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Frequently letters come to Mount Ecclesia marked in Mr. Heindel's name and "Personal." There are also often requests in letters that this, that, or the other be called to Mr. Heindel's attention. Moreover, some who have expressed themselves regretfully, that they did not dare to write as confidently, or open their hearts as they would, because they are afraid that Mr. Heindel does not get these letters. And we thought that perhaps it might be well to relieve the anxiety by stating that every day, no matter how busy Mr. and Mrs. Heindel may be, they themselves personally open every piece of mail which comes to Mount Ecclesia. They read the letters together and talk over the answers which are to be given. Thus, everything that comes goes directly to the head, and there are no intermediates who can abstract letters, even if they were so inclined, which of course is not the case. Therefore it is absolutely unnecessary to write "Personal" on letters. Students may rest assured that both the letters and the replies made to them are all passed through the hands of the Leaders, and that no message goes out from Mount Ecclesia of which they are not cognizant. Moreover, the copies of replies and the letters received are all kept in locked files. While we do not care to lock up our ordinary belongings, we feel that these letters constitute a sacred trust, and therefore the office is kept locked, so that no confidence reposed in Mr. and Mrs. Heindel may ever be violated. Students may fearlessly

express themselves, no matter how intimate the communication.

The following letter was received lately at Mount Ecclesia. We think there are some very good suggestions in it:

"Friends: I think that many of us who are sincere and would willingly further this great work, do not know what to do or how to go about it. We search our lessons for a clue, but do not find it, and helplessly ask ourselves: What can I do that is really good and of benefit to the Fellowship and to humanity; and where shall I start? Our ability, our influence may be so limited that we despair of our usefulness, fall into apathy, and finally forget our responsibility to the Fellowship. Friends, this is wrong; do not harbor this spirit of hopelessness. It is true we may not all be healers nor lecturers, yet we all have our usefulness, our work, our place in the kingdom. Each one has an inherent ability to excel in some special line, to do something better than his brother. Usually we are not aware of it, or do not see of what use it may be in the cause.

"We are stationed in all walks of life; all have different experiences; so some may see a chance to do good, which is denied to others. A member in one community may do a certain work of special value, which may be neglected or not even thought of in other places. If this member, through modesty (or otherwise), keeps this knowledge to himself, he surely deprives the Fellowship of a vital factor in its growth.

"As an example: While going over the files

in a public library, we notice with regret the absence of the Rosicrucian literature. All at once a happy thought strikes us. Why not donate some? After acting on this thought we feel content, having done our duty: but should our activity stop here? Clearly much benefit would accrue to all if this were suggested to others. All could do this and rejoice in following our example. I am sure instances like this are many.

“We now have the *Echoes*, but I notice that only Mr. Heindel and workers who are at Headquarters contribute to its columns. We also have a true friend and advisor in Mr. Heindel. Why not put our pearls (knowledge) before him, and if it is found useful make it public through the *Echoes*? These many points could be brought out and receive our attention. Let us try this, friends, and when we succeed in one particular, great will be our joy, and we will surely look for more to do—and find it.

This is our responsibility to the Fellowship. In this way we put our shoulders to the wheel. Let us realize that we are and make the association; so that by co-operating, one with another, near and far, we make our ideal a living factor in the land.

May this find an echo in your hearts!

—R.F.

The writer's initials are "R.F." and he is an R.F. after my own heart. He strikes a note that I have been longing to hear for a long time—a note which I hope the R.F.'s all over the world will take up, particularly in regard to the last suggestion, about helping with the writing. We need short articles for the *Echoes*, both devotional and intellectual. We also need simplified teaching for the children. This is a very, very important work, which we hope some R.F. will take up. The Rosicrucian teachings have only been barely touched upon in the

Cosmo, which we may regard as the quintessence. This could be elaborated piecemeal, and many new points would open up to any one who would undertake this work. Thus the world would be the gainer, for no great philosophy can be brought out in all its phases by one man.

Our general secretary, Mr. Swigart, also wrote about Mrs. Rich's book, *Christ or Buddha*, wherein she compares the Rosicrucian teaching with that of Eastern Occultism. He also expresses himself as pleased that other writers are entering this fruitful field.

We cannot, of course, guarantee to publish everything that is sent us, and trust that no one will feel hurt or slighted if we find it impossible to use their contribution. Neither should they be disturbed if it takes a long time before it is brought to press. Mrs. Rich's book was first sent at the time when we moved to Headquarters, and it has been absolutely impossible to get it published before now, on account of the many demands upon Mr. Heindel's time; also on account of financial requirements; yet Mrs. Rich has never shown impatience, and we hope the future contributors will be equally patient.

THE HEALING WINGS

In the beginning of the Old Testament we are told how mankind fell from their primal purity into the sin, sorrow, and death incidental to physical existence, and in the end of this same Old Testament there is the promise that in due time the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in its wings, to save us from the sorrow, suffering, and death engendered by our unrighteousness. The New Testament shows us the divine Hierarch Christ performing miracles such as never were done before. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and all such; yes, even death is con-

quered by this great spirit in the name of the Father, who He proclaims as the Great Physician healing all ills. Furthermore, He stated that "the work which I do shall ye also do, and greater." He even sent His disciples out to heal; and of the two commandments given by Him to his followers—preach the gospel and heal the sick—one is as binding as the other.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship has been endeavoring to follow both commandments for the last few years. Probationers who, by faithful service in ordinary life from day to day, have earned the privilege to become Invisible Helpers, have performed a wonderful work, and letters of gratitude from patients all over the world testify to their efficiency. The work is directed by the Elder Brothers through Headquarters.

In order to increase the efficiency of this work, we have for years aspired to build the Ecclesia, wherein the spiritual panacea may be prepared; but thus far we have not been able to realize this ambition, which shows clearly that we are not ready for it; for were we ready, had we really earned the privilege, the funds would certainly be forthcoming.

How then may we earn this privilege? is the great question, and the answer is not uncertain. Only insofar as we utilize to the very, very utmost the opportunities and the faculties, and the talents which are ours, can we ever hope to be entrusted with greater opportunities, more talents, and better faculties. And we have now inaugurated a new activity whereby the whole Fellowship, which is not present at Mount Ecclesia, may take part and help us in this great work of healing.

You ought to have seen the speed wherewith we all worked, how we joined hands and fitted together in order that we might have the Pro-Ecclesia ready for the dedication service to take place on Holy Night; and why? Because on that night the spiritual power in the Sun cul-

minates, pouring out a benediction upon the air. From the 25th of December to the 25th of June the physical activities are in the ascendant, gradually gathering force, which culminates at the Summer Solstice; and then blesses man physically with the things needed for his material sustenance. During that time the spiritual activities are difficult to inaugurate, and therefore we waited quietly until the turn came recently, holding the first evening healing service on Tuesday, the 23rd of June, at half past seven, when the moon was in the Cardinal sign Cancer.

And in the future a healing service will be held in the Pro-Ecclesia at that hour on each day when the Moon enters one of the Cardinal signs. We decided to have these services that we might utilize the little Pro-Ecclesia to the very utmost, and thus earn the privilege of having the Ecclesia too. This was approved by the Teacher, and he suggested that the healing services be held when the Moon is in the Cardinal signs. But we want to go a step further in our efforts to secure efficiency; and this is where we want to add the help of every earnest student in the Rosicrucian Fellowship.

There is a passage in the ritual used at the Rosicrucian Fellowship services which says: "One coal cannot make a fire, but where a number of coals are gathered together the heat which is latent in each may be kindled into a flame, emitting light and warmth. It is in obedience to the same law of Nature that we have gathered here tonight, so that by massing our spiritual aspirations we may light and keep ablaze the beacon light of true spiritual Fellowship." The power of numbers is insignificant in the world of physical existence, compared with the power of the same number in the spiritual realm. Here, additions to the power of a community count as one, two, three, four, etc., but there, the power increases in a proportion that might be likened

to the square—two, four, eight and sixteen, etc.—for the first twelve who attend a spiritual service. The thirteenth then would bring it up into another higher realm of the spiritual universe.

For the sake of illustration, we may count the increase there by the power of three: Three, nine, twenty-seven, et cetera, and so on. Thus you will see how important even the very weakest one among us may become when it is a question of massing our spiritual aspirations. Nor can there be any question of the powerful influence that will have on the sick. To secure the help of all earnest students and give them the privilege of helping, we will publish in the *Echoes* each month the date on which the healing services will be held, and if each student will sit down in his or her home at half past seven, directing their thoughts to Mount Ecclesia, to the little Pro-Ecclesia, where the symbol of the Invisible Helpers will then be unveiled, the love, sympathy, and strength thus given these workers will enable them to do a much greater service for humanity; each one of course then having part in that work.

The symbol of the Invisible Helpers upon which we concentrate at Mount Ecclesia is a snow-white cross, with the seven red roses and a pure white one in the center; the usual star, with the rays going out from the cross; and the background is blue; the whole being beautifully illuminated, thus making it an apt emblem of the effulgence of that soul body wherein these workers travel.

It will not be necessary to make corrections in time for your place of residence, because the Sun will gather all the aspirations as he goes along, and when the rays at the proper angle arrive at Mount Ecclesia the influence directed here will certainly transmit itself and unite with our aspirations taking place at this time and help us in the work. As it takes several weeks for the *Echoes* to reach some of our stu-

dents, we will give the date in this *Echoes* for July and August; then it will probably be sufficient to give them for one month ahead in the next and following *Echoes*.

Another point occurs to us wherein we have been negligent in the past. We have been commanded to let our light shine, but modesty has kept us from letting it be known that numerous cures are really being brought about by the Invisible Helpers of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, who, of course, are working as the agents of our Father in Heaven, He being the Great Physician. That must always be remembered. And in order to remedy this defect, we have decided to publish each month a few extracts from letters of patients who have received help and who have been cured. So far since we started the healing work there have been but very few, surely not half a dozen cases, that have remained obstinate; the others have all received help.

Here is one who had abscesses in the breast: These were healed in a few weeks. She says in one of her last letters:

In regard to the abscess in my breast, am glad to say that it is healing up nicely. I feel that you have helped me wonderfully.

Yours truly,

R. N. S.

N.S.C. writes:

Every week shows improvement in my case, and I am very thankful for it. I had no idea that I could feel as much better in so short a time. I shall be glad indeed if I can learn to help others as you are helping me.

The following is a case of obsession, where the person writes:

I am so much better, and feel quite a differ-

ent person now that I am entirely free from the influence, and more and more grateful for your help.

A.B.

The following letter is from a mother who has applied for healing for her child. She says:

My report for Eva this week is as encouraging as ever. Her head is healed up, and the hearing is fair. Her general health is splendid. I feel very happy over her recovery, and am very grateful to you.

Yours sincerely,

E.G.S.

The greatest drawback to our healing activity comes from the negligence of patients. Our requirements are very simple. We only ask them to write once a week with pen and ink, so that the etheric effluvia coming from the hand during writing may furnish our Invisible Helper with a key of admission to the patient's system. But simple as is this rule, some fail to write. Here is a case where a person who had for many years had a vertebrae displaced and who was cured by our treatment, though osteopaths, chiropractors and several others who had tried had found it impossible to replace these vertebrae. The poor man was therefore in constant pain and sick in bed most of the time, entirely unable to work. The treatment of our Invisible Helpers replaced the vertebrae, and they are still in place. The man went to work and it seemed wonderful. But becoming so elated at the idea that he was so entirely free, he disregarded our instruction to keep on writing, so that our Invisible Helper might have the chance to keep his vertebrae in place, for a sufficient length of time till they would stay put. Now comes the following letter showing that we were right in requesting him to do this, and he did wrong not to obey.

He says:

A short time ago I wrote that I was cured, and would discontinue my weekly letters, but I see now that I have made a big mistake. Since then my back has pained me nearly all the time and I am getting round shouldered again, though the vertebrae are in place where the injury was. It seems as though I'm asking a lot of you to take this up the second time, but I did not realize the influence the Invisible Helpers had over me and how much I was dependent on them.

Very truly yours,

R.P.P.

The correspondence at Headquarters is very heavy, and not a small percentage of letters are those sent out to prod these neglectful patients into activity; therefore we have published this letter hoping that it may make some impression upon them and cause them to realize how absolutely necessary it is that they perform this part of the work and write their weekly letter with due regularity.

Healing Meetings will be held in the Pro-Ecclesia on the following dates at 7:30 P.M.:

July 13, 20, 27

August 2, 9, 17, 23, 30

CHILDREN'S WORK

By E. G.

The crying need of the hour is proper environment and education for the children. The lack of it is due to the want of the Christ love in the world, and it causes wreck by the wayside. The Christ Child has stood for humanity from the cradle to the grave. There is a dreadful unrest everywhere. The cry of the children that are being neglected has gone out on the universal plane and reaches the Throne on High. The Father has heard and sent his messenger to earth to awaken the woman heart of the world.

Rosicrucians have a message to give that is more general than that to the woman heart alone—it is to the woman soul of the world. The purpose of this work that the Rosicrucians have just started (the children's work) is to teach the children how best to use the powers of imagination. This will produce normal and right thinking, which makes for normal, right lives. By so directing them to think rightly, they will learn to act rightly, and unfold as the rose—unfold eagerly and anxiously—open their hearts to drink in the morning sun.

If the imagination is rightly directed, the further happiness of the child is assured. The most powerful forces in the world are silent. They become beneficent when rightly directed, but destructive when wrongly employed. This is common knowledge in regard to mechanical forces such as steam, electricity, wireless telegraphy, etc. But few have yet learned to apply this knowledge to the realm of mind where the thought forces (the most powerful of all) are at work; where they are being generated and sent out as forces of salvation or destruction, for thoughts are things.

All the wisdom possible to man on this material plane is to be found in self-mastery, and by following the command of Jesus: "Love

your enemies," the doing of which gives us sublime wisdom. By mastery and by transmuting these thought forces man will make himself master of the world about him, as wars, plagues, famine, are the meeting and clashing of wrongly directed thought force, which brings all such things into manifestation.

Children should be taught to adjust their thoughts so as to cooperate with God. They should be taught to realize within themselves the solution and destruction of evil by good thought, and thus to work in harmony with divine law.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

Question: I am very grateful for the answers about the body of Jesus and its real relation to Christ, but am still in the dark as to how the body of Jesus could be scattered by the vibratory force of the Christ spirit after that had left; also how the atoms could pass out of the tomb when that was sealed.

Answer: It is one of our illusions that the body, which we inhabit, is alive. As a matter of fact it is nothing of the sort. At least there is such a very small portion of this body which can really be said to be alive that our statement is practically true. The larger portion is absolutely asleep, if not entirely dead. That is a fact well known to science, and something which reason must teach us is so. That is because our spiritual power is so weak that it cannot furnish this vehicle with life to a sufficient extent, and in the measure that we fail thus to vitalize the body it seems like a heavy clod of clay which we must laboriously drag along with us, until after a few years it crystallizes to such an extent that it is impossible for us any longer to keep up the vibratory action; then we are forced to leave the body and then it is said to die. A slow process of disintegra-

tion takes place to restore the atoms to their original free state.

Contrast now the state of affairs when one of these same earth bodies is taken possession of by a powerful spirit like that of the Christ. You will find an analogy in the case of a man being resuscitated from drowning. There the vital body has been extracted, and the vibratory action of the physical atoms has ceased almost, if not altogether. Then, when the vital body is again caused to permeate the physical body, it begins to prod every atom into action and vibration. This attempt to awaken the sleeping atoms causes that intensely disagreeable pricking sensation which persons who have been resuscitated from drowning describe, and this sensation does not cease until the physical atoms have attained a rate of vibration one octave below that of the vital body. Then they are insensate and nothing is felt save as we ordinarily feel.

Take now the case of Christ entering the dense body of Jesus. There the atoms were naturally moving at a speed much lower than the vibratory forces of the Christ spirit. Consequently, an acceleration had to take place, and during the three years ministry this marked acceleration of the vibration of these atoms would have shattered the body had not the powerful will of the Master, assisted by the skill of the Essenes, held it together. Had the atoms been asleep at the time when the Christ left the body of Jesus, the same as our atoms are asleep when we leave our bodies, a long process of putrefaction would have been required to disintegrate the body, but they were, as we said, highly sensitized and alive and therefore it was impossible to keep them in bondage when the spirit had fled. In future ages, when we learn to keep our bodies alive, we shall not change atoms and therefore bodies, so often, nor, when we do, will it take so long, as at present, to complete the process of

putrefaction. The tomb was not hermetically sealed, and would not offer obstruction to the passage of atoms.

God, the Absolute, in abstract understanding, that is, as understood through the Rosicrucian teachings, is that Power which manifests in the cosmos in all things, both great and small, visible and invisible.

It is often said: "God is Perfection." To me, this is true, only in a limited way; only as far as our human comprehension can take us. "Perfection" is defined as something complete in itself with nothing desirable lacking. If God is really Perfection from God's own standpoint, why does God manifest as sun, planet, earth, Christ, man? It must be that it is, at any rate, desirable to God; hence, that to God, Itself, there is something lacking which can be obtained through manifestation, even as lowly man. What then is the motive? Why desirable to God? It surely cannot be "just for fun"! Our understanding of happiness, both earthly and spiritual, rejects such an idea. It must be then for the sake of what is gained through experience as man; for the sake of evolution of God itself!

How different, therefore, may appear the necessity for earthly embodiment, for conquering its difficulties, for attaining unbroken consciousness, than if we take the supposition that God in the highest, from God's own standpoint, is already Perfection; with nothing desirable lacking. With the latter stand we may well ask, why all this misery and unhappiness through earthly manifestation, through manifestation in Christ, in us; why any manifestation at all, if God is not in need of something to be obtained through it?

If we can feel that by our lives, we as individuals can help on, however infinitesimally, the evolution of God itself, would we not be more eager to live the life that Christ did,

which was of service for the sake of the Father? If we try to make the motive in all thought and action for the sake of God, we shall find that the inner self becomes more and more the guide through life. We shall not wish then for earthly reward or for treasure in heaven, but only to glorify God. Then we may with better grace try to follow Christ's injunction: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

(From S.A.S.)

"Sas," the venerable Secretary of the Astrological Section, has handed us the following:

If you have sent in an answer to a lesson in Astrology and have not received the next lesson in return, you may be sure it is because you have failed to write your name and address on the paper. So many students forget this important matter as proved by a large bundle of answers on my desk to which I can find no owners.—S.A.S.

The Esoteric Secretary, on hearing the plaint

of "S.A.S.", requested us to jog the Probationers also about neglecting to put their names and addresses on report blanks. So now will you be good!

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