

THE PASSING OF A GREAT SPIRIT

On Monday, Jan. 6th, at 8:25 P. M., Mr. Heindel was called into the great beyond. He was feeling in the best of spirits up to a few hours before, was standing at Mrs. Heindel's desk awaiting her advice on a letter he had written. He sank slowly to the floor with a stroke of apoplexy, while smiling at her, and did not regain complete consciousness.

His passing was not wholly unexpected to Mrs. Heindel, knowing his physical condition for years, and that his great persistence and pure life made it possible for him to prolong his stay in a body that was too small for the great spirit which had suffered for years on account of an injury to the left limb when a child, and abuse of the doctors who removed all main arteries and mutilated the bone, interfering with perfect circulation. But he was ever smiling, never complaining, although he was rarely free from pain.

He was most happy to feel that now the work had reached the stage where both he and Mrs. Heindel could leave Headquarters, that there were loyal and efficient members and workers who could now take care of the fast-growing movement, could fill the rush of orders for books, could also take care of letters etc. While the leaders were spreading the message of the Elder Brothers from the lecture platform, he was contemplating starting early in April for the east and over to England, but God had a greater work for him to do.

The work of the Rosicrucian Fellowship will go on as before, under the leadership of Mrs. Heindel, who has been his close companion from the beginning, has been the executive head, has saved her dear companion from all annoyances of the management, leaving him free to write his books, lessons and letters. Mr. Heindel has often remarked to her that if he passed out first she would be able to carry on the work without a break, for with her perfect health and executive ability all would go on as before, and with his help from the other side added as her inspiration; but should she be called first he felt that the physical and mental strain would be too much.

Mr. Heindel first came in touch with the Elder Brothers after a severe test in the fall of 1908, and the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* was published in November 1909. In our May magazine we will publish from Mr. Heindel's own writings a history of the beginning of the work, its aim and object. The Fellowship was incorporated under the laws of California on the 10th of January 1913, and has been under the management of a Board of Trustees. All the proceeds from the books, etc, go back into the work. Mr. and Mrs. Heindel have been receiving only their food and clothes in exchange for their labor. The papers are all drawn so that no one can benefit personally. All must go back to the work; the work must continue even should Mrs. Heindel be called.

Mr. Heindel gave as much to the world through his pen in ten years as another man with a sound body could give in a lifetime. He worked day and night, brain and hands never resting, for he had much to give, such a glorious message to impart to the world, that he could not give it fast enough. Yes, he sacrificed his physical body to give to the world that great light imparted to him by the Elder Brothers, and can such a work stop? No, indeed not, the magazine and lessons will be sent out as before, and you who have received so much help and comfort through his writings, we know that you will do all that is possible to strengthen this work, be it in prayer or articles for the magazine. Now is your time to show your and loyalty for our dear leader.