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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.

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First: To formulate the truths of religion as the fundamental factor in the evolution of the human race. And this does not mean the formulation of a creed.

Second: To set forth a philosophy of life that is in accord with natural and divine law.

Third: To promote the study of the sciences and the fundamental facts and laws upon which the sciences are based which will permit us to extend our belief and knowledge from what is known to the unknown.

Fourth: To promote the study and practice of art on fundamental lines, showing that art is in reality the application of knowledge to human good and welfare, and that the Christos can speak to humanity through art as well as through any other fundamental line of manifestation.

Fifth: The promotion of a knowledge of true social science based on immutable law, showing the relationship between man and man, and man and God and nature. When these relationships are understood we will instinctively formulate and follow the law of true brotherhood.

RELIGION, SCIENCE, AND ECONOMICS, these are the foundation stones of The Temple. There can be no true religion without its scientific basis, and there can be no right economic system not based on a science that is religious and a religion that is scientific.

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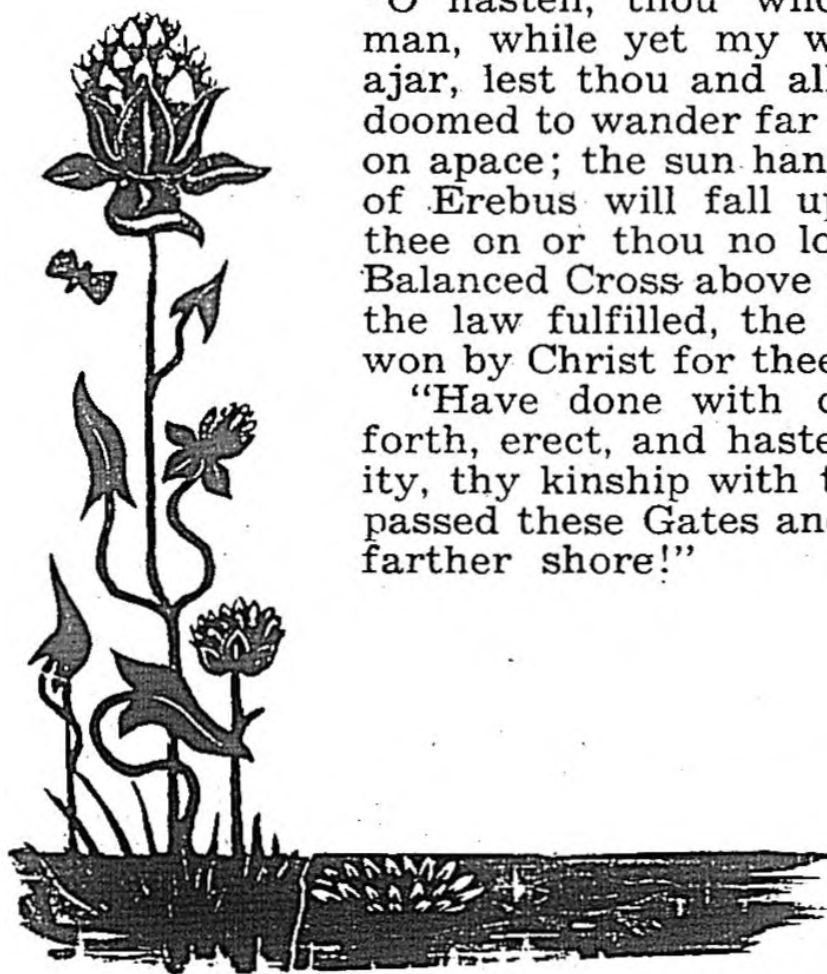
UNTO THEE A KEY

THE HIGH-BORN ANGEL OF THE JEWELLED GATES

Faith, the high-born Angel of the Jeweled Gates, stands now with one foot poised upon the threshold of The Gate and hand outstretched in beckoning to the drooping, weary pilgrim who leads unnumbered throngs along the narrow tortuous Path which marks the long ascent.

With soft entreating words, Faith cries: "O hasten, thou who bearest the image of man, while yet my will may hold the gates ajar, lest thou and all thy race shall long be doomed to wander far afield! The Night comes on apace; the sun hangs low and soon the pall of Erebus will fall upon thy path; so haste thee on or thou no longer mayest behold the Balanced Cross above the Gates,—the token of the law fulfilled, the Guerdon of the Victory won by Christ for thee and all thy kind.

"Have done with doubt and fear! Stand forth, erect, and haste to claim thy immortality, thy kinship with the souls who long since passed these Gates and wait for thee upon the farther shore!"



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

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The Forty-ninth Annual Convention was blessed with high powerful Lodge forces pouring through the Temple Center into the world for the help and upliftment of humanity.

The annual reception at Hiawatha Lodge on Saturday evening prefaced the opening of the Convention. Members and friends were greeted in the name of the Guardian in Chief by Ebba Whitney, who read "In the Lodge of the Red Star." Jean Tedford sang the beautiful solo, "Bless This House," and Patricia Mallory read selections from Temple literature: "The Reborn in Nature" and "Temple Hands." John Mallory played a violin solo, "Cavatina" by Raff, and David Mallory followed with another, "The Swan" by Saint-Saens, their father, Cethil Mallory, accompanying them.

"The Harp of Life" was rendered by the choir, after which Cethil Mallory played "Polonaise" by Chopin.

Two amusing skits followed: "The Story of Creation," presented by Harold Forgostein and Herbert Lentz, and "A Broadcast from Betelgeuse," performed by Joyce Hedin, Carolyn Forgostein, Elmer Hedin and Harold Forgostein.

Light refreshments and dancing concluded the evening.

SUNDAY

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

The official opening of the Convention occurred at 3 P.M. The Precessional, "30 Years After," composed by Edgar Cheetham, 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 sang in unison the inspiring Convocation Hymn, "Gitchie Manitou, the Mighty."

The Guardian in Chief, Mrs. Pearl F. Dower, then formally opened the Forty-ninth Annual Convention by invoking the blessings of the Great White Lodge on all proceedings. The choir sang the sacred Charge, "Warriors of Light," given to Templars by the Great Master C. at the beginning of the Temple Work, after which the Guardian in Chief read the Master's Message to the Convention.

MASTER'S MESSAGE TO THE TEMPLE CONVENTION

Greetings I give unto you, my children of the New Dispensation; Greetings to all who aspire to a higher order of Life; and to all who desire to bring about a Universal Brotherhood of all races and peoples.

What would you have at this hour of your Temple Convention, as the inner forces of Light descend into your midst to bless mankind endeavoring to bring Man nearer to God and his Infinite Plan?

I would ask you to pause for a time amid Life's troubled and feverish world to enter into the innermost sanctuary of your Being and hearken to the Message of the Christos, fraught with Eternal Truth, filled with the Light of the New Dispensation, incessantly shedding Its Radiance of Love, Harmony and Unity into the aura of humanity to help dispel the darkness in and about the earth; admonishing man to love his fellowmen and work in harmony with the laws of Universal Brotherhood; endeavoring to awaken man to his spiritual responsibilities toward his other selves and to a realization of his Unity with all creatures.

Man is faced today with the world's complex problems of selfishness, greed, hate, fear and the threat of dis-unity on every hand. Your greatest protection against these negative forces is to face every situation that arises with poise, calmness, serenity and equanimity, realizing interiorly your Oneness with the Christos, and no harm can come to the Real Self. As you build in the higher qualities, you free yourselves from the fears of the lower self. Many times you have been told the causes of the world's troubles and your part, from the higher aspect, in helping to overcome the many disturbing vibrations. Even though your efforts seem futile, you must try over and over again to help dispel the clouds of selfishness. Routing the enemy, the lower self, requires constant effort to go on, and one must be eternally vigilant every step of the way. The constructive forces of the Lodge are at your disposal at all times to raise the consciousness of man collectively and individually and to help him see the Light of Truth by constructive growth.

Those units of humanity involved in the forces of mammon, self-interest and other separative forces are unable to see the true picture of Life because they are blinded by selfish motives. Being motivated by unity of purpose and unselfish service leads to the heights of life, while dis-unity is at the root of all evil and brings all the sorrow and suffering in the world. The disintegrating forces, in their well-organized plan, have entered into every phase of life and are continually trying to put a wedge between man and his higher aims and ideals. One must be ever on guard against these negative forces, which try in every way to obstruct any work of a high order. The essential quality for battling these forces is a pure heart, guided by higher intuition,

which must be developed for higher knowledge and understanding.

Each and every Soul who travels the pathway—the stairway to the Stars that leads to conscious immortality—must travel that path alone. Each soul comes into this life alone and goes out of it alone, and has all of its greatest soul experiences alone. Such is the law for Spiritual growth and fulfillment of Divine Destiny. There is no royal road to reach such heights, and the path is beset with every kind of obstacle all the way. It is a long, hard and difficult climb, and to continue on one must obey the higher laws and apply the true methods of spiritual growth. Throughout the many incarnations the ascent is steep, winding, and of many curves, angles and degrees; but the guide posts along the way, deeply engraved by the Master Hand, show the way for all, and call for every Soul to be true to his pledged vows to God and true to his obligations and responsibilities to his fellowmen. God is Love, the basic law of life, and evil has no power to bring suffering on man if he is obedient to the law of Love. But the pages of history are filled with the acts of man's inhumanity to man, where through disobedience to Law every right Law has been broken, and this is the cause of all the suffering today.

The Soul on its eternal journey, vast, pure and immeasurable, is the perpetuating principle of Life—the neutral point between Spirit and Matter. The Soul uses matter for the highest constructive purpose in its evolutionary course. As a reflection of the Universal Mind—Divine Thought—it draws from the higher substance for its Spiritual use. From the material aspect, the vehicle of the Soul is created from a high grade of energy and is composed of all the Divine powers, Substance and Forces, which enables the Ego to build the bodies throughout its many lives. After each period of rest It returns to life for experience and development.

The Soul is the eternal screen of pure essence, on which are thrown all the thoughts of man, both good and evil, which are indelibly impressed there, and must remain there until they are released by man's higher efforts and the evil thoughts are atoned for, transmuted and erased over the long period of wrong doing. Good is eternal and remains forever. Evil is destructive and the screen of the soul must be cleansed of its impurities in order to attain its heavenly goal. The Soul is the seat of man's greatest woes or joys on the outer plane of life, and the true goal at all times for earnest disciples is to reach a state of consciousness where the Brotherhood of Man is a fact which calls for maintaining brotherly relations with one's other selves.

When the soul memory has become awakened and man has developed to the point where he is able to behold the result of his past actions, great are the revelation, consternation and remorse. A great desire wells up in him to make good the wrongs done by his selfish thoughts and deeds. The great Law of

Justice demands that all debts to one's fellowmen must be redeemed in full, not by undoing the acts but rather by changing one's thoughts and overcoming the motives that prompted any past wrongs done. All aspirants on the Path must keep in mind the necessity for right thinking, that the screen of the Soul may be kept cleansed of impure thoughts, and a conscious realization of obedience to the higher laws that lead to spiritual attainment. If true methods of spiritual growth are not used, the Soul's intuition is blinded and one walks along the path of ignorance, losing sight of the real opportunities, to wander around on the outskirts of the Higher Self.

One truly desiring to overcome the many obstacles along the way must let go of the personal equation and find the impersonal way of working with the Divine Laws. One has to remember that the stumbling blocks on the Path are many, and one of the greatest weapons to guide one aright is the Power of Will—Divine Will, not the personal will.

Close association over a long period of years is bound to bring friction at times of various kinds to a group of disciples, but the opportunity for overcoming and transmuting these discordant relationships is ever present, and the way opened for greater soul expression. For soul progression, emotion must be controlled. If one is to find the true knowledge of all of Life's experiences, from the highest to the lowest, control of the physical senses is necessary. Positive emotion sustains the Soul; negative emotion blocks the way of development and eventually blights the Soul.

To grasp the one Reality, the Source of all peace and happiness, the Soul must reach a point in its evolution where the brain mind has made correlation with the higher intuition, the Over Soul. The requirements for chelaship are many, but hearts willing to listen and to heed the inner call to abide by the laws governing an occult center will be able to overcome the stumbling blocks in the way of progress, and so yield to the inevitable law in whatever way is best for their higher growth. The inflexible, unyielding person invariably breaks under the strain of life's many pressures, while those who are flexible and pliable are able to bend and yield under any pressure and so suffer less in whatever crisis may arise.

The strain and nervous tension from which many people are suffering today is greatly responsible for the suffering, sorrow and unrest of the human race. Body and Soul relaxation are necessary for relief from this tension and must be achieved by exercising the higher will power. Close out the outer activities and enter in, and you will find that place of peace and calm and be relaxed. The Soul's mission, in its highest sense, ever continues among men guided by the hand of God. The Light of the New Dispensation shines forth in ever increasing measure, even though the condition of the world seems at extremely low ebb. Some become impatient and demand quick action of the

Law, because the plan and ideal of the Lodge has not yet become a reality on the outer plane. A heaven on earth cannot come to pass without the necessary requirements to gain that high order of life. You have been told that when a great plan or ideal has been given you for your thought and consideration it does not mean immediate fulfillment of that plan or ideal in any specified time of years. The plan has been brought forward in order to give an opportunity for building the basic structure. For as you build in the mental structure the corresponding physical structure will follow. Everything brought into manifestation on the physical plane is first brought into manifestation on three other planes. As each and everyone does his part in building this ideal so will he share in the benefits of its fulfillment.

The Temple in its universal aspect stands high in all that is constructive and helpful to man. It is a beacon of light showing the wayfarer the way to the footstools of the Gods, the seat of Omnipotent Love and Truth. The Center throughout the many years of the Temple existence on the outer plane has held the lines open for the Brothers of the White Brotherhood to carry on the plan and purpose for which it was organized. The Temple movement, having been imbued at its inception and energized with the positive forces of the Lodge, the group has been enabled to hold the Center intact, and, whenever harm came near to disrupt the work, the Watch Dogs of The Temple, eternally vigilant, have held the line at all times. All who joined the ranks, at its inception and throughout the years, with sincerity of purpose, high aspiration, love for humanity, and obedience to the laws governing the Center, have won their places high on the Honor Roll of the Lodge. Unselfish Service, Loyalty, Devotion and Sacrifice are and ever will be the keynotes for the Temple structure. Those unable to keep up with the group had to drop out and must wait for some future time when the disobedience to the higher laws has been made good in accordance with karmic law.

The Temple group, animated by the Great White Lodge, becomes a distributing point for the forces seeking an outlet into the world for helping humanity. All lines of the Central Square of The Temple are laid on the firm foundation of True Brotherhood, and The Temple has kept to these lines throughout the many years on the outer plane. All who have taken vows to the Higher Self to work in harmony with the laws governing Centralization have a great responsibility in carrying out that sacred promise. The Higher Law demands an accounting of disobedience to the lesser laws, and those disobeying must accept the results of the broken law, as Divine Law demands exact justice in the universal recordings of life. All Souls who join The Temple must go through the fires of purification so that the dross of the lower nature may be burned out and the Purified Spirit emerge. Being tested in the fiery furnace is necessary to try one's ability to endure and perform one's duty to

the work in the Spirit of Love, Wisdom and Selfless Service.

Having withstood the onslaughts of time, The Temple has gone on along its destined course and carried out the Christos' Work—the Avataric Mission—the most Sacred Mission any group has been called upon to perform; and this requires a center of peace and quiet for prayer, aspiration, concentration and unified endeavor. The Light of the Christos goes out to all who are attuned to its vibration, and reaches all who are working for Universal Brotherhood. Many today are attuned to these Forces of Light, and are endeavoring to bring man nearer to the Realization of his Oneness with all.

In your moments and hours of depression and tension let go of the outer noises and dissensions, and try to find that Place of Peace, and realize your Sacred Privilege of carrying on the work of the Christos and Its world-wide mission of Love, Harmony and Unity to and for all peoples.

As tried and tested Stones in the Guardian Wall hold fast your appointed place, guard well the Treasures placed in your keeping, and work as One in all your efforts to spread the Great Message of the Christos to all lands.

My love and protection are about you always.

Your Father-Brother,
HILARION

After the reading of the Message, the choir sang Blue Star's beautiful hymn, "We Praise Thee."

There followed the sacred Feast of Fulfillment in which the elements of bread and water were offered to all present.

At 6 P. M. dinner was served in Hiawatha Lodge.

MONDAY

At 10:30 A. M., the Temple Officers delivered their annual addresses in the Temple. Following the "Words of Force" and "The Great Unifier" came the addresses of the Treasurer, Ebba Whitney and Outer Guard, Fred Whitney. Cethil Mallory then played Rimsky-Korsokoff's "Hymn to the Sun." This was followed by the addresses of Ella Vogtherr, General Secretary, Herman Volz, Scribe, and the Guardian in Chief. The Mantrams and Consecration Hymn concluded the meeting.

The following noonday Healing Service was conducted by Ella Vogtherr.

ADDRESS OF THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

Greetings to all, and welcome to the visitors from afar to our forty-ninth annual Convention.

The Temple can report a very successful year in terms of interest, helpfulness and outer achievements. We have at last gathered together sufficient funds to reprint the Temple Teachings, and it is now in the hands of the printers. We hope to have

it completed by early fall. It is being printed by a reliable company who are taking a personal interest in our teachings and assure us they will turn out a book which we can be very proud of. This year being the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of The Temple, we are calling this edition the Jubilee Edition. Our deepest gratitude goes out to those who have made it possible for The Temple to get this book out and once more send the Temple message to the world.

Our deepest gratitude also goes out to all the faithful servers here and elsewhere for their loyalty, devotion and helpful contributions which aided in keeping the Temple work going on along the lines laid down by the Masters in the beginning of the work. All who give for the love of the work will receive the inner treasures of spiritual knowledge.

In reviewing the history of The Temple over the many years, there are interesting events recorded in the Temple Annals. I am going to give a few today which might be of interest to you all.

The Temple work was organized in Syracuse, New York, November 15, 1898, and the headquarters were moved to the West Coast where the official Temple work began in June, 1903. In December, 1901, Master Hilarion directed Blue Star to come west, to California, to select the spot where the Temple Center would be located. After she arrived in San Francisco she wrote to Red Star, in part: "Well, here I am, separated by a whole continent from you all, and I know you could not help feeling the influences here and comparing them. There is an atmospheric condition here, which might not cure all diseases of mind and body, but would surely go a long ways toward it. The Astral here is filled with the strangest things. I think many of them belong to prehistoric times. There are things, peoples' dwellings and surroundings, for which we have no names or ideas. I can see them all very plainly but have no idea, as yet, what they are. Sometimes there is such a wealth of strange color that I cannot tell whether they are things or masses of color. I think they all belong to a much earlier period than the Atlanteans, and are probably preparing to re-enter manifestation when the great desert shall again 'blossom as a rose' through some great convulsion of nature that shall once more open the sluice gates of the underground river and water the now barren wastes."

On December 26, 1901, after arriving in San Luis Obispo, she wrote to Red Star: "What can I write to convey any idea of the greatness of the future I see before the Temple children, if they will only grasp this immense opportunity! I was directed to get a carriage and start out southeast of here yesterday, Christmas Day. We started about 10 A.M. and eventually arrived about 3 P.M. at a point about two miles inland from the ocean, between two small towns, one of which is Oceano. It is a small place, but will be the distributing center for the whole

produce of this part of the country. Two railroads already enter it. The place we were sent to was close to this village on a beautiful tract of land, rich as it can be, near the asphalt center and between two mountain ranges, two miles from the ocean. The whole country is indescribably beautiful and rich in all things necessary, and the climate is grand. There is a Lodge force in evidence that thrills one and fills one full of hope and peace."

In January, 1902, Blue Star returned to New York and remained there until the following November, when she came back to California, to Los Angeles, to make preparations for proper buildings on the selected site near Oceano. Before Blue Star left for California, the Master told the group of the necessity for a center on the western coast, and in an interview he gave the following reasons based on principles and centralization. "The principles of centralization, upon which any lasting work must be built, demand exterior conditions in form and function corresponding to the mechanical principles of a fulcrum and lever, by and through which interior generating force may operate. We can supply the power of the fulcrum, you must furnish the lever, if we are all to work together in harmony and to the best advantage of those concerned. It is impossible to create such a center of leverage from a distance; the wielders of the lever must be on the spot selected for operations. In the case under consideration the selected spot is a certain tract of land in the State of California, and necessarily we must designate the individuals who must place the lever and give the first impetus. . . . Remember, it is the initial impulse, the first concentrated all-powerful push, the start in the right direction, which must furnish the dynamic energy for any movement or work. You have, so to speak, to fasten each individual piece of gearing to the great engine of the White Lodge; oil up the minor cogs and wheels of your personalities; get your fuel together; build your fire, and the engine will do the rest. The cries of the Temple children have not fallen on deaf ears. You have been repeatedly told that a pledge given to and accepted by the Lodge invariably brought trials and testing upon the disciple—for such is the Law; but the trials of the present epoch are in excess because of present cosmic conditions. . . . Our sympathy may not seem to afford much help when you are in the trough of the sea of suffering or desolation, but those who have reached to any degree beyond you have trod the same path you are now treading, and they do not look down on you from a superior height, careless of your interests, but are one with you in an ever increasing sense—complete in Compassion's Heart."

Blue Star was directed to go to the selected spot on January 1, 1903, to perform the dedication ceremony. The following letter to Red Star gives an account of this momentous event: "I started for Oceano Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. and arrived in Arroyo Grande about 5 P.M. I was feeling very weak when I

started, but a greater power took hold of me and kept me up in spite of all the adverse influences. It really seemed as though one of the biggest battles we ever had was on, and it all seemed directed at me, to knock me out, if possible, and prevent my doing what I started out for; but I fought it out and started for the place on New Year's Day, at 10 A.M., accompanied by two brothers. There was a tremendous force present all around the place where The Temple is to be. I saw the seven Masters, and the place was pointed out where I was to form a rude Maltese Cross—a Cross of Balance,—around which were held appropriate services concluding with the Fire Sacrifice. I returned to Los Angeles that day in accordance with directions; it was a good thing that I obeyed, for by the time I got there I was very much exhausted."

In January two brothers from Los Angeles who were carpenters went to the selected land and started work on remodeling the house to be used for the Temple headquarters when finished. A short time before Blue Star moved into the house, she wrote about the well: "That well is costing about \$400.00 with the 5000 gallon tank, pipes, windmill, labor etc., which was about double what we figured on." That same well furnishes most of Halcyon today with water, and has a history of its own continuing throughout the years. On May 17, Blue Star moved into the cottage and wrote the following: "We found, before we had been here two days, that the first absolute necessity was to obtain a horse for me. I was so handicapped in every direction without one. We succeeded in getting a nice little mare, about eight years old, gentle and active, for \$50.00. Then we went to the store and ordered a spring-wagon which can be used for all driving, as well as riding. The stores at Arroyo Grande and Oceano do not deliver goods out of the villages, so you see we would be helpless without a wagon. With all the hauling we shall have to do, we can save the price of the horse in a year. We were in a quandary as to how we were going to get milk, as no one in the immediate neighborhood is able to furnish us milk. We were telling one of the store keepers about our plight and he said: 'Well I have a cow that I was going to fatten to kill, which only gives about six quarts of milk a day, but, if you want to take her home and tether her somewhere on your place, you are welcome to her, as long as you want her.' We quickly took advantage of the offer, so now the Temple live stock consists at present of a horse, a cow, a cat with two kittens, and gophers galore."

Red Star arrived about June 1, 1903, and the Temple headquarters were officially opened in their new home, where the regular Temple work began on the West Coast. "The Temple rises in the East and sets its foundations in the Golden West." From that time on up to the present, all official work has been centralized at this point. In spite of the seeming and real obstacles that naturally confront a group starting life in a new

location, The Temple grew and has held the point throughout the years as laid down and dedicated by the Masters. A great opportunity was given to the Children of Man to re-ignite the fires of spiritual knowledge in the hearts and minds of men.

Finances: In order for the Temple expenses to be met, the Temple members at large must continue their contributions to cover the costs necessary for carrying on the work. This response should come from the heart for the purpose of carrying on this great cause. The qualities of sacrifice, service and use are necessary to build, nurture and strengthen the positive forces in The Temple.

Temple meetings and classes have been held regularly in the Temple throughout the year with good attendance.

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.

As we enter the new Temple year, let us continue to work in the spirit of Love, Harmony and Brotherly relationship. Let us work as one in the cause entrusted to us, holding fast to the ideals of true brotherhood.

Pearl F. Dower

ADDRESS OF THE TREASURER

Dear Temple Comrades and Friends:

Another page from the Year Book of Life is completed, and as we gather our data for a summing up of some of the principal events that have influenced and marked this period from Convention to Convention, they may well stand as the record for the closing year of a Major Cycle of the greatest importance in the work of The Temple, the 50th Anniversary of which will be November 15, 1948.

Fifty years ago, as Templars, we were all young in terms of time and experience; many of us had not yet arrived on this sphere of action. However, there is no doubt that we were all present at the momentous gathering of the Warrior Tribes on the Inner Planes of being, called to action by the Great Warrior of Light and Truth, the Avatar of the Century and Centuries. For this was the long awaited Great Avataric Cycle in which would be fought out the battle between good and evil, the battle that would determine man's right to go on to the higher levels of being or to lose that right and plunge still further into depths of degradation.

As Templars, we are all engaged in that Great Battle. We have heard the Roll Call and responded with the answer "here," when our name was called for action, and have partaken of the Spiritual Manna so generously bestowed upon all such volunteers; for this Great Cycle marked OPPORTUNITY for all who were capable of hearing and obeying the vital "Call" for the

carrying out of a Great Purpose powerfully affecting the whole world.

Let us read the definition of a CYCLE as given in the Editorial Mirror in the Temple Artisan of January 1901, which deals primarily with the Avataric Cycle under consideration:

"A cycle, great or small, is a division in time of the Great Breath—a beat in the cosmic measure or symphony of manifesting life. Each cycle has its particular rhythm or rate of vibration, as also its own special key-note, color and force. Hence the powers and possibilities of any particular cycle must vary as definitely as do the forces belonging to the different seasons of the year.

"A new cycle is the manifestation of either the positive or negative aspect or pole of some other period of time circumscribed by definite efforts on the part of nature or man, or both, to bring about certain results. Any great cycle requires more time in which to make the swing for manifesting its other side or pole than a shorter one. Its power or forces are also correspondingly greater. . . .

"The cycle into which we are now entering is one of the most important that the world will ever know. It will change not only the configuration of the earth's surface, but the mental, moral, spiritual and material life of humanity also will be correspondingly affected. The forces and influences that a new cycle pours into the world may change the history of that world in a day. At the close of any cycle there is a general squaring up of old karmic debts and a shifting of scenes, so to speak, on inner lines, preparatory to the manifestation of a new order of forces, karmic and otherwise. The color of the new cycle is blue, and the feminine side of humanity will make and influence its history to a marked degree."

The Great Avataric Cycle which commenced in 1898 has indeed changed the history of the world, and the world is still in the throes of that change. The "general squaring up of old karmic debts" as well as the "shifting of scenes on inner lines," for the manifestation of the New Order can hardly fail to be evident to all seeing eyes.

A Great Leader, Mahatma Ghandi of India, was assassinated on the 30th of January 1948. Was it a co-incidence that his death-date was the birthday-date of that other Great Leader of men, Franklin Roosevelt, who also answered "The Call" for the unification of humanity in bonds of brotherhood? Both of these world leaders prepared the way on the Avataric tone of Compassion, and both paid the price of fulfillment, and in their sacrifice will the nations involved ascend the Divine stairway of their Destiny though the steps be paved with the blood of their hearts. One sounded the tone of forgiveness and non-violence, the other waged courageous warfare on the forces of evil, selfishness and fear. Both radiated that Divine Light that

"LIGHTENS A WORLD." Quoting from Temple Teachings: "Strive to realize that the great longing Mother-heart of the world is eternally bringing back to earth a Saviour of the people, a leader of the nations. It does not matter HOW He comes, so that He arrive on the present scene of desolation. The need is great enough, and the need of man is supplied by God when that need reaches its greatest height, whatever that need may be."

Another world shaking event worthy of note that has marked our yearly cycle in this closing chapter of a Great Cycle was the establishment of a Jewish State, solemnly proclaimed "Israel" and fulfilling the prophecy of the return to the "Promised Land." The hour of liberation may yet be far off as regards full payment of karmic debts, but fulfillment has indeed begun, and the end of a long travail of a homeless people may be in sight. All such events have a deep and world stirring significance because of the tremendous issues involved in the soul evolution of man with its dependence upon the choice made now for ages to come.

Let us now turn to the part we of The Temple have been privileged to play in this GREAT LIFE DRAMA. From the Teachings of The Temple we quote:

"To the FEW who catch the low whisper, 'seek ye within,' which comes from the point in the center of the circle of its gravitational motion, AND WHO OBEY, it comes as an incentive to superhuman endeavor to find what is sought; and upon such as these the force finally centers and spends itself, for upon these will rest the power of its transmission to other races in other ages. The others may forget in the stress of trial and tribulation which must surely come upon the world from the awakening of the nether pole of this same force, as the nether pole of every force and form of energy, however spiritual or material, must awaken when the opposite pole of the same has spent its power; but not 'the FEW,' to whom I now address myself, for only these can find the seed of the truths I speak, however simply I word my message."

We have come to the first great mile-stone of this Avataric Cycle, and on November 15th we will enter the fifty-first year of the half-century mark, the Jubilee year of The Temple. Life progresses spirally for the perfecting of its units and parts, and conditions set for a high goal in the past and present become the stepping stones for the future. These "stepping stones" are won through the soul's travail, and are his by Divine right of Karmic Law. Remembering that "a new cycle is the manifestation of either the positive or negative aspect or pole of some other period of time circumscribed by definite efforts on the part of nature or man, or both, to bring about certain results," we need to bear in mind and regard this present cycle as the opportunity to renew and revivify that first initial effort, and take the upward step in the light of that Avataric understanding

and perception, listening and obeying the low whisper, "seek ye within," as upon us will "rest the power of its transmission."

This is our heritage, the real Treasury of The Temple. And to the Leaders of The Temple, past and present, standing in truth as Father-Mother-Son, Red, Blue and Gold Star, we give our hearts' love and gratitude deep, for upon and within them rests the power of the "point of the circle of its gravitational motion," which determines all things.

Ebba Whitney

ADDRESS OF THE OUTER GUARD

Dear Fellow Templars and Friends:

Whenever there is a cyclic unveiling of the Ancient Wisdom of the Gods in an Avataric age, the thought level of the human race is raised. The triad, God, man and nature, is drawn nearer to the divine state of Oneness by such a fusion of forces and ideals, and the powers of human perception are quickened. Some seekers after truth succeed in stepping across the line that marks off the lower levels from the higher and thus discover that which pertains to the spiritual welfare of the human race and make application of the same, but they are few, all too few. For the most part, those who have sought to KNOW in nature's finer forces, have driven at discovery in the Akashic levels and broken through by concentration, material science and sheer will power, for which today has the atomic bomb and spiritual blindness.

But there is another side, another approach, method and end; a whole world with high powers of peace, love, spiritual vision, and social responsibility. To quote from Temple Teachings:

"In observation of the apparent cruelty of natural law, many lose sight of the love behind the seeming. In the study and application of Nature's great forces and phenomena, analysis seems to yield but one solution—pure, indiscriminate, invincible power, and the ability to use it for personal ends. As a race, we have put or are putting away from ourselves all that renders life worth living—faith and trust in the love that surrounds us and, what is even worse, in the possibility of impersonal, unselfish love.

"Is it necessary to believe in a single personal God built on the same plan, and therefore as limited in some ways as is man, in order to gain a conception of the love of God—of the great ocean of spiritual love in which live, move and have their being countless thousands of those who have become like unto God, the very forms of whom are built of the substance of love? The concept alone is enough to thrill the coldest heart that has ever tasted the fruit of unselfish love."

"By repeated disobedience, unbrotherly conduct, vice and crime, even an unconscious Chela may make entrance to the path which leads to conscious Initiation impossible for ages. Such souls pass through a whole round of incarnations without

making any appreciable advance. The world is peopled today by millions of human beings who are in this condition; people who seemingly have no control over themselves or their circumstances. Conscience occasionally whips them up to make an effort to start in the right direction, but they go only a short distance, for their will-power has either become weakened or it is yet undeveloped, and they drift along life after life, making, of course, some slight advance in accordance with natural evolutionary law, but unable to take the snake of self with a firm grasp and tear out its poisonous fangs of selfishness and indulgence, and by so doing claim the rightful heritage of man—Power and Wisdom.”

“When the flame leaps from the positive pole of Infinite Love to the negative pole in the empty heart made receptive by suffering and aspiration, that heart ever afterwards hears the cry and sees the sign of suffering in every empty heart around it, and knows no rest or peace until it has helped to awaken the necessary energy and eased the suffering of those other hearts.

“The scientist may postulate by a process of reasoning, to his own satisfaction, that the fourth dimension of space is a necessity, and therefore is; but he knows nothing of that fourth dimension in reality, until he has entered its confines. It is a hopeless task to endeavor to prove to another who has never felt it the existence and reality of Infinite Love, to say nothing of its power to fill and round out the life that has yielded to its power. It is all the more difficult because it is one of the strange sweet secrets between God and Man that can never be imparted to another by words, for no human language contains terms by which it can be expressed. You may see a tithe of its splendor through the windows of a glorious sunset. You may catch the sound of a note, of its depths of harmony, in the roll of a great ocean, and a hint of its peace on the dead face of the friend you have just laid away to await the resurrection; and when your inner senses have opened, and the wondrous reality bursts upon the vision of your soul, the last great analysis will prove there is nothing else left. For God is Love, and out of Love were all things created. As the glorious song of the meadow-lark thrills the air cleaved by its wings on its journey upward, awakening sound vibrations which act and re-act upon the ether which is the foundation of that air, bringing into form the waiting atoms of a higher grade of life then due in manifestation as form—so the song of soul aspiration, cleaving that infinite ocean of Love, creates conditions in which may manifest a higher order of its own substance—the spiritual form through which the consciousness of a god or an angel may pour its radiance.”

Fred Whitney

The Addresses of Scribe and General Secretary will follow in next Artisan.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 P.M. in the Temple, an Inner Order meeting was held. Private papers of the Inner Orders of The Temple were read by the Guardian in Chief and Temple officers. They were interspersed with Temple music. Monica Ting sang "In the Valleys," and the choir sang "The Building of the Life Harp" from the Cauldron music. The meeting closed with the "Hymn of Thanksgiving."

TUESDAY

At 10:30 A.M. the Social Science meeting was held, with Outer Guard Fred Whitney presiding. The "Words of Force" were recited and "The Great Unifier" was sung. Elmer Hedin spoke on "The Little Ones" and Harold Forgostein's subject was, "Leaves from the Tree." Anna Courtland then played a piano solo, "Fuer Elise" by Beethoven.

The title of Bernard Lentz' address was "Temple Influence and Current Events," and that of Cethil Mallory's was "Seek for a New World." Carolyn Forgostein played "The Glory of God in Nature" by Beethoven. This was followed by an address by Herman Volz entitled, "Social Science in Relation to Right Application of Law." The meeting concluded with the Mantrams and the Consecration Hymn.

The noonday Healing Service was conducted by Bernard Lentz.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

At 3 P.M. the annual Temple Home Association meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Dower.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of our brother Otto Westfelt as Secretary of the Association, as he felt he was unable to continue his work, due to ill health. Patricia Mallory was elected in his stead. Our brother Otto was Secretary of the Temple Home Association since 1923, at which post he served faithfully and loyally at all times.

Three of the directors whose terms had expired, Pearl F. Dower, Ebba Whitney and Bernard Lentz, were re-elected. The report of the past year showed the Temple Home Association in good condition.

An art exhibit was displayed at the former Halcyon Sanatorium during the afternoon. In addition to the many beautiful sand dune and floral water colors by Harold Forgostein, there were some interesting textile designs painted by members of the group, and some original and unique art expressions of the Temple children.

Tea and coffee were served to Temple members and friends.

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