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And our work goes merrily along! Work is right; it is work now at headquarters, and it is merry. Inquiries by mail, personal inquiries, heavy general correspondence, special instructions to new Lodges and organizing committees, research work, foreign correspondence, advice to those who are perplexed, help to those who need individual assistance, periods for reading, consultation and lecturing at special meetings,—all these things with a little relaxation for art, music, drama and Church, make life worth living, and the days are filled, the hours often overcrowded.

The utmost satisfaction and joy is indicated in all letters and reports received from those new applicants who are being prepared in the new way for Initiation. This plan is proving to be the most helpful, inspiring and encouraging feature we have added to our work in late years. The increase in initiation fee has not deterred many from seeking admission and the plan appeals to reason. Those lodge officers who were most dubious about the plan are now enthusiastic. Even in Mexico and Puerto Rico, where the work is translated into Spanish, the new plan appeals strongly, and more applications have come from Puerto Rico under this plan in three months than in any previous three-month period.

Again let us say to our members that if they write us letters making reports or statements which do not require an important answer they must kindly take our silence as meaning that we are pleased, agreeable with what is said, and have no changes or modifications to make. We cannot possibly answer all the letters we receive. If, however, remittances are made to us and no acknowledgment is made, please inform us at once so that if the letter is lost, it may be traced. In six years only a few remittances have been lost, but we do wish to make acknowledgment each time.

Members from Boston and Philadelphia have visited us during the summer and fall months. We are always glad to have them come and participate in the many degree sessions, lectures and meetings held in Headquarters.

There is every reason for our members to feel sure that business and financial conditions generally will improve early in the spring and a normal condition will prevail again.

Supplementary lectures for each of the early degrees are being prepared containing a simple review of the fundamental of each degree, so that members may review them before examinations. Furthermore, official key books to each degree, containing the principles that should be in each member's note book, are also being prepared for members to preserve.

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INTERESTING NOTES

From a news item in the New York World we learn that another method of reaching thousands with our Light has entered into the general activities of our Order. Several years ago when the Supreme Lodge established its first Temple the Imperator installed a wireless station with the intention of keeping in touch with the various branch Lodges. In the second Temple in New York a similar wireless station was installed, but the participation of our country in the great war brought an end to these plans, for the Imperator and his unusually large private station were listed with the Radio League of America and submitted to the patriotic pledge of holding the wireless station for exclusive military service. After the armistice was signed interest in these matters was revived and at the Supreme Lodge in California another station was installed. It is hoped that some day all our permanent Temples will be equipped in the same manner so that wireless communication will be possible day and night. But at the Grand Lodge Temple of New York, Brother Marcritta of the Supreme Council, with the assistance of one or two others, has perfected the installation of a wireless telegraph and telephone station of great efficiency.

The New York World article indicates the great value of a transmission station in our work. Not only will the station in our Temple in New York receive music, messages and other sounds from great distances and make them audible through a great horn to all the members assembled in the Temple, but through a similar station, our lectures and teachings may be given to a multitude. The World article further relates how on the evening of October 31st, "Dr. Richard J. Ward, Secretary of the Rosicrucian Order in New York," delivered a lecture through the wireless telephone on the subject of "Seven Principles of Success." After some music had been played and

transmitted the chairman of the programme announced into the receiver that Dr. Ward of the Rosicrucian Order would give his lecture. The lecture in its fullness was transmitted 800 miles in all directions, reaching far into Nova Scotia, Canada, Michigan and the Southern States, and attuning with about 105,000 wireless receiving stations with an audience known to be about 60,000. A plan for a weekly, Monday night, wireless concert and lecture had been previously developed, and as Brother Ward lectured and expounded our principles he was closely followed by his hearers, as is indicated by the batches of post card comments and inquiries being sent to him from those who were at the various stations. Each Monday night hereafter he is to lecture, and his second subject, as announced over the etheric space, was "An Answer to Edison's Theory of Spirit Communication." Part of the general plan is that in each small city where the lecture is received a newspaper reporter shall be present to take down and publish in the local paper the lecture as given. This will add to the number of persons who will be reached by the principles expounded.

The wonderfully efficient and really marvelous system and instruments used in this work are the invention of Walter J. Garvey, who is with us in bending every effort to utilize the powers and laws of nature for man's peaceful advancement.

All our Lodges should encourage some of their members to take an interest in wireless work for the Lodge sake.

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Speaking of reaching many with a single discourse, we have learned that at the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross in San Francisco, the Sunday evening discourse given by the Imperator of our Order is taken down in shorthand by three representatives of a newspaper bureau and the discourse, as a sermon, is syndicated to several hundred small country papers as their weekly sermon. These papers cover or go into nearly 350 towns and communities in 32 States and reach many thousands of readers. Each discourse is headed: "Sunday Sermon from the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross in America." Surely this is a great help in bringing Light to the smaller communities where few or no churches are to be found and where our lectures or lessons reach but an occasional member.

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In some way that passes understanding a story has passed around in some sections of the country that a few of our Lodges, or perhaps a number of them, contemplate closing during the period of financial depression in the East. This is not true. None of the Lodges or Temples in the Eastern States is closing or even thinking of closing for any period or cause. Nearly all of them are actively working with augmented propaganda and increasing membership, and

in several cases plans are under way for new Temples. Such rumors are only intended to be true after the destructive prophecy has had its effect, but even in this they fail. Do not lend your aid to the destructive minds by repeating such rumors. The Order as a whole is growing too rapidly, too wonderfully, to warrant the least suspicion that there is any shutting down of our activities in even the smallest Lodge.

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From all reports the Delta Lodge No. 1 in Philadelphia is beautifully situated in a wonderful Temple of its own. A description of their reading rooms, reception rooms with open fireplaces and bay windows, halls and symbolical lodge room, sounds like a picture of some Temple of oriental splendor. Open meetings are held each Sunday and many notable speakers have addressed large audiences there, including a well-known Episcopal Priest, emphasizing the value of our teachings and the work our Order is accomplishing. Delta wishes us to announce that visitors coming to Philadelphia should obtain the secretary's name from headquarters and then come to the Delta Temple and enjoy the many privileges specially planned for visiting members. A committee exists for the special purpose of taking visitors around the city and showing the historical points and meeting many wonderful characters of important affairs.

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In regard to the International Language, let us remind our members that if they ever expect to visit foreign lands they will find this language very helpful.

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All our foreign correspondence will eventually express itself through this language and our official documents are worded in this language. Our high degree members will find it almost necessary for use in some work and it is well to learn it now. It is easy and very interesting. The international congress has authorized a new book since the war and conventions in various countries are endorsing the general use of it. Our good Brother Sutton, whose announcement appears elsewhere, will aid our members in mastering the language through a new and simple book. No. A. Croomaat contains easy lessons and a dictionary, as well as many phrases. It can be secured for twenty-five cents from headquarters.

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INTERESTING FOREIGN MATTERS

We have received an official communication from the Sovereign Sanctum of our Order in Munich stating that a general pilgrimage from many lands will be

made by Rosicrucians and Freemasons next May to attend two important events—the Passion Play at Oberammergau and a convention of Rosicrucians in the city nearby. The Order in Germany has made arrangements through a Travelbureau in Munich for special rates for all our members and their friends in America who may wish to take an interesting journey to Europe in May and June. The tour includes passage on a special steamer from New York to Munich, there being received by a committee as escort, who will take the tourists through Rotterdam, Antwerp, Cologne, Coblenz (where the United States Military Headquarters are now established on the Rhine), Wiesbaden, Mayence, Frankfurt, Nurnberg, and other cities before visiting the Passion Play. After that the tourists can attend the convention for two days and go on to the Swiss Lakes, the Italian and French Battlefields and visit other cities. Stops of one, two and three days will be made at some cities, including Brussels and the Rosicrucian headquarters at Zurich and Basel, Switzerland. In all, the tour will take forty-two days and the cost for each person, including steamer both ways, all auto and train rides, all hotel bills and incidental traveling expenses (New York to Europe and return to New York) will be \$1,100. Permission to extend the European visit and return on another steamer will be allowed. **The Emperor and his wife have been invited to attend the Convention** as guests of the Sovereign Rosicrucian Sanctums of Switzerland, Germany and Austria for the complete trip. Many have been anxious to visit Europe and meet others at the Rosicrucian secret places as well as attend the Passion Play. This is an excellent opportunity to do so. Further particulars can be obtained from headquarters.

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We also learn in another communication that a new organization has been formed in Europe existing under the protected name of TAWUC. The letters mean, **The Amorc World-Union Council**. It is an attempt on the part of the Grand Masters of Rosicrucian Jurisdictions, including England, Norway, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France and some others, to unite in one Council for the purpose of general propaganda, study and exchange of constructive principles. It is not to assume any of the powers of the Supreme Council over all Jurisdiction, but rather to promote a more intimate relationship and correspondence between the Masters and officers of all jurisdictions, including North America. It also includes many of the officers of foreign Masonic bodies. At its first session in Europe this Council, with full European representation, selected first an International Secretary to be located in Munich, then general European Secretaries located in England, Switzerland and America. Then a vote was taken and the Emperor of our Order here in America was elected President of this World-Union Council and his Supreme Lodge made a Gage of Amity for all the European Rosicrucian jurisdictions. The official no-

tice of this decision on the part of the foreign delegates has added additional power and honor to the one hundred members in America forming the Supreme Grand Lodge of Amorc. The General Secretary of the World-Union Council in Europe is a well known Mason and Rosicrucian, holding a high position in several jurisdictions, and is the **Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Master General** of the ancient and primitive Rites of Freemasonry of England, **succeeding the late John Yarker**, who was England's eminent Masonic historian and authority.

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We also learn from a reliable source that the Co-Masonic Order in Europe and other countries is growing very rapidly. The Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in England claims that Co-Masonry is growing so rapidly there that some official notice must be taken of it. According to a statement made by the English newspapers, the Co-Masons have established more than 720 lodges and have "thousands of members." Co-Masonry, or "Universal Co-Freemasonry" as it is called, established its first Lodge in 1893 with the co-operation of a number of Brethren of recognized Masonic Lodges and it has grown in strength and beauty ever since. It is not the "Eastern Star" organization as some believe, but a truly Masonic body of mixed members, in which women and men are given the three Masonic initiations as in European Masonic lodges, with the exception that many months of study must elapse between each degree instead of the hasty advancement common to American Freemasonry, and several lectures on the mystical interpretation of the symbolism are added to the regular Masonic lectures of each degree. The Order is being established in America and has a wonderful membership in Australia and Canada. In America the Order is chartered by a patent issued by the Grand Orient of French Freemasonry. We find that on the 26th of September, 1920, the Grand Orient of France (French Freemasonry) officially invited the Co-Masonic Order to take part in its celebrations, and in the same month the Grand Lodge of France (the supreme body of the other branch of Freemasonry in France) adopted a resolution, favoring as a matter of principle, the admission of women into Freemasonry by a vote of 48 to 37. In Belgium the Grand Orient of Freemasonry found that six of its twenty-one Lodges voted in favor of admitting women, and in fifteen of its Lodges the vote against this plan was carried by a small majority. In Italy and some other lands Co-Masons have been recognized since the war by Freemasons, and it appears that America will soon notice the advent of a new movement destined to give women the same and equal standing in Masonry which men have enjoyed exclusively. We will have more to announce in this regard very shortly. In all foreign lands the Rosicrucian and Co-Masons have been fraternally related. The Rosicrucian Order was the first secret society to give equal recognition and position to women and men.

In an official letter from the special delegate of the Grand Lodge of Freemasonry in Russia, addressed to our Imperator with fraternal greetings and assurances of amity and relationship, we read the following: "During the war, which is still continuing, the reactionary Russian Generals as well as the bolchevicks, unmercifully shoot on sight all those who may be suspected of belonging to Freemasonry, therefore our Masonry must more than ever keep its work secret and conceal all its meeting places and official addresses." A very 'round about way is given for addressing and sending official mail to the Delegate who is an officer of the Supreme Scottish Rite Council, 33rd, for Russia. And yet, it is little different in Germany and France. In the latter country no secret society can hold a single session without permit from the police and in Germany no such organization can rent or engage a meeting place without official permission. This is to prevent the meetings of revolutionary factions. Still, some of our members wonder why it is so difficult to locate Rosicrucian or Masonic Temples in Europe and why members over there do not walk about with emblems or pins as in this country.

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LANGUAGE STUDENTS

Those who are anxious to study and master the Rosicrucian or International Language, easily spoken and written, understandable by nearly all nations and tongues, are invited to communicate with me and send me specimens of their work, their old books or dictionaries for changes and additions in the language, or exchange post cards. Address Earle Sutton, P. O. Box 244, Elyria, Ohio.

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We are also arranging to maintain a Bureau in Washington, D. C., the Nation's Capitol, for the reception and entertainment of our members who visit Washington from time to time. They will find there a convenient reading room, a genial and obliging Secretary and help in seeing the city and getting the utmost out of any number of hours that may be spent in that environment. A further help will be in the research of books at the Congressional Library for our members in all cities who are making exhaustive researches.

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It has been suggested that the discourses given on Sunday nights by the Imperator in the Pristine Church in San Francisco, be published in The Triangle, and that we issue the Triangle every two weeks instead of monthly, so that our members and others can have the benefit of these unusual discourses. They would become standards for use in branches of the Pristine Church. The following are some of the subjects used in the past for the Imperator's discourses, and we regret to say they have been lost so far as publication is concerned:

Karma,
The Secret of King Solomon's Temple,
The Secret of Jesus' Power,
Psychic Man,
Oriental Method of Concentrating,
The Mastery of Fate,
Reincarnation and its Manifestation,
Unlocking Your Hidden Powers,
Self Healing,
Abundant Life,
Hypnotism and Black Magic,
Spirits and Fraud,
Turning Thoughts into Things,
Mystic Breathing,
Magnetic Personality,
Prayer and Its Laws,
The Love of Man,
Mystery of the Soul, etc.

The first discourse to be published in the Triangle will appear in the next issue based upon "Can Man Make God?" as delivered at the Pristine Church Sunday evening, November 20th.

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We have been informed that all our members in Tampa, Florida, are safe and happy after the great storm and tidal wave, which destroyed so much of the city. In making their report, the members say: "We were so happy to learn that not one of our members was frightened or even fearful while so many others seemed to lose their reason as the storm increased. We were peaceful and assured, and now look upon our attitudes as remarkable, and know that it was because of our understanding, our trust and our attunement. We have so much to be thankful for."

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A new Lodge has been granted dispensation in Stockton, California, also at Vancouver, British Columbia.

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The library of books now established at Supreme Headquarters is considered to be one of the most complete and exhaustive of all the libraries of metaphysical, occult, scientific and rare Rosicrucian books in this country, for it does contain not only a very large number of books, and not only many privately issued books, but many which cannot be obtained elsewhere in America. Many members and strangers call every day at the Library to read, study and make researches and the literature of many schools of thought is to be found here also. Have you ever thought of donating some rare book to that library?

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The Master and his wife of Helios Grand Lodge in Waterbury, Conn., visited the Delta Lodge in Philadelphia on the occasion of the Fourth Degree initiation.

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The Grand Lodge in Boston is conducting special Sunday services for the public and they are well attended and greatly praised for their helpfulness. Classes in Astrology and the International Language have also been instituted there.