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CHICAGO, March 26, 1899.

AS "the perfection of wisdom is simplicity," so were the decorations on this occasion. Within the Home Temple it has always been the aim to embody in everything some special import. But never has this been so pronounced as now.

The shrine is the center upon which one's attention first falls on account of its innate power, and position. Resting upon the shrine was a bank of yellow tulips, whose brilliancy and purity of color suggested the crystallized and almost transparent forms of the never-dying fire of the altar.

While not premeditated, it is with occult significance, there was not a single cut flower in the rooms. The living, growing plants, their roots reaching down into the earth, their leaves spreading in the sunshine, were a forcible reminder of our own unfolding. The whole was indicative of a new period of evolution.

The interlaced triangles (the six-pointed star), outlined in the soft green of the smilax, breathed only of harmony and equilibrium.

The chairs of the four officers were grouped in a semi-circle behind the shrine, with the audience facing east.

Assembling thus within this hallowed place, the call to order was eagerly awaited. The brooding silence thrilled with the potency of: "Let there be."

Sweet and vibrant were the tones of the chime calling the hour; clear and full was the echo from all hearts.

Then followed the formal opening by the Master of Ceremonies who said: "Let us commence the exercises by reading the call for the Convocation."

Home Temple, 4006 Grand Blvd.
Chicago, Ill., March 1, 1899.

Dear Brother and Comrade:

The steady unrolling of Time has brought us to the period, where we must again consider the celebration of the last great day of the "Feast of the Vernal Equinox," so vividly described in "Her Bungalow," and so recall the ancient days of Egypt and Atlantis.

For the sixth time the "assembly" is sounded. It is expected that every comrade shall respond, either by bodily or spiritual presence. The call goes forth, this time, to a constantly increasing body of silent workers, who seek to be loving helpers of each other, and of the world about them.

Rejoice, Oh my Brother! with us, the executives, of *your* will, both for the work already accomplished; and the bright prospects of still farther enlargement.

The sixth annual convocation of the Hermetic Brotherhood of A. L. and E., is hereby called to meet on Sunday, the 26th day of March, 1899, at 10 A. M., and to continue through the day and evening, at the Home Temple, 4006 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

It would gratify us to receive a reply from *every* comrade, if only a few lines. If you can come to the convocation, please let us know at once, that the local brotherhood may make necessary preparations for the full number of coming guests.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.,

Elder Brother.

NANCY MCKAY GORDON,

Second Elder Brother.

MARY E. APPELEGATE, Scribe.

"Brothers, you are welcome! The officers and keepers of the Home Temple welcome you with a joy that is the fulfillment of desire. The members of the Circle of Isis welcome you with a cordiality and a hospitality that is boundless and that includes the whole brotherhood. The Invisible Section welcome you with an inspiration and a love that should quicken and deepen your vibration for the year to come. And now, as we gather together, let us hold ourselves shoulder to shoulder, upholding each others"

hands; let us each bring to the altar our coals of living fire, that they may unite in a mighty blaze that shall re-vivify our vibrations and intensify them, so we may feel lifted above the petty things of life and into the atmosphere of the Eternal, and feeling indeed it is good to be here."

A few moments silent meditation on "What is the Brotherhood to me?" fully opened the exercises for the day.

Facing the question in the silence we realized as never before, that its fullness was more than could be expressed in words, and also was the further consciousness of possibility beyond, almost infinite.

The repetition of the yearly mantram was vibrant with power.

The Elder Brothers' report was next called for and read by Dr. Phelon, as follows:

REPORT OF ELDER BROTHERS OF THE TEMPLE.

Dear Brothers and Comrades:

The annual Convocation of the "year of the nines," is in session. As Executives of your Will, we the Temple Dwellers, may rightfully be called upon for a summing up of the *ad interim* work.

It is with no feeling of regret, nor disappointment, that we make reply. The year, just closed, has been excelled in its intense undercurrent of movement, and far reaching results, by none other, since the present re-establishment upon the earth of the Hermetic Brotherhood. It seems like an accelerated momentum of the previous year's unfolding.

The impression borne in upon those in the calm center, to which all things come, is of an irresistible, wide-spread potency. The silence out of its awful depths, speaks to our inmost souls, as the echoing vibrations of the rolling thunder, could never do. We as a brotherhood, at last, have come to perceive our true selves. We are lifted from the simple knowing of the law, to the necessity for the life of faith, hope and charity, in harmonious love. Thus, we come to God through Christ, through God to man, and all Nature in His Holy Spirit.

The closeness of the times, and the sudden diversion of our country from the aims and pursuits of Peace, to the Art and Practice of War, has compelled a halt in the doing of many things, we had hoped for, but we feel sure they are only delayed and not laid aside.

The Publishing Co., as was announced at the last Convocation to be its intention, issued

"Healing, Causes and Effects." The result has been very gratifying. The first edition of a thousand, has been nearly all sold. Besides this, "Her Bungalow, an Atlantean Memory," and "Success, the key that unlocks it," mystical books of the deepest interest to every student on the broad lines, by Second Elder Brother Gordon, have been put upon the market. If we can only have a little united help in pushing sales, from our brothers everywhere, we could soon find room on our shelves for two or three volumes, which are yet in the embryonic state of MSS.

"THE HERMETIST" is perhaps, doing all we could expect. But we *would* like to double its circulation. The Members-in-Bounds could, in no other way, help on the propaganda section of the work so much, as by doing all that is possible, to put the truths it teaches before a larger circle of readers. We know of not a single brother, who could not add at least, one new subscriber to our list. If the Brotherhood will interest themselves in this matter for the coming year, they will relieve their managers at the Temple, from a small load of anxiety and leave them free for greater activity in other directions. As you love us, and one another, will you not try.

Classes in the "School of Hermetic Philosophy," are being carried forward, constantly, at the Temple, of which the following is a descriptive circular:

THE SCHOOL OF HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY.

Silence is the Watchword.

Its classes are taught: The law of silence; Concentration and Meditation; Vibration; Polarity; Occultism; Mysticism; Consciousness; Healing as an Art; Seen and Unseen Forces; Scientific Spiritualism; Astral and Akasic Conditions; Symbolism; Science of the Human Body; Astrology; Science of Breath; And through the Law of Transmutation the Atoms of Man may be lifted into Immortality.

The School is a branch of the Hermetic Brotherhood and has its headquarters at 4006 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. Its faculty consists of the best, and most advanced thinkers of the day.

It is organized for the purpose of investigating the underlying forces, which we can learn to control for our own happiness and development, as well as for others.

Every man, woman, and child, has an animal, human and Divine soul. They can know the law governing each and all of them.

Man is the visible focus of all thought. The body being the result of thought, reacts upon

the forming and sensitive soul, as do the grub-cells of the bees; the occupant of which, becomes either a worker, a drone, or a royal queen.

Life is a fixed reality; it is governed by never changing law. Man's highest attainment is to know, how largely he is the controller of this Law of Life, and the life of his fellows. By personal overshadowing, he is a moving factor in all activity.

The Human Body a Temple. We know from past records of a Temple called SOL-OM-ON. Few are able to apply the imagery of the description, to man's body. If these records be true, then, we should study to know, the Temple of the Thrice-Wise is a dwelling place on earth, of the ego; the soul's home through all the lives.

The Soul's Duality. Every soul hath its dual quality; positive and negative; masculine and feminine. Duality is the necessity of manifestation, the quality of soul expression.

Adopting the methods of the ancient Masters, we seek to teach the science of human life, as corresponding to the symbology of the Universe.

Above all we strive to teach Silence is golden. All things have their beginnings in the Silence, even Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge.

W. P. Phelon, M. D., Elder Brother of the School, is a well known mystic and teacher, along the lines of highest spiritual unfolding. He is organizer and at the head of the School.

Nancy McKay Gordon, his assistant, has a reputation for adeptship in her particular line of work.

Classes in mysticism and occultism, or any law of the soul are taught by either of the above named. Mrs. Gordon pays particular attention to the "Symbology of the Human Body," relative to Biblical characters and epochs. She also has charge of primary classes.

Mme. Gertrude de Bielski, famous for her interpretation of the Science of Astrology, has full charge of this department. Her teachings include: Esoteric Astrology; Practical Astrology and the Horoscope; Symbology of Zodiacal Signs and the Planets as they relate to the Science of Human Life.

The school will send out teachers for any course of study of five lessons, for expenses and entertainment. Correspondence on various subjects are personally supervised by one of the faculty. For terms apply to the School of Hermetic Philosophy, 4006 Grand Boul'd, Chicago, Ills.

Early in the fall, our Second Elder Brother, was called to New York State, for the purpose of organizing an entirely new center. On her return, the Elder Brother was called to Pittsburgh, Pa., to teach a class. As a result a new Knot was formed. In January, the elder brother was summoned to the Pacific coast. In the East, under the Elder-Brother-in Charge, Mrs. Mary Fewless, the work from nothing has grown to a present necessity for three Knots.

In the West, the utmost harmony and loving interest has manifested, and it seems that this impetus thus communicated from Headquarters, will add largely to beneficial results. For years, Elder - Brother - in - Charge Frances Rogers, has borne the heat and burden of the day, alike in sunshine and storm. Her brave persistence, has drawn to her side others, who will "hold the Pass of Thermopylae," if need there should be. The Hermetic Brotherhood has come to stay, on the "Great Sea of Peace."

(A primary class of instruction, conducted by Nancy McKay Gordon, meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the Home Temple. The subject now being presented is: "The Journey of the Soul, illustrated by the Law of Correspondence.")

Throughout the whole Brotherhood, increase of Knots, and members-in-bounds have become so frequent, that the passing days seem hardly complete, without news of the one or the other.

As always, we look to our Convocation, to become for us all, the visible source of supply for the energy of the coming year, on all lines, and in all quarters. Shall we not, as standard upholders and protectors of the Sixth Annual Convocation, send out another great wave of loving harmonious activity? After the Ancient Atlantian fashion, lay your left hand in ours and swear it one to another, in the presence of those who know; and who neither slumber nor sleep as they guide us in Safety, Peace and Love.

W. P. FIDELON, M. D.,

Elder Brother of C. of I.

Nancy McKay Gordon,
Second Elder Brother of C. of I.

In connection with his report, the Elder Brother gave an interesting account of his recent trip to California; of what was accomplished during his stay; likening the Eastern and Western Divisions to the wings of a great bird, of which the Circle of Isis is the head and body, which acting unitedly, would lift the Brotherhood into an evolution at present undreamed of.

In passing, it may be noted that the first two knots formed, now living, after the Circle of Isis was established, were in California. The present activity and awakening there, points to the fact that the southwestern section of the country was the scene of great Atlantian strength and movement in the past, and justifies our claim to be part of the nation which passed out of existence, when the great white city sank under the rolling waves.

Three candidates here claimed admission into the order. The Initiates were: Mrs. Katherine Paddock, of South Superior, Wis., Mrs. Clara A. Pearce, of Alleghany City Pa.; and Mrs. Emogene Akers, Bloomington, Ills. The initiatory ceremonies were in keeping with the dignity and solemnity of the truths inculcated thereby.

The next number on the programme was an address by Bro. Sawin. No introduction was needed for one of our oldest members.

Brothers, Comrades and Friends:—We meet once more in Convocation, within the walls of this Temple, dedicated to the service of the Hermetic Brotherhood of Atlantis, Luxor and Elephantis. A Temple that has been consecrated for the truest and most sacred thoughts that can emanate from the human soul. We come with aspirations, and hopes and desires, earnest and deep, for the development and growth of those powers, possibilities and attributes, which belong to the individual spirit. These have ever accompanied it through all its windings, through all its pathways of the ages, since it left the parent house.

We have met to-day to consider, to take into consultation, the progress and advancement which has been made by the brotherhood during all these twenty-five years past; also to gain from each other, through our own consciousness, what advancement and progress has been made by each individual member of the Brotherhood.

My brothers, during all the time past, there has gone forth from this Temple, from the dwellers of the temple, from those who are in unison and in harmony with them, desires, aspirations, hopes and demands for the growth and development of spirit power. Those hopes, those aspirations and desires have been borne out by will power; by forces spiritual and material, which not even the elements, with all their obstructive forces, changes and conditions, could overcome in that progress. Those aspirations and desires have not been in vain. We are here to-day to review the results which have been inscribed upon the records kept within this Temple. They went forth, as the seed contained within the thistle-down, floating hither and thither upon the lambent air, finds a resting place in fallowed earth, so have these hopes, aspirations and demands found a willing and a happy reception in the ripe souls ready to receive the impressions and influences, which ever have and ever will overshadow the

waiting spirit. We know those who were sent forth from the confines of this Temple were not sent forth in vain. From the east, the north, the south, and the golden shores of our Pacific slope, comes a glad and welcome refrain upon returning cycles. The Knots upon that Cord, whose beginning encircles the throne of the Almighty; whose end, by its expanding fibers, finds lodgment and attachment in the hearts of each of our brethren, give assurance that those goings forth, have not been in vain. What growth, what development, what power has gone with them, to-day is the witness. To-day tells the story of these years. And should not this day be one of peculiar potency? Should not our eyes glisten with a new light? Should not our hands be clasped in earnest congratulation? Should not our lips breathe forth thankfulness, and even our Ego rise to the height of a transfiguration?

That which has been accomplished is not all known. To-day we are to consider, not only that which has been, but that which will be. Never upon the broad earth have we been so strong, so potent, so mighty for good and the accomplishment of good, as we are to-day. These Convocations, are but a reunion of thought; the coming together of harmonies; the meeting with that progress which the years past have brought and given us. Yet, my brothers, while we accord to ourselves all we have of good; while we accept all we have of progress and development; while we believe and know each one of us have been benefited by the lessons taught, yet not alone to us can all credit be given, nor can we take all the reward. My brothers, when individually we stood before the shrine, from it ascended the sacred incense flowing forth from a soul consecrated to God-like work. As it ascended and mingled with the incense upon the altar within the Temple of the Invisible Section, we took upon ourselves an individual obligation, which as told you to-day, binds us so long as the grass grows upward and the rivers run to the sea. There we met and became united with the Love as potent as our own; with a Life whose activity knows not the limitations which environ us; with a Power compared to which ours is as the breath of a child to the sweep of a terrible tornado. We there at that altar, became united with those who have led us through pathways to higher and nobler conditions; with teachers and guides to counsel and direct; instructors, who have ever sought to lead us along the path-

whose every attempt has been to shed the light of the Infinite presence through every avenue of our being; whose power has been ours, in the hour of despondency, in the moment of care, aye, even upon the instant of suffering, has said to us: "Call upon me and I will be with you." These counsellors are with us here. The instant the obligation was taken, that moment, was stamped upon your heart the promise, a promise which will not be unfulfilled when the hour comes, and that help, that assistance, of every kind and character, if but asked for with an unselfish purpose, shall be given and granted you. They have spoken and they speak continually to our lower and higher consciousness in the still, small voice of the Silence: "I am with thee." They but repeat the words of our Ancient Brother of Galilee: "In the hour of thy affliction call upon Me." To them, my brothers, much of our success, much of our growth, much of our advancement is due, and, as we go forth from here, with all the memories of the past, with all the glorious anticipations of the future, remember you are not alone; a power potent and mighty surrounds you, and has become a part of you. You who have the courage to demand and the will to enforce it, will receive a thousand times more of that help and support, which no other power but the Eternal can give us. His ministers are with us. What a thought? What a consideration! What a mighty thing to contemplate, that we, struggling, wandering in uncertainty in the pathway of life, surrounded by all the ills and obstructions which do and will meet us, until the hour sounds, have by our side such help, support and power for good.

In a Convocation like this, considerations of this kind must and should be considered, for they constitute half, aye, the better part of our life. Further, my brothers, when we consider and take into account the past, in connection with what we now possess, there is another tribute which should come from us and which by virtue of our possession and acquirements is demanded. Could you know, as is known by some, of what has transpired in this Temple, of the weary days and almost sleepless nights; of the anxieties that have, at times, almost dissipated the otherwise brilliant light of hope. Could you know the immense amount of labor and work here accomplished; could you realize how the Keepers of this Temple have consecrated their very life upon the altar for our bene-

fit; for the spread of those glorious thoughts and principles which underlie the organization of the Hermetic Brotherhood, you would say with me, that if from each heart some little token could be gathered and twined by skillful hand into a wreath of immortelles, combining in it all the welcome, all the joy, all the happy thoughts which brought it into being, could be placed upon the head of our Elder Brother, it would be but a little tribute of that which we owe him. And those who have assisted, must not be forgotten in this moment of congratulation and welcome. There are always in every hive those who work and who sacrifice, and there are also those of the family who receive the benefit. The Temple workers are laborers in the hive. We are those who are now receiving and have received the benefits. And let us with grateful hearts acknowledge to them and here, that which we have received and that through the Brotherhood and through the acts of the dwellers in the Temple we have achieved that which we now possess.

My brothers, the past is gone. We have but its memories and its scars. What is our now present attitude? Forget the past? No. Forget all that we have suffered? No. Let us remember them but as guide-posts for the future, to direct us in the oncoming year. The past is a treasure to us, and if we will but look upon it in that light, its lessons will help us to overcome much that brought us misfortune in the past.

We, of the Hermetic Brotherhood, realizing what we are and what we possess; realizing the powers which are at our command, and knowing with a positive certainty that these powers and the experience we have had, can not only be increased; but may be used for our benefit and advancement in the coming year. Knowing the power, I say, which is around and within us, we have but to put forth that power with determined will. With a steadfast resolution, we can maintain what we have attained. We can profit by our knowledge and put forth the demand for more. But of what use is it to demand, of what use is it to ask? There is a something which must be within us when we ask, otherwise no answer comes. There must be determined will.

When you have made that resolve, when you have placed yourself upon that plane, come what may come, "I am with thee; thy

rather is present," says the representative of the Invisible Section. "My power is within and I will guide thee. Give me but thy thoughts of purity and truth. Let the mind soar above to the Infinite. Let the cross in your nature become refined. And, as your determined will and thought arise, we will meet them, and uniting ourselves with these, will speed them higher, until they encompass the throne of the Almighty."

"To know, to dare, to do; and to keep silent!" Can you comprehend all this contains? To do—to make the attempt by taking the first step forward, whatever be the path before you.

"To dare" as the soldier dares, when before the enemy the word is given: "Forward," and he relies upon what? Not upon his own individual strength. He relies not upon the gun in his hand, or on the bullets in the belt round his waist. He relies not upon his personal prowess for success and victory. He moves forward. His comrades are by his side, and he knows his command is under the guidance of a power which is superior to his and who knows the situation. With that thought he presses on. He dares.

It is so with us. We do. We dare, and in that daring comes the response of strength and power and purpose. In the daring comes development and progress. No development or progress on whatever line, spiritual or material, ever comes to man unless he dares take the responsibility. To be silent. Go to your chambers, as under obligation we are, contemplate and concentrate upon that little word: "Silence." Forget your surroundings. Sink as it were into oblivion, other than that you are connected with the Eternal and with the Universal thought. Out of the Silence will come to you that which you would not exchange for the wealth of the whole world. Out of the Silence! The Invisible does not speak to you or I as we speak to each other. The bright and happy faces of those that have once appeared not to us in the visible. The life which has been seen around us and which has been transplanted cannot manifest as if they lived again. Yet the avenue through which that life can be manifest: the conditions in which that face will appear, the sympathy which was yours, can fill your heart again in the Silence. In the Silence comes strength and power and purpose. What is it that comes in forceful activity when you are

In the Silence? That is the question. It is all that you are. It is the God within you. It is the God born of the Spirit. It can only speak to you within the Silence. The Silence is the pathway through which it moves, and in the Silence communes with you.

Oh, if the world had known before what you and I know. Can we be recreant to the opening light, which shines not on land nor sea, but which yet glimmers within the soul and spirit of every human being. That light which is striving to illuminate our pathway; that light which only waits for us to open the windows of our souls for it to shine so that the whole world may see its effulgence. Can we be recreant during the coming year, in the acceptance of that which we know, and the course we should pursue? No. I look into your faces and I feel a responsive touch. We will work. We will work for the Brotherhood upon the earth. The nucleus here assembled, powerful and mighty, can send forth through the eternal spaces, a power and an authority which will meet and draw to itself kindred souls, and the Brotherhood will enlarge. May it so be that one year from to-day, when we again meet, the then past year will contain its fullness of exaltation and joy, and all the attributes which we possess be found to have been expanded and enlarged; so that into our circle hundreds and thousands of waiting, anxious souls be enrolled as members of the Brotherhood.

Addressing the meeting the Elder Brother then said:

We have always the positive and the negative; the things which we love and which are agreeable to hear, but so long as the earth lasts, there must be a things done not for the pleasure of the doing. That which is done only because of the pleasure, comes from the doing of certain things in an empirical way. Therefore, after Brother Sawin's voicing the thought of the Temple Dwellers, of every member who is interested in the progress of the Brotherhood, we have the item upon our programme of "Miscellaneous Business." Such business is disagreeable in detail, still the world wills to do with it.

We have a few items to which we desire to call the Brotherhood's attention. The first is: "I seek from you the confirmation of my action as chief executive officer, in appointing Brother Mary, Fewless, of Troy, New York,

as the Senior Elder Brother in charge of the Eastern Division of the Hermetic Brotherhood, the same having been conferred upon her in the interim."

On motion the Elder Brother's action was by unanimous vote confirmed.

"I also ask you to confirm the conferring of the same degree, of Senior Elder Brother in charge of the work of the Western Division, upon Elder Brother Francese Rogers of San Francisco. The same conditions exist there as in the east."

On motion the Elder Brother's action was confirmed unanimously.

"You all know something about THE HERMETIST. I now ask of you, as the members of the Sixth Annual Convocation, that you declare THE HERMETIST the official organ of the Brotherhood."

Moved and seconded that THE HERMETIST be the official organ of the Hermetic Brotherhood of A. L. and E. Carried unanimously.

"The question has been asked whether we shall issue an extra edition of THE HERMETIST with the Convocation Proceedings; and whether the April edition shall be a 3,000 or a 5,000 issue.

"I will say to you freely and frankly, that unsupported and unassisted, those who are willing managers can't do it, because it takes money and we haven't the money in the exchequer with which to do it. Perhaps with the expression of your wish in this measure, we might decide to issue either a 3,000 or a 5,000 edition of the April number containing the proceedings, then with the seal of approval from the Convocation we might go out to the Brotherhood at large for assistance."

After some discussion on the various points, Brother Sawin expressed the sentiment of the Convocation in the following words:

"As the Elder Brother has remarked, this organization is not a wealthy one. This organization was never started for the purpose of acquiring wealth. The fundamental principles underlying it, are those of progress and advancement upon the lines of the spiritual; and along the lines of the spiritual, material gold is never found. But there is another underlying principle upon which the Hermetic Brotherhood is supported, it is that to which I refer, that what we ask for we shall get, if we put forth the will, if we put forth

the determination, individually allowing the aspiration to arise. "We want so much for the benefit of the Brotherhood," it will come as surely as the Sun will rise to-morrow.

I therefore move that 3,000 copies be printed, and God willing, the funds will come." Carried unanimously.

In commenting upon this instruction of the Convocation, the Elder Brother said: "It will be our great pleasure to print 3,000 copies of the April HERMETIST including the Proceedings, and draw upon the treasury of the Invisible, through the visible Brotherhood as agents, for the requisite amount."

"Now, there is something else, just one more thing," said the Elder Brother, "it is, shall we unitedly, for the next year, commence the agitation of the collection and advancement of a fund that shall in the end, bring us a Temple that belongs to the Brotherhood."

A motion to this effect was instantly made and enthusiastically seconded.

Resuming, the Elder Brother said: "It is moved and seconded that we commence the collection of a fund which shall result in a Temple. A temple to be used for work and not for the enclosing of empty space six days in the week and used only the one day; but that every day it shall be putting forth along the lines of humanity, force and power, which shall make us able helpers of men and of each other.

Is there any thing more?"

Among several suggestions the most practical was as follows:

That a small box be sent to each member with a statement of its purpose and the request that stray pennies from day to day be dropped therein; and at the expiration of a specified time the box be opened and the contents forwarded to Headquarters.

It was not considered necessary to put this as a formal motion, but the Executive Committee were empowered to act as they deemed best and most expedient in the matter.

"Great things have come from very small beginnings. Without the first movement further development is impossible. As even the ocean is made up of single drops, so may the gathering together and the commingling of even the smallest denomination of specie give sufficient volume for the accomplishment desired."

During this day of days when everything seemed so fraught with meaning, it was significant that the first contribution toward the Temple fund should be made by a woman, and also that the sum placed upon the altar should be in silver coin—the metal which represents the feminine or spiritual element.

There were others who were just as ready and only waited the opportunity to step forward, but Mrs. Margaret C. Montville, Elder Brother of Knot 41, Leavenworth, Kans., had the honor of laying the corner stone of the Temple, symbolically, (awakening a burst of applause), and the Scribe was instructed to so make record.

Further additions and pledges were made at once, rousing some spirited and enthusiastic speeches, to which the Elder Brother replied in a most impressive manner, calling the Unseen to witness. One brother pledged \$25.00 during the year and another double the amount.

If we will but watch the future unfolding of the plans, even as in the past, each step will be seen to be wisely and properly taken in the outer and its esoteric teachings full of inspiration.

Although the time for the noon recess had arrived, it was hard to break away from a theme so attractive. Yet having received spiritually, it was meet that the physical should also receive nourishment. The generosity of the local membership rendered possible a delicious luncheon, served "*la cafetiera*." The freedom of the house, and the invitation to "help yourself," gave opportunity for many pleasant chats aside.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meditation of the morning session registered the present vantage ground, from which we look both backward and forward. As the sound of the bell, signaling the call to order, died away, the Master of Ceremonies announced the subject of meditation: "Have I, as a helper, done my share of Brotherhood work?" A brief period of retrospection succeeded.

Following this the Convocation had the pleasure of listening to a paper by Mme. de Bielski upon "The Science of Human Life from the Standpoint of Zodiacal and Planetary Correspondences," illustrated by charts of most elaborate preparation; while the

subject matter held the undivided attention of all throughout its reading. At its close, the members extended a vote of thanks for the pleasure she had given them.

This lecture is one of a series, which is anticipated will be given under the auspices of the School of Hermetic Philosophy, either here or elsewhere, as the calls may come.

We regret that the above reason prevents its reproduction here. Even extracts from it would be unsatisfactory, because the accompanying illustrations could not be shown.

Taking up the symposium of the Order, the Elder Brother requested the reports from the knots represented by the delegates, be first heard.

Responding, Elder Brother Montville, of Knot 41, Leavenworth, Kans., said: "The past year has been a quiet one in the matter of active work, possibly due to the retirement of Elder Brother Clough on account of his failing physical health; but I am glad to say the interest has not slackened. The coming season we hope to make up for any shortcomings."

Elder Brother Smith, Knot 41, Battle Creek, Mich., reported as follows: "I have to say that the interest in Battle Creek is increasing very much. In fact, we have broken down the conservative feeling to an extent that is very encouraging. At the beginning we could hardly mention the thought without raising antagonism. Upon consultation we decided to organize a sort of supplementary society, as an educational means to prepare the members for the work. We have now about twenty-five persons studying along the Hermetic lines, most of whom I am sure will come into the Brotherhood in time.

"Individually, the Brotherhood has been a means of wonderful growth to the members of the Knot, as bringing out at least one lecturer into the field, on purely Hermetic lines.

We feel greatly strengthened by the work thus far accomplished."

Knot 21, Leadville, Colo., was represented in the person of Bro. Cohen, a member formerly attached there, but now of this city; also by Elder Brother Moulton's daughter.

The Associated Knots of San Francisco are evidently thoroughly alive to the advantage of personal representation, for Dr. Phelon held duly executed papers commissioning him their delegate.

As their representative, the Elder Brother gave a graphic description of the present situation, reporting the work in a most satisfactory and flourishing condition.

Knowing that they were in special session, at this very time, for the purpose of adding to the center their concentrated potency, we were conscious of their close sympathetic touch, more definitely expressed to the visible section by the following telegram: "Greetings from Coast brothers in council assembled. Sun still rising in the west."

Serious illness, and death in the family of Brother Chamberlain, necessitated an adjournment of Knot 31 for several months, but we are happy to announce the resumption of the work. Open meetings are held every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Knot 18 continues to hold its own. Open meetings are held at the Home Temple, Wednesday afternoon. The beginner and advanced student alike find attendance attractive and profitable.

Second Elder Brother Gordon reported from Knot 52, Troy, New York.

As follows: "Knot 52 is looking up, and working in the same direction. In the Fall of 1897, our efficient Elder Brother, Mrs. Mary E. Fewless, had been for three years an apparently hopeless, bed ridden invalid. Then she became a member in-bounds of the Hermetic Brotherhood, since which time, she has practically recovered, and the following February she organized a Knot of seven members. In the fall of 1898, Brother Gordon visited here and by lectures and lessons, illuminated this section of the Brotherhood with a larger understanding of the work and worth of the order, its scope and significance. Under her splendid stimulation the Knot matured in membership and influence; now its limit has been reached, and an outgrowing one organized at Schaghticoke, with another in Albany in prospect. In its membership Troy, Albany, Lansingburg, Schaghticoke and Geneseeo, N. Y., and Lake Pleasant, Mass., are represented.

In impressive initiation ceremonies, Elder Brother Fewless, has had the admirable aid of a member of the supernal Knot No. 10, a pledge of divine guardianship and guidance, which are profoundly appreciated. Loyal to the Circle of Isis, and to truth whenever and wherever found, Knot 52;

enters upon the coming year in full confidence of its conquering power.

JOHN JOHNSON, Scribe pro tem.

Eighteen States were represented in the reports from out of town. The manner and extent of the responsive to the notice of "assembly" was very gratifying indeed. They one and all express the warmest regard and interest in the work. It is impossible, for lack of space, to print this very interesting correspondence.

Mme. de Bielski then gave a few spirited remarks concerning her observations relating to the workings at the Home Temple and the needs of the Brotherhood—she said it had been her privilege to be a guest in the Home Center during the time the Elder Brother was in California, that many things had been revealed to her, which were very surprising as she felt they would also be to many, if not to all these members who had not been thus initiated into the inner life of the Temple work. She felt some things ought to be known to the members at large, and while she should not disclose any secrets or violate any trust, she felt at liberty as an outsider to tell them some truths, which in her judgment they should know. The workings of the brotherhood she claimed were incessant and of the highest order—the duties of the daily life necessitating constant application often from 6 A. M. into the night, folding of circulars, addressing envelopes, compiling THE HERMETIST, reading reviews, attending to correspondence, which at times was overwhelming in its demands, long letters from members, from those seeking knowledge, Light, Counsel, Treatments, help for all the conditions of soul and body, often with no thought of compensation, not even a stamp enclosed for the answer, yet each one had their share of attention, loving service and untiring devotion from the Second Elder Brother who at that time was carrying on the entire Labor of Love unaided. Never a word of complaint, always cheerful, always strong always poised and always ready to be helpful to one and all. Mme. de Bielski then related how vital this help had proved in certain cases that had come under her observation, wherein assistance had been asked for some special purpose at a special time, and telegrams had been received showing that within twenty-four hours the desired results had been attained—that experiences of this order

were of common occurrence. "Yet who at large knows of this, and it should be known by every one of you," "The Elder Brother in his wisdom and the second Elder Brother in her modesty would never speak of it. For twenty-five years the forces have been centered around this throne. The drawn concentrated force used only as it was asked for by those who sought its help, but now the fact has come 'Let there be Light, Let thy light shine,' and the new day dawns upon our work. Henceforth it assumes the obligation of the School of Hermetic Philosophy and offers to the world the treasures it contains of mystic teachings held in the archives of a vast accumulation of manuscript and precious texts. But now a few words about the needs of the Brotherhood to further this work. Do you realize that there is no certain fund for the support of this Temple? Do you realize that it is only by the most persistent effort on the part of the Elder Brother and Second Elder Brother that expenses are met each month? that often rent day comes around and there is only the Unbounded Faith in the All Good that it will come to meet the obligation? I did not know it, and I was shocked that the Elder Brother had not a bank account sufficient *at least* to meet the rent. What is needed is a *fund* to relieve this uncertainty. Were it not for the returns from the Hermetic Publishing Co., you would have no Home Temple. The Scribe and Mr. Gordon contribute towards the domestic needs or there would often be a pinch there. These are the things you should know. Now let each member resolve to do their part towards increasing the membership and interesting those who may be impressed with the strength, worth and power of the Brotherhood and its auxilliary, the School of Hermetic Philosophy to give to the world and humanity that which it is seeking to-day.

Thus by written word and otherwise have come numberless assurances of support and co-operation. As the heart receives the supply and sends it forth again to nourish the body; so have the thought currents directed here from the staunch and loyal hearts of the members scattered far and wide, passed the center leaving their impress there, and borne upon their returning cycle new life and energy.

The Master of Ceremonies then called for individual reports. It was the challenge of old

ever repeating itself, as step by step advance is made: "Watchman, what of the night?" And the answer that came ringing through the air invariably was: "The morning cometh."

In no one of the remarks was there a single suggestion of discouragement or hopelessness—not that the year had not had its crosses and trials for each and all, but with its memories and its scars there was likewise "the upholding of accomplishment."

There was a heartfulness of response that indicated the depth and strength of the undercurrent. And, as on previous occasions, there were several fervent testimonials of the protecting care, helpfulness and guidance of those who neither slumber nor sleep.

It is hard to describe wherein lies the charm of these brief talks, except as the communion of soul with soul.

As Brother Baum so fitly expressed it: "Truth is like the sands of the ocean, found in small particles. We can only pick up a few grains at a time."

Among the papers before the Convocation, we must not omit to mention one by Senior Elder Brother Francese Rogers, a most able and interesting article, which we hope to publish in full in a later issue.

Included in the number of the many good things we are obliged to omit from publication, are original verses written for the occasion by Mrs. Abbie A. Gould, Moline, Ills.; Everett H. Hastings, Warwick, Mass.; Mrs. M. C. Rushmore and Mrs. S. V. H. Graham, of this city.

Possibly, the wonderful uplifting of the day may have been augmented by its universal celebration, the joining of countless multitudes in devotion almost as intense as our own. To Protestant and Catholic alike, Palm Sunday has its own observance. By chance or otherwise, in the Hebrew faith it happened to be the first day of the feast of the Passover, and also the anniversary of the Exodus, not mentioning all that it means to us as reincarnated Atlantians and Egyptians. So that taken on any plane, spiritual, astrological, psychical and otherwise, it was a period of marvelous potency. While all this is true, it is not only necessary there shall be something to be received, but there must be a receiver, in a receptive condition. We perhaps received up to the limit of our capacity, but we do not feel that we exhausted

the possibilities of the supply. May we continue to expand our receptive faculties.

Among the visiting members and the members-in-bounds present were: Mrs. E. P. Billings, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. M. F. B. Smith, and Mrs. Katherine Paddock of West Superior, Wis.; Mrs. Clara C. Bergmeier, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Clara Smith, Battle Creek, Mich.; Miss Jessie Wilson, Owatonna, Minn.; Mrs. Ida Smith and Mrs. Emogene Akers, Bloomington, Ills.; Mrs. M. C. Mountville, Leavenworth, Kans.; and Mrs. Pearce, Pittsburg, Pa.

There were some familiar faces sadly missed but as if to compensate for this in a measure, we had the pleasure of greeting many who came for their first visit and we sincerely hope not the last.

The intermission between the sessions was most agreeably spent within the confines of the Home Temple.

EVENING SESSION.

As the shades of twilight deepened and the hush of the outer world opens the door to the mystic land, how naturally the mind turns to by-gone memories sacred and sweet. It is most appropriate that this hour should be devoted in loving remembrance to those who have been associated with us in the visible and whom we believe still linger near us, though unseen by mortal eye.

Having examined our status past and present, the issue now presented was: "Will I pledge my whole self, for the coming year, to further in every possible way, the Brotherhood work?" Thus questioned we the Silence.

"In Remembrance. Short Volunteer Addresses," is the next number on the programme. This called forth many beautiful thoughts, variously expressed, the burden of which was a spirit of rejoicing that they who had passed beyond the veil separating the seen from the unseen, free from all the limitations that harass and annoy, still bear for us a love as strong and true as ever. If we fail to hear the tender counsel they would give us, it is not because the so called dead are dumb, but only that the living are deaf. Listening in the Silence we can if we will hear the message they bring.

There were many sweet and earnest tributes to Brother Helen Loomis, so well known among the local Brotherhood.

In this connection, the remarks of the Second Elder Brother Gordon contained something that we may ask ourselves with profit:

"It was my privilege during the winter to be with one of our brothers who has passed out. As I was with her much of the time, night and day, I am convinced that her last

thoughts were with the Brotherhood, and the invisible throng were near and with her.

Some days before she passed on, she looked away off into the eternal distances and said to me, these words: "How shall I make myself known to the Invisible?" It was a wonderful expression out of the beyond, at the moment, because none of us, at that time, had any idea she would pass out. "How shall I make myself known to the Invisible" was a new thought for I myself, to ponder over.

It is a wonderful thought for us all, how shall any of us make ourselves known to the Invisible? How shall we recognize or be recognized when we shall have passed from this shadowy vale, into a more etheric atmosphere? My answer to her was: "Don't you know the Grand Hailing sign?" she answered, yes.

I desired to say these few words to recall the thought, "How shall we make ourselves known to the Invisible? It is a thought for contemplation. No matter who the Invisible are; or what they are; whether we consider them entities, verities or forces; the question is; how shall we make ourselves known to them; how shall we recognize them, as helpers, when they come to us. The Brother of whom I am talking is Brother Helen Loomis. I do not know, nor can I suppose that our Comrade was conscious of its great meaning: "How shall I make myself known to the Invisible." But for all, it is something to ponder over; and let me add also this, for meditation, how shall we recognize now, before we go hence, the Invisible, when they desire to whisper and make themselves known to us.

Brother Morcy said: "These occasions always bring to my mind the first acquaintance I had with the Brotherhood, the delightful meetings, and the sweet personality of the hostess at that time (Mrs. Phelon), whose picture we see over there on the wall. Most of us who are here, remember those meetings and the inception of Knot 10, which has been filling up fast even in the few short years that we have been organized. Now the strength of character, the new forcefulness, and the individuality of those members who have gone on before us, cannot but abide here. They still have a strong influence on these meetings, a strong influence for good, in the work we are doing. Over the door, is a short sentence which was among the last words she uttered: "I have tried to do the best I could." We know the thought, and the trial to do the best that possibly could be done for years here, in this incarnation, has not ceased, simply because of the change of residence. We know those who have gone on before, are giving us greater help now, than they could have given here. And remembering the strength and the helpfulness which was displayed in life, we may feel sure, as we grow in strength, in numbers and in purposefulness, that help, and guidance also continues to grow in strength and power. If only but once a year, for some of us, it is a good thing to think of."

The Elder Brother's address closed the session.

"It is because we believe the dead die not, we have this commemoration from year to year. It is because we believe those passing from the invisible sight, have not passed out of existence, but still move on the everlasting circle of change, that we thus recall those who were with us a year, two, three, four, five years ago or more. Thus, there comes to us a Brotherhood of both the living and the dead, that which concerns us both. It is certain we may act, under the guidance of those who are invisible, for they certainly can communicate with us. Therefore we make this number in our programme. Yesterday a letter came from the far West, the burden of it was this: On the 19th of this month one of our brothers passed out. His death had been expected. Therefore, it was not in any sense startling. The Ego was waiting to go. But that is not the point, which is simply this: He had arrived at a stage in his physical disease when he was unconscious of those about him, unless they were recalled to his mind through the great effort of those who were caring for him. I think it was last week, I am not positive of the date, but during the morning watch, along towards daybreak, the nurse being by his side he said: "What is it? Why, The room is full of the members of the Hermetic Brotherhood. They tell me they are members of Knot 10."

It was a confirmation, as far as I know, of what has been said and thought here of that which is on the other side. To my certain knowledge, he has been in such a condition that the idea of a Knot of the Invisible could not have been held in his conscious brain for any length of time. Hence it was a singular circumstance. If it was a truth, then it was not strange. They who are helping us, belong to us by the tie of obligation, as long as the grass grows upwards and the rivers run to the sea, whether visible or not, then why not expect them to take an interest in our affairs. As gathering follows gathering; as the days become years; can we not expect their thought, their potency, their force will be exerted in the same direction as ours. If it so be, that we, ourselves be numbered with the Invisible before another Convocation shall come, will we not desire to be recognized! The remark has been made that it matters not whether we be entities, verities, or vital forces. It is only the question shall we have influence to impress ourselves fully and strongly, upon our fellows.

There must exist, as the result of our thought force exerted during life, some remnant of concentrated force moving in the same direction as during the intense period of human existence. I am satisfied that to every member of the Brotherhood that which seems to be the most intense period of life and really is the most intense, is the part which concerns uniting with the Brotherhood, and the onmoving, strong unity with it. The force existing upon earth moves forward constantly, and must carry forward those who pass into the invisible, whether we desire it or not.

Twenty-four have passed on beyond the veil of sight since Knot 10 was organized. It is my pleasure to think, those who have known us personally, face to face upon the earth; when our eyes shall

close upon this visible for the last time; when the faces that we have loved here shall fade away from our vision, the next sight that will come to us, as we gaze earnestly into the changing panorama will be those whom we have known; whom we have recognized as we sit in conclave side by side, and we shall not be obliged to make ourselves known.

In the passage between the twilight of the present and the future, that which grieves fades away; and as we enter the realms of the Unseen guided, all questions and doubts are set at rest. When we go into an unknown country, it is always desirable to find those who know us and whom we know. If we do not know them personally, and are only conscious they belong to the Brotherhood, we are sure of a warm welcome from friends. As the Brotherhood goes on growing stronger and stronger, bound together ever, day by day, with ties of increasing strength and force, we shall feel that wherever we travel, wherever we go, there are this class at hand, who, if we desire, will recognize our claims to their friendship and guidance.

They who act as the Messengers of the ONE; who are sent for direct purpose, constitute two classes. There are those who have been embodied, and those who have never been embodied. They who come to us direct from the One as guides and architects, are persons who have within themselves, knowledge which we desire to acquire; are those who can be listened to. I have no quarrel, in any way, with the names that we give them. I know that there is some force, some purpose, some personified energy, if you choose so to call it, which has objectivity enough to influence us into the paths and lines where we desire to walk, and in which it is best for us to walk. So it seems that it were wise for us to show loving admiration for those who have walked with us, by a commemoration of this kind. For the few moments which we allot to this service, and which we recall with a feeling of loving remembrance of all the good done us at various times, let us live not only in that which is of so much comfort to us; but also whatsoever has have said and done for us in the matter of uplifting and admonition will thereby renew its force. We shall be carried forward and upward by the very recalling of their names, and purposes and the mention of results arising from their activity while in the earth life.

I do not think those who have passed beyond, are always interfering with our business. On the contrary, I think it is true: that we are here for the purpose of our own training. We do not allow our children to be waited upon constantly. So long as they do not know how to do things, we serve them; but there comes a time when we feel our children have attained sufficient strength to do for themselves. When the request is made: "Mother, Father do this for me," we say simply: "Do it yourself. You know how." It is not because we are not glad to help them. It is not because we in any way desire to refuse them joy or pleasure, but it is because we desire them to become self-reliant, strong and helpful, and to train them to do for themselves and others. No person comes into this world to be carried forward constantly, for their limbs would grow feeble.

Their thoughts would fade away and that which should be concentration would be constant diffusion, and the weakness of the infancy would continue. But because they are made to do for themselves; because they are compelled to walk; because they are forced to use their limbs; because they must think for themselves; because they are to be units and factors in the world at large, we desire they shall exercise whatsoever conditions belong to the earth. Whatsoever we expect our children to do for themselves and us and we to do for them, we may expect those who watch and keep ward over us, under the direction of the One, to be of the same nature. We are not to expect to do nothing unless we are told it by those who are of the Unseen. If I had nothing but that guidance, if I could act in no way unless my guides told me what to do, then I am simply living in inertness. My whole training would fade away. I should become as inert and as helpless as an untrained child. Our guardian angels, who have been sent forth as ministering spirits to minister to those who are heirs to salvation, are wise, or they would not have that office. Whenever we reach a place we cannot decide for ourselves, then comes the whisper or the suggestion, or the more than suggestion, which we all know, understand and recognize. But we are expected, on all ordinary occasions, to use our own judgment, to form the basis of our own conclusion, and act up to the best of our knowledge and ability, because it is our mission here to learn to do just that thing. When there come circumstances, where we are at a loss to know what to do or how to manage, then, as we consult advisers in the earth life, so we may lift our hearts, our whole spirit in love and in desire, under the sign of the Brotherhood, to those who are in the Invisible, and receive therefrom advice and direction. Do not, therefore, think for one single moment we are to be simply puppets moved hither and thither by unseen forces. Call them by what name you will; but demand for yourself such intensity, such force, such fullness of purpose, that you will be able to stand forth firmly, not only for yourself but others. Remember this, that no single individual liveth for himself alone. He who lives for all those who are about him, lives for the whole world; because the vibrations going out from each individual mingle and spread. As was told you this afternoon (referring to Mme. de Bielski's talk), a stone thrown into a still pool causes ripples which mingle, intertwine, obstruct, assimilate and align themselves with all other vibrations, and have influence accordingly. And as my voice goes out into the atmosphere here, as your voices have gone out into the atmosphere to-day, as your potent thought is moving out along the lines of projection; so during the year now upon us, will it carry for itself, outside of this room, a voice and a power united with hundreds of other vibrations which have come to us, and the whole world. *The whole world* will be better for the harmony that has manifested itself here to-day. Remember this, word has gone out into every State in the Union, for we have members everywhere, and every member's thought all over this wide country has voiced or sent itself to us. The letters shown you to-day,

nearly all contain the same sentence in effect, if not in words: "I will be with you in spirit." So we are here, as the central focalization of the thought of the whole Brotherhood. We are not speaking for ourselves alone. We are speaking, acting and voicing for the hundreds of members of the Brotherhood everywhere.

Some one who has been at all the Convocations, said to me: "This Convocation has manifested more potency than any other I have ever attended." I have not known, since the Convocations commenced, any time when there was so universal a response from every member of the Brotherhood, and I know the force that has come up to the Temple from the outer is full and strong and intensified by the intensity of this year of the Nines. And I am sure there will come a response from it, which we shall hear of in the future."

There are things that have come to my knowledge during this day of which I cannot tell you, because SILENCE belongs to the Hermetic Brotherhood. Because the very giving out of an embryonic condition might destroy the focusing of the vibrations; but I want to say, things have happened within the last three hours which I am perfectly certain will bring to the Brotherhood on the physical plane, conditions that we never have been able to lay hold of before. Review the whole day through, with what each knows of it, and each will say the Sixth Annual Convocation of the Brotherhood has brought to every one a feeling of more intensity of purpose; of more determination to persist in carrying forward the work, wherever standing. The whole movement has been intensified, as a cord is strengthened. The making of cords, ropes and cables, is by the twisting together and combining of fibers or threads twisted together. So imagine the thought force, the spiritual conditions, the spiritual manifestation are so worked together and twisted one in upon the other that a strong cord is the result. Those who are clear-sighted know what I am talking about, they know that the hour has struck, when all along the line of our beloved Brotherhood comes the order: "Forward! Forward!! Forward!!! Those who are in front, step onward and onward. They hear the tramp of the marching legions behind, which shall carry them on and on in all fullness of purpose, to that which they have pledged themselves to accomplish.

Now the hour draws near when this Convocation, like all things earthly, shall separate. When that which was called together for purpose, having accomplished its purpose, shall dissolve. But remember that the question of the hour before the mystic and the occultist of to-day is this: "How shall I resurrect my body? How shall I come at once to the knowledge of the resurrection?" We are promised the resurrection. We are promised that we shall have new bodies. Shall it come by outside influence, or will we align ourselves to the spirit force and the spirit purpose which knows and understands and thus lay hold of whatever is within our reach, and begin to build for ourselves new bodies.

I believe every single one of us here can reconstruct and regenerate our bodies. Therein lies the resurrection. Until this happens, we shall

be quipped to pass on, and for the purpose of still remaining in touch with those who are in the visible, we shall be obliged to affiliate ourselves with some common center, whether we call it Knot No. 10 or whether we call it by some other name. The giving of the name Knot No. 10 simply gives us a center of force to think about. As it were to bring together all the Visible and the Invisible in one force, in one unity, for the operation and the purposes which we have endeavored in this Order to accomplish. And so, until we shall be able to resurrect ourselves, we stand in fear, when in the chill of death. But we simply expect that as a conclusion which we do not choose to solve in any other way.

As we close, and prepare to lay aside all we have done to-day in the archives of the astral memory, I ask of you to pledge yourself, each one of you, to each other, that you will do during the coming year all that can be possibly done by you for the enlargement and the upholding of the Brotherhood.

The Master of Ceremonies was then requested to read aloud the last subject of meditation, rendering it in the affirmative: "I WILL pledge my whole self, for the coming year, to further in every possible way, the Brotherhood work." Standing, and with left hand upraised, in witness of the obligation, the Brotherhood solemnly repeated it, phrase by phrase, after which came clearly the thrilling accents of the Elder Brother: "So let it be!"

The Elder Brother then pronounced the benediction:

"May the blessing of the ONE, the peace and love of the Most Ancient Elder Brother of Galilee, and the everlasting desire for attainment in this life and that beyond, be and dwell with us during the year that lies before us. Amen."

Thus closed the Sixth Annual Convocation, distinguished for its concentrated unity.

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NANCY MCKAY GORDON,
Second Elder Brother.

If you have not slept, or if you have slept, or if you have a headache, or sciatica, or leprosy, or thunderstroke, I beseech you by all the angels to hold your peace, and not pollute the morning, to which all the housemates bring serene and pleasant thoughts, by corruptions and groans.
—Emerson.

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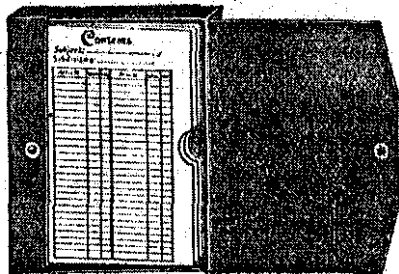
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