

1 have measured events and people by our transient desires
2 and have allowed tempests to arise because desires were not
3 granted fulfillment. We have become excited over little
4 things. We have permitted anger over matters so insignificant
5 as soon to be forgotten.

6 We have become absorbed in adventures which ended
7 in dust. We have pursued fleeting fantasies of the
8 imagination. We have plucked the apples of pleasure only
9 to find them dead ashes on our lips. We have often
10 tangled our human relationships so that discord and barren-
11 ness have attended what should have been harmonious and
12 fruitful. Forgive us. Create within us new hearts.

13 Lend us the blessed influences of Thy divine
14 Spirit to make us worthy of the tragic hour, and competent
15 for its sobering responsibilities. Amen.

16 THE PRESIDENT: Roll call.

17 (Whereupon, a roll call was taken.)

18 THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate answered
19 roll call? The Clerk will record the roll call.

20 There being a quorum present, the Convention
21 is in session.