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Dear Friend:

The long-awaited day for the burning of the Auditorium mortgage has been set for March 22nd. Several factors contributed to the selection of this date. First of all, it falls on Palm Sunday, very close to the vernal equinox, and therefore coincides with the beginning of a new astronomical year, which we hope will symbolize a new era of usefulness and progress for our Society. Second, it will be the Sunday of our Spring Festival, with special activities at headquarters. There will be important exhibits, light refreshments, and many things for our friends to see and enjoy. Then, by a pure coincidence, it is the Sunday nearest to my 63rd birthday (March 18th). It would be impossible for me to look forward to a happier birthday event.

The subject of the morning lecture on March 22nd will be "Love Has no Enemies -- Charity Begins in the Heart." At 2:00 o'clock, we will gather in the Auditorium (which is now all ours), where the mortgage will be burned with appropriate ceremony. After that, I will give a short talk on "Magic and Mysticism in Ancient Medicine," which is also the subject of our library display for March. This should be one of the outstanding events in the history of our Society, and it has been made possible through the wonderful help and cooperation of friends throughout the country. We sincerely hope that you will be able to be with us if you live in the Los Angeles area. My most sincere gratitude is with you all.

Those of you who belong to the Birthday Club are aware that plans have been afoot for some time to make possible a special vacation for me. It looks as though this benevolent conspiracy has been successful and, D.V. (Deo volente), I expect to fly to Japan on May 13th to be gone for one month. Because of my personal interest, it seems rather important that I go there before the Olympic Games next fall, which are apt to result in considerable inflation. According to present schedule, I will spend most of my time in Kyoto, and hope to gather considerable valuable information on the arts and cultures of the area and the immediate problems of East-West relationships. It will be especially interesting to compare present conditions with old memories. It will be just forty years since I was there following the great earthquake. At that time, the first taxicab was introduced in Yokohama, and the ricksha men pushed it to the end of a pier and threw it into the ocean as unfair competition. According to reports, things have changed a lot since then. It is nice to look forward to a vacation, as I have been working almost without a break for over twenty years.

At this time, we would also like to express our appreciation for a donation of outstanding interest to the permanent collection of our Society. We have received three very large and splendid examples of Kyoto satsuma. There are two tall standing vases, and a large and beautifully decorated incense burner. The



accompanying photograph can give only a slight impression of the exquisite design on the incense burner, which is thirty-six inches high, surmounted by the effigy of a lion-dog, beautifully modeled, colored, and gilded. I have always been much interested in satsuma ceramics, and a number of the visitors to our library and auditorium who have seen these splendid pieces have expressed their admiration. This is another instance of the thoughtfulness and generosity of our friends.

The March exhibit in our library will include many interesting and curious books, manuscripts, pictures, and artifacts dealing with the beliefs of many nations about sickness and health. The display will be remarkable for several items seldom if ever shown publicly. Visitors will have an opportunity to see a most unusual old scroll of esoteric Judo. There will also be diagrams and figures on acupuncture and moxa cautery, an ancient Chinese system of healing which is now creating wide interest in France and Russia. Very curious are

charms and talismans used by the pearl divers of the Philippine Islands as protection against sharks and other dangers of the deep, and a snake charmer's amulet to guard against the deadly bite of the cobra.

European material will include early mannequin charts of the human body, and mystical-anatomical figures from the writings of the German philosopher-mystic Jacob Boehme. Alchemy will be well represented, and there will be leaves from early herbals, illustrated with hand-colored designs of plants, flowers, and shrubs. A leaf of Egyptian papyrus of the 6th century B.C., devoted entirely to medical and magical formulas, will be featured. Much more could be said, but we hope that you will come and examine this material for yourselves. The exhibit will extend from March 1st through March 29th.

The interesting things that we are doing here constitute what we feel to be a real public service, and much of this valuable work in bringing religious and cultural enlightenment to the community has been made possible through your continuing help and understanding. For this we are all truly grateful. We hope to see you whenever you can be with us, and very especially on March 22nd. Until then, and always, I am

Most sincerely and gratefully yours,

Manly P. Hall

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