golden cord, the twelve threads of which are, Truth, Justice, Compassion, and the nine other basic principles with which we are all familiar. The sum of these basic principles is **right** as opposed to **wrong**. We all possess all of them either latent or active and in varying degrees. The light within is the summation of these qualities in so far as we have evolved them to date; and as we follow this light of the twelve golden rays our sense of right and wrong becomes more and more pronounced, and the impulses from the White Lodge find a more and more receptive instrument for the transmission of their Spiritual Forces.

We cannot throw our minds into neutral, so to speak, and throw our responsibilities off and onto the shoulders of the Masters and their agents; it is for us to develop ourselves to the condition in which we will be suited to transmit their forces.

Ernest Harrison

ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Dear Temple Comrades:

In each passing year of Temple life, with its experiences good and bad analyzed, we find a growing concern regarding the speeded up time element in the consciousness of young and old alike. The dread lest time pass us by and we find ourselves lost in a bewilderment of things undone and with limited strength of body to do them confronts us with persistent reality. We older ones find ourselves watching anxiously the unfoldment of the younger members and realize that they too must feel that element of dread and an inadequacy to rightly cope with the insistent pressure bearing down on all alike. But, after all, all these are in the day's task. They are the front of the battle. According to the degree of self responsibility evolved within the consciousness of an accepted disciple of the Lodge does spiritual unfoldment result in pain and discouragement. Likewise it is true that spiritual unfoldment is the result of pain

and sorrow when the heart is attuned to the principle of Righteousness—which is truly building in accord with Divine Law.

The building forces of the Lodge are so exact in their cyclic rhythm, so irrevocably polarized to foundation principles that infringement of their laws means inevitable suffering when the principle of honesty is applied in self examination, and the failure to attain becomes evident. This is a fact to be reckoned with when we consider the proportions of that suffering to the degree of transgression involved. It is the result of the aforementioned growth of self responsibility that accentuates the suffering. Add to this the insistence of the Warrior within to "carry on" at all costs to the personality, and we have a glimpse of why times of discouragement come to the earnest traveler on the main Highway of the Gods.

There is no question regarding the tremendous task facing the world today, and of each one's responsibility in facing that task. It must be faced individually as far as lies in each one's power in order to be effective at all. There is no question as to the responsibility of those who have been given much, and from whom is expected much in return, as the Law of giving, receiving and use is as exact now as when first put into action at the beginning of time. The use to which we put the tremendous spiritual forces and values given at the beginning and through the years of Lodge guidance, sets the pattern for each individual goal, and the goal is governed irrevocably by the tool of growth in terms of service in one form or another.

If we have wasted the years in the pursuit of self-gain or useless pastimes when our more conscientious brothers and sisters on the Path have diligently striven for the development of the higher attributes, we cannot complain when we fail to realize why we do not measure up to the standard requirements. If we have, throughout the years of probationary apprenticeship, failed to apply the brakes of control when experience called forth the torrents of emotional upheavals in our natures, how can we expect to be reliable tools and channels needed in times of crises? If we have failed to show an appreciable growth in kindness and tenderness when the calls of the more unfortunate or the lesser lives have been made upon us, we are indeed barren of the essential attribute needed for the true Warrior of Light.

In our hours of self examination, therefore, we need to remember that effort carries the greatest weight, and that to cease trying is the only fatal mistake. We must take advantage of the cyclic opportunities of the Law to be of the greatest service, lest time in reality does pass us by, and to be able to take this advantage we must eternally strive for the fulfillment of our life goal. Let us hold to the vision above all, as everything will be added when true effort is made, and effort is the controlling power in all growth of the Soul, and then be ready to give, to give our power, our devotion and sacrifices, our means

in toil and wealth, to bring into form the things that are of God.

And for these there is the law of supply and demand, which law requires that man shall make return in right application and in gratitude for the gifts bestowed upon him by Gods or Masters, lest the circle that flows out from the Giver and back again for completion be broken and the gift lost. In the words of the Master, "When I say I cannot help you without your consent, I am voicing an irrevocable law—the law of supply and demand. You do, whether consciously or unconsciously, demand of us, by aspiration or by spoken words, the opportunity to advance your own interior or exterior evolution: and when you make that demand we respond, and in some way indicate exactly what step can next be taken in the futherance of your own desires. Then we must await your obedience to these directions and your further demand before taking further action . . . Common sense will tell you that unless you obey those first directions you cannot make a second demand with any possibility of acceptance and answer."

Such is the law, and fortunate is he who can see his opportunity to further his own advancement by carrying forward the work of the Lodge of Light for the upliftment and advancement of the human race to the fullest of his might to do so spiritually and materially.

The Temple is rich in the great works of the Masters, notably in the book, Teachings of The Temple. We regret that this book has been for some time out of print, but funds are being raised for its republication, and contributions to the same will be gratefully received. It is a large book and a deeply instructive source of occult wisdom germane to the humanity of this day, carrying a great Light forward through the shadows to a new civilization and a New Race.

"The glory and the peace that ye have won with me must be transferred to earth and we must do the mighty work . . . The earth will change. There will be no more sea. Heaven will be brought to earth, the twain be merged in one, and then at last Love will be justified, Its Will be done when we have loosed the chains which bind the souls of men . . . Man must make his Heaven, if he would dwell therein, and he can only make it as he worketh day by day with Me, apart from all, yet one with all. Thus spake the Christ."

Ebba Whitney

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear Comrades and Friends:

Greetings of Love and Devotion to you all, as we are blessed to be together again in this our Forty-sixth Annual Temple Convention.

Humanity finds itself now in the most momentous cycle of this great transitional era from the Old World Order into the New Order on our planet. Since we met here a year ago a com-

plete turn in world conditions has occurred. The power of the Black Lodge is broken. The war in Europe is won; Germany is conquered and in the hands of the Allies, and under their direction reconstructive forces are already at work in Europe. It is a question of time only until the war in Japan also will be won.

How wondrous are the ways of the Lodge! At the same spot, in Potsdam, close to Berlin, where some months ago the emissaries of evil drew their fiendish plans for the destruction of the human race, there are now the "Big Three" in session to bring justice and reconstruction to the world.

And 48 nations, realizing that thru their united powers only further wars can and must be avoided and a lasting peace secured, have taken the initial step towards their unification. They have founded an "International Organization of the United Nations," possibly with future headquarters in San Francisco. To quote from the preamble to the charter they have drawn up: "Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war . . . in reaffirming faith in the fundamental rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small,"—they have agreed "to maintain international peace and security, . . . to develop friendly relations among nations, . . . to achieve international cooperation . . . and to be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends". Also, an "Inter-American League" had been founded prior to the United Nations Organization.

Thus, beloved comrades, after nearly 47 years of the Temple work, years during which all our efforts and aims were directed to holding the spiritual line of the Lodge for humanity in its greatest struggles thru the two world wars,—we now hope and pray, with deepest gratitude in our hearts, that humanity has definitely passed the critical, the turning point in its evolution, and will be victorious in winning the peace, as in winning the war. High ideals and forces are activating the United Nations; may they enable the Masters of Wisdom, who guide and protect the evolution of worlds and races, to pour their forces into these efforts to help humanity in taking a decided step forward and upward into the Light of the New Day decreed by Divine Law.

For this time the great plans of the United Nations, as a League of the nations of the world, must find their realization. Losing out would mean not only the loss of all that humanity has won back thru its immeasurable sufferings and sacrifices of lives, but the destruction of the whole human race. There must be a united world or the earth will perish. Now is the cycle in the evolution of our planet when we must choose. We have been told, "It is a battle to the finish, and the Lodge wins."

We Templars can and must help greatly by keeping unified

and harmonious within ourselves and within the group, thus holding strong this center of the nucleus of Brotherhood which has been built up for all future generations. Only thru the Light within ourselves can we give the Light to the world, can we be fit channels for the higher forces.

Master Morya, in an early message to the Temple concerning world conditions, told us: "You have been urged to associate yourselves with any and all bodies of peoples that you might plant the seed of Unity The spirit of Unity must possess and pervade the masses—a perfect whole cannot manifest until its parts are perfect Your best work should be given to your neighbor, to your own wards and cities. But at the same time you must learn to keep your own counsel"

"America will ultimately be the controlling world power. It will be a beacon light towards which all other nations will look for precept and example."

During our late President's leadership America became the controlling world power. It was the great Law of Karma that placed F. D. Roosevelt in the presidential chair of the United States, and held him there for a longer period than anticipated by the founders of our Constitution,—at the time when the existence of the whole world was at stake and he the fittest one to impart the right Lodge impulses to the world. There was none other. There are no mistakes in the Divine Law. It gives to each nation at each cycle the leader it needs, and it places each human being where he belongs in the scale at each moment of his life. President Roosevelt gave the right impulses, extended the help; and America—the United States—has become a beacon of light to all the other nations. It took a great selfless soul, purified and strengthened in the fires of personal suffering, as it were, who, physically so handicapped, stood to the very end of his life smilingly at his post, in the face of the greatest oppositions against him. His soul knew his mission, and in his death his real standing as a beloved son of the Lodge was revealed. Only the inner eye could behold the true inner picture back of the outer panorama of fleeting events during the last days and hours of his life, when he was held in the protection of Infinite Love, away from the noises of the outer world, in the seclusion of his peaceful surroundings; without suffering; holding communion with the Highest. Then his consciousness withdrew from this world, and, without outer warning, he was called home. He, the practical idealist, had outlined the plan for the nations before he went, and it is for those left behind to do their part in its fulfilment. Once great ideals are planted into humanity they are bound to come to fruition, and, tho they may seem to be lost, they live on awaiting their hour of fulfilment.

We all know of the great forces of love and sorrow and gratitude that arose in the hearts of humanity standing together to mourn the president's going. They were united with

the spiritual uplifting Lodge forces poured out over the world at that time in a most sacred requiem, which hovered over us until his mortal vesture was laid to rest, uplifting the world as it never had been lifted before.

Thru the President the Lodge gave the outer impulse to the nations. To the Temple has been given the charge to awaken the souls of men, to bring the "Fires of Holy Aspiration" back into the Temple of Humanity—our greater Self. Not until the heart of Man is changed, his consciousness awakened to the truth of his inherent Divinity and Brotherhood with all life, and he acts accordingly, shall he have won the right to proceed on the Path into the New Day.

For this we Templars have to continue to work with all our life. For this the treasures of the Wisdom of the Ages have been given into our custody. It is the most sacred, the highest charge that ever can be given to man—to do the work of the Masters and the Avatar. And at this sacred Convention hour let us rededicate ourselves to it, with deepest gratitude in our hearts towards the Lodge, and with all our love and devotion to the great work. May Temple members everywhere always remember that the Temple Center stands ready to extend the help they may need in their work, for themselves, and all they come into contact with who are looking for the Truth and are willing to share in the work of the Masters to prepare humanity for the "New Day," in which, to quote from a message received from Master Morya in 1927:

"The Law of Spiritual Development, the One Eternal Law in Nature that always tends to adjust contraries and bring about final harmonies, the Law of Spiritual Development, superseding the physical and purely intellectual, shall free mankind from its false gods and finally bring it to the point where it shall find itself—Self-Redeemed Pride and power of man shall be humbled It shall be as 'The Light that never shone on land or sea' The death-knell of intellectualism has been sounded and the birth-note of Spiritual Perfection has been struck when Kronos—time—can no longer be deceived. The Serpent of pure Wisdom, the Union of physical and spiritual powers, will beget a progeny that will overthrow the mental race with an Intuitive One, a Mighty One that shall be incomparable.

"The Silent Watcher, the Nameless One, The Great Initiator, the Sacrifice, stands and waits, stands and watches at his post which he will not quit until the last day of the Life-Cycle,—stands to guide, to show the way to the voluntary region of Light and Life through the clarity of his own conscious sacrifice, that none may be lost in the desert of illusion and matter of earth-life—that he may help others to succeed in the liberation from the bonds of flesh—stands as sacrifice to mankind... Though but few may choose, all may profit by the Great Sacrifice.

"Scarlet, clear, transparent is the Sentinel, the Initiator. Blood of Life does it offer to those who would become One with It—blood of the Life of the Christs for the Present Hour and Cycle."

And in a message from "From The Mountain Top," "The Trimurti," we are told: "When the Rivers of the Far East and the West meet and commingle, then shall the God of War bury the seven-tipped arrows he now holdeth in hand, beneath the Ocean so formed, and a mighty Race again rule the earth."

And now let us conclude with the following mantram given to us by the Master Hilarion in an hour of need:

"TO ALL RIGHTEOUS PHASES OF LIFE AND
LIVING I GIVE MYSELF IN HOLY LOVE TO
RISE TO GREATER AND GREATER PLANES
OF LIGHT AND POWER OF HELPFULNESS IN
PURITY OF TRUTH TO ALL MANKIND. SO
HELP ME MY HIGHER SELF, AND THE SELF
OF MANKIND IN GOD, AND THE CHRIST."

Ella Vogtherr

Ebba Whitney conducted the noonday Healing Meditation following this meeting.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

A joint meeting of the Inner Orders of The Temple was held at 3 o'clock. It was opened with an organ precessional by Carolyn Forgostein. The "Words of Force" were recited, and the "Great Unifier" sung. Important papers of The Temple and its various Orders were read by the Guardian in Chief, the Outer Guard, the Scribe, the Treasurer, and the General Secretary. The prayers of the Inner Order were recited by the members of the Orders of the 14 and 28. During the proceedings Gertrude Tedford sang "Oh Lord Most Holy," and Carolyn Forgostein sang one of her own compositions, "Beatitudes." The meeting was closed with the Temple Mantrams and the Hymn of Thanksgiving of the Order of the 36.

TUESDAY

At 10:30 came the Social Science meeting, with Outer Guard Fred Whitney presiding.

The session was opened with the "Words of Force" and the "Great Unifier." During the meeting "The Holy City" was sung by Carolyn Forgostein and Frieda Huettig, accompanied by Ebba Whitney, and Carolyn Forgostein played "Minuet" by Beethoven.

Speakers were: Harold Forgostein, whose paper was titled "Socializing Art;" Elmer Hedin who spoke on "Science and Occultism;" Bernard Lentz who spoke on "Social Science and the Avatar." Cethil Mallory's subject was "The Triple Key of Social Science," and Herman Volz's "The New Age." Space

being limited in this number of the Artisan, we print Mr. For-gostein's paper, and the others will follow later.

SOCIALIZING ART

All of man's activity is divided into either the performance of such thoughts, words and deeds as will help humanity toward perfection, or the performance of such thoughts, words and deeds as serve the opposite, and a great deal of mixed effort of both poles, in the process of separation and alignment. One pole is the intrinsic work of harmony, rhythm, and balance. The other is the product of discord, disruption and viciousness. The very principles of art design are the basic trinity—harmony, rhythm, and balance, and it is thus art by its very nature is an engine fitted to generate a power so desperately needed now.

The term "art" refers here to all nominal divisions of the activity and all lesser ones as well—music, drama, painting, architecture, sculpture—on the basis that its technique is the work of color and design whether formed as sound, light, stone, or words; and that its concern is the dissemination of spiritual good, the force of the Christos, to all humanity.

The mechanics are simple. Oil painting will not replace the function of camouflage, and the Beethoven symphonies will not rate the B-29 hit parade. Great masterpieces of art should not be divided into tiny bits and distributed to countless people who would then possess a real, however small, share of the work. A ridiculous idea! Neither should any man because he has possessed a fortunate amount of money be allowed to take one whole work for himself to the exclusion of all other people. Also a ridiculous idea!

It would seem that with the recent growth of museums and galleries the civic pride of the world will exhaust the material to display in them, and thus prove conclusively that art is both popular and deserved. The satisfaction a rich man derives from bequeathing his cultural wealth to the local museum is greater far than the aesthetic beneficence he himself may have derived from the work, and that on the assumption that both are genuine.

Not only are galleries available free to the public but art education itself is readily acquired in technical schools, most of which are still asking high tuitions in exchange. But the WPA proved conclusively the desire of thousands upon thousands of people for enlightenment along those lines. One day, too, such training will be accessible and free to the public. When it is, the association of success in a given field of art with the ability to earn a living at it will show itself obviously fallacious. These are simple mechanics but they cannot be powered from outside—they move from within.

The whole public attitude is far too arbitrary toward art. It is the thing assumed last, after clothing and feeding and housing and transportation and medication and amusement. Protection against fire or theft is conceded and supplied—against

disease of the body provision is being materialized—but for disease of the soul no concern beyond a gesture considered extravagant is ever achieved. The installation of harmony, rhythm, balance, imagination, correlation, and inspiration are put away for later when the war is over or when the job lets up or when greater economic assurance is achieved. These are excuses, pitiable ones, since now and for ages to come they are and will be illusions. Whereas harmony, rhythm and balance are basic laws of life, realistic, vital, clear pathways of unity and interrelation of all forms of manifestation, constantly demonstrated in every form of manifestation except man's conduct.

Socializing art does not mean that the practice and appreciation of art can be packaged and consumed. It does not mean that the flower may be forced to blossom full. But it does mean that the ground must be prepared. It does mean that the seed must be sown, the plant protected, watered, cleared of weeds, and tended to its budding and bloom. It does certainly mean that the time and energy devoted to the consideration of art in public education will and must be vastly augmented. The three R's have grown into long lists of intellectual gymnastics which are on the must list of the school system. But art is left to leisure. These seeds are scattered unprepared and wanton, very grudgingly.

No society can long remain in healthy growth with such a deficiency. The driving power of the Universe, the source of all energy resolves itself into the perfection of the soul demanding more and more adequate vehicles of expression. All forms of manifested energy may be traced to that source of power. This is not a one-way street. The return wave of energy from the lowest forms of matter back to their spiritual source is part of their life. The energy expended each way is mathematical. Its use is answerable to higher law. The highest sources of energy are too powerful to be assimilated by the lesser forms. Therefore intermediaries are necessary. The hierarchy of life is the stepping down degree by degree of the greatest energy to its least component, and the corresponding return to the God-head. The present break in that chain of development is the failure of man to recognize the primordial power of the Golden Rule. The failure is due to selfishness. Through art the ideals of perfection are set down for our striving. The path is lighted by those who have travelled it before us, that we too may take the next step. By its very nature no man can claim art unto himself. Art is a vast intermediate channel wherein man's experience may be shared and mutually appreciated, and from this premise of partial recognition of oneness and perfection grows a greater and greater bond of common interest. Skill in painting or sculpture or writing is but the means to develop coordination, imagination, intuition, compassion, volition, and apperception. Beauty is the expression of perfection. It can no longer be left to arbitrary values. It must be demanded, nurtured,

perfected and loved by the heart as its intrinsic birthright. It is in consciousness that man acquired perfection. He does not make it. He becomes aware of it. Thus for each man. And while he is aware of himself as a separate entity, he is aware of the fact that he exists at all through the common perfection of a higher consciousness which he desires to share.

Harmony, rhythm, balance, the basic reality of art. Here are partial definitions taken from the Mountain Top:

Harmony—"The Common Chord. When Father—Mother—Son, the Triune God, is once more seated on the long vacated throne within the human heart, to rule again that heart in majesty and love, then man will rise to sovereignty o'er all the lesser lives which now obstruct the path to power.

"Man may not tear apart the Common Chord of C,—the Chord of Life, and Love, and Law, to strike a single tone of that vast Trinity alone, without sustaining loss immeasurable. For in the spaces left between, the minor tones will silent lie,—those tones which wake 'the Angels of the Voice' to guard the path to Power."

Balance—the law of balance, of equilibrium, of cause and effect, of karma, "The Law Fulfilled". "Believest thou, O son of Earth's travail, that while the meanest serf remains a serf, thou canst be free, that while one child's low moan of pain ascends the spheres, pure joy may be thy portion?"

"Water seeks its level by a law divine. No less divine—unalterable, the law that makes thy brother's joy thy joy, that so the level of human bliss and agony be found, and wisdom justified.

"If thou wouldst reach perfection lift the stone that crushes to earth a tiny violet, a blade of grass. Bear with thy brother—share his weight of woe; pour thine own abundance into his lap if he be needy.

"Bind up the wound thine enemy received in strife with thee, and so aid in the final great adjustment of mortal man and things. The Law fulfilled will open up the path to God, now closed and barred by self."

Harmony, Balance, and Rhythm. "Rhythm is the beat of the Universal Heart, the throb of the heart of the heavenly man. The synchronous vibrations of the beat of that Universal Heart and the beat of the hearts of all living things, man included, create the rhythmic waves over which all definite thought forms travel between exterior and interior planes and between man and man. They carry the sincere prayers of man to God and the answer from God to man. They carry the impulse, the so-called instincts of the animal creation from one to another. Over them travel the divine impulses of growth and fruition to the seed of all life forms."

Harold Forgostein

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 p.m. the members of the Temple Home Association met in annual session at the residence of Mrs. Dower. Three directors were elected, and the report of the past year showed the Temple home Association in good condition.

At the William Quan Judge Library in the Administration Building tea was served for members and their friends. An exhibition of his newest paintings was arranged by Harold Forgostein. There were also paintings by Bertha Harris and Joyce Hedin, and a collection of baby and childhood photographs of Temple members; and as usual, at Mr. Forgostein's request, the Temple children had made their interesting spontaneous contributions to the exhibit.

WEDNESDAY

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

In the afternoon the Temple Builders presented "Alice in Wonderland" on the stage of Hiawatha Lodge before a large and enthusiastic audience. The twenty children who comprised the cast gave delightful renditions of their roles. Beautiful stage settings in the form of a giant story book were provided by Harold Forgostein. The pages of the book made artistic backgrounds for the acts which included: Alice and the Caterpillar; The Duchess; A Mad Tea-party; The Lobster Quadrille; and The Court Scene.

Fantastic costumes, appropriate lighting, and musical accompaniment, all contributed to make the play most pleasing. Lottie Ferguson, Roberta Shumway and Joyce Hedin were in charge of the coaching, and Louise Lentz assisted at the piano. Mrs. Hedin prepared the script of the play.

THURSDAY

The noonday Healing Service in the Temple was led by the Scribe Ernest Harrison.

The traditional all-day picnic of the Temple group and their friends took place in the beautiful County Park in the foothills, about 16 miles from Halcyon. Under old shady oaks and occasional California bay trees, along a cooling creek, all had a happy time of recreation, with sun bathing, swimming, resting and bountiful luncheons. In the evening those who wished to met once more in Hiawatha Lodge for a few hours of dancing, visiting and singing.

SUNDAY, August 12

At 3:30 p.m. the Temple Builders held their annual Convention services in the Temple. It was a very lovely meeting, and a more detailed report will be given in the next Temple Artisan.

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