

### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The following inspiring message has been kindly sent by Mme Helena Roerich to the Mira girls, from Nagar, Kulu in the Himalayas:—

Beloved Sisters,

In the grievous days of cosmic perturbances and of human disunity and degeneration, of forgetfulness of all the higher principles of existence and of those who bestow true life and lead to the evolution of the world, a voice must be raised in calling to the resurrection of the spirit, to bring the fire of achievement into all the actions of life and certainly this voice must be the voice of woman who has drained the cup of suffering and abasement and who has been tempered in great endurance.

Now Let woman — the Mother of the World — say: Let there be Light!

Of what sort then will be this Light, and in what will fiery achievement consist? — In the concept of the banner of the Spirit on which will be inscribed — Love, Knowledge and Beauty.

Yes, only the heart of woman, the mother, can collect

under this banner the children of all the world, without distinction of sex, race, nationality or religion.

Woman, mother and wife, the witness of the development of the male genius, can appraise all the great significance of culture, of thought, of knowledge. Woman, the inspiration of Beauty, knows all the force, all the synthetic power of Beauty.

Thus let us immediately set about raising the Great Banner of the New Era, the era of the Mother of the World. Let each woman set aside the limits of her own hearth and contain the hearths of the whole world. These multiple hearths will strengthen and adorn her own hearth.

Let us keep in mind that each limitation leads to destruction and that each broadening will result in construction. Therefore, with all our forces, let us strive for the broadening of our consciousness, for the refinement of our thought and feeling, in order to kindle our hearths with this fire.

The great Vivekananda said: "The bird of humanity cannot fly on one wing". Thus he foresaw the coming era of the Mother of the World.

— Helena Roerich