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There is a lull of carpenter's hammers on Mt. Ecclesia, for we have finished the three cottages which we were building; and they add much to the beauty of the scene; looking so cozy and comfortable. A tract of land next to the Headquarters grounds has been opened up and subdivided into lots, and a number of the Fellowship members have already taken advantage of this and bought little homesites. Mr. Pierce of Los Angeles and Miss Lyon of Brooklyn have already erected two artistic little homes, and Miss Lyons is going to build for other Brooklyn members: Mr. and Mrs. Roberts so that they may have a home to go to when they arrive at Oceanside, which we hope will be very soon. If they knew what a beautiful wintering place California is, they and many others would be in a fever of excitement till they realized their desire to come to Mt. Ecclesia.

Just think of it! when Jack Frost holds all the rest of our country in his icy grip there is a clear, blue sky and beautiful sunshine in California. In fact, the winter time is our most beautiful season, for then the hills are green or carpeted with a myriad of beautiful flowers. There is a drive of three miles along the beach from Oceanside to Carlsbad, and the sandy cliff there is overgrown with tiny little flowers, blended in colors so variegated and lovely that they are beyond description—just like a great velvety rug made by the hand of the Master Weaver, and excelling in glory the work of the most talented gardener, as the glory of the Sun is beyond the light of a candle.

And speaking about the beach. Every Saturday afternoon a party of students may always be found there, having a marshmallow bake after their dip in the surf. There is not a day in the year when people may not enjoy surf

bathing in Southern California, and our eastern students are particularly keen in respect of bathing, because the rigor of their home climate denies them that pleasure the greater part of the time. So Mrs. Green makes up a lunch for them and goes along as chaperone to see that they behave properly. While we are speaking of eating and eatables, we may mention that there has been a change of the culinary artists on Mt. Ecclesia. Mr. Carter, who has been catering to the material man since the opening of the school, has left us to take a course of instruction in the East, so that he may be better qualified to assist us in the Sanitarium work when he returns at a later date. Mrs. Hicks of Seattle has come down to take his place. We trust she will be happy and contented in her new place.

Another of the workers on Mt. Ecclesia, Mrs. Gurney, has also left us to take the lecture platform, a work for which she is eminently well fitted, for she is a splendid speaker and teacher. We do not hope that she will have success in her new line of work, for we know she is sure of that. On her way up North she stopped over at Los Angeles, and the Fellowship there was immensely pleased with her, also were very sorry that she could not stay longer. She has gone to San Francisco and we expect soon to hear good news of the Fellowship work in that city.

The second term of the school started on the 16th of September, as scheduled, and you will find a resume of Mr. Heindel's opening speech elsewhere.

Flora Kyle of Portland has taken Mrs. Gurney's place as teacher of physical culture; she puts the students through their paces at a great rate, so we may expect soon to have a race of giants on Mt. Ecclesia. It would not be

very good to meet some of them on a dark road if they had evil intents, for Mrs. Gurney taught them the gladiator swing, and with the continued training of Miss Kyle they are bound to be strong-armed men and women.

Miss McDuffie has also branched out as a teacher of Esperanto. She suggested it as a matter of recreation from the more serious studies, and, judging from the peals of laughter heard on Tuesday evening while the class is in session, it must be a very funny language. It seems that every noun ends with an *o*. For instance, *koko* is a cock or rooster, and as the feminine of all nouns is obtained by adding the suffix *in* before the final *o* a hen is a *kokino*. But there is an unsolved problem in the egg, as pointed out by Mr. Heindel, for we do not know whether to call it an egg or an *eggino*; but it will be instantly seen what enormous advantage it is that every word indicates at once whether it is male or female; thus, when you say *peacho* you know at once that a male peach is meant, and we now know that *peacherino* is a word in Esperanto and not slang as we had formerly supposed.

We are very thankful that the study of language has been taken up, and we wish the day were here where all could speak one language, for then some of our most serious problems would be solved. We have had considerable membership in South America, and the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, together with most of our other literature, has been translated into Spanish, thus provoking much interest and bringing us many letters which we have difficulty in deciphering. If we had a Spanish speaking student at Headquarters to take care of the correspondence, we would gladly accede to the request of our Spanish speaking friends and issue the monthly lesson in their native language.

On the 14th of September, Mr. Heindel gave a lecture in Los Angeles on "The Christian Mystic Initiation", the subject being illustrated by stereopticon. The Los Angeles Fellowship had rented one of the largest halls in that city, and, although it had been an unusually warm

day for this part of the country, every seat in the hall was filled, and it became necessary to put in extra chairs. The lecture was listened to with much interest and appreciation.

Resumé of Mr. Heindel's Address at the Opening of the Second Term of School

The plant kingdom has only the dense body and the vital body. Therefore, the plants build stem and leaf, then another little part of stem, and then another leaf, and go on. The structure of man built during the plant stage also shows a similar work of repetition—vertebra upon vertebra, until the spine had been completed. Thus we see that the keynote of the vital body is repetition and as it is the material counterpart of the Life Spirit or Christ Principle in man, it is evident that to reach the Christ Spirit we must work through the vital body and in harmony with its keynote—repetition. This applies to whatever line of study or work we undertake. Therefore, in commencing a new term of study, the same lines of thought which we laid down at the beginning of the previous term should be emphasized. First and foremost among them is this fact: we are seeking to bring out the Christ from within ourselves, so that we may do in the world the things He did and is constantly now doing unseen by us, thereby hastening the day of His coming. We should acknowledge no other leadership than the Christ, not even the leadership of the Elder Brothers, for they do not lead and guide but come only as friends to advise; and we should be particularly careful to remember that everyone is on the same basis. Therefore, no one should put Mr. and Mrs. Heindel on a pedestal; they do not belong there and have no pre-eminence above anyone else. All have the same opportunity of service and in service is the only true road to greatness. Yet no matter how efficiently we may serve, if we glory in our services that self-glory is our only reward.

It should be our aim to think little of that which we do, to esteem ourselves as nothing, for no matter how well we work, none of us is able to serve God worthily, even for one single

day. So *humility in service* should be our chief end and aim. The more thoroughly we can attain to that ideal, the smaller we are in our own eyes, the greater shall we be in the sight of God.

Another thing, if we are willing to serve only in the things we like, what merit is there in that? None whatever. But if we do whatever comes to hand, if we endeavor to perform the unpleasant tasks of life with equanimity and strive to put as much zeal into work we dislike as into the work we love, if we do it to save somebody else, then we are worthy followers of the Elder Brothers and successful imitators of Christ, our glorious Ideal.

(Excerpt from paper by Elizabeth Mary Green, from Aetna Mills, California, who is now a worker at Headquarters.)

It is our privilege to help humanity out of the depths of despair they are now in, by loving service. Let us consider together what is meant by *service*. It is surrender of ourselves to work untiringly, to lift the stumbling-blocks from the way of the people. This can best be done by holding up the hands of the two leaders that we may gain strength to serve in the work of the Elder Brothers. So can't you see we must preserve harmony in our ranks, stand heart to heart and shoulder to shoulder to give the much needed strength to the leaders who go before us in the work? We must forge the links of our Fellowship chain with loving devotion to the Cause, as no chain is stronger than its weakest link. As we are ever reaching up for help from those who have gone on before us, so must we reach down to help those who are below us in the scale of evolution. Let us roll back the dome of the sky and open the flood-gates of our souls that we may receive the light from on high. "Live the life and ye shall know the doctrine" holds as good to-day as when it was uttered two thousand years ago. Compassion is no sentiment—it is the Law. We must have that great compassion for all, that the heart must never rest but ever listen to the cry of suffering humanity. We must have toler-

ation for others' shortcomings as we expect the same for ourselves. "Let our light so shine" that all may see it in our faces. Let our hands do only deeds that are noble, good and true. Let our feet be ever ready to swiftly glide to lighten another's woes. Then some day humanity will tread the higher plane of thought and action, and the Christ will be liberated from the earth. Then men and women will live the Christ-life and we will be able to attract angel's souls to dwell with us as little children, and evil will drop away and a New Heaven and a New Earth will be ours to dwell in, for it is only by living the Golden Rule of God that we will bring about the Golden Age of Man—"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL".

Students who are affiliated with Headquarters by virtue of being on Mr. Heindel's list of correspondents may apply for admission to the School.

The rates are \$6.00 per week or \$25.00 per month for those who are content to dwell in tents; but if room in a cottage is desired, the rate is \$7.00 per week or \$29.00 per month. This is for board and room only. Students are expected to support the school by voluntary contribution. As accommodations are limited, application must be made in advance.

We are also prepared to receive patients at the Sanitarium, whether members or not; the rate being \$7.00 per week or \$29.00 per month for the physical accommodation. There is no charge for healing, but patients are also expected to give as they have received. The rule about application for admission applies to patients also and the reason is the same.

At the Oceanside garage we have a rate of 50¢ each where two passengers come together from the depot to Mt. Ecclesia and return. When anyone comes alone they charge 60¢ for the round trip. This includes a reasonable amount of baggage and it is cheaper than the expressman's charge. So call up Main 25 on arrival in Oceanside and they will call for you at the depot.