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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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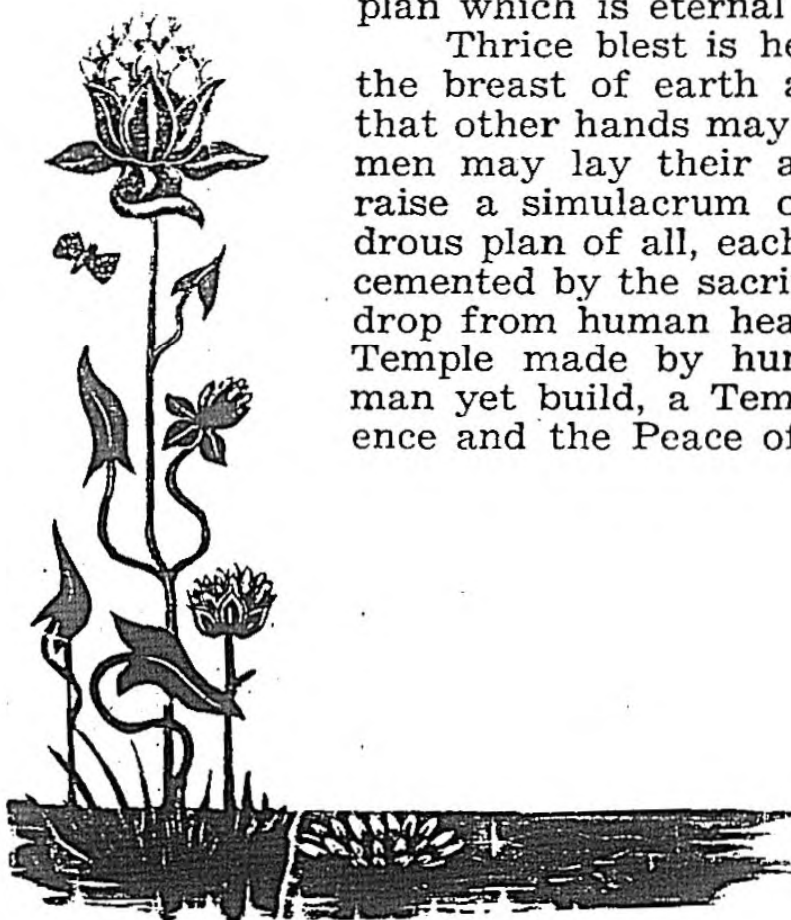
THE TEMPLE PLAN

No man, no host of men, laid hand upon or wrought God's Temple plan, nor can a man or host of men destroy or mar that plan.

High in the heavens unfurled it hangs for eyes unclouded, clarified of self, to see.

Blest indeed is he, who seeing, builds upon the screen of mind a replica of that great plan which is eternal in the soul of time.

Thrice blest is he who lays a stone upon the breast of earth and lays so true to line that other hands may build upon it, that other men may lay their all upon it, and so may raise a simulacrum of that first, most wondrous plan of all, each precious gem of which, cemented by the sacrificial blood shed drop by drop from human hearts, will last for aye. A Temple made by human hands indeed shall man yet build, a Temple worthy of the Presence and the Peace of God.



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THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE PEOPLE

August 3 to 7, 1947

As the Temple Group gathered together for its forty-eighth annual Convention, there were again the high spiritual Lodge forces released for the upliftment of humanity, and all who participated in the gathering at the Center carried with them the light and radiance which were engendered here during the Convention week.

On Saturday evening Temple members and friends met in Hiawatha Lodge for the preliminary reception. The program was opened by Lottie Ferguson reading "In the Lodge of the Red Star." Cethil Mallory played Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6" on the piano, after which Harold Forgostein entertained us with a colorful showing of camera projections. A special treat was the singing by Monica Ting of "The Little Window," the lovely words written by Francia A. La Due, set to music by Miss Ting. Patricia Mallory read two selections from Temple literature, "The Path to Glory" and "Perfection." A trio, of Louise Lentz, Lillian Brown and Harold Forgostein, sang "North Wind," and this was followed by a piano solo by Anna Courtland, the "Lustspiel Overture" by Keler-Bela.

In the concluding number, "Out of this World," Mr. Forgostein introduced to the audience two little flying saucers — Joyce Hedin and Carolyn Forgostein — who had flown all the way from the great star Betelgeuse to attend the Convention.

Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

SUNDAY

The Healing Meditation in Blue Star Temple at high noon was conducted by the Outer Guard and the Treasurer, Fred and Ebba Whitney.

The official opening of the Convention occurred at 3 p. m. The Precessional, "30 Years After," was played on organ and piano by Ebba Whitney and Cethil Mallory. "The Words of Force" were recited and the "Great Unifier" sung. The congregation then joined in singing the powerful Convocation Hymn, "Gitche Manitou, the Mighty." The Guardian-in-Chief, Mrs. Pearl F. Dower, formally opened the Forty-eighth Annual Temple Convention by invoking the blessings of the Great White

Lodge on all proceedings. Otto Westfelt sang the sacred Charge, "Warriors of Light," entrusted to the Temple by the Great Master C. at the inception of the work. The Guardian-in-Chief then read the Master's Message to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

My Children:

As you gather today for your 48th Annual Assembly, to partake of the Holy Feast and Its sacred appointments; as you gather around the Altar in brotherly love, sincere purpose and high aspiration, hearken to the Heavenly Hosts, sounding and resounding the Song of Life, and join in with the higher vibrations of Universal Love and Harmony. Hearken to the overtones, the higher octave, as it penetrates and inter-penetrates every atom of life. Hearken to the Message of the Christos, radiating Its unifying and harmonizing forces to suffering mankind. Can you not detect the higher notes and their cosmic purpose, attuning to the orchestra of life, vibrating in tones of spiritual upliftment and Power?

You may say, how can one reach that height of consciousness in the midst of a world full of disunity, confusion, fear, doubt and unbrotherliness? You can only find the cause of life's complex problems and struggles by climbing higher and treading the upper road, sounding the upper notes in the scale of life and translating discord into harmony. The full keyboard of life is composed of discordant and harmonious notes, but those who seek the Mountain Top must vibrate with the higher chords in the realm of celestial harmonies in order to transmute the fleeting lower vibrations.

The great majority of the human race are bound by the lower mind, desire and intellectual reasoning, without the aid of the Divine Spark of the Higher Mind; and so they must grope in the darkness until they have evolved to the point where through soul awakening they interiorly desire to know more of the Divine Intelligence and Its Universal Purpose.

In order for man to know and perceive the process of Divine Intelligence the development of the Higher Mind is necessary to gain such knowledge. The Higher Mind is the link between God and Man, between the impersonal and the personal, and between the immortal and mortal. Intellectualism belongs to the lower mind, as its process involves reason alone, and so analyzes without the Light of the Higher Mind, and such reasoning eventually consumes itself until the Soul becomes awakened by the Divine Spark; then it inherently desires to develop the higher powers. The lower mind reasons and the Higher Mind works through intuition, the Knower; so the lower mind is limited in its reasoning until joined with the higher intuition. Then it knows without reasoning, because it partakes of the Divine Knowledge. The lower mind aids the Higher Mind in con-

tacting matter for its evolutionary unfoldment. When the Divine flame of Spirit ensouls the lower mind it is able to understand the real purpose of life. The Higher Mind enables the Soul after it has become awakened by the Divine forces to know and realize its fundamental unity with all life. It inherently desires to develop the higher intuition and longs for the higher knowledge.

That deep seated longing to come closer to the Great Reality, the Center of all Being, stems from the Higher Mind where one interiorly loves all and is ever striving to become One with the Whole.

To gain the power of a true occultist, to which all Templars should aspire, and be That which functions these higher forces as a living power in daily living, requires true alignment with the inner forces and the drawing of these higher qualities to oneself by the law of attraction. This in time enables one to identify himself with the higher forms of substance and force, and so to correlate his consciousness with these higher forces on all planes of his being. Developing these interior powers of discrimination enables one to know these Truths from the Universal Soul plane, where higher intuition functions the necessary forces to know the occult Truths and to consciously realize the hidden laws back of all life, and to know there is only one way to reach spiritual heights, the Path that leads to the footstool of the Gods. So all aspirants for true occult knowledge must be obedient to the fundamental laws of Life. The power inherent in all aspiring occultists has been gained over a long period of time and reveals itself through the Light of understanding of the Higher Mind, Divine Thought.

Those joining a real occult group, such as The Temple, always finds the way hard, for as a disciple truly aspires to reach the higher state of consciousness he immediately runs against the lower forces of negation which are set in action to oppose him. The higher one climbs, the greater are the obstacles, until by a long process of true effort they have been overcome and transmuted. All are tested every step of the way as to sincerity of purpose, wisdom of action and unselfish motives; but as one goes on with the determination never to surrender, the Higher Mind is able to function, and so guides and helps lift one out of the lower forces that try to discourage, instill fear, confusion, doubt and despair among men, endeavoring to separate man from man, and nation from nation.

As he follows the true course on the long and winding path of life and travels the upper road, functioning the qualities of the Higher Mind, the aspirant is enabled to glimpse the Cosmic Vista and the Great Forces at work for the benefit of all humanity. There he is enabled to catch the overtones of the orchestra of life and instinctively listens, heeds and obeys the higher impulses and works with the constructive forces of life. Fear,

doubt and uncertainties and all the lower forces of man fade amid the higher realms where higher thoughts and actions hold sway.

Through the maze of the world's unrest, fear and confusion, there is a greater power of reconstruction moving onward and upward for the ultimate release of the earth's bondage. It is so decreed that the Avataric mission clear away the forces of separateness and disunity; it is so written in the heavens that the New Order must clear away the old conditions for the manifestation of Universal Brotherhood. Do not lose courage or faith if the hour be long delayed, for such is the way of the Divine Law. While seeming defeats cloud the outer vision, it is only seeming, as the great evolutionary plan of unification goes on. All of you who work for that Great Cause help to harmonize the discordant elements more than you realize.

As a group under the Lodge these many years you have helped in many crises, and as you continue to work together in harmony, love and unity, great is the accomplishment along the higher lines of endeavor; and great is your opportunity to vibrate with the higher forces. If you could see with your inner eyes you would realize that the unifying forces are working in ways unknown to the lesser evolved. If you were able to glimpse the inner cosmic view, you would know, understand and ever keep striving to follow the upper path. Let not the lower forces draw you downward. If you would use your higher intuition you would know that the great stream of life courses on, carrying out its appointed destiny towards the goal of spiritual attainment. The law moves steadily on and takes all with it whether it be the wreckage of the outer self or the reward of interior effort, and all carried out in accordance with the laws governing the Great Plan and Purpose of Divinity. The Great Law works with the Divine forces not in terms of seeming outer achievement but in terms of obedience to the Higher Laws.

Each and all of you who aspire to the higher life and who have taken a vow to the Higher Self must build in the spiritual qualities in accordance with Karmic Law in order to become real occultists. None can pass the inner doorway without vibrating the forces of the Higher Light, without realizing the fundamental law of Unity and the absolute obedience to the laws of Centralization and Discipleship. The greatest aid in this spiritual quest is the power of a pure heart. It will take you on to greater heights where all else fails. Motive renders the final decision in which direction any disciple will travel along the pathway of life.

In appraising Spiritual values from the Mount Supreme what have you to offer to the Heart of the Great World Mother; what have you to offer to the Christos in Its Universal Mission of unifying all the races of the earth; what have you to offer to The Temple and its world mission; what have you to offer to the Temple Group in united service, unselfish love and devotion

to the Great Cause; what have you to offer in strengthening the bonds of Love, Harmony, and Unity among yourselves; what have you to offer to a confused and suffering world? You will find the answer in the inner sanctuary of your Higher Self.

In leaving, I surround you with my deep love and blessing. Keep within the circle of protection in and about at all times for your help and guidance. Remember, yours is the heroic path and requires constant vigilance, every step of the way.

August 1st, 1947

Your Father-Brother

Hilarion

Following the Message, Monica Ting sang Doctor Dower's composition, "Holy Sephira", and the choir sang Blue Star's hymn, "We Praise Thee."

Afterwards those present partook of the sacred Feast of Fulfillment.

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

MONDAY

At 10:30 a. m., in the Temple, the addresses of the Temple Officers were given. The meeting opened with the reciting of "The Words of Force" and the singing of the "Great Unifier." Then followed an address by the Guardian-in-Chief, after which Lottie Ferguson read the report of the Temple Treasurer, Ebba Whitney being unable to attend because of illness. Cethyl Malory gave a piano selection, and then came addresses by Outer Guard, Fred Whitnev, and General Secretary, Ella Vogtherr. The Mantrams and Consecration Hymn concluded the meeting.

The noonday Healing Meditation which followed was conducted by Lottie Ferguson.

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN-IN-CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

A very hearty greeting to all present. Time marches on as the fast moving forces of life course their way with accuracy, speed and inner purpose. Throughout life's complex problems man must choose his course along the Path of Light, courage, faith and endurance or the path of fear, doubt, confusion and disunity. Man must seek and find the real purpose of life and serve in the interest of humanity, ever guided by the higher impulses.

As we pause, amid life's pressure and trying times, to receive the uplifting forces of the Lodge, we all can be very grateful for the inner help received, and its vital force will enable us to carry on in the spirit of Love and Service.

The Master has said: "There is nothing in heaven or on earth greater to strive for than for an opportunity for usefulness." What a privilege to have the karmic right to be useful and serve in the Temple work; to serve the Masters and through them serve the human race.

All life in every department operates through the law of cycles in co-operation with the law of service, evolving and elevating man's consciousness through love, aspiration, devotion and a sincere desire to be of use in the scheme of life. The plan, purpose and operation of these great laws far surpass man's outer perception and understanding; but as man builds in these higher forces by unselfish service, love and sacrifice he thereby creates a higher grade of spiritual substances through which the soul becomes awakened to the higher forces and interiorly realizes the great laws governing the divinity of man.

Service offered in sincerity brings great inner enlightenment and help to the server and to all others in tune with these constructive forces. Service offered insincerely brings a trail of sorrow and suffering, because it is the result of the broken law and disobedience to the higher law of service. It is also in disobedience to the Master's instructions. It is the result of not accepting such directions at their full value by placing a false interpretation on them. This disobedience inevitably leads to a severance between the Master and the disciple, thus binding the recreant to the service of the opposing forces, until such time as he is able to retrace his footsteps and regain his alignment with the Lodge. No one should despair or lose heart over the many seeming failures to progress. One always has to remember that life's individual experiences cover a long period of successes and failures. And the great law stands ready to help any and all who truly and unselfishly desire to try again to find the light of truth and be of service again and follow the right path. To climb higher, one must use as his guide his best service for the good of all, realizing his unity with all creatures.

True service is not measured by man: It can only be measured by God in the universal workshop where all is weighed according to its use and service. True service has no monetary value. A few days or years of service cannot bring anything of real value to humanity until the human forces based on love, unselfishness and humility interiorly prompt one to wholeheartedly and continuously serve his fellowmen.

All the orders of The Temple are based on service, and as one enters the inner orders more is said of the absolute necessity of service; serving and working together as one in obedience to the laws of centralization and holding fast to the hierarchical line. A few days or years of service intermittently given to the Lodge cannot bring any spiritual gains or results. No one can live on the memory of service rendered. In regard to this point the Master once said, "I wish to warn you about one thing, never permit the idea that any work you may have done or may do in the future for The Temple to occupy too large a space in your imagination. It is and will be your interior attitude, your love and trust in each other, in the Agents of the Lodge and in the Lodge, that will finally determine your posi-

tion and the possibility of higher advancement. Work — Service and Labor — is the Law of Life." Service to the Lodge is continual, constant and uninterrupted; sometimes uneventful, uninteresting and even wearisome; but more often joyous, happy and blessed with the inner contentment of serving. We have to remind ourselves again and again of the great part the law of service has in each and everyone's life; and, wherever placed in life's activities, true service is USE in its highest sense. As servers in the Master's work we should at all times be grateful and thankful to have the opportunity to help in this great work as well as to help in the higher evolution of fulfilling man's greater destiny.

Service rendered in the cause of brotherhood never goes unnoticed by the Lodge, and we as the hands and feet of the Master must continue to go forward and work together as One for the good of all.

All who wish to receive the highest good and interior force from the Temple center should always send their requests to the central point where all lines converge and which acts as a radiator for those at the outposts. By this process those desiring help will receive it without having the current broken and the forces scattered in all directions. Broken lines are unable to give the desired results.

We must again remind you of the material aid necessary for carrying on the Temple work. For those who have contributed so generously and those who have given in time, labor and other ways, I wish to express deep thanks and appreciation on behalf of The Temple. Owing to the great rise in prices of supplies and other commodities, it requires very close figuring to meet our expenses. All we can ask is that you do your part in helping to defray the regular Temple expenses so that the Temple literature may reach those seeking the Light of Truth and that the forces of the Lodge may flow out to all the world. It is well to remember what Master Hilarion once said to a member who asked how much of her income she should give to the Temple work: "I cannot tell any child of mine what he shall put in his own home. It is for him to choose. The Temple as a whole is your home, as it is the home of all of you assembled here, as well as of many others. The more you all grow to look upon it as such, the nearer you will get to Those who are, in a sense, the Parents of that home and the vibrations which will make it all that a home can be to you; for some time in the life of each one of you it will be your home consciously, and the sooner you begin to realize and work toward that end the better."

We have had some noticeable improvements in Halcyon this year. The Halcyon Post-office and store building was moved one block south on the corner lot and was remodeled and enlarged, and now presents a very attractive building, as well as much more useful, with the modern improvements. A cement

sidewalk was laid all around the Temple steps and other improvements were made. All the fine work was done by our Temple brothers. Our brother Cethil Mallory planned and built the store with the aid of others from time to time.

The Temple stands for unified work and this must be done in harmony and willing service. All work in The Temple in the future as well as in the past must be built in by slow degrees, toil, labor and unselfish motive in order for a sound foundation to be permanently established.

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 headquarters, Halcyon, San Luis Obispo County, California.

As fellow travelers along the straight and narrow path that leads to life eternal we have to continually strive to attain that goal by working in love, harmony and unity with the positive forces of life. It is worth all the effort to work in that spirit for the Masters of Love and Wisdom.

Pearl F. Dower

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Fellow Templars and Friends:

This paper begins with quotations from an article in the April-May Temple Artisan, 1938, titled "The Leader."

It reads, "The law of life in form, be it man, tree, gnat or nation, is a law of growth. Nothing stands still; it is integration—with balance and use—and then disintegration. The moment the forces of an organism cease the forward thrusts of constructive action stagnation follows: a reversal sets in and nature destroys the useless thing. Nature, which is God in action in the natural world, leaves behind the dead yesterdays and pushes on into the new tomorrows. If man as individual, nation or race sees not the doorways of God that open into the new in human values, organization and procedure, but blindly clings to his yesterdays, his civilizations must continue to perish into disastrous nights of time.

"His possible and urgent evolutions that should be shaped by him in wisdom, and so guided by scientific procedure as to reach clearly perceived goals ahead, only end in bloody revolutions. Wars, pestilence, famine, hate and destruction do their deadly work, and man the barbarian walks the earth again. But never yet has man gone down thus to his ruin that the light of Revelation has not first shone upon his path. The Watchers never tire, and a leader, or leaders born of the urgent need of such a race or nation, appear on the scene to point the way to the light of right understanding and possible procedure. Such leaders have invariably struck the keynote of that new day and way that hangs in the rising light of evolution's tomorrow. Then

it has remained to be seen if the nation would respond to its own better self or not. . . .

"A nation pledged to the individualism of 1776—which was right, at least in that it was inevitable for that day — was hopelessly on the rocks of change before 1932. It, like a tree, had grown, fruited and finally died, the span of that ideal having gone never to return in this civilization, the free land upon which it stood having disappeared and left the machine in its stead. Into this situation the new national leader stepped, taking quick and decisive hold on the immediate problems. But born as he was of the inner, the humanitarian side of the issues, he did not stop with the outer but reached forward into the ideals of a coming new day.

"As the ideals of 1776 opened the doors of a common opportunity for the masses, so has our leader reached out for the man forgotten in the evolvments of industrial individualism, and started the wheels of State moving toward the rescue of those millions who are dispossessed, first, by immediate relief for the man in business as well as the man in the street, and then by a far-reaching vision of social and economic change, striking the social keynote of that change, which is altruism. As a widely-known columnist puts it:

"They — the millions — are now for the first time in history recognised victims of dislocation in the economic order. The new relation of the State to the individual obliges it to see that he has an opportunity to make a living."

"And, with the placing of that principle, government is declared to be more than a mere matter of rulership or a financial clearing house for business, and becomes a responsible agent for the well-being of the social body. This, as we see, means the re-unfoldment of mass opportunity for self help and development, and it remains to be seen how much of the basic structure the Leader will be permitted to lay down before greed and selfishness push out both him and the ideals, and we have to fall back into — who knows what? to wait in suffering and delay for another forward swing in the cyclic on-going of man's destiny. Because this is a momentous day, an hour of far-reaching, even cosmic change wherein the very stars are affected in their courses, it is peculiarly true that such a Leader disappears as the man and becomes type, symbol and embodiment of the soul-light and understanding of a nation, even a race, and, in this case — even the whole world. Hence to those ideals which he proclaims every true-hearted man and woman should respond with gratitude, devotion and tireless service."

It has been nearly ten years since the above was written, and in that time a world-encompassing war has spent its fiery power in decimating peoples, races and nations, leaving behind it only rubble heaps in the lands it has engulfed; and fear, confusion and despair tear at the minds and hearts of all too many

of those who fought bravely for a promised new world, one in which the warmth of the human heart has a chance to live, and righteousness comes to lead the way, only to see their Leader go down in the crash of battles ere the Charter and the Freedoms could gain the beginnings of a lasting hold.

However, sad as this outcome is and thick as the clouds may be that hang over our heads today, these forces that separate, tear down and annihilate are not the be all and the end all in the story of man. Man still is greater than his perversities and inhumanities. The law of Creative Will and Desire, posited in the finer side of man at the aeon of his beginning in this world, is spelling out counter ways and ends. Those whose vicious powers have once more wrecked the ideal of a world made secure by justice, unified endeavor and good-will must ultimately pass out of power in the human race. There is something greater than their might, namely the fact that "The great Ideals of the Gods and of men," as Temple Teachings inform us, "ALONE are eternal, all else is change." All else is the illusion of Reality and must pass away disrupted and destroyed by its own forces, the germs in its own heart. Only the good can survive the testings of the Law. Only the Perfected can unite with the Perfect. And these Ideals are the foundations of the Earth itself. In them is the Plan of Creation, the power, the mind, the vision of the Great Ones, Those who carry the destiny of worlds in their scientific hands.

For the good of those humans who have the desire to hear and the power to know, there is one Supreme Leader for all mankind and for all the right and righteous leaders of the Earth, namely, the One known in the Teachings as the Avatar; that great Being who incarnated 2000 years ago as Jesus of Nazareth, and whose ineffable Light poured into the world again around the dawn of this century, bringing aeonic judgment to the Earth with Love and Justice in the unflinching will of the Law. He is the One who "Comes" again and again. And of these cyclic comings of the Christ an ancient book of the world's immortal Instructions, titled "The Bhagavad Gita", says, with the Christ speaking, "I am born but through . . . the mystic power of self-ideation, the eternal thought in the eternal mind. I produce myself among creatures, O son of Bharata, whenever there is a decline of virtue and an insurrection of vice and injustice in the world; and thus I incarnate from age to age for the preservation of the just, the destruction of the wicked, and the establishment of righteousness."

"Cast off the glamour. Bare thy breast to all the icy winds that sweep the Storm King's realms. Though beaten to the earth again, and yet again, yet shalt thou rise each time the stronger, and at length thou shalt be master of thyself, and therefore of thy fate."

Fred Whitney

ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

In giving the report of the Temple Treasurer, and in reviewing the year that has gone past from Convention to Convention, let us first consider the spiritual aspect of this vital function for purposes of examination. Being concerned principally with the application and distribution of spiritual wealth in terms of forces, we find the Temple Treasury filled to overflowing with the precious gems of Spiritual Truths and abundant knowledge flowing freely from the Heart Center of our Father-Mother source of all Truth. In the possession of each partaker is the key that unlocks the door, for his use or dis-use, or even misuse of its treasures, according to how he wields the key. He is in truth custodian as well as receiver, with the privilege of adding to the sum total, or the shame of taking without replacing anything of value in return.

In each and every true Templar resides the firm and enduring realization of The Temple's relationship to the Great White Lodge of Masters, its place as the Central Hierarchical Station of Distribution in the grand scale of evolutionary forces of Life. From this great distributing Center stream forth evolutionary waves of transmutation affecting all forms of life in manifestation because of this relationship, and because The Temple, as a movement, represents humanity. Its struggles, its successes and its failures, its powers of endurance, strength, fortitude in its great battle with the opposing forces are all reflected and reproduced in the units and in collective humanity,—just as surely as the attributes of heredity are transmitted down a family line—because it has been chosen to stand as the Father-Mother-Sister-Brother representative of humanity. And as each unit of the race falls into alignment with this Ray and Hierarchy, the added responsibility of helping to carry each successive load of untransmuted forces entailed through that relationship is ours.

It is our task and our privilege to thus consciously give of ourselves, "all we are and hope to be" because within that giving lies the key to the Treasury of The Temple.

It is of that power of giving, both from the spiritual and the material standpoint, that the Treasurer's Report is now concerned, and how we can best contribute to the great sum total of the Temple Treasury and extend our lines for greater effort, purpose and efficiency. Let us remember that through those lines running down into every atom of life is the power of the White Lodge, ever guiding and directing its various functions of creative effort.

At each Convention we sound a keynote for the coming year, a note for building purposes, and if we strike the keynote of the Heart in its many variations over and over, it is because of the essentiality of that keynote in a movement that is founded

principally as a Heart Movement, and that keynote needs to be sounded strong and true, and its meaning made clear in order for the work to continue steadfastly and effectively onward to its goal. Give from thy Heart the treasures of thy Soul.

I would like to quote a few lines from a Convention Report of a former Treasurer: "For where my heart is, there WILL MY TREASURE BE, and it is plain that if we would resound throughout Eternity, if we would build that which will not only DRAW THE GREAT ONES TO US, BUT HOLD THEM WITH US ALSO, WE CAN LAY NOTHING LESS UPON THE ALTAR OF OUR SERVICE THAN THAT MAGICAL ESSENCE OF THE FIRST-BORN OF OUR LOVE. THAT AND NOTHING SHORT OF THAT CAN GIVE US THE LIFE, CAN BRING US THE ESSENTIALS NEEDED FOR THE BUILDING OF THE WORK OF THE MASTER AND THE TEMPLE. Explain it away as we will, avoid the issue as best we can, we are compelled to recognize the truth of it in the final inventorying. Lay it aside if we so choose for a period, we are but taken back again to life to learn that if that SACRIFICIAL OFFERING BE WITHHELD, BUT ONE RESULT OBTAINS,—DEATH.

"BUT, GLORIOUS CHRIST, BEYOND EVEN DEATH IS LIFE AGAIN, AND IN THEE AND THAT, WE SHALL AND MUST MAKE GOOD, AND THE TREASURES OF THY TEMPLE SHALL EVER INCREASE, EVER GROW MORE AND MORE PRECIOUS.

"The work has always pressed forward in the face of all things, yet we must say this once again — we are in need, and we are in right goodly need if we wish to consider at all the comfort, the peace of mind, the nervous and physical well-being of the leader of The Temple about whom the work must revolve."

This is the end of the quote, and the purpose to be served in thus uniting the past with the present lies in the similarity of conditions and the ever present problem of the need for combined effort of understanding of such conditions in the work.

Since time immemorial has soul reached out to soul for mutual sustenance and comfort in time of need, and since the beginning of time has that need been supplied through sacrifice of self. It is the Law, and the very essence of the fabric we are weaving into the pattern of life; and as true Templars and Guardians of our common Treasury, let us evaluate the principle of Sacrifice rightly and apply it in our daily lives and living in terms of mutual helpfulness to one another and to the Cause

we are pledged to sustain and uphold, earnestly striving for that brotherliness we are endeavoring to incorporate into the very warp and woof of the fabric we are weaving. When we truly love one another, and act according to the dictates of that love, we act in mutual helpfulness, kindness of spirit and forbearance with one another's weaknesses, holding the trust and faith that our brother or sister is also striving for the same equilibrium of spirit that we ourselves are striving for, and that by acting in love and brotherliness we are raising the forces of unbrotherliness and selfishness in the world to love and brotherliness to just that extent. We need to remind ourselves of this because of the tremendous tension all are under when once they set out to subdue and curb the lower nature.

The Temple story is that of redemption from beginning to end, and its many facets of experience are but so many variations of the same theme, transmutation and regeneration. We meet our Dweller again and again, individually as well as collectively, until he is forever silenced within ourselves; and that, as we well know, goes on until matter is redeemed and true love and brotherhood reign supreme. By that token do we know and realize that it is not a matter of what our comrades do or do not do, but of looking within oneself for that which will not or cannot go forward to victory — victory over the "Dweller on the Threshold."

We have had very good reason for remembering the 49th year of The Temple's history which will soon be brought to its closing chapter. It is written in the heart's blood of each one of us in its many phases of grueling testing both of body and of spirit. The Temple goes on, and its units fall into their proper places of alignment and adjustment, wherein they can properly evaluate their powers of endurance and loyalty under pressure, based on the principles they have pledged themselves to uphold at all costs to the personality. Seen with the eyes of true discernment the picture beheld is not always the ideal one, but within the power of this evaluation lies that command given to all aspirants on the Path. "Man know thyself," in order to build true to the Divine pattern of God. Truth is at its base, the fruit of the long travail of the Soul.

Let us go on building true to the lines laid down by the Higher Self, and let us not be dismayed by the temporary blockades of the lower man, knowing truly that when we give of ourselves, even in terms of failure to attain, and keep faith with our Higher Self with dauntless courage, we are actually building in the forces needed by all who follow the narrow trail, and who might otherwise fall by the wayside.

Within the word "give," lies power, the Power that springs from Love and Life Eternal,—give of our riches, our poverty, give of the essence of our long travail for regeneration and transfiguration, for upon this power of giving depends a world.

The 50th year we are about to enter describes a half circle

in terms of time, and its significance lies within the confines of the number five. This is the number of humanity, and the five pointed star stands for the Agency of the Lodge. It is the "half-way through" cycle of a journey in time, and it is well to pause and consider its potencies and power as we gradually come to this cyclic destiny of our Cause. It is a number of magical potency with intense and irritating qualities of vibrations, and represents the moulding of the mortal body to the discipline of the spiritual. It means a starting out and renewal on higher lines of endeavor on the great spiral of activity, with the added powers of experience gained and applied to greater efficiency. That this transitional year will also bring tests and trials to each and everyone who is a part of The Temple, goes without saying, but we should be better equipped and fortified to meet all problems and to profit through the fruits of our labors of the past year, the trials of the forty-nine fires.

Let us remember the potencies of the number five, in the representation of the Star of Humanity through the Agent of the Lodge, and let us give of ourselves to that Agent—our Central Cell—our loyal service, devotion, trust and fidelity, responding to that "right goodly need," of our quote, remembering also, "if we are to consider at all the comfort, the peace of mind, the nervous and physical well-being of the leader of The Temple about whom the work must revolve."

The financial status of The Temple has been at low ebb for some time. Let us remember that we are correspondingly in danger of being at low ebb spiritually if it is due to selfish neglect, and renew our response to the needs of The Temple on all planes of life.

"THOU SHALT GIVE OF THINE ABUNDANCE TO ALL THE POOR, BUT OF THY POVERTY, THE PRICE OF THINE OWN PLEASURES AND THAT WHICH WOULD MINISTER TO THINE OWN DESIRES SHALT THOU GIVE TO THE GREAT MOTHER AND TO THE GUARDIAN OF THE SHRINE, THROUGH WHICH THE GREAT MOTHER LOVE OF THE UNIVERSE RADIATES FOR THINE OWN ETERNAL GOOD."

Ebba Whitney

The address of the General Secretary will follow in the next Artisan.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 p. m., in the Temple, an Inner Order meeting was held wherein three candidates were initiated into the Order of the 36. The Initiation ceremony was followed by the Feast of Fulfillment.

TUESDAY

At 10:30 a. m. the Social Science meeting convened, with Patricia Mallory presiding. "The Words of Force" were repeated and the "Great Unifier" was sung.

Harold Forgostein spoke on "Science and Art" and Elmer Hedin had as his subject, "The Path of the Christ." Carolyn Forgostein played "Song Without Words," by Mendelssohn.

Cethil Mallory's address was entitled. "A Norm for Freedom," and Herman Volz spoke on "Social Science and the Essentials of Life." Bernard Lentz, who had prepared a paper on "Temple Philosophy, World Problems, and Current Idologies," was unable to attend the meeting, and his paper was read in the Sunday afternoon service on August 17. The above mentioned papers follow.

The meeting concluded with the Mantrams and Consecration Hymn.

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 p. m. the members of the Temple Home Association met for their annual gathering at the home of Mrs. Dower. Two directors whose terms had expired. Otto Westfelt and Herman Volz, were re-elected. The report of the past year showed the Temple Home Association in good condition.

At the former Halcyon Sanatorium an art exhibit was held. Harold Forgostein had a very attractive display of both water colors and oils, and the children's spontaneous drawings were received with the usual enthusiasm. A unique showing this year was a group of beautifully tooled leather purses made by Wenonah and Joan Varian and Martha Schussman.

Tea was served during the afternoon to Templars and friends.

(Convention Report will be concluded in next Artisan.)

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