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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This is the twentieth issue of the Echoes, and as it comes to wish you a happy New Year, may your life be made happy in making others so, for only in that way can happiness be true and lasting beyond the grave.

CHRISTMAS ON MT. ECCLESIA.

For some time the Choral class has been practicing Holy Night and the Christmas Carols, the festive feeling has pervaded Mt. Ecclesia and grew in intensity as the eventful Holy Night came closer. Usually the electric light plant is shut down sometime between nine and ten, for here on Mt. Ecclesia we believe in "early to bed and early to rise," but on the evening of December 24 it was stopped earlier than that and many of us went to bed. Everybody left their lamps on so that at half past eleven when the plant was started up again Mt. Ecclesia was ablaze with light in the various rooms, telling students to hurry up, dress and go quickly to the Pro-Ecclesia to be ready to cele-

brate the great event of this time of the year, by an appropriate Holy Night service. Before twelve o'clock all were gathered at this beloved spot, and we remembered with intense thankfulness that it was just a year ago that the first service was held here on Holy Night. We spoke then of the wonderful Spiritual Temple pictured by Manson in the Servant of the House, than which better description has never been published. In the year that has passed, between the initial service and the service which we held here Holy Night, that which was upon that first Holy Night only a mass of stone, mortar and timber has since grown into a beautiful Spiritual structure, vibrant with Life and Light. That fact was very, very patent to the writer, as it has been to everyone who has come within its sacred precincts in the proper attitude of mind. Sometimes the Spiritual vibrations, especially in the western part where the pictures of Christ and our beautiful emblem are, are so overpowering that they have been actually painful to those who came up there to serve. Oh, what a source of thankfulness that we have been permitted to build this spiritual temple, and, moreover, how grateful we are that faithful students all over the world have helped to erect this, the true Pro-Ecclesia and thus shared this great privilege of the workers at Headquarters.

Sometime ago one of our devoted friends, who contemplates giving a number of thousands of dollars to the Ecclesia, said he hoped that he would not by giving too much deprive others of the privilege of giving, and that showed a fine appreciation of a very important point. We know that unless it is built by the many it is not a true Ecclesia; the subscriptions to date aggregate less than a thousand dollars, if the writer remembers rightly, but this has been received from students in

amounts varying from 25 cents to \$100.00, and though we realize that it will be necessary for a few well-to-do friends to give larger sums, we pray that by means of the many small donations we may build **the major part** of this contemplated structure, in which we hope that the highest aspirations of the pioneer race may be expressed.

That nothing short of an Ecclesia built by the Fellowship as a **body** will answer the lofty purpose, you can readily see when you consider how worthless is the Temple of Peace built at the Hague by one man. If a Croesus should come to Mt. Ecclesia today and tell us to go ahead and build the Ecclesia, giving us carte blanche to draw on him for whatever amount, we would not for one moment hesitate in declining with thanks, for as the little Pro-Ecclesia was built of many hearts to fill a common need, so must the Ecclesia be in a still higher degree an expression from the whole Fellowship. The Pro-Ecclesia was built by faith, and we shall, as said in a former Echo, go ahead and build the Ecclesia piecemeal, in faith hoping to see it finished within the time set for completion. Let no one give to the Ecclesia except he, or she, feels it is an enjoyment of a great privilege. A small donation which involves sacrifice of some personal comfort may pay for only one brick in the physical structure, but the love wherewith it is impregnated will add more lustre to the spiritual temple than tons of material bought with the coin of loveless contributors. So, whatever you give, **be sure to give your heart** with it.

Repetition is the key-note of the vital body, and that vehicle is the one upon which all spiritual development is commenced, therefore we do not, like the Athenians of old, endeavor always to get hold of a **new thing**, but we endeavor to get into our hearts, to etch

and engrave there, deeper and deeper, those truths which are the main features in the development which leads to God. Therefore we have our beautiful Service read **every Sunday** in the Fellowship Center, therefore we have the same topic as the address at **every new and every full Moon meeting**, though new phases are constantly brought out to illumine the pathway of attainment; therefore the service on Holy Night was similar in every respect to the one held on the year before. Pictures showing the story of the birth, a few words explaining the immaculate conception from the mystical standpoint, the singing of the beautiful Christmas Carols, "Holy Night" among them, and an address by Mr. Heindel constituted the chief features, after which all went to their several places of rest, thanking God that the Christ Spirit had again come to aid us in lifting ourselves to a higher stage and to free ourselves from the clog of matter which we have crystalized about ourselves in the ages past, and resolving anew to imitate Him more closely than ever before.

Christmas morning there was a surprise in the dining room. Santa Claus had been there the night before and left a beautiful tree for the children, both the large children and the small children, and the fruit which grew upon that tree was in the form of presents to everyone on Mt. Ecclesia; when these had been distributed we all partook of our usual morning meal. At dinner the table was laid in the form of a cross, the seat at the head reserved for the invisible guest, whose presence we felt. In the evening there was an illustrated lecture on Faust by Mr. Heindel.

A NEW TERM OF SCHOOL.

A new term of school will open at Headquarters on Monday, the 15th of February, so the students who desire to visit Headquarters en route to or from the Exposition to San Diego may have the chance of studying with Mr. Heindel. Application for admission should be made to the Esoteric Secretary, but as we are now better prepared to take care of those who come here it will not be necessary to send the booking fee which was formerly insisted on when the room was very scarce.

WANDERLUST!

The writer has for some time been feeling the urgent need of drastic measures to increase the usefulness of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, to spread the message farther afield and to reach a class of people who have not been reached by the literature we have put forth. To this end he contemplates a lecture tour of the East in the fall, probably September, October and November. Only a short stay will be made in each city, just sufficient to give people who are seeking an answer to the problem of life a chance to hear what the Rosicrucian Fellowship has to say on the subject; we will carry a stock of literature, which will then be left behind to bring them in touch with Headquarters. We may get up a special number of the Echoes to serve that purpose.

Nor will our absence be detrimental to the work at Headquarters, except so far as our actual presence is concerned, for we can write the various lessons and send them in; we can also have important letters mailed and answer there as well as here; neither can it entail

more work, for we are working now to the limit of our capacity—that is, we think we are, but when something new comes along, something which must be done, we always find time, there is always a means of doing it.

The Seattle study center of the Rosicrucian Fellowship has moved to 314 Marion Street, where they have a beautiful hall, with separate entrance. Students who are going to visit the Pacific Exposition during this coming year will do well to go by way of Seattle and visit this center. The hall is centrally located and the cars from all parts of the city go within a few steps of the door. We believe, as usual, the rooms are open every afternoon, but we are sorry that the Secretary in sending us this notice omitted to state when the Sunday services would be held; presumably though it will be about half past seven in the evening.

MAKE THE ECHOES RING!

We have just received the following letter from our friend, G. W. W., of Chicago:

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18, 1914.

Friend Heindel:—See the Geographical Magazine or the sample pages. This is a Fellowship, just as our Fellowship is, that is they do not take subscribers; they ask for members to their Society. They have now over three hundred thousand paid subscriptions; they have their own building in Washington, D. C. They spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on their magazine, it is of a broad scope, but the Echoes should in time reach this if our membership responds as does the

Geographical. Their membership has done the work, and they have done it all by requesting the members to recommend it to their friends, and then they went after the people the members recommended. We should do this and do it with a will, and with a vim and then make the Echoes so it would draw and contain that which the members are seeking, so they could widen its scope among their friends.

Lovingly.

G. W. W.

Yes, friend G. W. W., there is no doubt that the Geographical magazine has a wonderful circulation, but the secret of it is, that it tells people something about the Earth on which they live, and of places which they may hope some day in the future to visit. If they cannot, they can at least through these pages see what is doing in other parts of this world. The Geographical Magazine has been made so beautiful and interesting that it naturally appeals to a large number of people by spending hundreds of thousands of dollars thereon, and this magazine is all the Geographical people give their subscribers. The Echoes is not an only child, other lines demand our attention, but the writer believes nevertheless that it is possible to increase the membership of the Rosicrucian Fellowship beyond the three hundred thousand claimed by the Geographical Society; yes, in fact, he believes that in time three hundred million will subscribe to the Rosicrucian teachings now published by the Elder Brothers through our organization. Its growth today is normal and steady, and, moreover, the membership at Headquarters is not a paper membership acquired by payment of a few dollars, but people who have heart in the work, otherwise they cannot stay on the membership roll. Every little while the list is gone over,

and it is ascertained whether the members have lived up in some measure to the requirements. If not, they are warned and again warned, till it appears there is no possibility of rousing them to life or activity; then their card is taken out and they are pruned from the Fellowship tree. Could you see the cases of these cards, of people who applied for membership, who stayed with the Fellowship some little time, but who, when they realized that they were required to work and bring forth some fruit gave up the struggle, you would probably be amazed; you would realize that it is really true that "**many are called, but few chose;**" the grain of the Gospel which falls by the wayside is a very large proportion, for hosts of people who are ready to be amused by the Geographical or any other magazine are not yet ready to take up the Cross and follow the Christ upon the path of attainment. There are some organizations along our line even, who have enormous membership lists, consisting of every Tom, Dick and Harry they can prod into their ranks, unwilling victims who pay an annual fee because it is the easiest way out. The Rosicrucian membership is different, very different in this respect, unless those who affiliate with this association live the Life in a certain measure they cannot remain, nor is any human being the judge of whether they do or not, the verdict is based on their own negligence, for the trustees, as stewards, feel that it would be unwarranted to spend the Fellowship money to send lessons and letters to those who do not respond by returning the post-cards and thus show that they are interested. Besides the Rosicrucian Fellowship is probably the only organization which has been expressly forbidden to solicit money or sell the teachings, so if a prize is set on our magazine at all, it could not include more than the bare cost of printing and handling like the

Cosmo. Neither could we solicit advertisements, which compose a very large share of the revenue of the ordinary magazine, the Geographical included, but need we therefore be discouraged? No, indeed not; the Echoes can and will be enlarged; they shall be made interesting, so as to appeal to a very large number of people, but how soon? As G. W. W. says, **that will depend upon you**, the Rosicrucian Fellowship members, how soon you are ready to devote your talents to this purpose, for there is plenty of that commodity within our membership, of that there is no question. We ought to have a magazine of at least sixty-four pages, containing a department of health, which should be edited by one of our Doctor students; another on Astrology, taking up rudimentary as well as more advanced topics. There are plenty of students in the various centers who have been fitted for this work, and could supply articles. The writer could take care of a Question Department, which might be a sort of tribunal for all matters. Systematic lessons ought also to be taken up, both in Bible study and in the study of the Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception; all these things are possible and capable of realization at a very early date, provided the students will give earnest, honest and, **above all, persistent co-operation**, for it is detrimental when one agrees to furnish articles for a certain department and then in a little while drops the work or grows cold. The magazines pay their contributors a certain amount for articles, and that keeps the supply coming, but when no material compensation is paid, we have, alas, too often found it difficult to get people to write articles or do anything else steady when the first enthusiasm has gone.

This is not all; it would be necessary to install a larger press, as the press we have at Headquarters is only 8x12; that is to say, the present sheet

is as large as we can print on that press. It will also cost more for paper and mailing, but there is no doubt in the mind of the writer that these things will be taken care of when we are ready for it. Mark that, **when we really are ready**, when we really want it, then these things will be forthcoming. We also need a printer—again the question of men—up to the present time, with but little intermission, it has been necessary for the writer to print everything that has gone out from Headquarters himself, for people do not like to do menial work or soil their hands. No longer ago than last week we were forced to discharge a stenographer who objected to feed the press, and although the writer is willing to keep on with this work as long as necessary, he is after all only an amateur and cannot produce a magazine that would really recommend itself to the people among whom we wish it circulated, so you see that in order to realize Mr. G. W. W.'s aspiration, which is also that of the writer, we need first, **more workers**, and then **more workers**, and then **more workers still**, and let us all pray together that the voice of Christ may sound in the heart of somebody, "Son, I seek not thy gift, but thee," and may the listener respond, "Lord, I am ready to do whatever Thou will, not for a week nor a month nor for a year, but for my life."

LETTER TO ECHOES

God has given our leaders at Mount Ecclesia a very large family of children (Spiritual Children, of course), and the fact is we have been born into this family within so short a time that nearly all of us are but babies. Now babies have to be tended and coddled and they thrive under the treatment; but as only a few can be held at one time, so of necessity we must soon leave our parents' arms and stand alone while learning the art of helpfulness and giving of self. For the law, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," applies to children as well as to parents; to pupils as well as to teachers.

When we constantly receive and give nothing in return we are like the coal that refuses to burn and give out the required heat and so becomes the worthless "clinker," a clog and a hindrance.

Love grows by giving, so let us cultivate this art of giving in as generous manner as possible, giving sympathy, hope, aspirations, time, talents, courage and coin; let us place all on the altar of self-sacrifice, knowing with what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again.

During a visit to headquarters recently it was a source of regret, if not of sorrow, to note the many, many demands made upon the time, strength and pocketbook there by all of us; and on the part of some apparently without a thought that we, too, may help a little while receiving so freely and gladly of the good things sent out every month.

Each member receives the letters and a copy of Echoes, and some of us have two letters sent us each month, making in all an expenditure of four cents per month for every member, to say nothing of the paper, cost of printing and the time; multiply this by two

thousand and you will have a fair estimate of the demand made upon this much of the revenues at headquarters.

Now, Friends, if we cannot give much, let us at least give postage and a little more with grateful hearts. The teaching is free; certainly it is, but the cost of getting it into our hands must be met by some one; now let that one be MYSELF. Let each of us say this to ourselves, and if we can give this little only, then let us be faithful in this little so that each and all may be true HELPERS and not LEANERS.

To the older children, those who have grown in grace and strength, let us seek continually to lift, with all our might, the burdens from off the shoulders of our leaders and seek in every possible manner to uphold their hands so that this Fellowship may grow and shine forth that many of our brethren now in the world of doubt and uncertainty may perceive the True Light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, and thus help hasten the "Day of Liberation of our Lord, the Christ." M. A. B. R.

DO THE STARS REVEAL?

N. B. G.

The more I study and work out problems for my friends in that absolute science of Astrology, the more with a feeling of reverence do I take up those problems; because I see thus unveiled some of the past or near future of the Divine Plan regarding those individuals or nations. As the student advances, the more it is impressed upon him; that all beings and things are indeed integral parts of the mighty Whole.

I was recently asked if Astrology would indicate every main event in one's life. Of course it does; and for the student astrologer to be helpful

to his friends, depends upon the former's mathematical accuracy and ability to interpret what he sees disclosed. Not that every one can become an astrologer any more than every one needs to be inoculated with a virus to prevent that person from taking some disease, provided the latter is not indicated in his natal chart. However, I believe that even a brief study of the ancient science would be of great benefit to every one, bringing to the mind, as it does, some of the stupendous cosmic truths of the solar system in which we have our being.

Let us take up briefly a few cases in regard to revelation.

An American was in Germany for his health, when that country began mobilizing in the present war. With many severe troubles and numerous short journeys he arrived in London. After waiting there some time for passage, he decided to try the hardships of an overcrowded steerage, in order to return home. This aspect was: progressed Saturn, planet of impediments, from the house of trouble and confusion; in square to radical Mars in the house of short travel.

A lady, who was riding in an automobile when the car was struck by a fast train at a blind crossing, was severely injured by cuts and bruises on the right side of her body, especially a severe bruise on the hip and the muscles of the neck being badly wrenched. Aspects: progressed Mars came into conjunction with the radical Ascendant — Sagittarius (which rules the hips). This aspect indicates liability to accidents or unexpected injury. Also Jupiter in the house of short journeys, in Taurus (rules the neck); in square to the progressed Ascendant, the house of life and personality. Moon, "the minute hand," in the house of pleasure. All aspects being from odd houses, indicating injuries to the right side only.

Astrology used in diagnosis has frequently surprised me; its exactness is wonderful. Personally, I was recently ill with scarlet fever. Upon regaining strength I wished to note the aspect, readily finding the progressed house of sickness with Pisces on the cusp (sign which gives inclination to contagious disorders), was in parallel with natal Mars, the planet of feverish and inflammatory complaints.

One astrologer, to my knowledge, predicted the great war some years ago; but I suppose many students, like myself, did not have any reason to note the future national configurations until rumors of the war arose. However, if the student of Mundane Astrology will study the chart of the eclipse of the Sun on August 21, 1914, which fell on the place of the fixed martial star Regulus in the last decant of the fixed and royal sign Leo, in reference to the chart of the summer quarter, and the charts of those rulers now at strife, he will be readily convinced that the war could have been foretold as long ago as it was possible to make these configurations. The reader may say: "The eclipse occurred after the war began." True, but the student must figure the converse arcs of the culmination of the eclipse in order to measure the beginning of the events, using the Johndro method. Thus: the eclipse was central at 12:26 P. M., Greenwich time; at Vienna, 1:31 P. M.; Berlin, 1:20 P. M.; Paris, 12:35 P. M.; Brussels, 12:44 P. M., etc. The time reduced to days as one day for every four minutes, gives the time to be taken from the date of eclipse, to find dates of its prenatal effects. Reducing Vienna's time to minutes gives 91, which divided by four equals 23 days; which taken from August 21st gives July 29th, the date Austria declared war on Servia. Thus with the other dates. A day for a degree of longitude to be used

in solving any other place.

Yes, the stars do reveal. Even if they do indicate the war will not end in 1914, suppose they do show the approximate time of termination, and give general hints of the great progressive changes that will follow; it seems to me we should give only brief time to these problems; but rather with our power of thought, frequently send thoughts of sympathy to those sorrowing ones, and soothing helpful thoughts to those bewildered men suddenly thrust into the immediate confusion of another sphere of life. Thus we may aid in a small way those high Beings, who are speeding the day of world peace.

It was a pleasure to note that W. A. R., who writes in the September Echoes, is also a wireless telegraph man. While not now engaged in that work, it was my good fortune a number of years ago to be connected with some quite important government work in that line, and there is no doubt whatever that the reading of messages from far-away stations and ships had a great deal of influence in making clearer the fact that "what we see is not all that there is." Before taking up that work, the writer was already a pretty firm believer in the possibilities of telepathy, having had sufficient experience in that line to make it certain that it was not a question of coincidence, and the act of communicating long distances without any visible medium made this belief in telepathy all the stronger. It is well, as W. A. R. says, that we have these physical pointers to the worlds above, to open up our minds and get us away from the purely materialistic view. To be sure, in wireless telegraphy, physical means are employed at both the sending and the receiving stations, but the connecting link is the ether of space, which is also the medi-

um in which thought operates. If the sender projects powerful thought-forms and the receiver is sensitive to such impacts through the ether, why should not the latter means of communication eventually become as reliable as the former?

This is one of the best reasons why our thoughts should be always pure and uplifting, for they surely affect, not only ourselves, but others. It also shows how we may take a definite and useful part in the healing services at Mount Ecclesia on the evenings set apart for that important work, and that those who cannot be there in person need not feel that this work is something entirely apart from them.

G. S. I.

HEALING DEPARTMENT.

Healing services will be held in the Pro-Ecclesia on the following dates, when the Moon is in Cardinal Signs and accelerates activity: January 13, 20, 28; February 3, 10, 16, 24; March 3, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 5, 12, 20, 27. Faithful students all over the world will aid the workers on Mount Ecclesia by sending thoughts of Health and Harmony at these times. We append a few letters from grateful recipients of help.

M. M. was a sufferer from chronic headaches. She was on the verge of insanity with pain and the doctors wanted to perform an operation, which they admitted was uncertain of results and dangerous. She placed herself in the hands of the Elder Brothers and now writes:

Mountain Home, Idaho,
Dec. 7, 1914.

Dear Friend:—

Have never felt better in my life, and believe it is due entirely to the help

from the Rosicrucian Order.

Sincerely yours,
G. M.

Norfolk, England, Nov. 20, 1914.

Dear Sir:—

I really have nothing to say but "Thank you" for the help you have given me. I don't think I ever (but once years ago) was so sleepy or slept so well. I am feeling stronger for it.

Sincerely yours,
G. S. A.

Brockton, Nov. 25, 1914.

Dear Friend:—

Again a steady improvement since last week can be reported. I am so thankful to God and the Invisible Helpers for this marvelous change in my conditions of health.

Respectfully yours,
E. P. L.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7, 1914.

Dear Friend:—

Since last writing I have continued well. It is now so long since I have had that fearful pain I really believe I am quite healed of it. There is nothing the matter now except that the least extra exertion exhausts me, but that will no doubt pass when I don't have to work so hard as at present.

Do you think it is necessary for me to continue on the Healing list, as I am now so well? I am in your hands and will do as you say. Thanking you heartily,

Yours in Fellowship,
M. M.

Dear Friend:

I have been reading how some of your patients have realized when the Invisible Helpers were at work on them. I have had several times wonderful demonstrations of the same power; at one time I felt my arm and shoulder being manipulated, as if some one was doing so with physical hands,

right at the time when I was visiting with a company of people; I noticed this more when I first began treatments at Headquarters, than I do now, and I wonder why?

Yours in Fellowship,
Mrs. J. S.

Department of Healing:

I am glad to say that I am feeling well; am gaining in weight, and can stand more work than I could up to a short time ago.

Sincerely yours,
G. R. A.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

Question: I find difficulty in arriving at Mr. Heindel's true meaning about Christ re-entering the Earth every Christmas, there to suffer until Easter. Can Spirit suffer? Kindly explain what you mean by Christ being in the center of the Earth and that when a sufficient number of Disciples have been perfected, the Christ will be freed and the Disciples will then have the control of the Earth. This theory would seem to involve the necessity of different Heirarchies to control different planets.

Answer: This question has been considerably abbreviated, but the main points are given; the first question seems to be, can the Spirit suffer? This is surely very easy to answer; you know when a person has been run over by a street car and a limb has been severed that limb will not suffer; it has been removed from the vital body and all feeling is gone; on the other hand, the man who has lost the limb is sure to suffer intensely and if he is of a high-strung nervous temperament, he will stand small chance of recovering compared with one whose sensibilities are slight and who perhaps knows nerves by name only. But physical suffering

is light compared to mental anguish; who would not rather suffer the most severe headache than the pangs of remorse for some deed done on the impulse of the moment? Thus it is plain that Spirit can suffer, both from physical and spiritual causes.

Now, can you understand what it means, to be a free Spirit and have to consciously draw into a certain vehicle of limitation? Perhaps that is impossible for anyone who has not experienced the feeling, but we may assure you that when the Invisible Helpers who retain their consciousness while out and away from the body, return to re-enter it in the morning, the body which we prize so highly, which we look upon as being so precious, creates in him who views it from without a sense of the most intense disgust. He feels repugnant at having to enter that cold, clammy dead thing there on the bed, and only the very highest sense of duty can compel him to enter. As soon as he enters that feeling leaves him, for the viewpoint has altered, but it is there nevertheless as a memory all through the day. Similarly the Cosmic Christ enters the Earth annually at the winter solstice, though not in the same full sense that we enter our body, but rather by a projection of a part of its consciousness which is then imprisoned in the Earth and labors for the etherialization of our planet. It suffers and feels everything that a consciousness can feel in a physical body. It feels the lack of morality as well as the physical surroundings and therefore the lot of Christ is so much the harder, therefore is our responsibility morally so much the greater, for by our conduct we are either prolonging or shortening the time when He must continue to bear our burdens and suffer for our wrong doings.

You have surely read in the Bible about the seven Spirits before the

Throne; they are the seven star angels, very easily identified in the symbolism; to elucidate this matter fully would take far more space than can be given in the Echoes, but you will find the explanation in the Cosmo-Conception, and you know that Paul speaks of the Christ being born **within** you. Angelus Selicius also says:

“Though Christ a thousand times in
Bethlehem be born,
And not within thyself, thy soul will
be forlorn;
The Cross on Golgotha thou lookest to
in vain,
Unless within thyself it be set up
again.”

This Christ principle we must all evolve within us; this also is the Golden Wedding Garment in which those who are “the bride” will meet their Lord when He comes; the name of that garment is soma psuchicon, in First Corinthians, 15:44; the English translation renders it natural body, a word which should be taken out and translated **soul** body, it is said that we shall meet the Lord in the air. Truly, flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, but when we have that soul body which is made of ether, we can meet Christ in the air, and we can also support the Earth in its orbit, for that only requires a sufficiently buoyant etherial body, which is now supplied by our Lord and must be until we can take His place.
