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Thanksgiving Number

In America, the last Thursday in November, is set aside as a special day of Thanksgiving for the blessings received during the past year.

Today, the 31st of October, while we are writing the Thanksgiving *Echoes*, our spirit of thanksgiving is especially fervent, for this is the first day for many months that we have been free from workmen, buildings, machinery, etc.

The Pro-Ecclesia

The progress made during the last year at Headquarters has been gratifying in all directions. A year ago last Thanksgiving we laid the foundation for the Pro-Ecclesia, and what a blessing that has been. We built so fast that it was ready for occupancy, and the first service was held there on Holy Night the following month. Since then prayer and praise has never ceased to go up thence morning and evening, Sunday, at the New and Full Moons—all these times have been observed, and we have since then been building faithfully and diligently upon the real temple. It was particularly emphasized at the time that it is not built of stone and mortar, but of the human hearts, of the human aspirations that have been centered upon that place. You in the world, everywhere over the whole globe, have helped us in this, particularly during the Healing Services,

which are held every time the Moon enters a cardinal sign. The students have centered their thoughts upon the emblem in the Western part of the Pro-Ecclesia, and on the white rose signifying the purity of lives we are endeavoring to lead. In that emblem of chastity and beauty there has been centered the thoughts of healing, thoughts of strength, of purity, and moral uplift, which we have been endeavoring to radiate all over the world as the Rays from the Rose Cross radiate from a common center.

So this material building has served as the vehicle of spiritual blessing many times. Powerful have been the thoughts that have been projected from that place, and many are the letters we have received at Headquarters testifying to the benefits that have been thus received, not only by those that have come here and personally entered into the Center, but by everyone that has been in need of help.

The Dining Hall

Then we have built the Dining Hall, wherein now the food will be properly prepared for those who come here to be built up, as well as those who come here for study.

The Electric Plant

Last, but not least, we have just finished installation of an electric light plant, the munificent gift of one of our Northern California members. But why do you think that he gave that plant to us, why do you think we wanted that plant? Not so much that we might get the electric light, as that it might aid us in our spiritual work during the daytime. Some mem-

bers, several, have come to Headquarters and have said that it is unwise to tell people how much machinery is being introduced here, how we are getting Dictaphones, how we are using addressing machines and all of these newfangled things. It may be, but secrecy is an abomination to us, and these things, while material, are nevertheless our greatest aids; they are our tools in the distribution of the teachings all over the world. Without this paraphernalia it would be impossible for us to accomplish the enormous amount of work done here.

The local electric plant runs only when they feel like starting it; the last three weeks in October we had no electricity at all. As a consequence of this lack, our Dictaphones were idle sometimes weeks at a time, and the Esoteric Secretary was forced to dictate her letters by shorthand to the stenographers, that time therefore was wasted and the delay in getting out correspondence was felt keenly by students and still more by patients. When a person is sick, sending for help, looking anxiously day-by-day for a word of encouragement and hope from Headquarters, then time counts and we cannot respond too quickly. Expedition was made impossible by the lack of electricity and our Northern friend saw that, he being himself a large business man; therefore, he gave us the plant, and it is proving an inestimable blessing to have electricity any time we want.

At night, after working with men in the building all day, it was possible with these Dictaphones to dictate letters and lessons so they can be transcribed the next day by a stenographer, and sent to the printing. This would have been impossible had we used the old method of shorthand dictation, for we cannot have the stenographer at any time during the twenty-four hours the same as we can have the Dictaphone. Today it is Sunday and the stenographers could not be expected to work, but the writer can sit down, as he is doing now,

before the Dictaphone, and thus get out the *Echoes*.

So you will see the money that is expended for Dictaphones and the installation of electric plant are all things that benefit you, even though you may be on the other side of the globe from Headquarters, and we trust you will realize these benefits, and not say, as some have said, that it is "all physical" here. Yes, indeed, there is much physical here. We have been entrusted by the Elder Brothers with the work of disseminating their teachings, and with building a Mystic Shrine here. To do this we need offices and a printing plant, Dictaphones and various paraphernalia. This all had to be installed, everything has to be put in place and properly housed, and without the physical pioneer work which we have done, there would be no base for a spiritual structure.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship would be far behind in efficiency and the promulgation of the teachings of the Elder Brothers would be handicapped were it not for these material things. And so, though the electric plant, though all these other things are material in themselves, they have helped to serve the purpose of the spirit and they are of a truly beneficent nature and should not be sneered at or deprecated.

A Stick in the Desert

By the way, the other day a San Diego reporter was at Headquarters asking permission to take pictures and asking also for copy for a story in the mid-winter number of the *San Diego Union*. Permission was given, and later in conversation he mentioned that he had been at the first ground breaking on Mt. Ecclesia, October 28th, three years ago. He saw our little party going out to Mt. Ecclesia, followed and saw us plant the cross and turn the ground, and he said it looked foolish, like driving a stick in the desert. He was amazed at all that had been accomplished in the three years, all

the buildings we had built, the pumping plant that we had installed, and, by the way, it was just three years from the day of the ground breaking that we started the electric plant, which will be our greatest help in promulgating the philosophy and in sending letters of health and healing all over the world through the Dictaphone. Thus you see what strides have been made in the past three years, when helpers were very few and funds have been very, very scarce. Now then think of what we are going to do in the coming year where we confidently expect that many students will come to Headquarters when visiting the Expositions, and when many of them will have a chance to take a hand in the work, which is here being done, in a manner that cannot be accomplished by mail.

Chance, or What?

G.W.W. is starting to realize the Ecclesia in earnest and, judging from the enthusiasm he is already creating, it looks as if the time were ripe for getting to work. It is a curious fact that always, when help was needed in a special sense, there has come to us at the right moment, the right information, and the right help. Never once have we been left in the lurch. And this help usually came in the most unexpected manner. A incident comes to mind, one of many very peculiar happenings: We had just moved to Mt. Ecclesia, and as we were so far away from a print shop, it became necessary to get our own printing press. This we went to Los Angeles and bought, with the understanding that it should be disconnected in a certain way so we could get it through the door of the office, for that is where we had it at first. It was not thus disconnected when it arrived, and we were in a quandary how to get it in. It was a cold morning, about 7 o'clock, and just then a typical "Weary Willie" wandered up to the Administration Building. He asked for a cup of warm coffee and some

breakfast. The writer told him we were about to have our own breakfast, and if he would sit down and wait we would be glad to have him share it with us. He looked at the press, which was standing on the porch, remarked about it, and when told we were puzzled how to get it through that door because of the axle being too long, he answered, "Oh, that is very easy, a screwdriver will unfasten the pocket on the farther side; you can then pull the axle right out." He had been working in by-gone years for the very concern which made this printing press, and the coincidence was rather startling to say the least. In similar manner financial and technical help has always come at the time it was needed.

When we were going to start the Pro-Ecclesia on Thanksgiving last year and broke the ground, we said we would hold service in it Holy Night. At the time we had no money wherewith to erect the building, but the need was there, and during the day a check for \$200, also other funds, came in, so that before we sat down to our Thanksgiving dinner, erection and completion of the Pro-Ecclesia was assured **without our having mentioned it to anybody.**

The Stone of the Corner

And so we believe it will be with the Ecclesia. If the time is ripe, this effort that is now being put forth will bear fruit, and the erection of the building start right away; but if it is not ripe, then do not be discouraged, do not think that the Ecclesia is not going to be built. We have made up our minds that this chance shall not slip away from the Rosicrucian Fellowship and wait for another century or half a century. **The Ecclesia is going to be built in the specified time** even though it has to be done piecemeal and in sections, and for this end we have decided, in addition to the flag-raising, which was announced last month, we will make a corner-

stone of concrete with a hollow space, so that at some later day this cornerstone may be placed in the building and the letters bearing upon this matter, both for and against, viewing the thing from all points, may be placed inside, that the erection and every event that led up to it may be made a matter of record for future ages.

Please understand this aright, the cornerstone is going to be **made, but it is not to be sealed** or placed—that event will be reserved for some future day when our plans are more definite and we know better how we shall do this. In the meantime, between the day of Thanksgiving when we make this cornerstone and the day when we finally place it and seal it up, we will have time to thoroughly ventilate the matter in letters by correspondence and in every way you see fit. Then we will place all these letters in the stone so as to give an account of how the building came to be erected.

And we now invite all members of the Fellowship who can come to be with us when we take this first step on Thanksgiving Day towards the realization of the plan of the Elder Brothers. We must make a start, and we thoroughly believe when we do this, when we not only talk, but when we really, honestly and earnestly do something, then the Elder brothers will lay their blessing on our work and we shall be given that privilege of completing the building and bringing to the world this panacea that is a blessing beyond all that has yet been bestowed upon humanity.

We will make a report of how the cornerstone was made, this will be signed by all who attend and deposited in the center thereof.

In this undertaking, do not worry about the money, but put your hearts in an attitude of aspiration. By consecrated love, **let us first build the Ecclesia in our hearts**, and when we show that we are working out the aspiration of our soul, we will find that the way will open

up, and that we will have the wherewithal with which to do.

As that tramp came and gave us the help needed at that particular moment, as the check came in just at the time when it was needed to build that Pro-Ecclesia, so will also the wherewithal come with which to build the Ecclesia, and from sources we least expect. We may hasten the day by our deeds, so let us live individually a life consecrated to the uplifting of humanity; let us live the life of helpfulness; let us long more and more to be instruments of healing and help to our needy, suffering brothers, and then we shall certainly be given the larger and greater opportunity, which will come through the vehicle of the Ecclesia.

We are receiving many letters of encouragement and also with contributions. We cannot publish all these letters but will print a few, and when you read the letter of our friend J.P., do not conclude that he is a wet blanket, or that he wants to hold things back. He writes just as he feels, and he has done excellent translator work for the Fellowship, and he has also been a very generous contributor; so we know that he really is writing as he feels about it, and the reader should give due and careful consideration to his viewpoint, even though he may not agree therewith.

Chicago, Ill., October 24, 1914
Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California

Enclosed please find \$110.00 as a starter towards building the **Ecclesia**, which is to bring the **Panacea** promised by the **Elder Brothers** the moment that we the **Members of the Great Rosicrucian Fellowship bless ourselves** by completing this building.

I say as a "starter," because I feel certain that every member of the Rosicrucian Fellowship throughout the world will esteem it a **privilege** as well as a pleasure to contribute to this fund

that is to enable **Headquarters** to bring **Health** to suffering humanity. The **Ecclesia** is the only thing that will bring the **Panacea**, for it requires a building set apart to insure the effectiveness of the work performed therein.

In the last *Echoes* we saw that Friend Heindel's hands were bound, that he could not solicit funds. While he refrained from stating the facts, we all know that his hands were bound that our hands, your and mine, might be **loosed**. This, therefore, is a clarion call for immediate contributions and for volunteers to take up this work in **earnest among their friends**.

It is only by helping others that we help ourselves. Our Leader's hands were no doubt tied to give us this opportunity of **service**. He has had wide-open hands to impart to us the **Spiritual** teachings; let us acquire the law of balance by giving materially all that we can to assist in the work. Remember that the **closed hand** is not in a position to either **give** or **receive**.

Thanksgiving and **Christmas** are both drawing near. Let us be mindful of what they symbolize. Let us put our hearts into this work and see if we cannot raise a goodly portion of the money necessary to build the Ecclesia between now and **Christmas**.

If every man and woman in the **Fellowship** will remit something and will when remitting notify **Headquarters** that they are at work among the people of their community, it will not be long 'till the **Ecclesia** will be a fact instead of a dream.

Let us start a friendly competition right amongst each other and see who can do the most in the shortest time towards raising the money for the **Ecclesia**. Let us not confine our efforts alone to our members but let us seek aid among the businessmen, as all church workers as a rule do as much among outsiders as within their own ranks. Let us not only seek subscriptions but let us see if we cannot place all

the books—*Cosmo-Conception* and *Questions and Answers*—that they have on hand at **Headquarters**. This will help to bring new members into the **Fellowship** and at the same time broaden the minds of all who read the great **Truths** the two books contain.

The Fellowship, in its last analysis, is nothing more than a big family, so let us devote our best efforts at once to this work. Let us make this **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas** a **Thanksgiving** and **Christmas** long to be remembered at **Headquarters** and by the **Teacher** back of the work, and may we bear in mind that we are not giving so much as receiving, since we take nothing along in our cold dead hand except what we have given away.

As some of our members and many outsiders, who I feel certain will be glad to assist in this noble work, may not know just what the **Ecclesia** is, I hope Friend Heindel will have a picture made of the proposed building and explain the matter fully in the next *Echoes*. A photographic copy could be enclosed with the *Echoes* without expense.

As the **Ecclesia**, which brings the **Panacea**, insures health in almost all cases, we who think we are **giving** may as a matter of fact soon find that we are **receiving**, especially when we remember that the **Fellowship** can make no charge for the priceless treatments it bestows. While the **Ecclesia** will be the greatest of all physicians; it renders no doctor bills, the patients voluntarily contributing for service.

The **spirit** must have heard Friend Heindel's call, for help for a great Architect and Contractor, a member of the **Fellowship**, has been found who will take the work off his shoulders and attend to the entire construction of the **Ecclesia** when the money is raised. This should encourage us all to be indefatigable in our efforts to see that the funds are soon in hand.

G.W.W.

Washington, D.C., Oct. 21, 1914
Rosicrucian Fellowship
Oceanside, California

Dear Friends: Enclosed find \$12.50 which I am glad to contribute towards erecting the **Ecclesia**. While I am not a member of the Fellowship, I am in sympathy with all esoteric work.

I think I know what the **Ecclesia** is to be but I would be glad to see a picture of the same and to know how it includes the twelve signs of the Zodiac and, etc.

To learn that there is a place where the sick could be restored to health, where doctor bills were a thing of the past and that mankind had risen to a point where they could and would voluntarily contribute for services rendered would indicate that God's promise of the **Messianic Age** was a certainty.

Sincerely,

B.

Joliet, Ill., Oct 21, 1914
Rosicrucian Fellowship

Enclosed please find check for \$25.00 to be used for the building of the **Ecclesia**. Mrs. F. and I are glad to have the privilege of helping and hope to do more a little later.

Yours in service,

J.W.F.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 22, 1914
Rosicrucian Fellowship:

Sister and I are enclosing \$25.00 to you which is to be placed to the **Ecclesia** fund and which we so gladly send and hope that the great day of the **Lord** is near, so that the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the **Lord**, as the water cover the sea. Then there shall be one fold and one shepherd.

Wishing you great success in your glorious work.

A. and M.D.

Maywood, Ill., Nov. 1, 1914
Dear Friend:

Praise the Lord! Because His spirit has descended upon Bro. G.W.W. to help hasten into material existence the Spiritual Panacea for healing, which this world of people, made sick by sin (the transgression of the law), stands much in need of.

If we can only help people to be well and strong they are then in a position to help themselves, for as we all know who have tried, it is a most difficult task to help those who cannot help themselves.

We who are in this movement are continually praying (or should be) "Lord, help me to serve in an efficient manner." Now let us all embrace this splendid opportunity, and lift with all our might, bringing our gifts of love and gratitude. Not one of us can afford to forego the blessed privilege of helping, in a most generous manner, in hastening the building of this material "Temple of Healing."

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse—and prove me now herewith," saith the Lord of Hosts, "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Yours in Fellowship and faithful service,

M.A.B.R.

Schenectady, October 19, 1914
To the Rosicrucian Fellowship,
Mount Ecclesia, Oceanside, Cal.

We should not build an Ecclesia out of artificial enthusiasm—it should be the work of the Vital body, the Unifying Life spirit, the Christ-Spirit in us, it should not be the short-lived expression of our Desire bodies.

An Ecclesia built with money gotten by the method suggested in the October 10th *Echoes* would not answer the high purpose.

We do not want money, but people who have the suffering of their brothers at heart; and, by the way, I think Mr. Heindel is doing more

toward a Real Ecclesia, as I understand it, by teaching the people to get the right conception of God's ways, than all that unnecessary talking about money wherewith to build a wooden structure for more wooden paraphernalia can do.

There is only one choice, even if it takes another century—don't let us talk about money; it is a waste of time. The money for the Ecclesia shall and must come forth as a secondary incident, from such who have it and see the point.

The Ecclesia will not be lasting unless it is built by people who understand its inner purpose and will work for it and with it.

I have all due respect, but no more, for all the intentions of stirring up enthusiasm to get the money for that Ecclesia; but after we build that Ecclesia, what then? He, who answers this to the point, has a right to contribute towards building it and none else.

Hoping that I create no hard feelings by speaking to the point, I remain sincerely yours as ever,
J.P.

A NEW FIELD

We are most delighted to announce that the student who has translated our literature into Spanish, and who has been instrumental in having them published in Buenos Aires, is coming to Headquarters and is going to have charge of the Spanish correspondence course. There is a list of more than a thousand students in Latin America who are unable to read the English language, but who are anxiously awaiting this course in their native tongue, and this Spanish secretary will also answer the Spanish letters in healing which are required; these will be dictated to him by the Esoteric Secretary, and in that way a new avenue will be opened for the Rosicrucian teachings with the new year. We expect this young man to be here in January, as he leaves Buenos Aires in December, and so trust to have this course

going before spring.

We are also happy to learn that the German publishers of the *Cosmo* have issued another edition, which is sold at a reasonable price, or at least at a price within the reach of the great majority of people. Fifteen marks or \$4.00, which he charged before, was beyond most, but the price has now been reduced to six marks or about \$1.50, and we hope that this will give the *Cosmo* a wider circulation among the German people. We have not these books on hand, and we know not whether he will send us any on account of the war, but students can get them by writing to Hugo Vollrath, 18 Solomon Strasse, Leipzig, Germany.

QUESTION DEPARTMENT

Question: In part four of Tannhauser you stated, "the man must find the woman within himself." Also, "We must confront the dweller on the threshold." Will you kindly make these two points clear?

Answer: As a matter of fact the Spirit is neither male nor female, but during the present state of manifestation it became necessary to devote one-half of the creative force to development of the brain, wherewith we may create mental images which we then reproduce in concrete matter of the physical world. This therefore necessitated developing a physical organism with two sexes; one expressive of one quality of the Spirit—will, and therefore male; the other expressive of imagination, which is feminine.

As each Spirit is born alternately in a male and a female body, it expresses also alternately the twin faculties of the Spirit: Will and Imagination. One of these qualities predominates in each life and, accordingly, makes the manifestation of the masculine or feminine; but as the Spirit returns day after day, or life after life, to the Great School, it becomes more and more soulful and therefore more capable of expressing the two qualities of the Spirit

simultaneously, and in an even measure, so that by degrees the man finds the finer feminine qualities in himself, and the woman finds the noblest traits of the man. When that point has come where there is a perfect balance, the mystic marriage takes place.

You know it is said that in Heaven there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage, because there the Spirit is untrammelled by the fetters of the flesh; there sex plays no part; there the dual soul qualities are useable, and consequently the marriage of one to another is not necessary. Each there creates the archetype of his or her coming body without assistance of anyone else, save the Divine Hierarchies, and thus provides for the future embodiment. It is only when we leave the realm of soul, and enter into the realm of sex that the co-operation of some one else is needed for the formation of a concrete physical vehicle to fit into that Archetype, which was in the first place made by the Spirit itself in Heaven.

Now the sooner we learn to see in ourselves a whole creative unit, the more we preserve our own creative force, and send it upwards for Spiritual purposes, the sooner we shall find the man or woman within ourselves and the mystic marriage will then have been performed, which forever links the two together, and leaves us with a consciousness which is creative in all realms of nature.

At the same time, let it be understood that while we are here in this physical world and have lessons to learn here, we must have instruments wherein to learn. We ourselves have by the sacrifices of others attained to this privilege; they have helped to give us a body and we should never shirk the responsibility of giving someone else the opportunity of obtaining a body through our services—provided we are in proper health, and other circumstances are right; also, that we feel that we can give the Spirit which comes to us the proper environ-

ment in which to grow.

About the dweller on the threshold: It was said that it is always manifested as being of opposite sex, because all our temptations and the evil we do, everything that is reprehensible, comes from the hidden side in us, and in each life this hidden side takes shape as the opposite sex. Through the opposite sex we are tempted to commit the sin which drove mankind out of the state of purity, called, symbolically, the Garden of Eden. It dwells upon the threshold to the higher realms, and each one who dares seek entrance must first vanquish this demon.

On Sunday, November 22nd, Mr. Heindel will give a lecture in Los Angeles, on "Infant Mortality—Its Cause and Cure," Lincoln Hall in Mozart Theatre Bldg., 7th and Grand Ave., and on Monday, the 23rd, he will speak in the Fellowship Hall, Coulter Bldg., South Broadway, near Second St.

Healing services will be held in the Pro-Ecclesia at 7:00 o'clock on the following dates: Nov. 14, 20, 26; December 4, 11, 17 and 24.

As usual we append a few healing letters of patients who have been benefited during the past month, so that this may serve as an incentive to others to avail themselves of the services of the Healing Department.

October 29th, 1914

Dear Mr. Heindel:

I am gaining every day; am able to do more work than I have had the strength for in many years, and my trouble with constipation, which has been chronic for nine years, has been entirely cured by the Invisible Helpers and the diet you prescribed for me. I never have to take physic any more.

B.C.