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THEIR COMMANDMENT.

“But we know that They have left us a commandment. That we keep, although now and then objects, senses, men, and time conspire to show that Masters laugh at us.”—*Letters That Have Helped Me.*
—Page 29.

Some who know the magic use of faith and devotion, have asked what this commandment is, of which the teacher spoke. That commandment is one of Service, of work for the world. Not alone the world of humanity, but also the world of creatures and the world of elements; all three worlds ensouled should have that service of ours, whether in objective work or in that power of thought which evolves the atoms of substance.

There is one clause of such Service, however, on which especial stress was laid from the first; it may indeed be called the primary stipulation of Their Commandment. It was said when this century's work began, and since then repetitions are numerous, that we, the workers, if we were to be true servitors in the least, must form a barrier against the oncoming tide of a psychism sure to develop with the development of the new race. Under the law of action and reaction, whenever there is a spiritual efflux sent forth, a reaction on the lower planes inevitably tends toward psychism, by what may be called the effect of polar reversion. Hence the necessity of Their warning. This warning should have marked attention whenever a fresh spiritual impulse has been given to our work under cyclic law. Just as Masters in Their place form the guardian wall

about humanity, so the workers here on this plane must form a barrier to protect all those who will avail themselves of that barrier against the insidious effects of the nascent psychic senses which evolving men are sure to feel: to such the philosophy we spread must serve as a guide, and in this fact inheres the need of teaching altruism among children.

In the recent Convention of the Theosophical Society held at New York, we have had a great object lesson. It showed what The Lodge can accomplish through our harmonious and united action. The spiritual forces generated by the human heart can be multiplied infinitely by Masters, can be used to lift a nation or to save a world. These spiritual forces are quiet; the evident is not the real. Their working is silent, is not a phenomenon but is a benediction. In harmony they inhere; unity is their great first cause. If we look back in thought upon that Convention, we will remember that there was not one dissenting voice, not a single argument; we will understand that we saw The Lodge visibly working, that this was a Masterpiece of Masters, and that the coming year will bring forth daily results from this great melodious moment of our lives.

Yet there is one proviso. Each one