

Agni Yoga Society, Inc.

First meeting of Agni Yoga Associates, November 17, 1945.

The following 19 Associates were present: Mr. R.E. Stamm, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dudden, Mr. Marvin L. Lipman, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Melroy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Seitz, Miss Lou Jennings, Mr. Ralph Houston, Mrs. Mary Howard, Mr. S. Sikorski, Mr. Colby Dorr Dam, Mrs. Kennedy-Taylor, Mrs. Gertrude S. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bretthauer, Mrs. S. Schafran, Miss Ruth Peter.

The Directors present were: Mr. Joseph J. Weed, Mr. D. Fosdick, Col. Mourontseff, Miss Ingeborg Fritschi, Mrs. S. Fosdick, Miss Magdalene Lehrer.

Mrs. Fosdick was the Chairman and gave a brief welcoming address to the Agni Yoga Associates at their first gathering. She acquainted them with the past activities of Agni Yoga, namely, the publications which were published in several languages, those published in English, those to be revived and published in second editions, and those which are in preparation. She stressed the need of cooperation for service for General Good, which is particularly needed at this time. She also spoke of the wide horizons which are open to the students of Agni Yoga, of the possibility of acquiring greater knowledge, of the many indications pertaining to new paths of science which are all revealed in the Agni Yoga Teachings. She then introduced all Directors present, asking each of them to say a few words to the gathering.

Mr. Weed spoke about the Teachings as the purest and highest in spiritual values which he has ever encountered. He hoped that those present would adopt the Teachings into their daily lives, and thereby receive great benefit extending even into their business and professional pursuits.

Miss Magdalene Lehrer spoke about the Teachings as precious jewels which, when found by a human being, ought to be guarded above all treasures.

Miss Fritschi spoke about her joy at being connected with Agni Yoga Teachings for the last 15 years.

Col. Mourontseff spoke of the great need of the world, especially now, for spiritual guidance and direction, expressing the thought that the Teachings of Agni Yoga can give that direction and bring salvation to the numerous souls who are so badly in need of it.

Mr. Fosdick gave a hearty welcome to the members, asking them to feel the home of Agni Yoga as a place where they could come in to read, to discuss with the Directors problems of interest to them, and to feel the closeness of spiritual communion.

At the conclusion of the Directors' welcoming speeches, Mrs. Fosdick asked Mr. Weed to read a few paragraphs from "Fiery World" vol. 2, which is being prepared for publication at present. It was with deep satisfaction that the Directors saw the very serious response to the 5 paragraphs read by Mr. Weed. A discussion arose after each paragraph, with comments given by the members present. Col. Mourontseff, Mr. Dam, Mr. Seitz and Miss Jennings were among those who spoke several times, offering fine comments.

Since many members present spoke about the atomic energy and its vast benefits as well as perils to mankind, Mr. Seitz offered to collect whatever appears in print about atomic energy, so as to peruse this material in the light of Agni Yoga Teachings. Col. Mourontseff spoke particularly about the

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scientific aspect of Agni Yoga Teachings. Miss Jennings touched upon the medicines and medical advices which are revealed in so many indications in the Teachings, mentioning that she once collected a great deal of such indications from the Teachings and gave them to several doctors whom she knew, and who told her later that they found them of great interest.

The meeting lasted from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock, and upon taking a roll in asking for the date for the next meeting, it was found that all present wanted to have the meetings every month. The next meeting was thereupon scheduled for Saturday, December 15, at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The members present greatly admired the paintings of Prof. Roerich and Svetoslav Roerich, and purchased a number of postcards and reproductions at the conclusion of the meeting.