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The Larger Vision of Theosophy*

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BROTHERS!—That one word contains for us the secret of the power of Theosophy. For when we are brothers to all that live, we worship the One Life, and, without the recognition of the One Life we shall always fall short of the realization of our hopes and dreams.

Our work, as Theosophists, is to intensify the natural bonds of Brotherhood. We are brothers within the family; we must make the community and the race our brothers. Man and man quickly feel as brothers; we must make the animals and the plants our brothers, too. We must proceed with Brotherhood into other fields, also. We must feel brothers to all the sciences, the arts and the philosophies.

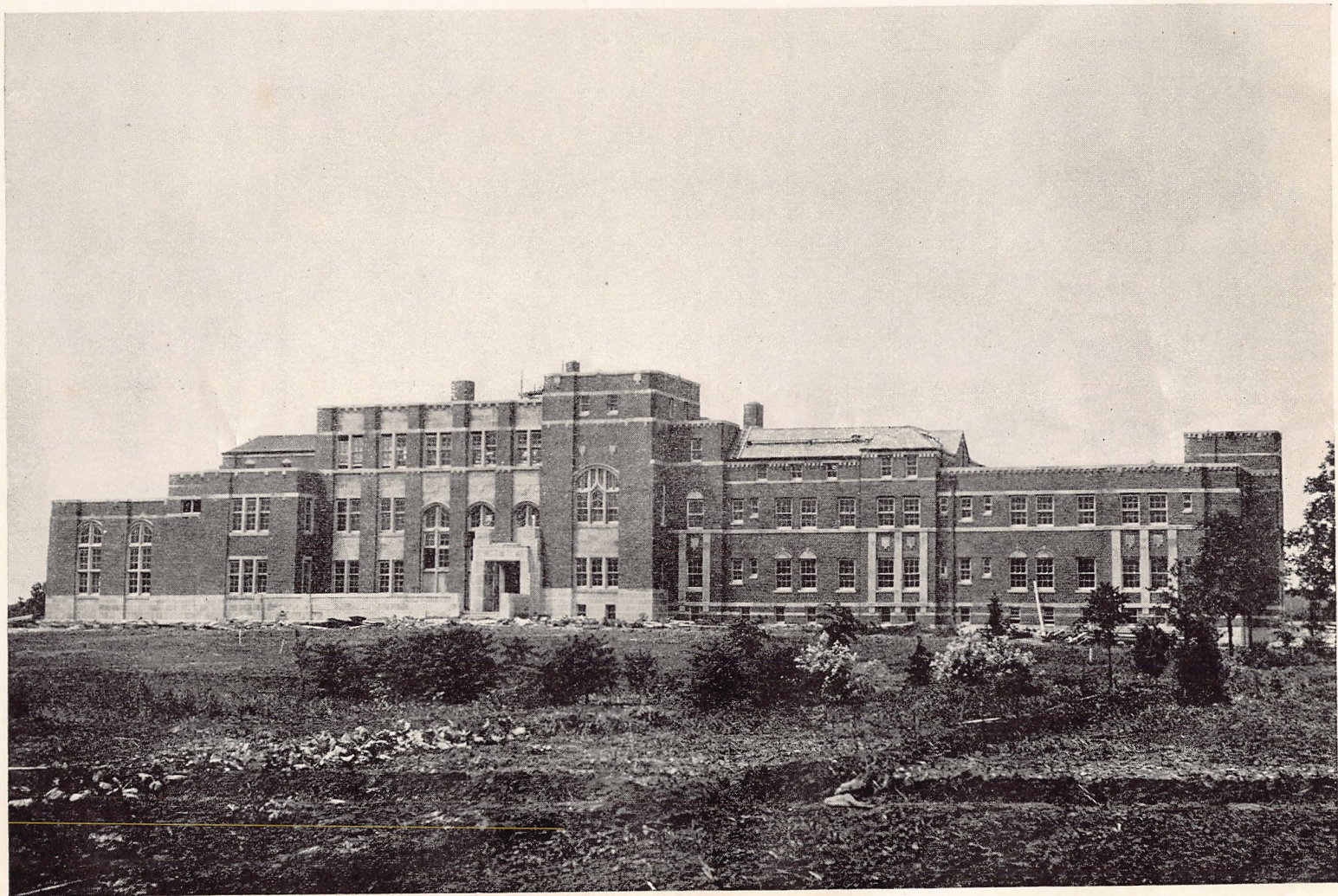
In the fifty-two years of our work as Theosophists, we have learnt to be brothers towards all religions and sects. No Theosophist disputes about religion; he respects every form of creed. He does not necessarily profess them all; he worships at his own particular shrine. But he does not consider his shrine as the only one which God consecrates, and, if he is a wise Theosophist, he will never forget that God has

no preferences among the shrines which His children erect to Him. But we Theosophists are still a little limited; we think we have everything we need in our theosophical books, and forget to look into those other volumes of the *Secret Doctrine* which are the sciences, the arts, and the philosophies. Sometimes our Theosophists are very superior, like the member who said concerning Art, "What do we want Art for? Haven't we got everything in Theosophy?"

What we call Theosophy has two aspects; it is a body of ideas, and it is an ethical life for every day. But life and idea interact, and the nobler is the life, the deeper are the ideas. But also, because of this interaction, the wider is the *range* of ideas, the more *powerful* is the life. Theosophists vary in their effectiveness, not only according to the purity or impurity of their hearts, but according to the largeness or narrowness of their minds. We must not only be good, but also good at our work. Much of our efficiency to change the modern world today depends on the number of interests we have in that world.

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* Opening Address at the first session of the Convention of the T. S. in Paris, France, April 23rd, 1927.



THE WHEATON HEADQUARTERS ON JULY 26, 1927, LOOKING FROM THE NORTHEAST AT EDGE OF GROVE

The Meeting of East and West

By J. KRISHNAMURTI

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Mr. Randolph Hearst, who is sufficiently well known from his newspaper and political activities to need no further introduction, made the statement that he advocated a union of the English-speaking peoples of the world as opposed to those who did not speak the English language.

Mr. Krishnamurti makes a brilliant reply to Mr. Hearst in an article entitled "The Meeting of the East and West" appearing in the March issue of *Foreign Affairs*, an extract from which is here quoted:

"Mr. Hearst's proposal, if adopted, will mean eventually the formation of another League of Asia, in which will be included Russia, who is to a great extent Asiatic; Japan, who is fully armed, aggressive, and determined to occupy a prominent position in the world, and must have an outlet for her population; China, struggling to express her national sentiment and to establish internal peace; Egypt, with her close contact with Europe, and with all her European training and European ideals half digested; Turkey, with her eagerness to follow the edicts and customs of Western civilization, and yet intensely national in feeling; and India, with her ancient traditions and customs still holding tremendous sway over her teeming millions, and with her growing passion for national freedom. Nor can we omit from this League: Mesopotamia, Afghanistan and Arabia, with Palestine and Syria, and probably Abyssinia and Northern Africa. It would be a world conflagration.

"All those Asiatic groups, which have been plundered and exploited by the West, will naturally form another Union, 'purely defensive,' and then the stage will be set for the most terrible and horrible war that the world has ever seen.

"It will mean a division of color—the white races on one side, and on the other the brown, the yellow, the red and the black; the vast continent of Asia, with her millions of human beings, with

the same longings, the same ambitions and ideals, the same needs, as the millions opposed to them in the continents of Europe and America.

"CATASTROPHE OR PEACE?"

"What, in Heaven's name, is the fundamental difference between a non-English-speaking person and an English-speaking person, between a Hindu and a Christian, or between a Chinese and an American, that they cannot peacefully enjoy the world together? Is it because of the difference in color, in traditions, in customs, that we should be regarded as superior or inferior? The highest Brahmin of India regards the white man, or anyone outside his own caste, as 'beyond the pale.' He is as instrumental in causing a division as the man who is convinced of the superiority of the English race.

"Customs, habits and forms of worship are only a matter of training or education; but whether a man be a Japanese, a Chinese, a Russian, a Hindu, or one of 'God's own English-speaking races,' he has the same desires, the same longings, the same anxieties, the same sorrows, the same pleasures and pains. Though we Asiatics use many languages in worshipping God, and you address Him in the English tongue, all prayers go up to the same God. Because I have a brown body and another man is white, does it make me less hungry, tired or cold? Do pleasure or pain await the color of a man's skin? Because I wear a brown coat and you a grey one, does it change the man inside, who is full of pain, full of sorrow, full of ecstasy and joy? The sun shines on all alike, even though you may wear a pith hat and I a turban. The day is not complete without both sunrise and sunset. The world is not perfect without both East and West.

"At these moments of great crises, we must not judge by the superficial garments which men call races, but in terms of joy and suffering, in terms of common friendship and humanity."

Tranquillity

The peace of starlight
The hush of unborn morn!
The slow approach of the Sun
The wakening of nestlings.

Twilight when the day has ceased and I may
retreat
Listening to small sounds—the stir of wings in
the grass
The silver flute of a nightingale
Or the call of some wild bird beating inland from
the sea.

Tranquillity marked by these sounds!
This is the choir which sings when I pray.

J. Krishnamurti

If he were mute, yea a stoned image,
Still would he be the symbol of Hope
Lit of a Holy Fire
And The Vessel of Office.

Benediction

I would not leave my voice to say Amen, Amen.
Rather would I say the word like questioning—
Amen? Amen?
And leave thee hope thereby.

—PATIENCE WORTH



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The Convention

THE big event of the theosophical year is now close at hand. Dr. and Mrs. Arundale will be welcomed at the pier in New York by a large group of Theosophists and will be guests of Captain and Mrs. Russell Lloyd Jones, Captain and Mrs. E. M. Sellon. After a members' meeting and a day's rest our distinguished visitors and the Eastern delegation will come on to Chicago.

Never before has the preparation for a Convention been so strenuous. That is because there are so many things in hand. In addition to a new program arrangement which will present features not before seen at our annual Convention, including an "Oriental Night" and a drama of reincarnation at the Eighth Street Theatre near the Hotel Stevens, there is the work of rushing the new Headquarters building to completion in time for the dedication by Dr. Arundale on Sunday, August 28.

While there are various new and novel Convention features it goes without saying that the thing of greatest value will be the Convention lectures by Dr. Arundale. All of our American celebrities will this year be held in the background so that Dr. Arun-

dale will lecture on every available date. As we have, this time, a hall of double capacity the public will be admitted to his lectures. He will speak on such fascinating subjects as "America: Her Power and Purpose," "The Problem of Death," "The Return of The Christ," "The Religion of the Sun," etc. Speaking from actual personal knowledge of inner planes and of nature's truths, Dr. Arundale will be of incalculable value to the theosophical work in the United States so far as the public is concerned and will be a source of both information and inspiration to our members.

Spiritual Inspiration

IT is not so much what you will hear at Convention from Dr. Arundale—although of course, that has its great value—as the spiritual uplift and inspiration you will get and take back to your Lodge that is important. Everybody who has attended Convention in the last few years, when we have always had one or more highly evolved souls present, knows that something far beyond words and thoughts is communicated to the members. In late years every Convention has been far more than a meeting. It has been direct contact with spiritual forces that stimulate and strengthen the higher nature. A member can do nothing more valuable for his Lodge than come to the Convention and carry home inspiration for the coming year.

Dr. Besant in Europe

THE remarkable energy of Dr. Besant at eighty comes out in nothing more conspicuously than her present lecture tour through the chief cities in Europe. A unique feature of her tour which begins August 18 and extends to September 7, is that the traveling will be done almost exclusively by air transportation. A copy of her itinerary sent on by Captain Max Wardall who will accompany her, shows that she will leave Amsterdam at 1:30 p.m. on August 18 and arrive in Hanover, her first stop, at 3:36 p.m. At 4 p.m. she departs for Berlin, arriving at 6 o'clock that evening. The following day she returns to Hamburg, which is an hour's journey by air, and after two days in Hamburg, leaves

on August 22 at 3:40 p. m., arriving in Copenhagen at 5:30 p. m. A day and a half are given to that city and she then departs on a four and one-half hours journey via Gottenberg to Christiana. There, for the first time she will use a train to Stockholm and thence to Helsingfors. On August 27, she returns via air to Stockholm and on the following day takes air transport for Warsaw via Kalmar and Danzig. Flying from Warsaw, September 1 at 6 a. m., she arrives in Prague at 10 a. m. and departs for Vienna at 3:45 p. m. Arriving there after a two and one half hours flight, she has two nights and a day in the Austrian city and takes the air again at 7:30 a. m. for Budapest which is a two hours journey. At 5:30 p. m. she is back in Vienna the evening of September 4 and shortly before midnight the following day leaves for Munich by train where she arrives at 9:20 the following morning. Departing at 2:50 that day by air, she goes to visit cities in Switzerland, reaching Geneva via Zurich at 7:45 in the evening. On September 6 after time for an evening lecture she takes a train for Paris. If such a tour were made by anybody but Dr. Besant, it would cause considerable astonishment.

A Fine Response

THE spirit of mutual assistance came out beautifully during the crest of the annual dues paying period, in the way in which lodge officers and members responded to the appeal to help the Headquarters' work force by giving thoughtful attention to the matter. This is particularly appreciated because the entire personnel of the Secretary-Treasurer's office is new.

Theory and Practice

A MOST interesting session of the Convention will be that on Tuesday forenoon August 30. The subject of the session will be "Theosophizing a Nation," a favorite phrase with Dr. Arundale. It necessarily embraces both the theory and practice of "putting Theosophy across" to the public. Dr. Arundale has had much experience in that in England, India, and Australia, and will be able to speak instructively about it. The National President will speak on the subject from the

purely American viewpoint and Dr. Ernest Stone will contribute his ideas of how to translate theory into practice in the work of theosophizing the nation.

Future Development

A FAIRLY good story of rapid development is told by the four photographs of our new Headquarters building at Wheaton which appear in the June, July and August issues of THE MESSENGER. Lay them side by side before you and observe the change from barely enough above ground to be photographed on March 28, to the almost finished building photographed on July 24, just one hundred and eighteen days later. Of course the building is not finished. When the last picture was made on August 24 the plasterers required two weeks more to finish their work, a part of the slate roof was not on, the carpenters had most of the finishing still before them and very little painting had been done. Nevertheless the construction record is interesting visible evidence of the possibilities of achievement when minds and hands are united in determination to drive a program through to its appointed purpose at its appointed time despite all hindering circumstances.

What of the real program to follow the completion of the building—the nationwide activities for which alone the building came into existence? Will they also come along with precision and will they as surely move to their predetermined purpose? First of these—aside from the routine Headquarters work which will begin in Wheaton in September—is the theosophical training school and its first term should be held next summer. It is designed to train officers and members of the lodges into greater efficiency, to produce new lecturers and field workers, to greatly increase the efficiency of existing ones, and to furnish elementary theosophical education to such children as are so fortunate as to reside near enough. Such will be its beginning. If it grows into a larger and more useful theosophical educational factor it will only be following the course of our book publishing and other Headquarters enterprises.

— L. W. R.



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Arundale Lecture Tour

City	Date
Spokane, Wash.....	Sept. 6
Vancouver, Canada.....	Sept. 8-9
Seattle, Wash.....	Sept. 11-12
Portland, Ore.....	Sept. 13
Oakland, Calif.....	Sept. 15-17
San Francisco, Calif.....	Sept. 16-18
Ojai, Calif.....	Sept. 19-20-21
Hollywood, Calif.....	Sept. 22
Pasadena, Calif.....	Sept. 23
Long Beach, Calif. (afternoon).....	Sept. 25
Los Angeles, Calif. (evening).....	Sept. 25
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	Sept. 27
Denver, Colorado.....	Sept. 29
Omaha, Nebraska.....	Sept. 30
	Oct. 1
Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	Oct. 2-3
St. Paul, Minnesota.....	Oct. 4-5
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.....	Oct. 6-7
Chicago, Illinois.....	Oct. 9
Kansas City, Missouri.....	Oct. 10
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	Oct. 11
Dallas, Texas.....	Oct. 12
Houston, Texas.....	Oct. 13-14
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	Oct. 15-16
Atlanta, Georgia.....	Oct. 17-18
Birmingham, Alabama.....	Oct. 19
St. Louis, Missouri.....	Oct. 20-21
Chicago, Illinois.....	Oct. 23
Lansing, Michigan.....	Oct. 24
Detroit, Michigan.....	Oct. 25-26
Cleveland, Ohio.....	Oct. 27
Columbus, Ohio.....	Oct. 28-29
Pittsburgh, Penn.....	Oct. 30-31
Buffalo, New York.....	Nov. 1-2
Niagara Falls.....	Nov. 3-4
Toronto, Canada.....	Nov. 5-6
Rochester, New York.....	Nov. 7
Boston, Mass.....	Nov. 8
New York, N. Y.....	Nov. 9-10
Washington, D. C.....	Nov. 11-13
Baltimore, Maryland.....	Nov. 14-15
Philadelphia, Penn.....	Nov. 16-17
New York, N. Y.....	Nov. 18

November 19th, sails on "Olympic"

Headquarters Notes

An Apology

It is a physical impossibility for the National President to reply promptly to all the letters received upon various subjects. Letters not requiring immediate response will be taken up later or referred to someone at Headquarters equally able to deal with the subjects under consideration.

Closed

In a brief rejoinder to Mr. George Shibley, Mr. A. Ross Read makes the point that Theosophy is not synonymous with occultism and he thinks his friend Shibley's point on "faulty definition" was not clear; but as previously stated, the discussion is closed and we cannot well find room for the letter.

The Permanent Bronze Labels Giving Data About Each Tree

Usually the donor's name and the date of the gift (and if a memorial tree also the name of the person in whose memory the tree was given) will

be found on the south side of the gift trees in the grove. Those who attend the dedication ceremony on Sunday afternoon, August 28, will find it only a few steps from the driveway to the grove.

Labor Gift

One of the most appreciated gifts to the Wheaton Headquarters were the services of Mr. C. R. Montgomery and his son, Mr. Montgomery belongs to the theatrical world—scene painting—and travels almost constantly over the United States but sometimes he manages to get a week or two of vacation. He wrote Headquarters offering to donate services as above-mentioned and has proved that being an artist does not disqualify one to swing a scythe or handle a hoe skilfully. In early July when the grounds were being rescued from weeds such help was better than cash. If other members have August or September vacations and are willing to work there is *always* something to be done. There are no living accommodations on the place but our "jitney" gives free transportation to and from the village.

Come to Convention

Vegetarian Restaurants

There are several dining-rooms and a novel lunch counter in the Hotel Stevens, but for those who prefer a regular vegetarian restaurant there are two which have been advertising in *THE MESSENGER*—Lindlahr's, 170 North State Street and Maxwell's at 35 East Van Buren Street.

Convention Photographs

"Taking the picture" this year will be the simplest of matters because the elevation on which the Logan Monument stands—where Convention pictures are made—is almost in front of the Hotel Stevens and it is only necessary to step across the street.

Banquet

This year the banquet with Dr. Arundale as toastmaster will undoubtedly be one of the most entertaining features of the Convention. Dr. Arundale is famous for his genial humor. The new Hotel Stevens just entering upon its first year is building up a reputation as "the world's largest hotel" and the menu will no doubt be above criticism. Banquet tickets will be \$2.50 which includes the "tip" for waiters and no money should be left on the table. One of our members whose business is to start and manage very large hotels and who recently visited Chicago and the Stevens remarked that \$2.50 per plate must be below the actual cost. Last year we had to restrict the number of tickets on account of overcrowding; but this year in the great hall of the Stevens there is plenty of room and members may bring their relatives and friends.

Railway Certificates

The saving to members attending Convention through securing from local ticket agents a certificate showing the purchase of a ticket to Chicago on the dates between August 24 and 30, both dates inclusive, amounts collectively to several thousand dollars. Headquarters exercises the ut-

most diligence in doing everything possible to remind members so that no one will overlook the matter. Nobody can buy a return ticket for half the regular fare unless the certificate was secured when the ticket to Chicago was bought. Complete details are to be found on page 10 of the June *MESSENGER*.

Reincarnation Play

For the first time in American Theosophical history we are to have the novelty of a real play in a real theater at the annual Convention. "The Unswerving Law" is the title of the play and it was originally produced in London. On another page President Luntz of the St. Louis Lodge gives a discussion of the drama. Less than one-half the usual theater prices will be charged and the building fund gets the proceeds.

Your Problems

Bring to Convention your most difficult problems. Dr. Arundale is scheduled for a question meeting and you can hand him your hardest questions. Don't wait until you arrive but write out your questions and pack them in your suitcase.

Will You Help?

We need some information from *you* if you think you can come to Convention. Even if not sure—even if you only think it fairly probable—please send just a postal card to H. Kay Campbell saying that you may come. That will give us some idea of the probable number. Without that we do not know how to proceed in matters that have to be settled in advance—various things like the number of badges to have made and the number of people to be transported in busses from the Wheaton station to the Headquarters building on Sunday afternoon, August 28 for the dedication ceremony. Will you not help to the extent of writing a postal card?

—L. W. R.

Peace Meditation

A new organization with the title of "The World Meditation Union and League of Prayer for Peace" the Secretary of which is B. Poushkine, 83 King Henry's Road, London, England, sends out a letter in which the first paragraph reads:

"An imminent danger of war threatens our world—a war which will destroy our civilization. Therefore a strenuous and combined effort is needed to counterbalance the atmosphere of war by organizing the mass of good-will existing in the world and directing it into definite and effective channels."

People are requested to repeat at noon every day the following:

"O Hidden Life of God, outside which nothing can exist, help us to see Thee in the face of our enemy and to love Thee in them. So shall Thy peace spread over the earth and Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven."

Three other forms are sent of which the shortest runs as follows:

"O Almighty Spirit, may peace and fellowship dwell in our hearts."

It is stated that this world-prayer has gone out to forty countries through the Women's National League for Peace; to twenty countries through the Theosophical Order of Service, to five hundred members of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches and that ten thousand people are practicing this meditation for peace daily and meet weekly to discuss the work. It is said that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Chester have promised to support it. Interested parties are requested to write to friends asking them to participate.

The Larger Vision of Theosophy

(Continued from first page)

There are especially two departments in the modern world which can bring to Theosophists a great deal of Theosophy. I refer to modern science and to art. We may have, in our Theosophical ideas of what is the Plan of Evolution, a general recognition of the value of science and art; but it is too general. We need to know more positively the main facts of science, and what artists are trying to achieve.

The Hierarchy that governs the world is aiming to bring about a profound change in all nations. It is to bring about in each nation an atmosphere of philosophic inquiry, such as characterized Greece in the age of Pericles. Then, every man and woman who was a "citizen of Athens" was a practical philosopher, because his mind was open not only to the religion of the day, but also to its arts and sciences. The Greek loved the drama, the dance, sculpture, painting, singing; he revelled in the disputes of the rival philosophies which asked for his patronage. He threw himself vigorously into the life of the state, and accepted as his duty the sacrifice of his life for his city on the battlefield. Just as the citizen of the little city of Athens was a philosopher, so must the "World Citizen" of our modern civilization be also a philosopher.

I know that the idea of "World Citizenship" is not accepted in every country. In many countries, patriotism still has narrow connotations. But nevertheless, the number of those who dream of an international world is steadily increasing. These are the World Citizens who will dominate all the policies of nations in the future. But if they are to build a happier world, they must first be philosophers. The Plan of the Great Hierarchy is to make these World Citizens philosophers, by means of Theosophy.

Our band of 43,000 Theosophists in the world is only a vanguard; millions will come after us. But just because we are indeed the pioneers, we must have a large vision. We must profess keenly an intellectual brotherhood with all the sciences and the arts. Never mind if, being in-

tensely religious, science and art do not appeal to you. Even if you cannot be emotionally enthusiastic about them, you must be intellectually brotherly and sympathetic to them. Just as we have intensified our intellectual sense of the brotherhood of all faiths, we must build up a warm sense of brotherhood towards scientific knowledge in every form, and towards every manifestation of the arts. Personally, I detest vivisection, and I consider jazz ugly; but that does not blind me to the fact that the more I know of science and appreciate art the better Theosophist I become, both in thought and in action. Our spiritual unfoldment proceeds *pari passu* with the measure of our acceptance of life. If we accept only the religious aspect of life, or only its scientific or artistic, we shall grow, but disharmoniously; there will always be a lack of beauty in our character. We must learn to accept every phase of life, and be ready to learn its mysteries.

It is not easy to be a great Theosophist. It means a continued struggle, not only for purity, but also for intellectual alertness. But that is the only way to know the greatness of Theosophy. Inquiring and working, thinking and feeling, viewing and accepting the world's good and bad, and his own happiness and pain, as the material with which to build his spiritual mansion, the Theosophist will slowly grow in his sense of Brotherhood. Then he will be a brother not only to the religions, but to the sciences and the arts and the philosophies.

We solve the mystery of our hidden self not only by meditation, but also by examining intellectually the vast world around us. This outer universe of Maya or illusion is still the mirror where we see the face of our Monad. The Theosophist who seeks his Atma must seek it not only within himself, but also without. That is why I plead for a larger conception of Theosophy and Brotherhood. Brother to all men, brother to all the sciences, brother to all the arts—this ideal is the only Brotherhood worthy of a philosopher of the Ancient Wisdom.



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News Items

Headquarters Beautified With Trees

We are most gratefully thankful to Mrs. Irene Gracey and her sister, Mrs. Jones Elliott for their most acceptable gift of two Norway spruce trees for the Headquarters grounds. The grounds are showing signs of becoming very beautiful indeed, and we are sure that the trees, themselves, are most fortunate and will be very happy in their new home.

Comfortable Listening

Mr. E. J. Stevens, Vice President of the Stevens Hotel, in a letter of June 16, wrote:

In regard to the grand ballroom, we have had tests made by experts on acoustics, and have found that the loud speaker or so-called public address system is not required.

This will be good news to those who attended the last Convention at the Hotel Sherman and found that even the loud speaker did not make all the proceedings audible.

Detained

Mr. Henry Hotchener was invited to act as toastmaster at the coming Convention but sent the following telegram:

Dear Mr. Rogers: Many thanks for your kind letter. Deeply appreciate the honor you offer me and it would give us the greatest pleasure to be present and to assist you and also share in the joy that all will feel in having Bishop and Mrs. Arundale there. Unfortunately business will prevent our going. All success to you. Heartiest greetings from us both and again our thanks.

Henry Hotchener.

Dr. Lynn Lecturing

Ethel Lynn, M. D., of San Francisco, who has had considerable experience as a lecturer and field worker, writes that she has disposed of her business and has purchased an automobile which she has rigged up for a traveling residence. In this, she proposes to come to the Annual Convention in August, stopping for lectures at such Lodges along the way as wish to make engagements with her. After the Convention she will drive westward from Chicago to the Pacific coast, reaching it at Seattle. Lodges along the way desiring engagements may make them by promptly addressing her at 3660 21st street, San Francisco.

Emily B. Welton

Of the late Emily B. Welton, President of the New York Lodge, who recently passed from the physical plane ex-Secretary-Treasurer Maud N. Couch, writes as follows:

"During the four years that I was at Headquarters, I found Emily Welton one of those rare individuals who never failed to respond promptly to any request for service. She met foreign guests, helped unfortunate Theosophists to get positions for earning a living, gave in money as liberally as her income allowed, and painstakingly supplied information that we could not always get by writing. And she did all this cheerfully and willingly."

Dr. Arundale Cables

On July 28 a cable was received from Dr. Arundale asking us to announce that he would give some talks on "The Workers of India" wherever it was convenient. If any of our lodges located in cities through which he will pass think that subject will be practicable there Headquarters should be advised accordingly.

Wishes Books

Mrs. W. E. Reynolds, 600 E. 51st St., Chicago, Ill. wishes to buy Volume 3 and Index of the "Secret Doctrine" and also rare Theosophical books. If you have these for sale, please communicate with her.

A Good Investment

No doubt many of our members have money to invest in safe and profitable securities. Can you do better with it than in our building bonds? We still need a little more cash than is coming in on the pledges. The interest is 6% payable semi-annually and the security is the entire assets of the American Theosophical Society, not merely the building and grounds. If you wish to invest write the Secretary-Treasurer, H. Kay Campbell, 826 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, and say what sum you will have available for investment by September 1.

—L. W. R.

Reincarnation Play at Convention

A feature of the forthcoming Convention will be the presentation of a three-act play "The Unswerving Law" by the St. Louis Theosophical Society Players under the direction of Mrs. Jane La Von Hardy, a former professional coach and a member of St. Louis Lodge.

This interesting drama written by Youth Lodge London, depicts the workings of karma in three successive lives in which the principal characters are thrown together. The first scene is laid in ancient Egypt, the second in Rome at the time of Augustus and the third in a modern London drawing-room.

By arrangement with the Management of the Hotel Stevens it will be produced in the Eighth Street Theater (controlled by the Hotel) on Wednesday, August 31st at 2:30 p. m. Prices of admission will be: Box seats \$1.50 and \$1.25; most of main floor \$1.00; four back rows on main floor \$0.75; balcony \$0.75 and \$0.50.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the registration desk and all profits go to the Headquarters Building Fund. The expenses will be very light as the Hotel Management are making no charge for the theater beyond the wages of the ushers and other employees needed; the players of course are donating their services. The theater has a seating capacity of about 1,200 and it is suggested that tickets be purchased early to insure desirable seats, as no doubt everyone attending the Convention will desire to see this unique play. Non-members are welcome.

The Coming of the Angels

By GEOFFREY HODSON

PART II

"Our message to men is a call to awaken them to a realization of their own splendid potentialities so that they may quickly win liberation from the imprisonment of matter; the human race is approaching the time, when it may free itself from the thralldom of earthly limitations. Any man who now remains a slave, does so of his own volition and becomes a willing prisoner. Man possesses the key of the door through which he may pass to join the angels in their freedom throughout space; that key is the knowledge of the inherent divinity by virtue of which he may grasp the scepter of kingship and become the ruler of his fate. Man is a king born to rule; shall he remain a slave? Let him use his knowledge to unlock the door; let him bend every energy at his command, his powers of will, of love and thought to rule the kingdom of his soul.

First of all the flesh must be purified until, responding to every lightest touch of thought and will, it has been robbed of the power to clog his footsteps as he walks towards the prison gate; the grossness of his flesh weighs man down and shuts out the light of his divinity. However hard the wings of his soul may beat, however strong the will to rise, the dead weight of the flesh makes flight impossible. The taint of blood, the stain of the cruelty inflicted upon his younger brethren in lower lives, must be removed; no freedom can be won until the fetters of cruelty and blood guiltiness have been broken and cast aside. The miasmatic aura of the slaughterhouse pervades his earthly body and chains him to the ground.

Next he must purge his feelings of every desire for the temporary pleasures, which he brought with him on his journey from animal to man. Man grows towards Godhead yet clings to the instincts of the brute; the very force, by which he may rise and mount towards the sun, he debases. Creative power is his most precious gift, the force by which he will win release, yet he makes of it the heaviest of all the fetters which chain him to his prison wall. He has learned to create on earth—the lesson is finished; becoming a God, he must now create in heaven. To become a spiritual creator, he must first attain the mastery of the creative power, for then only can he bend it to his will.

Lastly he must refine and control his thoughts until they answer only to the impulse of his will and lose all power of their own. The mental self of man must vanish, only the capacity for thought must remain; he must die to thought and learn to live in intellect; must die to feeling and learn to live in love; must die to earthly slavery and live by the kingship of his will; thus shall he become free and the griefs of earth shall touch him no more; he will know them, will feel them willingly, but will be their master. Instead of bitter tears, they shall call forth healing streams which, flowing from his opened and illumined

heart, shall soothe the sorrows of the world. Thus may he move among his fellows, master of his destiny; thus may he join the angels, a God among Gods.

This is the message which the angels bring to men for we, too, serve a hierarchy of Mighty Ones; we also seek to exalt the God within ourselves. We know that we shall move more swiftly to the goal when we can share the sorrows and the labors of mankind, for we, while exulting in the light, in which we live, have not known the darkness of the earth below, in which you have so long been enwrapped. At last there is a change, and we begin to share the trials, to know the pains, to feel the darkness produced by incarnation in the flesh. Knowing, we long to share; feeling, we long to heal, and full of hope and gratitude we face the future, in which we shall labor side by side with you.

We have our ancient lore, which we would share with men; we are the guardians of the powers of air; even in the fiercest storm, the wildest tempest, the strongest gale, we stand unshaken, for we are masters of these stirrings of our element; if men will but cooperate with us, even the climate of the earth may be ordered according to their will.

There are vast magnetic energies locked up within the air, great roads through space exist—pathways through the atmosphere created by currents of electric force: It is the play and interplay between these reservoirs and streams, which cause the varied expressions of aerial magnetic life and produce the climate of the globe. This is a knowledge which the sylphs will bring, when the time is ripe and the minds of men are open.

Come and find release from your bodies; come and discover the inner meaning of the element of air; learn to fly with the swiftness of the sylph; change your dull and clogging forms for the garments of air.

We call you to share the vital happiness of aerial life, we invite you to a journey of adventure and discovery in a land which has no horizons; which stretches on all sides out into the limitless fields of space. Come and hear the angel choirs, chanting their hymns of praise, see the choristers in robes of fiery white and listen to the voices of countless multitudes, singing their age-long and eternal song; hear the successive waves of harmony, which flow outwards from their midst, weaving and interweaving as they flow, combining, parting and rejoining in eddies, waves and vast areas of song, forming a mighty whole, which never ceases from eternity to eternity and yet is ever new. See the order and movement of their winged forms, poised rank upon rank, singing to the accompaniment of the organ tones of the voice of God—the music of the creative word which continually pours forth. This vast multitude, bathed in celestial glory is the flawless hierarchy of the angels of God."

(Part III will follow)

Federations

East Coast

Last fall, at the suggestion of the Maryland Lodge of Baltimore, the Hermes Lodge of Philadelphia, resolved to cooperate with the Baltimore Lodge in forming an East Coast Federation for the purpose of

1. Closer affiliation between nearby lodges.
2. Interchange of lecturers.
3. Strengthening the weaker lodges and forming new centers as well as developing local lecture talent.

The following lodges joined the federation: Arden, Lightbringer, Manasquan, Trenton, Wilkes-Barre, Wilmington, and Richmond. The first meeting was held on February 6 at which the following officers were elected: President, Mr. Thomas W. Pond; first vice-president, Mrs. Georgine Wetherill Smith; 2nd vice-president, Mr. Ingild Povelsen; secretary, Mr. Ernest P. Garbo; and treasurer, Mr. Robert R. Logan.

The federation is now busy at work.

Michigan

The quarterly meeting of the Michigan Theosophical Federation met in Battle Creek, Sunday, June 5, with some thirty delegates present.

Mr. Pearson presented to the Federation an extremely interesting plan of lodge organization and activities which has been inaugurated by the Detroit Lodge. It is based on a three-fold aspect of a Lodge: the material or membership; form or organization; and life or activity. He likened the organization of a Lodge to a Wheel of Progress with twelve spokes, the five upper being the committees for lodge work, the other seven are the departments in the National Order of Service: Back to Nature; Healing; Social Service; Silent Watcher; Education; World Peace; Animal Welfare. These spokes revolve around a center which is the president of the Lodge, and if the Big Brother is another person, he also stands in the center. This gives an opportunity for every type of endeavor and personality to find his place in the work.

Canada. Sirius Lodge

The Summer School which is to be the nucleus of Besant College is now preparing for its fifth season to be held August 14 to 28, under the direction of George W. Weaver, as principal, and Jack Legie, as manager.

The school is held at the Log Cabin on the shore of Okanagan Lake amid surroundings that are ideal for the purpose. Lectures will be given every evening and study classes held in the mornings.

Those who desire an ideal holiday with people of congenial taste cannot do better than attend this summer school.

Harmony Lodge

The annual meeting of Harmony Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, June 29th. An interesting report of the years work was presented showing a considerable increase in membership. The officers of the Lodge were reelected by acclamation.

On June 22, Harmony Lodge held their first picnic on Reservoir Hill, Springfield Park. They were favored with ideal weather and a large attendance. Everyone had a most enjoyable time.

Toronto

The *Toronto Theosophical News* has doubled its size in its July 1st issue and has all the earmarks of an up and coming monthly periodical.

We are sincerely glad to read that Mr. Smythe is recovering from his recent illness.

Krishna Lodge

The annual meeting and election of Officers of Krishna Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, June 28th, when the following were elected officers for the ensuing term:

President, Mr. James Rogers; vice-president, Miss Rose Adshead; secretary, Mr. John Richards; treasurer, Mrs. D. A. Anderson; publicity officer, Mrs. D. A. Anderson; librarian, Mr. John Richards; member of Federation Council, Mr. James Rogers.

It was decided that a more centrally located Lodge room should be sought.

Krishna Lodge was recently host to Miss Mary Watson, the Canadian National Representative of the Order of the Star in the East.

There will be some real surprises at the Convention—particularly on Oriental Night—and they will be as pleasant as unexpected.

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What Lodges Are Doing

Cleveland

The Lodges in Cleveland have recently formed an Advisory Council of Theosophical and Allied Activities with the following objects:

(a) Definitely endeavoring to prevent overlapping of meetings, lectures, etc., and thus strengthening each.

(b) Exchange of ideas, and joint action where possible among the member groups, on those matters which concern more than one of them.

(c) Seeking to promote a fuller understanding of the ideals, meaning and interrelated purposes of the various movements so that intolerance and misunderstanding may not hinder the independent work of each.

The Advisory Council sponsored a most successful picnic on June 26th. The following Lodges and allied activities were represented: Besant Lodge, Cleveland Lodge, Osiris Lodge, Alcyone Group Order of the Start in the East, Besant Group Order of the Star in the East, Church of St. Raphael the Archangel L. C. C., and the International Order of Service. The picnic did fine work in promoting unity between these different organizations.

Dallas, Texas

The Dallas Lodge held their third vegetable dinner on May 21st. It proved as successful as the previous ones both in spirit and financial return.

Seattle, Wash.

The annual report from the Secretary of Besant Lodge shows that that Lodge has had a most splendid year. Their members' and Sunday evening meetings have been exceptionally well attended; lectures have been varied and excellent. Beside musical and dramatic activities, they have given picnics, dinners, recitals, bazaars, rummage sales, and a "waffle and dicker party," the nature of which is, to the writer, an intriguing mystery.

Excellent work has been done in arousing interest in Theosophy among the Jewish people in their community. All in all Besant Lodge is to be sincerely congratulated for their sincere efforts during the past years.

Saginaw, Mich.

Saginaw Lodge has just completed a period of unusual activity. On May 25, a number of Saginaw members went to Flint to hear Mr. E. P. Rahrbach. A group of Flint Theosophists returned this visit and came to Saginaw at which time Marian C. Harn of the Flint Lodge delivered a lecture. On June 5, Mr. W. R. Fisher headed a party who went to Battle Creek to attend the meeting of the Michigan Theosophical Federation.

Los Angeles, Calif.

The following public meetings have been maintained throughout the year by Los Angeles Lodge: Sunday night lectures, Tuesday night lectures, Friday night lectures, Wednesday afternoon class, Saturday afternoon class, Around the Tea-Table Sunday, The Round Table, Star Meetings, Theosophical World University, and three Federation meetings.

The membership of Los Angeles Lodge is 175 live ones, 59 having been added during the year and 3 demitted.

All the meetings, lectures, and classes have been well attended with enthusiastic interested members and outsiders and the Board of Trustees feel that the year has been well spent in active and fruitful work.

Richmond, Va.

During the past year, Richmond Lodge has been holding open T. S. meetings in the Parish House of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. These meetings are announced in the two leading papers and have been well attended. They have not only gained new members by this means but as the result several members have developed the capacity to talk interestingly on theosophical subjects.

The Lodge has also done fine work in placing theosophical books and magazines in the local library where the public is making use of them.

Don't forget to notify Headquarters that you are coming to Convention.

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BUILDING FUND BULLETIN

No. 18

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The purpose of this little publication is to give to the members of The American Theosophical Society news of the progress made in raising the money necessary to erect a National Headquarters Building.

NEARING OUR GOAL

April 1, 1927, Pledges Needed	\$45,866.39
Since Received	15,330.26
Balance	\$30,536.13

RE-PLEDGE

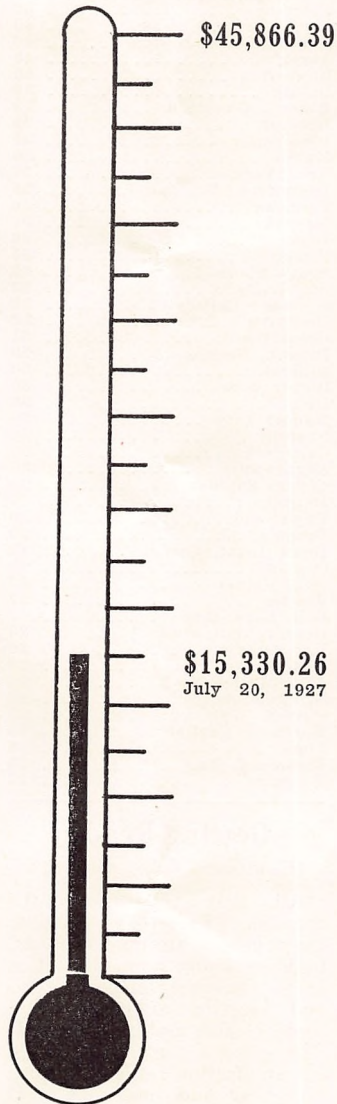
Fine work! Our last appeal in the July MESSENGER for re-pledges netted the Building Fund \$3,976.76. Since April first when we reported that \$45,866.39 was needed to reach our goal and complete the Building Fund, we have received one-third of that amount.

There are now but four weeks left in which to work and a great deal remains to be done. The grounds in front of the building are bare, gashed with trenches for water pipe and covered with rubbish. The regular daily weather report still holds its even tenor—"unsettled with probable rain;" but the drainage system is finished and we can laugh at a down-pour; and even if the weather program should be suddenly reversed and a long drought began it would not endanger the vegetation because the irrigation system will soon be ready for that emergency. The time is indeed short but it is sufficient, calculated by the past achievements. The driveway will be ready and the grounds will be green when the throng arrives for the dedication ceremony August 28.

The Purchasing Service Bureau is always at your service.

THE BAROMETER

represents the amount needed on April 1, 1927, to complete our goal of \$250,000.00



Bust the Barometer!

GETTING READY

Anybody who thinks that getting a large building and grounds completed in a year and ready for "dress parade" twelve months after it was begun is not much of a job, should pitch his tent near Wheaton and watch the game! So large a program was not at first contemplated and the constant rains were a discouragement. But as the weeks passed and more and more thought was given to the matter, the desire to utilize the presence of Dr. Arundale—who stands at the occult level of Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater—for the dedication of the building grew so strong that it was decided to begin a race against time and rush the enterprise through to completion by August 28. That involved many things—constructing about nine hundred feet of driveway, putting in several acres of lawn, over three thousand feet of water pipes, etc. The two latter items must of necessity precede the lawn, and a beautiful building without a lawn is hardly thinkable. While all this is going forward much other work at Wheaton required attention. A tile drainage system three feet below the surface is now completed and the soil is in perfect condition despite the frequent rains. Garden produce for the coming year is growing luxuriantly on over five acres planted to sweet corn, potatoes, tomatoes, peas, beans, lettuce, cabbage—in short the whole range of garden provender which vegetarians require in abundance both during the growing season and for Winter and Spring supply. The two phases of work on the grounds—producing and beautifying—have required and will continue to take much planning and activity.

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THE INDICATOR

Note: Our fiscal year ends July 1. Next month we will revise the figures by deducting all delinquents. Lodge percentages will be increased accordingly. The figure in the right hand column represents percentage of donors in each lodge with five dollars or over.

LODGE	Per Cent
Columbus	100
Rockford	93
Shri Krishna of Norfolk	90
Port Huron	86
Canton	84
Ann Arbor	83
Service, Reno	80
Big Rapids	78
Rainbow	77
Vipunen	75
Butte	74
Atlanta	72
Wilmington	71
Harmony, Columbus	69
Youngstown	66
Harmony, Toledo	66
Austin-Dharma	65
Lightbringer, Washington	64
Saginaw	63
Grand Rapids	62
Pacific, San Francisco	62
Beaumont	62
Besant, Houston	61
Arjuna	60
Dayton	60
Sheridan	60
Hermes, Kansas City	59
St. Paul	59
Houston	59
Colorado, Denver	59
Besant, Nashville	58
Santa Rosa	58
Fargo	57
Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	57
Gulport	56
Montclair	55
Oshkosh	55
Albany	55
Lansing	54
Selene	52
Memphis	50
Ames	50
Holyoke	50
Jacksonville	50
La Grange	50
Schenectady	50
Truthseekers	50
Warren	50
Yggdrasil, Minneapolis	50
Omaha	49
Oklahoma	48
Syracuse	48
Buffalo	47
San Bernardino	46
Maryland, Baltimore	46
Universal Brotherhood	45
Chicago	45
Portland	44
Evansville	44
Fort Worth	44
Fresno	44
New Haven	44
Fairhope	44

LODGE	Per Cent
Riverside	44
Berkeley	43
Bozeman	43
Cleveland	43
Spokane	43
El Paso	42
Honolulu	42
Medford	42
Milwaukee	42
Alhambra	41
Palo Alto	41
San Antonio	41
Columbia	40
Genesee, Rochester, N. Y.	40
Indianapolis	40
Paterson	40
Surya Youth, Chicago	40
Annie Besant, Boston	40
Akron	40
Bremerton	40
Duluth	39
Besant, Cleveland	39
Decatur	39
Worcester	39
Mobile	38
New York	37
Hollywood, Freeport	36
Paducah	36
Newark	34
Baker	33
Sampo	33
South Shore	33
St. Louis	33
Hermes, Philadelphia	33
Brooklyn	32
Crookston	31
Besant, Seattle	30
Billings	30
Birmingham	30
Delta	30
Kansas City	30
Norfolk	30
Oak Park	30
Minneapolis	30
Cedar Rapids	29
Detroit	29
Englewood	29
Pomona	29
Inner Light, Seattle	29
Oakland	28
Des Moines	27
Seattle	27
Salt Lake City	27
Besant, Hollywood	26
Los Angeles	26
Evanston	26
Army Lodge No 1	26
St. Petersburg	26
Casper, Wyo.	25
Hartford, Capital	25
Lima	25
Richmond, Va.	25
Waterloo	25

Getting Ready

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All that relates to the grounds. As to the building the problems are numerous. All builders know how difficult it is to convince telephone, gas and electric companies that there is such a thing as speed! The general contractor put in his application for a telephone last year and has none yet! But in the interests of truth it must be said that this is not like a house built on a city

street. Wires had to be brought fourteen hundred feet from Main Street through Cole and Wheaton Avenues to the building. Seven hundred feet of gas pipe must be laid to connect us with Main Street. A year ago the Sanitary Commission promised a sewer speedily but the contract is not yet let at the date of this writing (July 22). Incessant visits to various officials seem to be a necessity. Of course the fact is that the Wheaton region is developing like a mushroom on rich soil and intensive activity is the order of the day. Everybody in authority is almost driven mad by the demands made upon him. The extent of the construction and paving of new streets and roads is almost beyond belief. Nevertheless we must put in nearly a thousand feet of driveways and also repair the Wheaton Avenue approach to the building which rains and huge trucks have nearly ruined. That means that we *must* have the road-making machinery—a ten-ton tractor and elevating grader and eight-ton roller, etc. There is a limit to equipment but none to demands and other people want them at once also. And so it is with many other things. But we are getting what we need. Physical-plane success has a magic influence upon the business world. A Society that can put up a building that ranks with the largest and finest in the county, which any business man can see means an investment of a quarter million dollars—a Society which pays cash for every purchase the instant the bill is presented, and whose patronage every bank and merchant is hoping for, is not without its influence.

—L. W. R.

Columbus Lodge (Ohio) is the first to reach the goal in the Indicator Column. Every member without exception is listed with a pledge card. Congratulations to Columbus Lodge and to Mrs. Harriet Schwartz, indefatigable "live wire" who is chiefly responsible for the splendid showing.

BUILDING FUND BULLETIN

The Picture

The photograph of the Wheaton Headquarters building on the second page of this number of THE MESSENGER gives a better idea of the entire structure than any which have preceded it. The photographer must have stood near the southeast corner of the grove, hence he was looking west and a little bit south at the front of the building. The few trees seen at the right end of the picture are at the southwest corner of the grove. Near where the camera stood is one of the numerous trenches for water pipe, partly filled in, running north and south, while a little to the left the morning sun lights up the clods from another ditch running east and west. In front of the building the ground is strewn with debris, while a single board rests against the eastern wall. On the roof is to be seen a long plank supporting slate shingles which are still to go on. The grounds are bare, dark and rough and will grow more so as the driveway is made, but from then onward a swift transformation will begin.

Trying Delays

A list of the many things that can delay a building program would be interesting. The chief ones with which we have had to contend have been unusual rains interfering with various operations and making it slow and difficult to deliver heavy material; bankruptcy of the electrical work contractor with his work half finished and, worst of all, the tardy delivery of millwork for finishing. That for the library, where woodwork is extensively used, was six weeks late! Other woods for finishing have not yet (July 27) arrived and are weeks overdue. The reason given by the mills is the Mississippi River floods. Most of our material comes from southern forests. These things, however, only make it harder to carry out our program. They are merely inconvenient, not fatal, to the plan for dedica-

tion of the building by Dr. Arundale on Sunday, August 28.

Addresses

Until sometime in September the Headquarters address will continue to be 826 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, but anything intended for the Wheaton grounds—plants, shrubs, etc.—should be addressed to Mr. Henry Gill, Route 1, Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have been living on the grounds for several weeks.

After we get possession of the new building all mail for Headquarters should be addressed merely Wheaton, Ill. Just as here in Chicago our letters will be placed in U. S. mail bags in our office and delivered thus to the post office and the incoming mails will stop only for segregation at the Wheaton post office before arriving, a few minutes later, at our offices.

Evanescent Bubbles

Not content just to dream and while away the fleeting hours watching the elusive panorama of life reflected in the evanescent bubbles of space and lingering in cool places of the etherial worlds, he decided to put action into his philosophy. He said, "I live in a material world for a purpose. I am here to gain experience and yet also I am here to help forward the general evolution of the planet. I am here to help my brother man. Dreaming alone is not enough; I must do something." And so he did. He volunteered his services as a "live wire."

E. S.

Prize Winner

Miss Sally Wile of Rochester won the prize for submitting the best essay on The Purchasing Service Bureau. We wrote her:

"You are the lucky winner. Your essay on the Purchasing Service Bureau has been selected by the committee as being the best one submitted, and we congratulate you, and to fulfill our promise we are sending you

a check for \$10.00 herewith enclosed."

Shrubs and Flowers

In order that gifts of shrubs and flowers may not merely represent a waste of money it should be understood that we cannot afford to pay for the work that is necessary to have extensive flower gardens. We cannot have a greenhouse nor a gardener giving exclusive attention to flower culture. Of necessity we must beautify the Headquarters grounds with what can be easily grown and which requires the minimum of attention. Trees, shrubs and lawn, with a few clumps of blossoms to add a note of cheerfulness, will be the extent of our gardening. If you have any thought of anything more, please write in advance of sending it. It is well to do that anyway. Two or three other people might be intending to send the very things you are sending!

A Direct Hit

Pledge statements have been issuing forth from Headquarters with decided regularity. Some few friends have objected, a few are indifferent, but the majority are heartily in sympathy with our program. A prominent member and subscriber to the Building Fund hit the nail squarely on the head when he wrote, "I believe you are doing the right thing in asking a personal check up by subscribers to the Building Fund on your assuming responsibility for the collections just as you are doing; for it is customary with many corporations and concerns when having their books and accounts audited to do this very thing. In fact in some concerns, it is done periodically as a proper precaution against error. I would hate to be a collector myself, though I believe this job should be more pleasant in the T. S. work than in the ordinary run of business. My best wishes (and shall I say sympathy) are with you.

Al. Braverman."

New Officers

Paul A. O'Neal, who had charge of the printing department at Headquarters a year ago, has been elected president of the Atlanta, Ga., lodge, succeeding Mrs. Louise Lyerly who declined to be named again after three years in that office. A feature of the annual meeting was the inspiring address by Mrs. Lyerly. Other officers elected with Mr. O'Neal are: first-vice president, Arthur W. Applewhite; second vice-president, Mrs. Louise Lyerly; secretary and treasurer, John A. Nimick; librarian, Miss Mary O. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Nimick were chosen delegates to the National Convention.

Pioneers

The following named Theosophists were the first seven to patronize the Purchasing Service Bureau:

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Mrs. Irene Gracey	John B. McCarty
Geo. N. Ragan	Dr. W. W. Cox
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THE AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

NOTICE OF THE FORTY-FIRST CONVENTION

The convention of 1925 ordered that the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society for 1927 should be fixed by the Board of Directors, therefore the following notice is given:

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BUILDING FUND BULLETIN

The Picture

The photograph of the Wheaton Headquarters building on the second page of this number of *THE MESSENGER* gives a better idea of the entire structure than any which have preceded it. The photographer must have stood near the southeast corner of the grove, hence he was looking west and a little bit south at the front of the building. The few trees seen at the right end of the picture are at the southwest corner of the grove. Near where the camera stood is one of the numerous trenches for water pipe, partly filled in, running north and south, while a little to the left the morning sun lights up the clods from another ditch running east and west. In front of the building the ground is strewn with debris, while a single board rests against the eastern wall. On the roof is to be seen a long plank supporting slate shingles which are still to go on. The grounds are bare, dark and rough and will grow more so as the driveway is made, but from then onward a swift transformation will begin.

Trying Delays

A list of the many things that can delay a building program would be interesting. The chief ones with which we have had to contend have been unusual rains interfering with various operations and making it slow and difficult to deliver heavy material; bankruptcy of the electrical work contractor with his work half finished and, worst of all, the tardy delivery of millwork for finishing. That for the library, where woodwork is extensively used, was six weeks late! Other woods for finishing have not yet (July 27) arrived and are weeks overdue. The reason given by the mills is the Mississippi River floods. Most of our material comes from southern forests. These things, however, only make it harder to carry out our program. They are merely inconvenient, not fatal, to the plan for dedica-

tion of the building by Dr. Arundale on Sunday, August 28.

Addresses

Until sometime in September the Headquarters address will continue to be 826 Oakdale Avenue, Chicago, but anything intended for the Wheaton grounds—plants, shrubs, etc.—should be addressed to Mr. Henry Gill, Route 1, Wheaton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have been living on the grounds for several weeks.

After we get possession of the new building all mail for Headquarters should be addressed merely Wheaton, Ill. Just as here in Chicago our letters will be placed in U. S. mail bags in our office and delivered thus to the post office and the incoming mails will stop only for segregation at the Wheaton post office before arriving, a few minutes later, at our offices.

Evanescent Bubbles

Not content just to dream and while away the fleeting hours watching the elusive panorama of life reflected in the evanescent bubbles of space and lingering in cool places of the etherial worlds, he decided to put action into his philosophy. He said, "I live in a material world for a purpose. I am here to gain experience and yet also I am here to help forward the general evolution of the planet. I am here to help my brother man. Dreaming alone is not enough; I must do something." And so he did. He volunteered his services as a "live wire."

E. S.

Prize Winner

Miss Sally Wile of Rochester won the prize for submitting the best essay on The Purchasing Service Bureau. We wrote her:

"You are the lucky winner. Your essay on the Purchasing Service Bureau has been selected by the committee as being the best one submitted, and we congratulate you, and to fulfill our promise we are sending you

a check for \$10.00 herewith enclosed."

Shrubs and Flowers

In order that gifts of shrubs and flowers may not merely represent a waste of money it should be understood that we cannot afford to pay for the work that is necessary to have extensive flower gardens. We cannot have a greenhouse nor a gardener giving exclusive attention to flower culture. Of necessity we must beautify the Headquarters grounds with what can be easily grown and which requires the minimum of attention. Trees, shrubs and lawn, with a few clumps of blossoms to add a note of cheerfulness, will be the extent of our gardening. If you have any thought of anything more, please write in advance of sending it. It is well to do that anyway. Two or three other people might be intending to send the very things you are sending!

A Direct Hit

Pledge statements have been issuing forth from Headquarters with decided regularity. Some few friends have objected, a few are indifferent, but the majority are heartily in sympathy with our program. A prominent member and subscriber to the Building Fund hit the nail squarely on the head when he wrote, "I believe you are doing the right thing in asking a personal check up by subscribers to the Building Fund on your assuming responsibility for the collections just as you are doing; for it is customary with many corporations and concerns when having their books and accounts audited to do this very thing. In fact in some concerns, it is done periodically as a proper precaution against error. I would hate to be a collector myself, though I believe this job should be more pleasant in the T. S. work than in the ordinary run of business. My best wishes (and shall I say sympathy) are with you.

Al. Braverman."

New Officers

Paul A. O'Neal, who had charge of the printing department at Headquarters a year ago, has been elected president of the Atlanta, Ga., lodge, succeeding Mrs. Louise Lyerly who declined to be named again after three years in that office. A feature of the annual meeting was the inspiring address by Mrs. Lyerly. Other officers elected with Mr. O'Neal are: first-vice president, Arthur W. Applewhite; second vice-president, Mrs. Louise Lyerly; secretary and treasurer, John A. Nimick; librarian, Miss Mary O. Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Nimick were chosen delegates to the National Convention.

Pioneers

The following named Theosophists were the first seven to patronize the Purchasing Service Bureau:

L. W. Rogers	Mrs. C. T. Lund
Mrs. Irene Gracey	John B. McCarty
Geo. N. Ragan	Dr. W. W. Cox
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TO THEOSOPHISTS—

Who are Masons, A. F. & A. M.

Please send your names and affiliations so that we may bring down to date our records, which we have maintained for some years.

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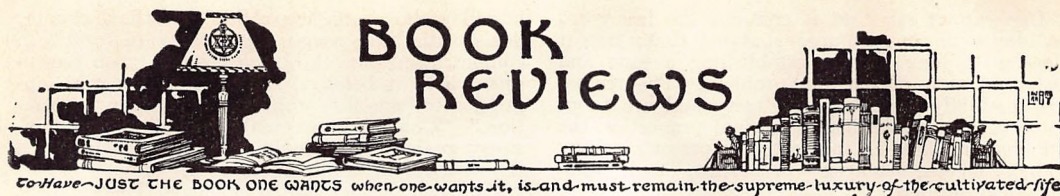
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How far would you walk to hear The Master Hilarion talk on the life and teachings of The Master K. H.?

And, once there, how much do you fancy would register with you? Would you like the chance to find out?

Well, here, in this new book, is the great Iamblichus, of blessed memory, called "the divine Iamblichus" by all the succeeding Platonists, discoursing on the life and writings of "Divine Pythagoras, son of Apollo, with the golden thigh."

That the editors do not anticipate a "best-seller" from the new translation by the scholarly Taylor, is evidenced by the fact that the edition is limited to five hundred copies. Hence, you who are ambitious to meet so glorious a combination of great minds must hasten to that meeting.

This reviewer has long since spoken for one of the five hundred copies, for it is most emphatically a book to live with, not one for a casual glancing through.

One Chicago student, a musician by profession, caught just one glimpse of the commentary introduced by the words, "After this manner, therefore, it is said that music was discovered by Pythagoras—" She made a bee-line for Oakdale Avenue Headquarters to order a volume, exclaiming, "I've been wanting to do some research on the occultism of music this long time; and behold my start!"

There will be no quick finish there, neither!

Another student of occultism was just ready to sail for Europe to do some special work in western psychology. She read through the statement of the Pythagoric oath,

"I swear by him who the tetractys found,
Whence all our wisdom springs, and which
contains Perennial Nature's fountain, cause,
and root."

"What is the tetractys?" was her next objective. One superficial glance at the master's statement that "all things in the universe are assimilable to number," and she took the publisher's address. A card has lately come from London, "Got an Iamblichus' Pythagoras from the publisher and I'll be meditating on the eleven tetractys from now on!"

The book is, of course, a perfect gold-mine of information along the many lines and in the many subjects wherein Pythagoras pioneered for our humanity. In part it is a source-book, for it has some material hitherto untranslated into English.

Think on just one fact. Pythagoras, having studied until eighteen years of age with all the greatest masters of Greece to learn the physical reasons behind all natural phenomena, went to Egypt and spent twenty-two years studying the mysteries of the same.

At the end of those twenty-two years he felt himself to be possessed of "part of what he desired and needed." Then, led by a chain as an enslaved captive of the Persian conquerors who over-ran Egypt, he spent twelve years of further study with the Magi in Persia. It was only then that he felt worthy to begin to teach his fellow-Greeks.

To those deeply versed in the lore of The Master Pythagoras, this book will be a joy because of offering chance for comparison with other sources, and because of its august author. To those unfamiliar with the details of his work, it will be a joy because it gets so quickly to the heart of the great things he taught.

O. R.

Vegetarian Cook Book, by Henry Lindlahr, M.D. and Anna C. Lindlahr. Published by the Lindlahr Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois. Price, Cloth, \$3.00, through The Theosophical Press.

It is not enough to merely feel that vegetarianism is the right and ethical diet. One must know why it is and how to live on a vegetarian diet, a task which to many appears difficult and unnatural. The very opposite is found to be the truth after understanding and short practice clears away the clouds of doubt.

The Lindlahrs have spent a lifetime devoted to the study and practice of Natural Therapeutics, Nature Cure, and Sane Diet. Their recommendation of the vegetarian diet is interesting and evidential in that it comes from the domain of practical medicine and experimental science.

The Cook Book itself is infinitely more than a cook book as it contains not only 1,000 adequately tested recipes, that have been used for over 20 years in the Lindlahr Sanitariums, but copious and valuable information on the theory and practice of vegetarianism. Nearly half the book is given to a discussion of various important food problems. Uncooked Food versus Cooked Food, Baby Feeding, the True Nature and Source of Vitamins, Relation of Mineral Salts to Vitamins, Fallacy of the Calory, Magnetic Properties of Food, Fasting, To Salt or Not to Salt, the Mono-diet, Mixing Starches with Acid Fruits and Vegetables, etc.

It is refreshing to find a book on diet that is not faddy or extreme, but replete with common sense.

One cannot say that it contains the last word on diet—no one volume contains that; but it does go a long way in establishing a sane and balanced view of the diet problem. The recipes are distinctly appealing and tasty and are tabulated so as to give their medicinal properties, the amount and kind of mineral salts present, energy value, electro-magnetic properties, and vitochemical properties.

C. L. S.

Youth in Conflict, by Miriam van Waters. Published by the Republic Publishing Co., N.Y. Price, Paper, \$1.00, through The Theosophical Press.

It cannot be too often repeated that students of the eastern wisdom schools must also study and learn to use such wisdom as it has been given to western minds to re-discover. The westerners call their wisdom psychology, and deal in their analyses mainly with the astral and lower mental strata of consciousness.

Because of the difference in titling, and because of the omission of subtler phases of consciousness, many theosophists ignore such study. Others even cast aspersions on its value. Yet, if theosophists are to obey the call of the great leaders and "popularize theosophy," how else can they do that work than by hooking it up to the deepest and most vital of the world's needs?

And the battle-ground of progress for humanity today is where? The astral nature of man. True, fifth root race man has special training in the development of the concrete mind. The stumbling blocks in the way of that training lie just below, in the terrible conflicts of the astral plane.

Theosophists cannot afford to ignore the ramifications of the astral nature. They must conquer the laws which govern its action, and learn to guide the energies which run therein, not continuing futile attempts to damn the astral floods; but completely understanding how to harness its streaming for higher levels of action.

Socrates in his day commanded "Know Thyself," and Plato called him an intellectual midwife, in his attempts to gain that end, for himself and others. It is just that sort of methods which western analytical psychologists are attempting to work out and apply to the tangles of emotional life today.

The book "Youth in Conflict" represents one able worker's attitude and work along that line. Miriam van Waters sets forth plainly the dissection of causes for emotional disease in the body of our youth. She treats of the various great streams of contest in our evolution by analyzing out the greatest struggles existent in the individual child, in the home, in the school, in industry, in the community.

Then she takes up, in a chapter on the attitude of delinquency, the shortcomings of adults who deal with youth, their lack of understanding being shown as a major contribution to child delinquency.

Six short chapters follow, outlining the more wise methods of the modern juvenile court, and the necessary wisdom and sympathy for adults

handling the conflicting child. The final chapter deals with "the social significance of youth in conflict," and puts the burden squarely on grown-ups, where it belongs. "The need for fresh approach to age-old problems of human association." "Conflict between the biological and transitory goals." "Delinquency will be solved when the attitude of adults is changed."

Can such phrases fail to challenge Theosophists, believing as they do that they have in their grasp a sane solution and a high one, for these age-old problems of the race?

Dr. van Waters is a referee in the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles, and the case work is all from there, sketching the puzzling new attitudes of the oncoming American child. There is an interesting foreword by Ethel S. Dummer, a Chicago woman who sponsors active work along lines of juvenile research and mental hygiene. Theosophists desiring to study definitely along such lines as treated in this book will find worthwhile references to the work of other psychologists and social scientists herein.

O. R.

Psychoanalysis for Normal People, by Geraldine Coster. Published by the Oxford University Press. Price, Cloth, \$1.25, through The Theosophical Press.

The discovery of the health giving uses to which the correct diagnosis and re-formation of undesirable mental attitudes and habits may be put, is, today and will be more and more appreciated in the future by the medical profession. Psychiatrists are daily throughout the civilized world achieving, with increasingly perfect technique, cures well-nigh miraculous.

Mankind, once more suffering from over-stimulation and repression of an unnatural civilization, is receiving this long needed aid to self-knowledge with eager hope. However, just as the discoveries of steam and radium, had they not been coupled with practical thoughts and uses, might have left the world none the better for their appearances, so should these immense truths be brought to light by such intellectual giants as Freud, Ellis, Adler and Jung, were it not for the fact that their statements brought forth an immediate response in the minds of the finest type of medical and scientific minds. Immediately doctors of medicine, students of the art of education, social hygiene, mental hygiene, etc., set themselves to the task of re-sorting, clarifying for the lay mind, and rendering practical the mental steam and radium placed at man's disposal by the aforementioned great ones.

Psychoanalysis presents all the advantages, and none of the disadvantages of New Thought, Mind-Cure, Christian Science, etc. Miss Coster's little book fills a long-felt want and has also many advantages for the explorer in the virgin fields of this new science. The book is small, perfect in its clarity and in the simplicity of its language; it has a fine fund of humor and a beauty of reverence. The chapters on Termination and Sublimation and Religion, alone, are

worth reams of abstruse and technically involved writing.

Miss Coster appends a fine bibliography of both technical books and fiction along this line.
E. L. N.

The Pythagorean Way of Life, by Hallie Watters.
Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, Madras, India. Price, Cloth, \$0.50, through The Theosophical Press.

"The Pythagorean Way of Life" with a discussion of the Golden Verses constitutes itself a valuable addition to the Pythagorean student's library, for it condenses into a few pages the chief factors in that most important movement of antiquity, the Pythagorean Movement.

Pythagoras lived about 500 B.C. but his influence reaches down to the present time and will continue to live on, for he understood the fundamental laws of the universe, knowing how to adapt them to everyday life and how to impart his knowledge to others. His school produced superb specimens of manhood and womanhood through a very strenuous course of training which purified the subtler bodies as well as the physical, building into the character the many virtues necessary to reach the goal set before the Pythagorean student.

Pythagoras and his followers seem to have kept to the "Middle Path" in all things possible in daily life, and so exercised, ate and slept that they were never too fat or too thin, but maintained an even good health generally. The great teacher was not subject to joy or grief, and no one ever saw him rejoice or mourn. He had as masters and associates the most advanced men of his time, and he pursued his studies out of love for knowledge and a fear lest anything worthy to be known should escape him.

Mrs. Hallie Watters, author of this exceptionally concise, clear treatise, earns especial credit for her exhaustive references. Her foot-notes and bibliography show authority for every statement made and may act as guide to all who would search further. Although there are but seventy pages between the covers, the book covers "Sources of Information," "Pythagoras-Biography, Position and Influence as Philosopher, Scientist, Religious Reformer"; "The Pythagoreans—The School at Crotona, The Two Sects"; and then comes the most interesting chapter of all on "The Golden Verses," which are among the most priceless treasures ever given to humanity. Mrs. Watters tells of their authorship, of the Greek text, then repeats the verses themselves as translated into English, and gives her own commentaries—a most worthwhile contribution.

The Pythagorean teaching may be summed up in two words: Mathematics and Music. Music with all that it implies of the deeper harmonies and melodies of worlds subtler than the physical and including the training of the emotional nature; and Mathematics with its summing-up of the sterner discipline of the intellect. Through this science of music and numbers, the great teacher could bring about the cultivation of the intuition, moral discipline, hygiene, purity, honor to parents,

faithfulness to friends, contempt for wealth and fame, care of the body, temperance in all things, and reincarnation and karma.

Everything about Pythagoras, now known to us as the beloved Master K. H., is of intense interest to the student of Theosophy, and so "The Pythagorean Way of Life" is a choice addition to Theosophical literature.

I. A. W.

The Revolt of Modern Youth, by Judge Ben Lindsey and Wainwright Evens. Published by Boni & Liveright, New York. Price, Cloth, \$3.00, through The Theosophical Press.

Judge Lindsey knows life and especially young life as no other man does. Through his court and through his private conference room troop thousands of young people, old people, every kind of people caught in the snarls and tangles of this most unjust and disordered civilization. They come to him for the most part voluntarily. Why? To be helped and straightened out because they know that he loves and understands them as no other man in the United States has shown himself capable of doing.

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