

Dedication of the Sanctuary and Burstow Manor

A002 Sunday Address 25th March 1933 Burstow Manor, Surrey Dedication Service

Text: a file from YGH's papers preserves three typescripts – a top copy and two carbons. One of the carbons carries FW's initials in pencil at the top.

Paragraph 2 contains a capital letter, apparently a 'B', raised above the line to leave a dot underneath. It is unknown whether this was a typo or a deliberate device – see 'Context', below. Presumably, the whole Lord's Prayer was recited by White Eagle after the opening line given.

Context: for the dedication of Burstow see THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE STORY, p. 10, where there is even a photograph of some of those who attended. The dedication evidently began with words of welcome by Estelle Stead (1880-1966), daughter of W. T. Stead (1849-1912) and his successor at the Stead Borderland Library, and Lady Clare Annesley (1893-1980, not identified in the photograph), who remained a friend of the White Eagle Lodge and its founders for many years after, although she does not seem to have been initiated into the Brotherhood. There is a Wikipedia entry for Lady Clare, who despite her title devoted herself to the Labour Party, pacificism, women's suffrage and vegetarianism. White Eagle speaks at the beginning of the spirit presence at the gathering of Mabel Beatty, author of MAN MADE PERFECT and the leader of a mediumistic circle GEC and IC had attended and at which White Eagle spoke, along with 'Friend', guide of IC. In her book she ardently promoted the existence of the White Brotherhood in spirit. Evidently Mabel Beatty had recently died; the date of her death is otherwise unknown. Mystery surrounds the letter 'B' used where White Eagle begins to speak of her: possibly, it surely stands for 'Brotherhood' and means the great Brotherhood in spirit. It is unclear whether raising the letter to superscript level (retaining normal size) was deliberate ('the brotherhood in the heaven world'), maybe implying secrecy, or purely accidental – even the use of the single letter implies a level of secrecy, though the word is used in full later. Intriguingly in the fifth paragraph the words 'Band' and 'Brotherhood' contain a full capital B but have the somewhat ghostly bottom of the 'B' immediately above the letter.

General notes: this is a very touching dedication, particularly the comments that the work was a tiny seed in Mother Earth and comparing the nurturing of it to the actions of the sunshine and the rain.

White Eagle's Address:

We greet you with great love. You will understand that White Eagle is the spokesman, only, for many discarnate friends [who] participate in this beautiful day of consecration: a grand work, the magnitude and the beauty of which even the greatest among you does not fully understand. White Eagle would speak of the one beloved who is with us this day and who was the instrument through whom came to the Earth Plane some of the teachings of that B and of Great Ones – those who have sacrificed their heavenly estate to draw near to the Earth Plane to shed light upon humanity. I speak of a spirit radiant, one known on the Earth Plane as 'Mabel Beatty'. I give her happy greetings to her friends in this room. Her joy is great, for she sees the seed she planted nurtured, to someday burst forth in the hearts and lives of millions, both incarnate and discarnate.

I am commanded to speak to you further of the hopes of those who inspire this great work, this centre, known on the Earth Plane as Burstow. It is to become a centre of power and peace, for you must remember that peace is power. Discord brings the disintegration of force, a scattering ... [but] in peace is power.

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Remember that the Great One, Jesus Christ, Master and Son of God, came to the Earth Plane as a messenger. He also was of the White Brotherhood, and brought to the world a message of peace, and so under the ray of the Christ Spirit we commend this place.

It is hoped by the Band of White Ones that here will come a centre of the Brotherhood, that it will not be purely a psychic centre. Although that also has its place in the unfoldment of the gifts of man, this must become a home of spiritual aspiration so that all those beloved who enter its precincts will contact the holiness of the Brotherhood. We form again, here, in this spot, an Ancient Brotherhood, and those participating in this work will touch great depths and reach great heights of spiritual understanding. The time will come when the power from this place will extend to every country.... I speak not idly, but with knowledge, for it will reach to the furthestmost ends of the world. Although it but commences like a tiny seed in Mother Earth, nevertheless it will be nurtured by love, sweet sympathy and understanding, sunshine and rain. May man's spirit unfold and come forth as a flower from this home.

We lift up our hearts to the Father God, calling upon Him in this hour; and in the name of Jesus the Christ we say....

Our Father which art in Heaven, etc....

We call upon the Guardians of the North; South; East and West to protect the portals of this circle of the White Light.

We call upon the Centres of Wisdom, Love and Power, the Triangle, the Holy Trinity; and in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate and consecrate this home of peace to the work of God and to the upliftment and perfection of His children. Amen.

O Father God, we come into Thy sanctuary to be filled with Thy Golden Light. Purify our hearts and minds, inspire us with the desire to give all to Thee, to serve brother man and love all Thy creatures; to bring peace, sanctity and light. We thank Thee, O Father God, for this wondrous gift of love which inspires us all with the desire to work for Thee. May we all unite in one great brotherhood. O God, may all sense of separation fall away, so that we stand united in spirit, incarnate and discarnate. May we work with one harmonious effort to bring Thy kingdom into the hearts of man.

We turn our thoughts to Thee, Most High, O Father God; we desire to become nearer and nearer to Thy Kingdom. May we love the comprehensive understanding of Thy spiritual universe. And now may we understand that love, the great simplifier of all perplexities, helps us to find the way. So may Thy love, Thy peace, be with us now and for ever. Amen.

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