

they, too, belong to the magic of anti-quity, which it will before long become our duty to revive. Look for the inner meaning of all that is said and done, and ignore appearances and persons. In that way only can you understand the significance of our proceedings.

To enter now into the immediate subject of our meeting: Some two years ago two of our number greatly wished to marry and informed one, whom both regarded as their occult chief and leader, of their wishes. He did not favour the marriage at that time, partly because the hour for it was not ripe, though he left them free to act as they might choose. It was their test and they stood it. They held back, abiding in their perfect trust till the tide of life and of the law should bring that to pass for which they longed. When I recall that time of their great trial and the way in which each of them loyally and trustingly continued in the work to which both had dedicated their lives; when I think of their labouring on in different cities, giving up to the cause their human affection and their worldly hopes, I do not wonder that shortly before our chief and constant friend, W. Q. Judge, left his body, he expressed himself to one of our number as then favourable to the uniting of these two valued forces, saying that if he lived he would see it carried out.

Our Brother Claude Falls Wright, one of H. P. Blavatsky's pupils and our beloved colleague, and Sister Leoline Leonard, whose work in Chicago and Boston is well known to many of those present, have worked together in past lives on earth. They sacrificed themselves then for the sake of the work; they sacrificed themselves again in this life for the same ideal. Is it not fitting that they should now once again take up together the work that still remains for them to do, and pass hand in hand into the future as a bright symbol of the new age, of the new hope, of the new race?

"No man in the world has been more severely tested than Claude Falls Wright," as was said by one greater than I, but as I myself well know. What need, however, to eulogize one who is so well known and so highly valued by

us all as is our Brother Wright? He has never ceased to work for Theosophy from the moment he heard of its existence. He will never cease to work for it, either in this life or in future lives; and his marriage to-day will only add force to his work and provide a wider field for his labours.

Those of us who live in New York may not be familiar with our Sister Leoline Leonard's splendid record of theosophical activity in Chicago and Boston; but I and many others who have seen the results of that work in one or both of those cities can vouch for the statement that she is one of the very few who have brought both devotion and ability and unselfishness into the service of the movement. In the Temple of Ammon, at Thebes, many years ago, certain "sacred women" were set apart for the work we still carry on. May she always continue as one of those "sacred women."

The conditions of their present marriage are severe, and the fulfillment of the pledges they have taken will call forth all their fortitude and endurance. But those who try and never cease to try can never fail, and, knowing they will try, I know that they will succeed. The step they will now take is but part of the whole plan of action already laid down for us, and has its share in the work of the future, as the world itself will come to see. So let us wish them joy and peace in that work; and I add to that wish my will—that the light and the power may be with them and remain with them forever.

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